



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROJECT

Gail and Carl Olson
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Community Center update

The plans for the rehabilitation of the old Central School are still on schedule, with a target opening date of early spring, 1999. Presently Bradford is working to prepare a revised building rehabilitation budget and a long term operational plan for the building as requested by the NH Office of State Planning (OSP). This information will be submitted to OSP by June 15, 1998.

Seventeen people attended the first Community Center meeting on May 7. Items discussed included a project time line, draft organizational and governance structure, and short and long term development (fundraising) plans. Those who attended the meeting came with some good questions and concerns about the Community Center. After discussion, all seemed to leave with excitement that the Community Center project was realistic and would happen.

It was agreed at the first meeting that a non-profit organization will be established that would provide the Center and other community activities the

flexibility to apply for additional grants and receive private donations. The Community Center will remain a town-owned building.

Below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the Community Center Project.

The cost of rehabilitation of the old Central School was \$350,000. The OSP recommended a grant award for \$260,000. How are we going to make up the difference?

Bradford submitted an appeal to request that OSP review the scoring of our grant. On May 28th the results of the appeal will be public knowledge. The OSP feels that our project is achievable by developing a phased-in rehabilitation plan. This phased-in plan will provide the necessary construction work to bring the building up to code and provide services/programs that were stated in the grant by 1999. Costs will be reduced by having a gravel parking lot instead of tar; using

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Public meeting averts Brown Shattuck closure

Selectmen announce new skateboard ordinance

Selectmen held an emergency meeting with the public on May 16 to discuss escalating problems at Brown Shattuck Park. In recent weeks, trash has been

strewn on the field repeatedly, and the dugouts have been vandalized. Cars have also been driving on the field and damaging it. Selectmen chose to call the meeting after receiving requests to close the park. Parents, children and representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department and Bradford Newbury Youth Sports attended to discuss other solutions.

Participants at the meeting agreed on several actions to be taken. The Town will provide additional trash cans and in-

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Plan NH design team provides framework for revitalizing Bradford village area

Town buildings moved all over Main Street, businesses popped up, sidewalks were improved and public restrooms appeared at a Visitor Center as professional design experts sketched and listened to Bradford residents voice their visions, priorities and concerns at the Plan NH Design Charrette on May 8 and 9. "How to pay for it" was a concern that was always held in sight as various ideas were considered.

Jeff Taylor, director of the Office of State Planning and the leader of the design team, told participants not to expect the team to provide "The Answer" for Bradford. Instead, they will provide a framework for evaluating projects to see if they help move Bradford closer to its goals for itself as a community.

Approximately 125 residents turned out to participate in public sessions. An enthusiastic group of fifth-graders also met with members of the team to give their ideas. Guided by public input, the team focused on a goal of re-energizing the village area by creating a stronger economy, more opportunities for social interaction, an improved physical appearance and

additional recreational activities. Jeff Taylor emphasized that the goal is not to return Bradford to how it was, but to create a new situation that will succeed in the current economic and social conditions.

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Living in Bradford

**200th
Birthday
Party**
celebrating the
First Town
Meeting
held at Town Hall
in 1798

**Town Hall,
of course
June 24
3:00-5:00pm**

Obituary

VIRGINIA M. EVANS

New London—Virginia M. Evans, 55, of Soo-Nipi Park, died Sunday at the New London Hospital after a long illness.

She was born in Lebanon, the daughter of Helen (Voorhees) Meding and Stuart Meding.

She graduated from St. Mary's in the Mountains in Littleton.

She moved to New London permanently in 1995, but her family had summered at Soo-Nipi Park since 1939. Prior to moving to New London, she lived in Claremont, Columbus, Ohio, and Centerburg, Ohio.

She raised and showed St. Bernards for many years; she had a great love for animals.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Deborah Howard.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Evans of New London; a daughter, Jacqueline Barber of Bradford; four grandchildren; a brother, Stephen Meding of Newbury and Florida; and two nephews.

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares are hosting an Ice Cream Social for Plus Level dancers with A-1 tips on Saturday, June 20 at the Town Hall from 8:00-10:30pm. Red Bates will call and Phil Gatchell will cue. Spectators are welcome! Admission is \$4 per person. For more information, call Virginia Johnson at 927-4956.

Vendors sought for church fair

The South Newbury Union Church is making plans for their 8th annual fair on August 15. There will be vendors, white elephants, food, music, a Green Thumb table and a Chinese auction. Organizers are seeking additional vendors. If interested, call Jim at 763-4276.

Storytelling workshop June 5th

Master Storyteller Odds Bodkins will conduct a storytelling workshop at the Morgan Hill Book Store in New London on Friday, June 5 from 7:00-9:30pm. The workshop is designed for anyone: parents, teachers, librarians, daycare providers and others interested in learning the art of telling stories creatively without rote memorization. Odds Bodkins, a Bradford resident, is an acclaimed storyteller, author and educator—a "creative genius" says the National Parents' Paper. He has been telling stories and teaching storytelling for fifteen years, around the world from Great Britain to Bangkok and here in New Hampshire.

Participants will discover: the five imaginations and wordless outline; how your inner Storyteller creates imagination; storytelling—an antidote to media poisoning; storytelling and bonding in childhood; and how to learn new stories quickly.

This, the first in a series of summer workshops around the state, is presented by Rivertree Productions with Morgan Hill Bookstore, Main Street, New London as the local sponsor. Registration for the workshop is \$40. Those interested in attending should call Rivertree at 938-5120 for reservations.

BWC Scholarships awarded

The Bradford Women's Club awarded scholarships to two KRSD High School seniors at the club's annual meeting on May 19. Tucker Szymkowiez, who will be attending Colorado College in September, charmed the scholarship committee with his excellent essay about growing up in Bradford. He won a \$1,000 award. Jess Lewis received a \$500 scholarship. She will continue her studies at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York in the fall. Good luck to Tucker, Jess, and all our graduating seniors!

—Beth Rodd

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

April 24. Helen Louise Caswell died in Concord.

May 4. Samantha Dow born to Anthony and Jennifer in Lebanon.

May 16. Kristofer Dupuis and Gwendolen Oliveri were married in Enfield.

May 21. Leo Boisvert died in Concord.

Owners of unlicensed dogs will be penalized at the rate of \$1.00 per month starting June 1.

Tax bills were mailed May 26 and will be due July 10. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Office or the Selectmen's Office

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 2:00-7:00pm; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00pm; Friday, 8:00-noon. Phone 938-2288, 938-2094.

—Sue Pehrson

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Cheryl McDonald, Marcia Strout and Frances Winch work on a handmade quilt for the First Baptist Church raffle. Several church and community members made the Friendship Star quilt. The winner will be drawn on July 4 at 3:00pm as part of Bradford's celebration.

Olsons to be honored June 14

Carl and Guil Olson will be honored for their many years of service to the community as leaders of the Bradford Rescue Squad.

Members of the community, friends, and especially former rescue squad members are cordially invited to honor the Olsons at a reception on Sunday, June 14 from 3:00-5:00pm at the Bradford Fire Station.

The Olsons have been cornerstones of the rescue squad for almost twenty years, and have spearheaded many fundraisers for ambulances and equipment to meet the emergency needs of the community.

While serving the Bradford, Newbury, Sutton, and Warner area as Emergency Medical Technicians on the Bradford Rescue Squad, they also managed to raise two children and run a successful business. Guests are asked to share stories and anecdotes at the reception.

The Olsons' retirement will leave the Bradford Rescue Squad seriously short of members to cover the approximately ten-mile area it serves. If you are interested in joining the rescue squad and serving your neighbors, please call Captain Mary Beth Fenton at 938-2120 or Lieutenant Dick Vitale at 938-2852. A twelve-week EMT training course will begin in August.

—Sue Vitale

The Works plan Lake Sunapee outing

On Thursday, June 11, The Works (formerly Bradford Newbury Workshop) will meet at noon at the Anchorage in Sunapee Harbor for lunch. At 2:30pm, we will take a boat tour of Lake Sunapee. The cost is \$9.00. We are always delighted to have new people join us. For more information, call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

Elementary school staff to be celebrated

The Parent Teacher Council is sponsoring "Just Desserts," an appreciation night to thank the staff of the Bradford Newbury Elementary School, from 6:00 to 8:00pm on June 3. Bring a dessert and come to enjoy a celebration of the school year. The Melody Makers of Magdalene College will perform. The Book Fair, a fundraiser for the PTC, will also be open from 6:00 to 8:00pm, as well as during the day from 9:00am to 3:00pm, so you can thank the staff and stock up on summer reading material at the same time.

