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In the Swim on Lake Massasecum



Instructor Kathleen Bigford gets all her ducks in a row during swim lessons at French's Park. Sixty children are participating in the two-week program, which is made possible by a partnership between the Bradford Women's Club and the town's Parks and Recreation Department.

3rd Annual Texas Barbecue

The Brown Memorial Library presents its 3rd annual Texas Barbecue on Tuesday, August 8 from 5:00-8:00pm. Join us at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 11 West Main Street, Bradford.

The menu includes: genuine Texas-style BBQ beef, Charro beans, garden salad, cole slaw, bread, beverages, coffee and tea. Beer, wine and cocktails will be available.

Donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under ten. The proceeds are to benefit the Brown Memorial Library.

We hope to see you there.

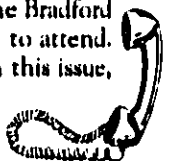
—Trustees of the Brown Memorial Library

PUC to Hear Telephone Issue

All Bradford individuals interested in the expansion of the local telephone calling area to include New London are invited to a public hearing at 7:00pm on August 23. The hearing will be held at the Bradford Area Community Center on Main Street.

A signature petition circulated last year drew attention to the fact that Bradford was omitted as a potential calling area for calls into New London because it does not share boundaries with New London. The intent of the petition is to include all towns of the Kearsarge Regional School District and to facilitate calls for medical or commercial uses within this area. Parents with children in this school district are particularly supportive of this issue.

It is a statement to the concern and desire to hear all sides of an issue that the Public Utilities Commission is willing to hold this meeting in the Bradford area. All are encouraged to attend. For more information on this issue, contact Bernie Lamach at 938-2258 or 938-2095.

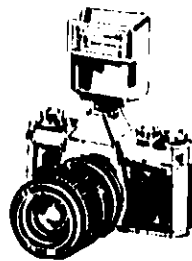


Ready, Aim, Shoot!

Attention all Bradford residents: The Bradford Art Group wants photographs from amateur or professional photographers for an exhibition entitled "Give It Your Best Shot Bradford" to be displayed in the Brown Memorial Library in November and December.

Organizer Laurie Brown said, "We want photographs about Bradford, or by Bradford residents from anywhere in the world. Use your imagination! Show us your candid, landscapes, townscapes, your critters and your kids." Everyone is invited to join in. Photographs must be framed and ready to hang. For more information, call Laurie Brown at 938-2451. It is time to get your cameras and pictures out and choose your best shots!

Upcoming Art Exhibits at Brown Memorial Library: Now through August 30, "Summer Reading Posters"; September through October, Marion Klein, Monotype Prints; November through December, Give Us Your Best Shot Bradford! photo exhibit.



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Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by August 20.

Selectmen's Update

The Board of Selectmen would like to publicly thank our Bradford Fire Department for the awesome display of fireworks on July 8. It is this writer's opinion that the display is the best in the entire state. We commend the Parade Committee for its efforts in making our July 4th parade one of the biggest in the town's history. It was a great day in Bradford. The entire community honored Mary Beth and Peter Fenton as Grand Marshals for all they have done for our town.

The Bradford Board of Selectmen proclaimed Jake Cahill an honorary citizen of the Town of Bradford in appreciation of his philanthropic concern for the town and its citizens.

After two delays, the bridge work on Fairgrounds road has been moved to July 24. Paving on Ring Hill and at the town sheds has been delayed until further notice.

Renovations of the Town Hall are still in progress. Please watch for temporary entrance signs when entering the building. The next phase will be sanding and finishing the floors—this will necessitate different temporary entrances. Thank you for your cooperation.

Timber tax bills are being mailed out. Gravel tax bills will be sent out next.

Our Bradford Police Department is investigating vandalism done at the town sheds.

A new policy for Class VI roads has been adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Copies of this policy are available at the Town office.

The State conducted a water test at French's Park. Results of the test indicated a count of (1). Any number under (88) is the count for safe swimming. We came through with flying colors. Credit is given to those who are actively protecting our waters. Thank you for keeping our lake clear.