Independence Day Celebration

Preparations for Bradford's Fourth of July festivities are well under way. Below are some of the activities for all to enjoy during the daylong celebration.

The day begins with the Masonic Breakfast and the First Baptist Church Fair featuring crafts, white elephants, plants, baked goods, a hand made quilt raffle and much more. The Fair will serve their popular luncheon as well. The 5K Road Race also takes place in the morning. Call Marie Twombly for registration information at 938-2532.

Special activities for children include the UNH Red Wagon Caravan Show, a Kiddy Bounce and Super Slide, sponsored by the Bradford Business Association.

Other attractions include crafters, vendors and yard sales. The BBA is sponsoring "Cow Flop Bingo" again this year. The Bradford Fish and Game Club will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch, as well as memberships and collectibles during the day.

The afternoon's highlight will be the Fireman's Parade, led by Grand Marshal and Paralympic Gold Medallist Jason Lalla. The theme of the parade is "Children: Our Future." There is still time for float entries by families and organizations. Call Perley Strout at 938-2176 for more information. Volunteers are needed to wear costumes and to help with the line-up before the parade. Call Marlene Freyler at 938-2530 for more information.

The festivities continue with the Midway at Brown Shattuck Field opening at 4:00pm, featuring the Firemen's famous Chicken Barbecue and the Bradford Women's Club Sausage and Pepper Subs. There will be continuous musical entertainment until dusk. The Grand Finale will be the sights and sounds of Bradford's best-ever fireworks display.

Please join us as Bradford says, "Happy Birthday, USA!"

—Judy Marshall

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Letters

To the editor:

On behalf of the members of the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, I want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many people who volunteered to help make the PLAN NH visit such a success.

At the risk of missing a few names (because I wasn't always around when dishes and refreshments were delivered), I'd like to personally compliment the following organizations who were asked to help. Their respective members really delivered for the Town: the Bradford Women's Club, the Historical Society, the First Baptist Church, the Library Trustees, the Union Congregational Society, Moon Mountain Arts, the Friends of the Library, the Applesced Inn, Bruss Construction, Dodge's General Store, the Lumber Barn, MCT Telecom, the Thistle and Shamrock Inn and Restaurant, and WALCO Mechanical. Individual efforts by the following people were noteworthy: Sue Vitale, Judy Marshall, Millie Kittredge, Doris Tremblay, Ruth-Ann Harris, Marcia Keller, Elinor Robie, Dian Darrah, Jane Lucas, Jane Johnsen, Phyllis Whall, Marion Hall, Carol Adams, Alma Clinton, Barbara McCartney, Barbara Vannatta, Mil Bodkins, Diane Cadoury, Lynne Smith, Jim Bruss, Marcia Strout and Audrey Sylvester. My apologies if I left any individual, organization or business off this list; it was certainly unintentional. Special thanks also to our Selectmen, Joe Conway, Dick Vitale and Marvin Rich, and to Cheryl Behr, who served as the central clearing house for the many incidentals which were essential. And finally, to those stalwart troops who stood by and dealt with the oft forgotten but nevertheless essential activity of cleaning up and putting away the chairs, tables, displays and trash: Jim Bruss, Joe Conway, Roger Herman and Neil Smith.

The continuing contributions of these organizations and individuals are what truly

make Bradford a great place to live. This was a prime example of the enthusiastic support, "volunteerism" and commitment that will enable Bradford to revitalize.

My hat is off to you all.

Don Johnsen

To the editor:

We want to thank our friends and family who attended, sent cards, and participated in so many ways to make our 50th anniversary a very wonderful and memorable occasion.

We feel very lucky to live in Bradford and to have such caring and thoughtful neighbors.

Donald and Harriet Douglass

To the editor:

The Casino property on Lake Massasecum has been a teeming recreational business for families since 1917. The Campground has existed for over forty years. Since I bought the Casino property in 1980, we have made many improvements to the campground and to the Casino itself.

The monitoring of our sewage system is an integral part of our operation. Soil and water along our beach frontage are tested annually by the State. This ensures that the water quality remains at the highest possible level and that our business is not polluting the lake. Since my ownership in 1980, our septic system has never failed. We are currently under contract with Henniker Septic Service to monitor and maintain our septic tanks and pump stations. On a weekly basis, they pump the tanks of individual trailers that are here seasonally. This sewage leaves the property, never entering our septic system.

In the fall of 1997 we began working with SFC Engineering of Manchester. We are presently monitoring the campground, Casino and beach bathroom areas with water meters to establish water usage in each area during peak business times. This is being done to determine what we need to do to upgrade our septic system so that we

may install a full sewage hook-up on each site. Engineering should be completed by the spring of 1999, and a portion of the system installed by opening day.

The property located across the street from the Casino is currently used for flea markets, outing functions, parking, an archery course and/or six weekend camping sites. Until 1986 we had some seasonal camping sites there, but immediately ceased using it when we had problems with gray water, which is sink water but is considered sewage. When we do use this area for camping, it is on a weekend basis with sewage being contained in the individual units. When the units leave, the sewage leaves with them.

The quality of Lake Massasecum is important to me. I enjoy sharing its beauty with visitors to the campground. Many return year after year, appreciative of the labor spent to make the park and campground an attractive vacation spot. As a property owner I work diligently to make sure that the lake remains clean and appealing to all who use it.

Robert Laurendeau

Bradford Business Association news

A big thanks to the Rosewood Country Inn for hosting our annual meeting on May 18. Our new officers for the coming year were voted in: President, Daniel Saxby; Vice President, Richard Wright; Treasurer, Bob Stewart; Secretary, Marlene Freyler; Director, John Mock.

The BBA flower barrels are out and are being filled by BBA members. Thanks to John Mock for storing the barrels and putting them out each year. Thanks to the following members for filling the barrels: Colonial Woodworking, Dodge's, Rosewood Country Inn, Candlelite Inn, Post Office, Gary Wall, Applesced Inn, Bob Stewart, Marlene's His and Her Salon.

We will be having the Cow Flop Bingo for the Fourth of July, and we will be sponsoring rides and a flea market.

There's still time to sign up for the BBA Trade Fair on June 7th. Call Dan Saxby or Perley Strout. The next meeting will be at the Church Vestry on June 15 at 7:00pm.

—Marlene Freyler




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If you see them on the streets, help them across (even if their mission seems foolhardy). Don't take them home with you. Turtles will try to walk back to where they came from and they always know where they are.

NEVER pick up a turtle by the tail. Not even a snapping turtle. It will ruin their spines.

Snappers are perhaps the most insecure turtles on land. They can't retreat into their shells. What else can you do to defend yourself if you're a turtle? In the water snappers turn from apparently bellicose to laid back. Remember those risqué photos of Yasgur's farm pond in the Woodstock summer of 1969? A commercial turtle harvester removed more than 3,000 pounds of snapping turtles a few months later. No one had been bitten.

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Conservation Commission news

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And the winners were: One cord of wood, Bob Joppi; one cord of wood, Wales Carter; video, Joe Battles; video, Leah Keller; bluebird box, Barbara Meyers; two tanning sessions and one haircut, Dan Newton; one plant, Bill Gibbons; two pints raspberries, Sonny Harris; dinner for two at Thistle and Shamrock, Marvin Rich; one apple tree, Delbert Harris; one plant, Sandra and David Bravo; one plant, Maggie Ainslie; one year regular Internet access, Sonny Harris; one pizza, Woody Pringale.



Ken Anderson and Brooks McCandlish pick a winner for the Conservation Commission raffle.

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Selectmen's meetings in May

May 4. Chief Sims met with Selectmen to discuss several issues. He asked for their support for enforcing the town's ordinance on alcohol during the 4th of July celebration. Selectmen agreed that it was appropriate for the police department to enforce the ordinance as they do the rest of the year. Sims also had a request from a street luge association to have a street luge as one of the events on July 4th. Selectmen said that if the group can provide documentation of proper insurance, Sims could work out the details of providing a place for the activity. Sims asked Selectmen to expedite the hiring of a candidate for a part-time officer's position so that he could participate in an upcoming Training Academy and be ready to work by July 4th. Selectmen approved the appointment contingent on completion of a background check.

Larry Hull of the Skateboard Park Committee presented revisions of the plans for the park that reflect the purchase of a used half-pipe of different dimensions than the one originally planned.