Jane Lucas, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Bradford Women's Club announced their annual swim program. The dates of the program are July 24 through August 4.

Have a safe summer.

—Marvin Rich, Selectman

Vital Statistics from the Town Clerk's Office

April 1. Lois Knapton and Mark Mayo were married in Bradford.

April 13. Howard Bagley died in Concord.

April 26. Chase Allan Buckman was born to Joel and Maria in Concord.

April 29. Alice Anderson and Shawn Rowell were married in Newport.

May 5. Lindsay Marie Greenlaw was born to Richard and Brenda in Concord.

May 7. Beaty Radin died in Manchester.

May 30. Barbara Tomlinson died in Bradford.

June 22. Lydia Margaret was born to Andrew and Gilberte Pinard in Concord.

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Loon Island, Lake Todd

Our new loon chick was born in early July. One egg didn't hatch and was retrieved by a biologist connected with the Loon Center in Moultonborough. The annual loon census was on July 15. Observers all over the state count loons on that date from 8:00-9:00am. Last year 291 observers counted 446 loons on 130 lakes. This year, 150 lakes were included in the count in the Monadnock region. Our count on Lake Todd this year was five, two visiting loons and our resident family of three.

Summer 2000 is the first summer that House Bill 1196 outlawing the use of lead sinkers as fishing tackle has been enforceable. Lead is deadly to loons and other water birds.

At hatching time, we put out protective floating signs to keep visitors from getting too close to Loon Island in Lake Todd. The Dam Committee on Lake Todd has been most watchful and caring in trying to keep the lake water level constant so that the eggs may be successfully hatched. Loons nest on the very edge of the water because they move very poorly on land. High water could easily drown the eggs.

We are thankful once again to hear the echoing call of the loons from one side of the lake to the other. "Wherrree arreee you?" and the answering reply from somewhere out there, "I'mmm overre heerre!"

—Allene S. Hamilton, Observer

Did You Go Through Ellis Island?

If you had to go through the immigration process at Ellis Island before entering America and would like to share your experience, please call Ida Berzins at 938-2595.

Ellis Island is now a Historical Museum and Ms. Janet Levine of the museum will be in the Bradford area during the last two weeks of August to conduct interviews. Your story will be preserved at the Ellis Island Historical Library and your name will be carved in the memorial wall at Ellis Island.

Toughlove Parent Support Group Forming

A Toughlove parent support group will be starting on August 30 at the Bradford Area Community Center. The group will meet every Wednesday night from 7:00-9:00pm. For more information call Deb at 938-5807 or Lois at 938-5709.



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"No Wake" Hearing

On Friday, August 11 at 1:00pm at the Bradford Town Hall, there will be a public hearing conducted by the State concerning establishing a "No Wake Zone" on Lake Todd from the Rt. 103 Bridge to the dam in Bradford.

A petition has been signed and forwarded to the State requesting a "No Wake Zone" be established to control the erosion that is occurring due to excess speed by boats in that area. The purpose also will be to slow boats down so that they will become aware much sooner that there is a dam ahead. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Square Dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, August 12. Jim Pulaski will call A1 from 7:00-8:00pm and Plus from 8:00-10:30pm. Vera Prudhomme will cue the Rounds. Admission is \$5 per person. For further information call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are always welcome.

—Shirley Trombley

Communities United for Youth Forum

Attention coordinators of youth programming within the towns of Bradford, New London, Warner, Sutton, Newbury, Springfield, and Wilmot. The Youth Council at the Bradford Area Community Center, with the support of the Kearsarge Regional School District, has organized a *Communities United for Youth* forum to occur on August 24 from 7:00 to 8:00pm at the Community Center.

The agenda includes sharing program descriptions, networking, coordination of activities, and the development of a community calendar that will highlight youth activities. Attending this forum can only benefit your programming and the youth in our communities! Please call Heather Lane at 938-6228 for more information and to reserve space.

Bradford (938)

Telephone Customers

Do you want New London in your local calling area?

NH Public Utilities Commission

NOTICE OF HEARING

August 23, 2000

7:00pm

The NH Public Utilities Commission is holding a public hearing at the Bradford Area Community Center on Wednesday, August 23, 2000 to allow customers of the Bradford exchange (938) to express their opinions regarding whether the New London exchange (526) should be added to the existing local calling area.

Anyone who wishes to receive more information about the hearing should contact the Commission at 1-800-852-3793 (NH only) or (603) 271-2431.



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Letters

To the editor:

This past July 3rd, I affixed the yellow-and-red "Lake Massasecum Improvement Association/Bradford NH" bumper sticker onto our car before driving it from Bradford to Princeton, New Jersey (where I'm staying until August). On July 6th, after parking the car in a lot at Princeton University, we came out to find the following handwritten note on the front windshield: "Your bumper sticker brought back many happy memories of Bradford—great-grandparents on both sides of my family spent summers at Messer's Hotel. My grandparents retired to Bradford—at the foot of Bald Sunapee Mountain, and I spent all my school vacations there. We tended to swim at Blaisdell or Lake Sunapee rather than Massasecum—but watching out for Lake Massasecum from the car as we approached Bradford meant we were almost "home." My grandparents are buried in the little cemetery up the road from Messer's across the street from the house they built. My sister and I plan to take our children there regularly when they are old enough to travel—5th generation "summer folk. Anne Studholme (along with two named infants, Betsy and Joey)."

Paul Angiolillo, Jr.

To the editor:

On July 6th, I was walking my dog along Main Street when I very painfully twisted my ankle. I sat on the side of the road waiting for the worst of the pain to pass, and while doing that, a very kind gentleman stopped to see if I was OK and asked if he could help. The pain was subsiding at that point and I felt really silly sitting on the side of the road like that, and I assured him I was OK and I'd be able to get home. He didn't quite believe me until he could see for his own eyes that I

could indeed walk. As I continued to make my way home, yet another gentleman stopped to see if I was OK and needed a ride. He said he'd been driving by when he saw me go down and he wanted to check up on me to be sure I was OK. My feelings of silliness aside, my heart expanded knowing that I live in a town where people care so much they aren't afraid to show it. As I limped home, all I felt was how grateful and proud I am to be a part of this wonderful community. Thanks Bradford.

Deborah Bernacchia

To the editor:

The Bradford Fire Department wishes to thank all the organizations and individuals that helped make the annual 4th of July Celebration a huge success. Thank you.

Chief Mark Goldberg

To the editor:

As a participant in the recent parade in Bradford, I would like to thank the Town of Bradford for allowing me to be there as a candidate for Senate and commend you on the wonderful parade. It is always nice to see such great participation in a parade.

As my wife and I travel around the district we are constantly remarking about what warm and friendly people we are privileged to meet. When you are running for political office and go into towns where we are starting from the ground up in getting to meet people and win support, it is heart-warming to be so politely and kindly received. Everyone was there to have a good time and was kind enough to include me, my wife and my dog in the fun. We thank you for the welcome and warm reception.

Bob Flanders, Flanders for Senate

To the editor:

The Lettvin concerts, featuring professional artists who have performed nationally playing the harpsichord, flute and cello on Friday, July 14 and the violin and grand piano on Saturday, July 15 made the Meeting House in Bradford Center resound with glorious music. There were standing ovations from the delighted audience who came from as far away as Keene due to Pete Ferland's interview of the performers and sponsors on WNTK.

This annual musical event was sponsored by two Bradford organizations, the Union Congregational Society, which is responsible for the integrity and upkeep of this 1838 building, and the Bradford Area Community Center, which provides facilities and services for area residents. Volunteers from both organizations made these concerts possible. Special thanks go to Joan Lettvin who arranged for the performances and provided a place for the artists to stay. Thanks also to Rosie and Greg Johnson who organized and worked on the arrangements at the Meeting House; Sue Vitale brought in the program ads and made the artists' and guests' party a success; Bob Blank, the piano moving crew and Bernie Lamach, without whose brawn and U-Haul truck donation there would have been no concert. Thanks to all the other volunteer workers whose names I haven't mentioned, but who make Bradford such a great place to live.