Bob Judge of Box Corner Services asked the Selectmen for permission to have a key to the Transfer Station so that he can bring mulched leaves and brush from his lawn care and landscape business on days when the facility is closed. Joe Conway said that he was concerned about the issues involved in giving keys to commercial enterprises. Conway said he would talk with Ken Anderson about present policy and respond to Judge.

Selectmen received a letter from the NH Department of Revenue Administration notifying them that the net assessed valuation of the Town of Bradford has dropped from \$81 million to \$76 million. Conway remarked that "this will make our budget-

ing process even more challenging for the coming year."

While reviewing several Intent to Cut forms, Joe Conway noted that the Selectmen will be working with the Conservation Commission to develop consistent policies about road bonds for logging operations using Class 5 and Class 6 roads. Logging equipment has caused severe damage to some roads in the recent past.

Keith Stebbings of the Road Committee asked Selectmen to designate a member to attend their meetings. Dick Vitale was assigned to the Road Committee, with Marvin Rich as an alternate.

Diane Gadoury was appointed to the Revolving Loan Committee. June Johnsen was appointed as an alternate on the Planning Board.

May 11. Barbara Connor French presented Tom and Nancy Scribner with a commendation from Governor Shaheen. Selectman Joe Conway read the commendation, which honored the Scribners for their "exemplary service, for their hard work and dedication in initiating, stimulating and continuing efforts to develop more open communication . . . and efforts to increase citizens' participation within the Town of Bradford." Many appreciative friends and neighbors were present for the presentation.

A resident told the Selectmen that she had a problem with a parcel of land, which she had thought was sold until Perry Teele told the prospective buyer that the lot was not buildable. She questioned the assessment of the property, and Selectmen suggested she contact the Planning Board and the Zoning Board in regard to the matter.

Nick Schneider came before the Board with a question about building on a Class 6 road. He wants to buy a parcel of land on County Road, 3/10 of a mile from the end of the town-maintained portion of the road, contingent on being able to access it. He is willing to waive all rights to town maintenance on the Class 6 portion of the road. Selectmen agreed to research RSA

674:41, which addresses the situation, and to attend the Planning Board meeting on May 26.

Perry Teele told Selectmen that "Class 6 roads are being trashed by loggers on a regular basis, and we need to do something." He said that the roads are a heritage that belongs to the people of the Town, and should be protected. His concerns included the diversion of natural water flow and the skidding of logs on the roads. Teele agreed to work with the Conservation Commission to establish a policy for inspections before and after an intent to cut is filed. Marcia Keller suggested consulting the Municipal Association and other towns to see if there are successful models to follow.

Selectmen discussed the issue of disability exemptions for property taxes. This matter needs to be voted on at Town Meeting following public hearings on the amounts of the exemptions. Selectmen will review the RSA and discuss the matter at a future meeting.

After consultation with Ken Anderson, Selectmen established a policy that no access keys to the transfer station will be distributed to businesses or individuals.

Selectmen passed an ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on roads or public ways. Only sites designated by the Selectmen may be used for skateboarding. The ordinance carries enforcement action including a \$25-\$1,000 fine.

Selectmen discussed closing Brown Shattuck Park in response to increasing trash problems and vandalism. After discussion, they chose to call an emergency meeting for users of the park on Saturday, May 16.

Joe Conway expressed "restrained outrage" that most members of the Planning Board did not participate in the Plan NH design charrette.

In a non-public session, Selectmen met to discuss personnel issues. They decided to send policy memos to Town personnel regarding workers compensation claims and hiring policies.

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May 18. Carol Adams reported to the Selectmen on the status of the Community Center project. She will hear the results of the appeals process on May 28, and has submitted three additional grant proposals for additional funding from other sources. Seventeen people attended an informational and organizational meeting. A non-profit corporation is being established.

Dick Keller asked the Board what the Library Trustees should do in response to the suggestions made at the Plan NH design charrette, which included siting the Library on land that is currently privately owned. Joe Conway responded that the Selectmen were waiting to see the final report before proceeding with anything. Keller asked whether contacting private owners would be the responsibility of the Selectmen or the trustees. Dick Vitale answered that if the Trustees wanted to contact Stan Brown regarding feasibility, "The Selectmen aren't opposed to that."

Keller also asked the Selectmen about use of the yard in front of the Central School building for the Fourth of July. Joe Conway explained the plans of the Business Association to have two rides located there, with a clear pathway to the building maintained.

Milly Kittredge stated for the record that the Zoning Board had completed the process of granting a special exception, including a public hearing, in only two weeks. She said she wanted to make the statement because she has heard criticism of the ZBA for preventing people from proceeding with projects. Selectmen thanked her and agreed that two weeks was an impressive turnaround time.

Tax abatements were reviewed and signed.

Joe Conway announced that the summer meeting schedule will begin, with meetings held every other week starting June 1. The regular schedule resumes on September 7.

Dick Vitale reported that a representative from Boy Scouts of America had met with a group of Bradford teenagers to describe the Police Explorers program. Members participate in a weeklong training academy, learning laws and ordinances and learning to shoot at a shooting range. They have the opportunity to experience law enforcement work first hand, riding with the local police. The program is designed to help participants decide if they would like to pursue a career in law enforcement. Seven Bradford youths signed up for the program. They will be fundraising to cover the cost of uniforms.

The Selectmen received a letter from the US Environmental Protection Agency informing them that the Naughton site has been moved to a low-priority status. They found that the site does not pose any immediate hazard and is not a detriment to the community. Joe Conway said that this action was consistent with information that was given to them in meetings with EPA and NH Department of Environmental Services over the past two years, prior to the Town taking title of the property.

Selectmen opted not to participate in a voluntary survey they received from the NH Fish and Game Department, asking for information about public access to waterways for inclusion on Fish and Game maps.

Lynne Smith asked the Selectmen if they have addressed the issue of housing for the elderly in Bradford. She reported that recently, two residents have had to move to Henniker because of the lack of available housing here. Joe Conway responded that the Selectmen have been discussing the issue, although they have not taken any action yet. He said that Bill Norton of the Plan NH team identified senior housing as a missing element in the community. Norton has talked with the Selectmen about ways that partnerships between private interests and state agencies could create housing that would be beneficial to the Town's elderly residents while improving the tax base.

Keith Stebbings, chair of the Road Committee, requested the most recent copy of the bridge plans for West Road. The committee will be reviewing which parts of the construction will be the responsibility of the Town and which will be the contractor's responsibility.

May 25. Memorial Day. No meeting.

Bradford Business Day

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Senior Rally report

The Bradford area Senior Rally held their third meeting on May 16. This advocacy group was formed to identify the needs of the senior community and to work towards solutions that will meet those needs. Issues for seniors that the group has identified include isolation, loneliness, a lack of feeling useful, safety, security, health, housing and transportation.

The group discussed cooperating with the Bradford Community Center in its organizational development.

Ruth Page and Don Publicover are developing a list of seniors in the community to be called during emergencies such as the ice storm last winter. A simple call would insure that all are safe and have heat, water, food and other necessities.

Betty Perron distributed copies of the first draft of the Bradford Area Senior Resource Guide for review and suggestions.

A speaker, Helen Hunt of Hopkinton, gave an interesting presentation on the Dial-A-Ride program in that area. Transportation is a major area of concern, and she gave very helpful information.

These are exciting times in Bradford, as the Town moves forward with Plan NH and the Bradford Community Center. The Senior Rally wants to support these efforts as an advocacy group for area seniors. Citizens of Warner, Sutton and Newbury, as well as those of Bradford, are encouraged to attend meetings to give their input.

The next Senior Rally meeting will be held on July 18 at Ann Hallahan's Real Estate in Bradford. All are welcome.

Senior Rally participants want to thank Ann Hallahan, Gary and Pam Wall, the Applesed Restaurant and the Bradford Baptist Church for their contributions.

An Essay on My Childhood

by Peter Tucker Szymkowitz

I live on a small farm at the end of a long dirt road on the top of a mountain. Our property overlooks our pastures and on to Lake Masseseccum with Mt. Kearsarge in the distance. On a clear day you can see all the way to Mt. Washington. People that I call my neighbors live as far away as four miles, but these people on our road and a few families that live close by, are extremely close to one another. These neighbors are my community and extended family. Along with my immediate family they have had a dramatic impact on who I am today.