Special credit was given to Ted Lettvin whose talent and community spirit was responsible for beginning these annual concerts 12 years ago. He was unable to attend this year and he was missed by all who know him.

Howard Klein

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The six-week summer "Reading Cats And Dogs" Program at the Brown Memorial Library attracted thirty children each week for stories and activities including visits from Nancy Lyon with her search-and-rescue dog and potter Ann McCrea of Clayworks in Newport. The grand finale was a pet show judged by Marion Hopkins; although no pictures were available at press time, it was reported to be quite a sight!

Saylyn to Perform Live at Bradford Center

Back by popular demand, the musical group, Saylyn, will be performing at Bradford Center, Saturday, August 19 from 3:00-6:00pm. If you enjoy authentic Reggae music, you will enjoy listening to this band. Do you like to dance? It's hard to hear Reggae music without absorbing the beat. The concert is free. The concert will be accompanied by

a Chicken BBQ. Tickets for the BBQ are on sale at Bowie's Market and Video Pursuit on Main Street. Tickets purchased in advance are \$7.00 and are \$8.00 at the door. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket and settle in for the afternoon. Rain or shine. Proceeds to benefit Preservation of the Bradford Center Meeting House.

Calling all Little "Hams"

The NH Youth Line Dancers are looking for new members to dance in fairs, festivals and on stage. Membership is free and no previous performing experience is needed. Molly Clark of Bradford is the director of the dance troupe and will be on the road this fall teaching dance class sessions throughout the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee, Merrimack Valley and Monadnock regions. Ages five to 14 are taught popular and original dance choreography, teamwork and showmanship.

The program is part of "Fitness Friends

for Kids" to encourage youth fitness and a healthy, active lifestyle through dance. Groups, schools and churches are invited to sponsor class sessions for youth in their vicinity.

Molly founded Fitness Friends in 1992, is fitness certified and a member of AFAA, holds Red Cross CPR certification and has had formal training in a variety of dance disciplines.

To sign up for free membership with the NH Youth Line Dancers call 938-5978 or e-mail molly@conknet.com.

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Church News



From Lynne E. Hubley

The American Baptist Women's Ministries will have a potluck dinner on Tuesday, August 1 at 6:00pm at the Church. After dinner, an installation of officers will be held. All women of the Church are invited to attend. A lively skit will be presented during the evening, as well.

Pastor Lynne will hold a Morning Bible Study in her office from 10:00-11:00am on August 8, 15, 22 and 29 and September 12 and 19. The study will be of the Psalms using Max Lucado's *Life Lessons on the Psalms*.

For a Church Fellowship Night, we will be going to see *The King & I* at the New London Barn Playhouse on Friday, August 11. The performance begins at 8:00pm. We will meet at the Church at 7:00pm to carpool. Tickets are \$19; payment must be made by Sunday, August 6.

Diane Muise, a gospel singer, will give a concert at the Church on Friday, August 25 at 7:00pm. The E. Warren Smith Fund is underwriting this, so the concert is free.

Our Worship Service for Sunday, August 27 will be held at the Bradford Center Meeting House at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome to enjoy worship in this beautiful, historical building.

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Gospel Artist Coming to Bradford

Diane Muise of Auburn, Maine will present a concert of Gospel music on Friday evening, August 25 at the First Baptist Church in Bradford. A professional singer for many years, Muise has toured extensively across the United States and Canada.

A winner of numerous national awards for her singing and her songwriting, Muise has recorded seven solo albums in Nashville. Ten of her songs have been published in her songbook *The Songs of Diane Muise*. She is a member of ASCAP, Gospel Music Association and the Southern Gospel Music Association. An acclaimed speaker for women's conferences, retreats and seminars, Muise has authored a book entitled *God Takes The Broken Pieces Of Our Lives And Makes A Stained Glass Window*, released by DALiMi Music Publishing in 1997.

Most of her concerts also feature her ten-year old son, Michael. Husband Leo acts as booking agent, business manager, sound technician and bus driver. As a family they travel approximately 50,000 miles per year. The Muises present a varied program of different types of gospel music interspersed with humor, caring and sharing of real-life experiences.

The public is cordially invited to attend the 7:00pm concert. There is no admission charge; however, a free will offering will be received for the Muise Music Ministry. The E. Warren Smith Fund is underwriting the expenses of the program.

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 659 calls for service (one arrest was made) between June 16 and July 15. The breakdown is as follows: One abandoned vehicle, two ambulance calls, 67 animal complaints, two assists to the Fire Department, ten assists to other agencies, two bad checks, two burglaries, 443 business checks, one citizen assist, one civil problem, one case of criminal mischief, two dog bites, one case of domestic violence, two fireworks complaints, one found property, one harassing communication, seven incident/services, two juvenile complaints, three motor vehicle accidents, three motor vehicle complaints, one noise complaint, one OHV complaint, two paper services, 19 parking violations, one possession of a controlled drug, three stranded motorists, two suspicious persons/vehicles, two thefts, 12 traffic citations, 59 traffic warnings, one vacation house check, two weapons permits and one 911 hang-up.

—Pennie M. Spooner

Independence Day Parade

It was a grand day for a parade! Thanks to all of you who participated in so many ways. Music to march by was provided by the Kearsarge Community Band, the Beekdash Calliope and the 2nd NH Regiment Serenade Band. Ribbons were awarded to:

Floats: 1st Y2K Bug, 2nd Center Meeting House, 3rd Friends of the Brown Memorial Library and Honorable Mention Fernald Float.

Wheeled Vehicles: 1st 1952 Studebaker, 2nd "Umbrella" Man "Munchy" Foot.

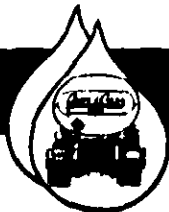
Entries Featuring Children: 1st Bradford Twirlers, 2nd Bradford Women's Club, and 3rd Andover Unicyclists.

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BEOC Update

Our meeting this month could be best characterized by Mel Pfeifle's comment, "keep it simple," offered in response to various details being considered by the BEOC to weave together a variety of improvement projects soon to begin. Our goal is for each completed project and improvement to meld together as one Main Street.

The Village Improvement Program has numerous larger efforts, the Library and Community Center landscaping projects, as well as the Gateway design to begin at the corner of Main Street and Route 103. These projects are the beginning steps to create a synergy in the Main Street and Village Area, which only comes with preplanning and coordination of ideas. The members of the BEOC will offer up some "simple concepts" for lighting, signs, walls, stonework, curbing and plantings to help guide these projects. If you are a business owner, rental operator or private homeowner, some of these suggestions may make sense for your location.

In coordination with the Planning Board, the BEOC will also offer the list of "simple concepts" to help guide the board with upcoming projects. As commented by Mel Pfeifle, "most people are open to suggestions" on lighting, plantings, signage, etc. Usually a new business wants to fit into the town theme rather than standing out or grinding against it.

Be on the look out for numerous projects to start to take form along Main Street in the next few weeks and, if you have any ideas on these or other projects or would like to help the BEOC, please come and be a part of our next meeting. We want and need to hear from you.

---Stephen Manley

Parks & Recreation News

We were so proud of our Twirlers in the parade. They looked wonderful and performed fantastically. Great job girls.

The response to our work at French's Park has been just wonderful. We are so glad everyone is enjoying it.

The Watson family has come out in full force to Archery. They are good but don't be afraid to join them. If you are looking for something to do as a family, this is it.

Molly Clark has added Karaoke to her program for a Middle School Dance on Saturday, August 26, 6:30pm at the Town Hall. This should be a fun night.

Our second Paint a Picture in a Day program once again showed the talent within us. Though at times during the day there were doubts, when the day was done everyone walked away with beautiful pictures to show off and hear acclaims of "You did this!" We will do another one in September.