This extended family is made up of many different types of people with varying lifestyles and jobs. There are retired couples, families with older and families with younger children, single parent families, newlyweds, gay households, rich, poor, traveled, educated and not. This community has learned to rely on one another and although we have some differences, we share many common values and goals.

Our small community celebrates most of life's major events and holidays together. For example, every Christmas Eve we gather in an historic nondenominational meeting house down our road for an annual Christmas celebration and pageant. It was in this small meeting house that my parents were married, friends christened or named and memorial services given for neighbors who have passed away.

This unheated meeting house is still lit by oil lanterns and everyone bundles up against the cold to watch the younger children perform their primitive pageant. We all sing carols together, and everyone is a part of the celebration by reading a special poem, helping the children with their roles, shoveling the paths to the meeting house, etc. I am now an usher, but I remember that it was not long ago when I was reciting the shepherd's poem or dressed as a wise man.

Whenever anyone is ill or needs a hand putting up a new timber frame barn, start-

ing a cold car, or splitting cord wood, everyone pulls together and constructively helps out. This generosity is embodied in the spirit of our community and personified by one man in particular, Walter Hesselton. Walt, or as the neighborhood kids call him, "Unkie", has lived on Rowe Mountain all of his seventy years. He is "father" and "grandfather" to all that know him and a man with a huge heart and solid integrity. He cares deeply about his neighbors and in return his generosity is given back to him in abundance. It is Walt who takes all of the children fishing for long hours every spring, (always with an inside tip on what pond or stream has been recently stocked), babysits when parents are in need, and shares his garden produce with anyone who happens by. It is this old dairy farmer's example that has set the standard our community admires and strives to live by.

I feel very fortunate to have been raised in such a unique and caring community. My family, my extended family and community have guided me into the person who I am today and will be in the future. They have given me values I respect and admire; honesty, thoughtfulness, open mindedness, integrity, generosity and a sense of belonging.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

On Friday, June 12, the Soo-Nipi chapter will present a slide program entitled "Birding at Cumberland Island," at 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Gould Rd., New London.

Speaker Bob Quinn is the seasonal editor of *New Hampshire Bird Records* and he has worn many hats in his service to the Audubon Society of New Hampshire. He is recognized statewide as a birding authority. His program will acquaint us with those species that frequent the Georgian National Seashore.

The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Fred Sladen at 526-4321.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

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Legislative Report

By Representative
Bernie Lamach



The waning days of legislative sessions are always "circus" days as remaining bills are being hurriedly reworked and passed through prior to deadlines. This session has been more of a pressure packed experience largely because of the Supreme Court decision concerning education and funding. I have never witnessed a heavier full court press on any issue as we have seen on the Governor's ABC Plan. A scant week before consideration by the full house, a compromise was reached and then supported by both the Governor and the Speaker of the House. Both are very persuasive individuals and both have many arm-twisting tools. A full six hours of debate, without a lunch break, was held with an incredible array of arguments from both sides. In the end the measure passed with a 2 to 1 margin. As promised several months ago to my constituents, I voted against this measure because of my strong feeling about controlling fiscal irresponsibility.

Several facts are clear and not disputed by either side of this issue:

1. The plan calls for \$95 million additional spending in the next year, and the bill does not provide for a specific source of this money.
2. The distribution formula is in question as there are yet some extreme inequities (with some towns actually getting less than they otherwise would have received).
3. Full "adequacy" is yet to be defined.
4. The presumption is made that we will have a revenue surplus in the coming year which will help with the funding, but this is true only if we do not repay the previously borrowed money from the Health Care Transition Fund (originally established at \$100 million, now at about \$28 million).
5. The default provision automatically reverts to the original ABC Plan if the Legislature does not come up with a subsequent plan in the next year. The Governor's original proposal depended upon increased gambling and tobacco money to finance the intended \$128 million estimated cost.

I have always contended that if Education is the priority then we all ought to step up to the plate and pay our fair share. Further, I believe that as a priority, it ought not to depend on an uneven or unreliable source of revenue. So called sin taxes always rise

and fall much more extremely than the economy, and their attractiveness always presumes that "someone else" is going to pay, not us!

At the end of the voting, I exercised my constitutional right and requested that my name be listed in the permanent record as being in protest. Remarkably, 170 Representatives took this prerogative—more than actually voted against the proposal!

As the original Supreme Court decision was largely based upon the phrase "equal and proportional" in the Constitution, and it was shown that there was wide variation between towns, I have made a formal request to the Attorney General's office for an opinion if our variation of tax rates (\$8 to \$21 per thousand) in the Keursurge Regional District fall under this ruling. Hopefully, this will be made clear in the weeks to come. As this article is going to press, the legislative effort on this bill shifts to the Senate. Something entirely different may emerge from that battle.

I am very proud of the other work that my committee, Science and Technology, has accomplished this session. Most bills were passed and should help move us to lower electric rates sooner. My own bill regarding electronic signatures was passed without amendment by the Senate, has been signed by the Governor, and will become law on the 20th of June. This will place New Hampshire in the forefront of approving this form of electronic commerce. Even though our schedule session will be finished on May 28, keep alert for action on the educational issue from the Senate.

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BEHIND THE BOOKS

An update from the
Brown Memorial Library
Board of Trustees

As many of you are already aware, the Plan NH design charrette's team of experts was in Bradford last month to help develop a plan for the Bradford Village "blueprint." Many interesting and innovative ideas were brought forth as a result of an intensive 2-day effort of this professional team of architects, engineers, designers, and developers. Of particular interest to the library was the team's recommendation that the new library building should ideally face Main Street. The Brown Memorial Library trustees have long held the belief that the library, and especially our new library, should be an integral part of the immediate Main Street area, easily visible and accessible to all.

The charrette's first choice of a location for the new library was the Brown property, presently the site of the Stanley Brown Law Offices. Their second choice was the front section of the Marshall lot. The library trustees enthusiastically support both of these recommendations.

The trustees are currently working on a revised plan for the new library construction, to be comprised of two parts, beginning with a much smaller building than originally planned, yet designed in such a way to allow space for future expansion should it become necessary in the years to come.

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Gail and Carl Olson by Audrey V. Sylvester

One day after work, Gail and Carl Olson planned dinner in their custom-designed kitchen. Speaking to daughter Sheri, who was jiggling car keys, Gail made her decision: "I'll have a meatball sub with onions and peppers." Carl followed: "I'll have a meatball with onions and provolone." In amused unison, the couple sighed, "Ah, another fine, home-cooked meal!" The Olsons were "on call" as volunteers in the Bradford Rescue Squad.

This month, Gail and Carl will retire from the squad with bittersweet anticipation of their newly acquired free time. Gail has been on the squad for 18 years, beginning when Sheri was two, and before the birth of their son, Ken. She has been training officer for 12 years and captain for the past two years. Carl, who has been on the squad for 19 years, has been an officer for 17 years and captain for 12. Once, for fun, Carl tallied his on-call, training, teaching, meeting and on-the-job rescue hours. To his amazement, the calculation totaled 20,000 hours. Projecting those figures,

this team has been on duty for approximately 40,000 hours.

As Gail and Carl contemplated retirement, they struggled with the decision. Were they letting the squad down? Would replacements join? Who would train recruits? How much would they regret giving up their hard-earned state Emergency Medical Training certification, the camaraderie with their fellow EMT's, and the personal satisfaction that sometimes their work made a difference?



Events refocused the Olsons' thinking. Carl began to watch the ambulance go on-call without regret, a grandchild was born, their dream house on the lake was built, their business (New London Floorcraft and Creative Kitchens) flourished, and Carl celebrated his 50th birthday.

In the beginning, Carl was coaxed into the squad by mentors Jean Dineen, Harriet Douglass, and Peter and Mary Blake. Carl balked. "You don't want me. I can't stand the sight of blood." Dineen's encouraging response was, "Ah, you'll get over that." Carl said, "She was right, and I did."

Dramatic emergencies are a small percentage of rescue calls. On their watch, only one baby has been delivered. Nevertheless, they must be prepared for extremes. Once the team was called for a person with back pain, and found the person in cardiac arrest. Carl said, "You set your emotions aside and do what you're trained to do. Later, your emotions catch up with you." It's no use trying to weasel answers to the "who-what-where-when" questions. The Olsons' standard answer is "I don't know. I was driving."