We are trying to decide the fate of the Skateboard Park. It needs much work and we can't do it by ourselves. We need kids and parents who are willing to put time and energy into it. If you want to have some input on its fate, get in touch with any member of the Parks & Recreation Department.

---Jane Lucas

**The Bradford Community Corporation
and the Board of Governors of
The Bradford Area Community Center
invite all of the area community
to celebrate with us and dedicate the
BRADFORD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
on Saturday, August 19
from 1:00 until 3:00pm
at THE CENTER**

The Bradford Community Corporation congratulates the Community Center Board of Governors on its great success in operating the new building, offering programs for area citizens of all ages and providing a much needed meeting and gathering place for the Bradford area.

The Corporation is extremely grateful to all who gave money, time and talent in the extraordinary effort to produce a vital Community Center. For their most recent volunteer hours and hours, we thank Skip Smith, Dan Peret and Nate Kimball who have been busy grading and loaming. Mel Pfeifle, with John Mock, John Lyons, Jane Johnsen, Charlene and Del Harris, has put together the landscaping plan for the Main Street grounds so that we will have the basics completed before fall.

Will you help us with a **DRIVE TO THE FINISH?** Our needs now are few. If we can raise another \$10,000-\$15,000, we will be able to finish the Community Room on the lower level, properly install the kitchen stove, equip the medical room, begin work on the roof, continue landscape work on Main Street and pave the parking area with access to the principal entrance.

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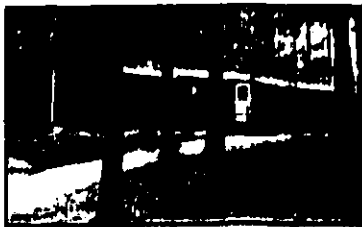
Bradford's youngest line dancers performing at the Midway as part of the Independence Day festivities

Bradford Bits & Bytes

Dixieland jazz and spirituals, old romantic ballads, hand-clapping sing-a-longs and patriotic favorites—such was the fare at the July 1st Fair. These instrumentals were presented by "Strings-n-Things" as a joint fundraiser by the Women's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Bradford and the Bradford Area Community Center. Sincere thanks go to Merrimack Farm & Country Store and to Jesse of Cobble Pond Farms for their generous gift certificate door prizes. Dick MacLeod, too, deserves a big thank you for the professional roadside signs he built (with wood donated by the Lumber Barn) and set up to advertise the event. Finally, thanks to Dick Whall for creating the attractive posters, flyers, and tickets. Happy summer to all from ABWM & BACC.

—P. G. Whall

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Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News

The Fish & Game's booth at Bradford's 4th of July celebration was very successful. Many people stopped by to look over our safety table and find out more about us. I want to welcome all the new members who signed up and remind them that our meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the clubhouse on Gillingham drive.

We kicked off a fund raising raffle on July 8 that will be drawn on November 18 at our annual "Turkey Party". There are too many prizes to list and more may be added, but some of the highlights are: \$100 cash, \$50 cash, \$50 savings bond, a cordless phone, gift certificates to area restaurants and lodges, cord wood and we even offer a truck load of cow manure. All of the prizes have been generously donated. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Please contact any Club member if you would like raffle tickets.

The 2000 Hunter Education Class will start on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse. Signing up at Dickie's beforehand is recommended in order to assure enough supplies. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm throughout the month of September plus one Sunday morning. Some subjects covered are firearm safety, marksmanship, map and compass use, hunter ethics and responsibility, wildlife conservation and outdoor survival skills. It is an excellent class for people of all ages. While we do allow children under 12 to take the class if there is enough room, a youngster must be 12 years old by the end of the course in order to receive a course comple-

tion card. Cost of the entire course is \$2.

The education and training department of the Club is still reviewing whether this will be our last Hunter's Education class in light of the passage of SB419, which takes effect in January. A recent newsletter sent to instructors from NH Fish & Game stated, "Several instructors have expressed concern about whether this law places any liability upon hunter education instructors. In the opinion of Senior Assistant Attorney General Michael J. Wells, the Department's hunter safety education instructors are exposed to no potential liability under this statute. In his view neither this statute nor the common law provides any legitimate basis for liability exposure to the Department's volunteer instructors."

In 1999, hunters set a state record by harvesting 499 black bears. (313 still-hunting, 117 over bait, 69 by hounds). The pre-hunt population density estimates for the regions are: 0.5 bears per square mile in the north; 0.9 in the White Mountains; 0.4 in the central region; 0.3 in the southwest and less than 0.1 in the southeast. Black bear season in general starts September 1. Make sure to check on restrictions in the different wildlife management areas.

Archery season for deer runs from September 15-December 15. Last year archers harvested 1,981 deer (946 bucks, 1,035 does). Fall turkey season (archery only) also starts on September 15 and runs through December 15. If you are a first-time bow hunter you need to take a Bow Hunter Education course. Contact the NH Fish & Game Department for schedules.

—Lance Rickenberg

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Lake Association Pot Luck

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association will hold its annual pot luck dinner at the Casino on Saturday, August 12 starting at 6:00pm. All who are interested are welcome to attend. Donations will be accepted.

Planning Board Notes

During July, the Planning Board continued to work on administrative details, revising the Subdivision Application package to make it easier to understand and beginning to develop an application for a "Street Plat" in line with suggestions presented by Matt Walsh from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. When these are complete, they will be available, along with updated copies of Planning Board regulations, in the document holder outside the Selectmen's Office.

Actions taken by the Board during July include:

- Recommendation to the Selectmen that a building permit be issued for a lot with frontage on the Class VI section of Dunfield Road.
- Accepted and approved a boundary line adjustment to consolidate three lots into two for property bordering Lake Massasecum that is accessed by a private drive off Massasecum Lake Road.
- Approved a site plan revision for Mercury Designs for two business units in the old Cressy-Williams building on Main Street. (Most recently Holloway garage.)

Preliminary discussions were held concerning a simple subdivision of Hambrecht property on Fairgrounds Road, a site plan for a crafts shop to be operated by Carol Fortune on Route 103, and a 3 lot subdivision for land formerly occupied by Breezy Hill Lumber.

The Board meeting on Tuesday, August 8 will begin at 7:00pm to allow more time for work on the administrative documents. A public hearing is scheduled for 8:00pm on the Breezy Hill Lumber subdivision. The building inspector will meet with the board at 8:30 to discuss issues of mutual concern.

--Marcia Keller

Then... by Milly Kittredge



In 1949, the highway from Manchester to Charlestown was named the John Stark Highway as a result of a bill sponsored by Reuben Moore and passed by the General Court.

In August of that year, the Bradford Women's Club held their sixth annual fair and chose to honor General Stark as their parade theme. This was probably the largest and most elaborate parade of floats ever to wind its way through Main Street. Providing protection from any marauding natives were the General and some of his frontiersmen—George and Mark Ayer and Earnest Sherman (Newbury), George Shattuck and Alfred Watkins.

Many of the newspaper pictures of the floats are on file at the Historical Society, but we're missing a lot. We would like copies of any photos showing Heselton's hayrack of people, the Mt. Sunapee group, Charlestown's Fort #4, Fish and Game's log cabin and the Descendant's auto.

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- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- a large pinch of allspice

Cut in:

- 12 Tbsp. cold butter

Stir in:

- 1 1/3 cups heavy cream
- Do not overwork the dough
- Roll out to 1/4 inch thick
- Cut with your favorite cutter or just into squares and place on a lined baking sheet
- Bake at 425 for 12-15 minutes
- Enjoy!

MainStreet BookEnds Programs in August

On Friday, August 4, the Gallery at MainStreet BookEnds of Warner is proud to welcome, from Washington and the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, author Stacy Mitchell. Her appearance, sponsored by Sugar River Savings Bank, will include a timely discussion of her book *Hometown Advantage; How to Defend Your Main Street Against Chain Stores*. This program is free.

On Friday, August 11, Ed Bender, owner of Sundance Solar will present a fun and fact-filled evening entitled "Who Wants to Be an Environmentalist?" This program is free, donations are appreciated.