With more women working today, and people working out of town, finding daytime coverage is difficult. If you are interested, Carl will charm you with his standard recruitment speech: "All you have to do is take a 120-hour course, be on-call six of your 30 nights a month, go out and deal with blood and guts, and at the end of two years, go through another 48 hours of education and a 24-hour refresher course. You don't even get paid. It's really kind of nice." He adds, "I wouldn't do it for the money."

Thank you, Gail and Carl Olson, for your tens of thousands of hours. How can we repay you?

The Olsons' answer might be, "When you call 911, tell the operator where you are and what landmarks exist. Put your house number in plain sight, especially at the end of a long driveway."

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

CHARTER SCHOOL.

A Charter School is a publicly funded school that is not bound by the NH Department of Education regulations, though it is bound by all safety regulations. The basic advantages are that it has more freedom to experiment with curriculum and different ways to educate students effectively and it gives parents a choice. The basic disadvantage is that it can take valuable resources away from the school district. A Charter School is directly responsible to the people and can be closed if it does not improve student achievement. There is a group of people in our district that wants to establish a charter middle school, open to grades 6, 7 and 8 for about 70 students. The school would take students of all abilities and would have no admissions tests. In this state the law dictates that the proposal come before the School Board early in the design process to receive "enabling legislation" or general acceptance of the idea that a Charter School is appropriate for this district. Your School Board passed that enabling legislation with the idea that the school will be revenue-neutral, could help with the increasing enrollment within the district and will provide a laboratory for educational change. The group will now develop a more detailed plan for presentation to the voters. The voters will have the final decision; the Board merely let the process continue. This is a simplified picture of the Charter School process and there are many unanswered questions, including transportation. If you would like more details please contact me

at 938-2722, 121 Marshall Hill Rd or lovmts@aol.com. I will also try to update you on a regular basis.

BUDGET REDUCTION

Your school district reduced their operating budget for next year by \$92,218 to meet the budget passed during the March vote. The cuts came out of supplies, mostly textbook and instructional supplies. Many of the district budget costs are fixed, such as salaries, heating, gas, etc., so the \$92,218 represents a substantial hit. In Bradford the cuts came entirely from instructional supplies.

AWARDS

Kearsarge Regional High School and the Elementary School in New London are both finalists for the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award for 1997-98. This is the award for being the outstanding school(s) in New Hampshire. For the second year in a row, SchoolMatch has chosen Kearsarge School District as one the nation's most desirable school districts. This honor is awarded to only 14% of the nation's school systems and is based upon test scores, teacher salaries, class size and instructional expenditures. SchoolMatch is an independent nationwide service which helps families of corporate employees find schools that match the needs of their children.

DISTRICT GOALS FOR 1998-1999

Based upon discussion and continual review, goals that your district will focus on for next year will be: (1) Improving academic achievement especially in the area of reading, and especially in grades K-3 where research shows the most opportunity to effect positive change. We have several interventions now and are looking at measuring the effectiveness of others.

(2) Improving student behavioral standards using community resources. (3) Improving teamwork within the district using shared decision making and better communication techniques. (4) Increasing the number of students accepted to college. (5) Expanding integration of subjects throughout the curriculum. Each school will set its building goals based upon these district goals.

**Henniker Rotary reprints
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Backpackers, mountain bikers and outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy the third edition of *Outdoor Guide to Henniker/Hillsborough and Surrounding Areas*.

Researched, written and published by members of the Henniker Rotary Club, this forty page guide highlights easy to advanced hiking paths, great fishing and canoeing spots, scenic walks and drives, historical sites and a variety of four season recreational opportunities in a twelve-town area.

The Outdoor Guide is filled with historical tidbits, conservation suggestions and even science project ideas. It reflects the diverse interests and favorite outdoor haunts of club members. It provides instructions to amateur photographers on taking year round photos in Henniker, catching the best light and angles for buildings, river life and woodlands. There is also a directory of 144 local businesses and service providers including inns, antique and gift shops, restaurants and area attractions.

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Parks and Recreation update

On Saturday, May 2, at 8:00am, seven brave souls showed up at French's Park despite the rain. The work crew consisted of Gina and Scott Kent, Debbie Johnson, David Blake, Jane and Bill Lucas and Dave Pickman. Dave Pickman was kind enough to bring his dump truck and backhoe. This made it possible, with two other pick-up trucks, to bring the leaves and debris that were removed from the hill across from the parking lot to the dump. Josh Nowy joined the crew after he spent two hours at Brown Shattuck Field by himself picking up litter. All were tired and wet when finished, but had a good feeling of accomplishment. Steve Obermiller and his daughter Kirsten donned their scuba diving gear and checked the waters once again for debris. The Parks and Recreation Department feels that this park can really be improved to be an even more attractive place to cool off and relax. Thanks to all for their time and energy.

The Selectmen have accepted our revised Charter. Rules will be posted for Brown Shattuck Park. Skateboarding will be restricted to the park and private property. The meeting called to discuss the vandalism and litter at the park was well attended and with everyone's cooperation, hopefully this problem can be resolved. The Parks and Recreation Department is moving forward, and with a few more dedicated members we could do it even faster. Anyone interested please get in touch with Dave Blake or Jane Lucas.

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SPNHF to lead spring hike

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This walk will be a celebration of the city's foresight and good planning for the protection of this special area. The hike passes through varied terrain and forest cover, and along ridgelines that offer a view of the Connecticut River Valley.

The forest is protected by a conservation easement that forbids any future development. The easement, one of four that Lebanon has on city properties, is held by SPNHF. It ensures that SPNHF will be a partner with the City to restrict certain uses on the property in perpetuity.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has on-going programs in land protection, environmental education, advocacy and sustainable forest management. For more information visit their web site at www.spnhf.org.

Zoning Board news

At their May 5 meeting, the ZBA discussed the issue of building on Class 6 roads. Perry Teele, chairman of the Planning Board, was also there. Regulations governing both boards state that buildings must be located on approved roads. Policies concerning Class 6 roads would need to be decided by the Selectmen.

At an additional meeting on May 19, the ZBA accepted an application for a special exception and scheduled a public hearing on the matter on June 2 at 7:15pm.



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- ½-cup vegetable oil
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Salad:

- 1 tablespoon oriental sesame oil
- 3 skinless chicken breast halves, cut into thin strips
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and cut into strips
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 small head red leaf lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces
- 1 papaya, peeled, seeded, and cut into thin strips
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted

Combine orange juice, ginger, shallot, vinegar, orange peel and mustard in blender. With machine running, gradually add vegetable oil and sesame oil and blend well. Transfer to small bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Saute chicken and pepper in sesame oil and soy sauce until cooked. Chill. Prepare salad. Add chicken and dressing. Toss. Garnish with papaya and sesame seeds.

Pancake Breakfast on June 6

The South Newbury Union Church, Village Road/Sutton Road, South Newbury, invites you to its Spring Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 6 from 7:00-10:00am. Adults \$4.50, children 6-12 \$2.50, children under 6 free. All the pancakes you can eat! For more information, call 938-5369 or 938-2851.



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

Shadow of Ashland

Terance M. Green

Tom Doherty Assoc. Books, 1996

This gentle story is about a man's search for his family's past.

Leo Nolan of Toronto, Canada finds himself in a quandary when Margaret, his dying mother, asks him to find her brother, Jack. Jack is an uncle Leo has never heard of, and whom his mother has not seen in fifty years. Leo's father has little to say except that following their parents' deaths, Margaret was motherly towards her brother, who was two years her senior, and that Jack left Toronto in the 1930's.

The knowledge of a missing uncle and his mother's death soon after her request that he find him weigh heavily on Jack's mind. The divorced Leo, a newsman for the *Toronto Star*, grows more and more interested in his mysterious uncle. His father comes up with a letter from Jack, and a letter from Margaret to Jack that had been returned unclaimed. Both were dated 1934 and carried Detroit, Michigan addresses.

With the help of other letters from 1934, Leo's search leads him across the border to Ashland, Kentucky. Using clues and common sense, Leo ends up in the same hotel room where Jack once lived. There, Leo meets several characters who knew his uncle.

In addition to mystery, this novel has romance—a new love for Leo and the activities of Jack in 1934 Ashland. Readers who lived in that time period will smile at references to notables like Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress, the movie *King Kong* starring Faye Wray and Bruce Cabot, and also at the 1934 prices. Remember when you could get a silk necktie for 55 cents and a shirt for 47 cents?

Shadow of Ashland is a quick read, and Green writes magically of the past—its allure, artifacts and politics.

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Recovery prompts nap by Jack Rivers

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"It has been ten years since I was 100 percent," I replied. "I guess I can wait a few more weeks." We were discussing my prognosis for recovery from a recent bout with pneumonia.

Something like that can really get your attention. It makes you realize it's time to wake up and smell the rhododendrons. (Aren't they beautiful this year?) They'll probably be around again next year, but will we?

Bradford Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool News

Graduation Ceremonies were held on Friday, May 29 at Town Hall for kindergartners and preschoolers of BNKP. Parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and neighbors were on hand to celebrate the commencement of their favorite student and classmates. After the pledge of allegiance and a resounding rendition of *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, the scholars presented a program of songs for their proud audience. Kindergarten and preschool choruses took turns being led in song by their teacher Mrs. Kingsbury and their music teacher Kathy Lowe.

After the music, graduates were called across the stage and presented their diploma by Mrs. Kingsbury. These august events were punctuated by the bright flashes of cameras and recorded by scores of video cameras for those of you who missed the ceremony and would like to see history in the making. The proud members of the class of 1998 are now prepared for entry to KRES and kindergarten.

The final 1997/98 BNKP fundraising raffle winners were drawn over the din of the joyous graduates. Thanks to all the area

Frank Sinatra made it to 82 living the way he did. At that rate, most of us should be good for at least 100 years. Still, you never know.

As strength and energy gradually return to a body smitten by some baleful bacterium, I have come to realize that these gorgeous spring days in New England are not there for everybody. They are for those who can take the time to see and contemplate, and to wonder at the miracle of the fleeting phenomenon we call life.

We've all been given the precious gift of "today." It's ours to enjoy, to share or to squander. The whole awesome responsibility of it all makes me tired. I think I'll take a nap. It works for the cat.

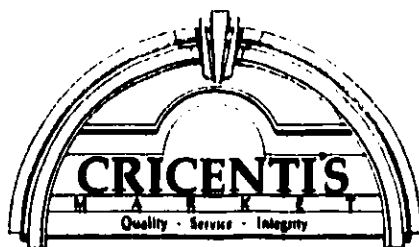
merchants whose contributions made the raffle a success.

During the last month of school, students studied the letters V, W, X, Y, and Z. To recover from the end of year crunch, the class made a field trip to the Sunapee State Beach with their families.

BNKP would like to acknowledge the generous support and volunteerism of all those who made this year possible for the BNKP Cooperative. Thank you to Mrs. Kingsbury for another great year, Mrs. Conway, the teacher's aide, Kathy Lowe for her talents and involvement, the staff of Brown Memorial Library and Ann Paune for the children's weekly reading field trips, the Bradford Board of Selectmen and staff at Town Hall for their gracious hospitality and support, the faculty of KRES for their support in preparation for the students' entry, the BNKP board of directors and the families of BNKP who gave their time, talents, and support, and the people of Bradford and Newbury who supported BNKP fundraisers.

Good luck to next year's BNKP Bridge Reporter, Claire Martin. I've enjoyed writing about the goings-on of BNKP. I hope you've enjoyed reading about them.

—Mark Fairbank



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Friends of Brown Memorial Library

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New Hampshire Poet Laureate Donald Hall will give a reading on Wednesday, July 29 at 7:30pm at the First Baptist Church. Proceeds will benefit the Library Building Fund. Hall is the author of numerous books of prose and poetry for adults and children, including: *The Ox Cart Man*, *String Too Short to be Saved*, *Without*, and *Seasons on Eagle Pond*.

Pauline Dishmon will run a sweet fundraiser at the Trustees Library Book Sale: Guess How Many Jelly Beans in the Jar. The prize: the jar of jelly beans. All ages are welcome to participate!

The next Friends meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30pm at the Library. Call Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948, or just come to the meeting if you would like to help the Friends.

—Audrey Sylvester

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Audubon Society of New Hampshire Selects New President

The Audubon Society of New Hampshire announced May 21 that Richard W. Moore has been selected as President of the organization. Mr. Moore, currently Interim Executive Officer for the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, has been with ASNH since 1992, having previously served ASNH as Development Director and Senior Vice President.

"I look forward to continuing a long Audubon tradition of partnerships, careful science, and creative problem solving," said Moore. "The challenges and opportunities for protecting New Hampshire's natural environment will be tremendous in the coming decade."

"His six years of experience with ASNH and his knowledge of New Hampshire and its issues prepare him perfectly for his new position at Audubon," said Tom Burack, who chaired the search committee and is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Commented Susan McLane, the ASNH Board Chair, "I am very pleased that at the close of its deliberations, the Board, by unanimous vote, selected Richard Moore as the new President."

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 98 calls for service, including two arrests, between April 19 and May 19. Calls included 19 citations and 26 warnings for traffic offenses, 3 assists to the ambulance, 1 assault, 9 assists to other departments, 1 juvenile offense, 3 fires, 3 incidents of property damage, 3 animal complaints, 7 suspicious persons, 2 criminal mischief, 2 sexual assaults, 2 noise complaints, 2 property checks for open doors, 2 accidents, 1 criminal trespass, 3 burglary, 1 assist to public works, 3 assists to citizens, and 5 miscellaneous.

—Deborah A.B. Blaisdell

Warner personal growth workshop

The last in a series of presentations by professionals in alternative fields, "Close Encounters of an Angelic Kind" is the title of a workshop offered at the Pillsbury Public Library in Warner on June 3 from 7:00-9:00pm. Nancy Hammond will show participants how to increase their awareness of angel connections through stories and meditation. There is a suggested \$5.00 donation at the door.

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Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee activities in May

The PLAN NH Design Charrette conducted on May 8 and 9 started the month off with an intensive look at the Bradford Green and the Village Area (see Bridge article on the PLAN NH visit). At its monthly meeting held May 14, the BEOC agreed to await the Design Charrette report before proceeding with further discussions about the Bradford Green and the design team's suggestions. All members agreed the support shown by all organizations that were invited to help was just outstanding. The food was great and everyone pitched in to make the team and other townspeople feel right at home.

Carol Adams discussed the first Bradford Community Center organizational meeting held on May 7. The next meeting was scheduled for May 21. An appeal has been submitted to the Office of State Planning concerning the Community Development Block Grant funding amount. Meanwhile, Carol and Lynn Smith are contacting additional funding sources. Neil Smith was designated as the BEOC's representative to the Community Center's Design Selection Team.

Diane Gadoury reported that the "Friendly Town Procedures" project is moving along. Nancy Hibbard and June Johnsen will be meeting with Diane on a weekly basis to develop the procedures. The group is actively seeking additional input from other towns and Central NH Regional Planning, in addition to other Bradford Boards and Committees.

Audrey Sylvester and Barbara Vannatta are continuing with their efforts on the "Marketing Bradford" project.

Joe Conway reviewed the activities underway concerning funding sources for the Water & Sewer project. Joe noted a discussion he had with one of the Design Charrette team members (Bill Norton), who is a commercial property manager/consultant. Bill said property values in any town should not be viewed as fixed in value. The values can change by as much as 50% in a relatively short period of time and have a dramatic impact on the town's tax rate. His comment referred to what can occur when a town does nothing to reverse a downward property values trend. Joe said we currently have that situation in Bradford and it is essential that we actively continue to address this problem.

The next monthly meeting of the BEOC will be held at the Town Hall on Thursday, June 11.

—Don Johnsen

Milfoil Update

With the early warm spring we've experienced, the milfoil is growing at a great rate. There was a delay in putting the KEEP OUT signs in place while waiting for State approval, but most boaters are now observing the signs and keeping out of the cove. Preventing the spread of milfoil from the cove into the Lake is essential if there is any chance to eliminate this infestation.

Unfortunately, the herbicide used last year was not successful; the milfoil is back and spreading throughout the cove. In addition, two small patches were found outside the cove area on a final inspection in October. The State sent divers out to hand pull them and, hopefully, keep them from spreading.

Several methods will be used this summer to try and control or contain the growth. All efforts are being coordinated with the NH DES for advice and permits as needed. Matting will be placed on the surface to block the sunlight necessary for the growth. An application of limestone will be used to neutralize and in time to change the composition of the bottom mud. A "swim line" will be laid at the edge of the cove with a net attached to prevent fragments of milfoil spreading into the Lake. As part of this effort, a milfoil-free corridor will be marked to allow boats housed within the cove and river to travel safely out onto the Lake.

A Resource Assistant (RA) from the Student Conservation Association will be at the Lake this summer to help with boater education. Lake Association members have devoted a great deal of volunteer time as well as funds (matched in part by the Town), but any assistance from other residents of Bradford would be much appreciated. Help is needed at the boat ramp on weekends. Also needed are able bodied to assist with the matting and the limestone application, certified scuba divers to work in the water with several projects, and housing for the RA, preferably on the Lake. Please contact Dick or Marcia Keller, 938-2877, to offer your help.

—Marcia Keller



Milfoil was discovered in Lake Massasecum in July of 1996. It is an aggressive aquatic weed that can grow up to 10 feet. Boaters can help stop the spread of non-native plants by carefully inspecting and cleaning boats and trailers between launchings.



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Church News From Lynne E. Hubley

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will host its annual dinner at the Thistle & Shamrock on June 2 at 6:00pm. An installation of officers will be held after dinner. Reservations must be made by May 31 to Cheryl McDonald (938-5313). (Dinner will cost between \$9.00 and \$16.00 per person).

Our Wednesday evening study/support group will meet every Wednesday evening during the month of June at the Fiske House from 7:00-8:30pm. This group will then take a break for the summer.

Our Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings at the parsonage from 7:30-8:30pm. We are currently studying the Book of Ephesians. These studies will continue through June 25 and then start up again in the fall. (Please note there will be no study on June 18).

Women's Christian Guild will meet at the church on June 5 at 11:30am and travel to the Country Spirit restaurant for their annual dinner.

The annual Walk-a-thon will be held Saturday, June 6 at 8:00am. Please meet at the

Fiske House. Sponsor sheets are available at the church office. The money this year will benefit the community food pantry. The walk is only 2-3 miles and the fellowship is great.

A special meeting for parents of Sunday School children will be held immediately following the worship service on June 7. There will be discussion on three topics: Children's Day; the pros and cons of changing the Sunday School hour; and an intergenerational program called "The City of Jerusalem."

Children's Day will be Sunday, June 14. The theme this year is "The BEEattitudes." Using a "Wheel of Fortune" with all the Beatitudes written on it, our children will show and lead the various parts of the worship service. This is always an inspiring service. Please join us.

A chocolate bonanza and hymn sing will be held Sunday, June 14 from 6:00-7:00pm. Folks are invited to bring their favorite chocolate dessert and we will be singing both praise and traditional hymns. (The chocolate bonanza had to be postponed two times last winter because of snow—June 14 should be a safe date).

The Community Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, June 17 from 6:00-7:00pm at the Fiske House. Food is always available at other times upon request. If you need assistance, please call the church office (938-5313). Confidentiality is very important to us.

The Men's Fellowship will be extending an open invitation to anyone who would like to go to Fenway Park to see a Red Sox game during the month of June. Dates and prices will be given at a later date.

Both of the youth groups (grades 4-12) will enjoy a day at Canobie Lake Park in Windham, NH on Wednesday, June 24 (June 25, rain date). Time of departure and arrival, and prices will be announced closer to the date.

BWC Update

The 57th Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Bradford Women's Club was, as usual, a huge success. I'd like to thank Leslie and Dick Marquis of the Rosewood Country Inn for preparing the exquisite lunch. Thank you to Barbara McCartney and Alma Clinton for the great job they did putting the luncheon together.

The new officers for the year 1998-99 are Sue Vitale, Second Vice-President and Alma Clinton, Kim Lucas, Barbara McCartney and Barbara Vanatta, Directors.

The clean up at French's Park with the 7th graders was definitely a working day. We didn't accomplish as much as we would have liked. Next year, we could use more BWC members.

Our "Potluck Luck Dinner" on May 8 for the Plan NH Charrette was outstanding. Thank you to all the women who sent the delicious meals. Sue Vitale did a great job keeping track of all the food and setting up the tables.

Soon the gardens that the BWC maintain will be planted. We need all the help we can get with the watering. If you can help, please call me at 938-5260.

The winners of the Spring Raffle were: 27" Color TV, Matthew Pickman; \$25 Gift Cert. to Applesed Inn, Karen Strickland; \$25 Gift Cert. to Merrimack Country Store, Matthew Raymond; \$25 Gift Cert. to Blake's Garden Center, Martha von Redlich; \$25 Gift Cert. to Thistle & Shamrock Inn, Cookie Peret. Congratulations to all. Enjoy.

Thanks to Debbie and Bernie Lamach for allowing us to use Dodge's for our raffle, swim program and endless other projects.

-- Doris Tremblay

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Then & Now

by Milly Kittredge
Town Hall

After meeting in private homes for the six years after the 1787 incorporation, the town meeting voted to site a Meeting House in the Center District near the school house, size forty two feet by fifty feet with two porches. A committee was chosen to work on the plans, but by December of 1793, there was a second and different committee chosen. In 1796, there was another vote changing the site, a few feet from the first site. The timber had been collected, and thirty pounds was appropriated, as well as "drinks and vitels for the raising." At some time in 1797, the building was completed and the first town meeting was called in March, 1798 at the Meeting House.

The door handle, made by Richard Cressey, one of the first settlers, was of two angels engraved with "While Truth and Benevolence reign within, the angels keep the door." Meeting houses were used as both church and political meeting places. Soon, several denominations used the building, being charged for the amount of time and size of their group. When meeting times conflicted, sometimes groups could be found meeting outside in the woods, or more comfortably in the nearby tavern.

The Baptists built their own church in 1830, and in 1838, the Congregationalists built the Center Congregational Church, so

the Meeting House was available for town functions.

In 1863, the Meeting House was taken down and rebuilt in the North Village, its present location. It was rebuilt as a two-story building. The top floor was the original building, and the first floor served as the Village School for primary and grammar students until the Central School was built in 1937.

From then on, there were constant renovations, additions, and repairs with at least three Restoration Committees appointed. In 1873, a call went to build a gallery on the north end without expense to the town. In 1878, all entertainments were to pay a fifty cent janitorial fee. There was a separate horse shed in back on the west and a storage shed behind the building. There was another addition in 1906, in 1926 an extension to the selectmen's room, and in 1930 installation of chemical toilets. The old wood shed area was converted into two modern toilets in the extensive remodeling of furnace, septic, and plumbing in 1965. There was a portico over the front for a few years in the 1940s. For the Bicentennial in 1987, the auditorium and hall were given their painting, stenciling, and new drapes.

Through the years, there have been lectures, exhibitions, concerts (it was known as Bradford Opera House), meetings, dramas, political rallies, dancing classes, graduations, and movies held in the auditorium. In 1980, the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Town meetings were held here until soon after the new elementary school was built. The old town meetings ran all day, with lunch and dinner furnished. In the big room in back of the stage, there was but a dry sink, and all water, plates, and food were lugged upstairs for the big meals.

There will be a public Birthday Party for the Town Hall/Meeting House on June 24, 7-9pm. We hope many of the former town officials will join us for birthday cake and reminiscences.



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

May proved to be one for the books. After some really warm weather for the end of April, the first two weeks of May were unwelcome with cold, rainy, dark days to disappoint gardeners and fruit growers alike. The pears, plums and some of the peach and apples had responded to April's warm days and frostless nights and burst into bloom. Unfortunately, the May days were too cold for bees to fly and very few of the back yard fruit trees, dripping from the persistent rains, were pollinated and the blossoms dropped. In fact, even by the first of June, bees (native and domesticated) are conspicuous by their absence.

The season, though, got ahead of itself, since the forsythia, lilacs, and flowering quince beat the record, in any book, for early bloom. Normally the old-fashioned back yard lilacs are just in full bloom for Memorial Day (May 30—not the adjusted date for the holiday). They were dropping their blooms by the 24th this year and there has been some cool to cold mornings the last two weeks of May.

What does this mean for gardeners? I believe that May 30 is a safe date to begin putting out the tomatoes, peppers and eggplant as the ground is dry and partly warmed up with the full moon occurring on the 10th. I can remember several frosty mornings the first week of June in the last twenty years, so be ready to duck out and cover those sensitive vegetables with remay (the spun fabric) or some of last week's newspapers.

The subject of tomatoes always comes up this time of year and the seed sellers have gone back to revive some of the old varieties while also pushing many of the newer ones. I would guess that you, as a gardener are not "with it" unless you are growing Brandywine tomatoes reported to be the best flavored of all, or such old varieties as Delicious, Marglobe or Rutgers. However, the more disease resistant Celebrity, Big Boy and Ultraboy are probably better varieties to depend on for the main crop.

Peppers have also been bred for our climate. Dependable Lady Bell, Yankee Bell and New Ace are excellent choices for the garden. All three will produce tasty ripe red fruits as good as those in supermarkets these days, with the thick tasty flesh most folks desire.

Corn is one of the grandeur's desires and if one has the space, a block of three or four rows is a desirable use—if you can outwit the raccoons. Thirty years ago, a variety called Butter and Sugar was developed and captured the market. Even today the name of Butter and Sugar is used to advertise the "first locally grown" corn. I greatly doubt the product is Butter and Sugar as there have been many varieties from plant breeders which exceed the old Butter and Sugar variety in sweetness, earliness, good flavor and tenderness. My guess is there are fifty varieties available on the corn shelves of roadside stands and as many on the seed counters in yellow, white and bicolor varieties. Pick those that "ripen" or are ready in sixty to seventy-five days. There is even a red corn, the Bloody Butcher if you search for the unusual.

Let us hope that El Niño settles down and gives us a usual New Hampshire summer, and that the black flies disappear after Father's Day as they usually do.

Planning Board news

At their May 12 meeting, the Planning Board voted to accept Jane Johnsen as an alternate on the Board. Joe Conway discussed the activities of the Plan NH design team. No individuals appeared before the Board.

On May 26, Bob Stewart Jr. appeared to represent Peter Isham. He requested permission to subdivide property on a Class 6 road. Following much discussion, the Board directed him to go to the Selectmen for a waiver, since his plan involved improving the road to access the properties, and then to return to the Planning Board.

Peter Schneider spoke to the Board about his plan to build on a lot at the end of County Road. He is willing to maintain the 3/10-mile section of the road that is Class 6. Comments from Planning Board members supported the proposal, but only the Selectmen can approve his request.

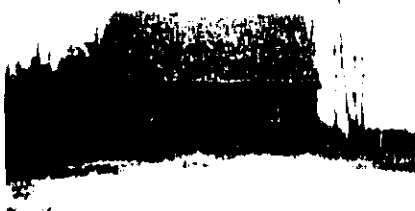
Glimpses

June, 1898 . . . The Visitor, the town newspaper, has an unobstructed view of "Bradford Village from Prospect Hill (formerly Hogg Hill)." Boarding Houses included Elm Tree Cottage, Pine Tree Cottage, the Morse Cottage, Pleasant View, Wood Side, the Butman House, Meadow Brook Farm, Fair View, Maplewood, Sunny Side, Bradford Mineral Springs, the New Bradford Inn (present Candlelite Inn, most likely in the building stage, the Raymond House having burned the year before).

June, 1978 . . . The Post Office has been moved from Main Street to the Mini Mall on Route 114. The Dump is now the Transfer Station.

June, 1988 . . . French's Park "residents only" restrictions again debated.

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vinyl siding instead of brick for the handicapped entrance; completing the common kitchen area and extra meeting room in phase II; and having non-code construction work such as finish painting and landscaping done by volunteers.

Bradford is in the process of submitting three grants to NH funding sources requesting matching monies to complete the rehabilitation project in its original form. Bradford's chances of receiving additional monies are good because funding sources like to give monies when 75% of the needed funds are already secured, and the concept of creating a community center serving multiple ages is a high propriety for most foundations. The notification of acceptance of these additional grants will be September 1998.

The Community Center project will accept private donations and a formal building campaign will be developed early this summer. These private donations will be targeted to complete the project all at once, and to furnish the building for multiple uses. The Center will also seek donations of material at cost from businesses, and will recruit volunteers to help with the non-code items to complete the job.

What will be the operating cost of the building and how will it be paid for?

The estimated yearly budget for the building is \$12,000 dollars. As a town-owned building, the Community Center will be part of the town line item budget. Unlike other town-owned buildings, the Community Center Governance Board will establish a business plan that can bring in revenue to offset the operating cost of the building. Rental fees for private social functions, rental of the office space to private professionals when the counseling and medical exam rooms are not being used for services mentioned in the OSP grant; and special fundraising events are all possible sources of revenue. The Governance Board

needs to develop the plan in the next nine months.

Who is going to run the Community Center?

The grant includes a stipend for a consultant position for one year. The role of this professional is to facilitate the establishment of the Center's Governance Board and the development of an operational policy and procedure manual. The consultant will work with the Governance Board and a development team of community volunteers to research and write additional grants and a capital building campaign that will further operational functions of the Center. He or she will also work with the Bradford OSP grant administration team to assure that all required paperwork is completed for the State of NH.

Any requests for staff for operations or programs will be funded through a grant-writing process. The Town will not be requested to pay salary for Community Center personnel.

The consultant position will be advertised in June. An interview and selection process will occur. To learn more about this position please contact the Selectmen's Office.

Is this Center only open to Bradford Residents?

No. In our geographic area there are many activities and relationships that include our neighboring towns. It will be established as an area Community Center and will work with other towns.

How can I help?

The Community Center is looking for community members of all ages to help with a Fourth of July float. Please call Carol Adams at 938-2562 ASAP.

Attend Community Center meetings. Your input is valuable. The next meeting is at Town Hall on June 25 at 7:00pm.


For more information, call the Selectmen's Office at 938-5900.

—Carol Conforti-Adams

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Although the original proposal to the Plan NH team focussed on creating a Bradford Green on the former Marshall/Naughton property, the team's larger focus on the whole village area led them to consider using other areas to address the Town's needs as well. Their suggestions included emphasizing commercial and retail growth in a concentrated area near the intersection of Main Street and Route 103. Jeff Taylor offered an analogy to starting a fire in a woodstove, where coals gathered together will easily rekindle a fire. The team also envisioned creating an area of civic activity by locating the Library opposite the Community Center on Main Street at the entrance to an improved Brown Shattuck Park. The team encouraged residents not to let obstacles that exist at the present limit their thinking about long-term goals. They acknowledged that it might not be possible to locate the Library on what is currently private property, but urged the Town not to reject the idea without exploring it.

Bill Hoffman, a landscape architect from Andover, said that the first buildings that go up will set the tone for future development. He noted that the Community Center and the Library are two projects that already have some of their funding. He said that relatively inexpensive improvements to the two major intersections on Route 103, along with a new Community Center and Library, "will make the whole Town look new." The design team will present a written report to the Town in June.



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investigate installing security lights to deter unwelcome night activity. The Town will also coordinate with Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports to install fencing and a gate that will prevent cars from having access to the area behind the highway sheds. Children agreed that they could help with the trash problem by forming a clean-up group. The Skateboard Committee will post signs with the rules for the Skateboard Park, and the Town will post

Drug-Free Zone signs. These give the police department additional enforcement authority. Parents and children agreed that if conditions at the park do not improve, it would be closed.

Selectmen also informed those present at the meeting of a new ordinance restricting skateboarding on public property to the park. Discussions with the police chief and concerned parents had led the Selectmen to consider such an ordinance, and it was passed unanimously at their May 11 meeting. At that meeting,

Chief Sims was asked how he would enforce the ordinance. He said he would confiscate skateboards of first-time violators, and said, "I would rather have an irate parent in [my office] than be dealing with a fatality involving a 13- or 14-year-old."

Although there was some grumbling from skateboarders about the new ordinance, Joe Conway felt that the overall tone of the meeting was positive. "I think it was very worthwhile," he said.

--Lyn Betz

June Calendar

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

ZBA, Public Hearing, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

BNYS Fall Soccer sign-up, Brown Shattuck Snack Shack, 5:30-7:30pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30-3:00pm

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Cemetery Trustees, call 938-5386 for place, 9:00am

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

BNYS Fall Soccer sign-up, Brown Shattuck Snack Shack, 5:30-7:30pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

BNYS Fall Soccer sign-up, Brown Shattuck Snack Shack, 5:30-7:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

BNYS Fall Soccer sign-up, Brown Shattuck Snack Shack, 9:00-11:00am
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30-3:00pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The Works!, meet at the Anchorage, Sunapee Harbor, Noon.
Reception for Carl and Gail Olson, Fire Station, 3:00-5:00pm

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Business Association, Church vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Friends of the Brown Memorial Library, at the Library, 7:30pm
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30-3:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Birthday Party for the Town Hall, 7:00-9:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Bradford Community Center meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30-3:00pm

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

To list events for the next issue, call Betty Hugue at 938-2722.

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