On Friday, August 18, the Kearsarge Regional High School will present their original play *Voices*, a look into teen life today. This program is free, donations are appreciated. Call 456-2700 for reservations.

And, on Friday, August 25, there will be a concert with Richard King and "Drumming for the Spirit" under the stars. Audience participation is welcome. This program is free, donations are appreciated.

All programs begin at 7:00pm. Call 456-2700 for more information.

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Senior Rally

A very interesting and informative meeting was held on July 15 at the Bradford Area Community Center. Our president, Betty Perron, opened the meeting at 1:15pm. She introduced our guest, Cindy Adie, a pharmacist at Colonial Pharmacy in New London. Cindy gave a brief resume about herself. She came from Manisquam, NJ, and graduated from Rutgers University. She has been a pharmacist for more than twenty years and has practiced at Colonial Pharmacy for most of those years. Cindy spoke about the protocol of filling prescriptions, advising customers and the procedures required in filling prescriptions. Cindy is a dedicated, charismatic pharmacist. Members asked many questions and Cindy answered each and every one. Cindy was enthusiastically greeted by all in attendance and many expressed their hope that she would make a return visit in the future. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and delicious snacks.

Seniors are reminded of the free computer lessons being given on Saturday mornings at the Community Center from 10:00am to noon. We ask that beginners come at 10:00am and more advanced at 11:00am as there is, at present, only one computer. This way the instruction is easier to observe. So far eight seniors have come for instruction and we would like to see more.

The next Rally meeting is scheduled for August 12 at the Community Center at which time new officers will be elected. The Senior Rally is open to all area town seniors. So, come and be a part of an exciting program.

—Genie Polm



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Winning Float a Repeat Performance

"The Y2K Bug" float in this year's millennially-themed Firemen's Independence Day Parade was actually a repeat performance for the featured creature.

"Buggy"—his pet name—also made an appearance in the 1996 parade, as the One Eyed One Horned Flying Purple People Eater, in support of that year's The Fifties parade theme and honoring Sheb Wooley's hit song of that era. Caught in the act of devouring a Cabbage Patch doll, he captured a "Most Original Float" trophy for his creators. Two years earlier, as "Messie, The Lake Massasecum Monster", she made her



Bradford debut in the 1994 Independence Day Parade. Chinese-dragon style, Messie was powered by four summer visitors to the Here 'Tis cottage on the lake's West Shore: Sue Hayden, Jane and Markell Ripps and Chris Steever. The parade judges, apparently finding no existing award categories for aquatic monsters and apparently un-dazzled by her ruffles and sequins, declined to reward Messie's appearance.

She was also slower afoot than the rest of the parade entrants that year, creating a noticeably-large gap in the middle of the procession from



the Post Office to the Appleseed Inn. "It was beastly hot inside her" noted Jane Ripps, no pun intended. Back at the lake, over cool refreshments, Jane and her sister Sue vowed not to give up, but to bring the chicken wire, fabric and foam beast, then seven feet tall and eleven feet long, back to a future parade, on wheels.

Before being stored away, Messie appeared in the first annual Massasecum Boat Parade, towed precariously in a canoe by 60-year lake denizen Leon Rice.

The idea of participating in the Bradford parade started as a summertime entertainment for the younger members of the Hayden and Ripps families and their friends.

Oh, and by the way, the Y2K Bug garnered another first this year, for Best Float. Sue and Jane, ignoring the lack of competition in their category, pronounced Buggy a success, and vowed to return to the line of march when some future parade theme inspires them.

—Reported by tow-car driver Joe Hayden



Soo-Nipi Audubon

On Saturday, August 19, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a field trip "Birding at the Coast" where sightings of whimbrels, godwits, egrets and knots are always a possibility. Participants should meet birder Fred Sladen at the Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89, at 8:00am. Bring binoculars, lunch and a scope if you have one. Come prepared for wet walking. For details call Fred at 526-4321.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Concord Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is developing a volunteer medical transportation program for local residents. Medical transportation will be provided by local volunteers who will drive their own vehicles. We are hoping to recruit many volunteers so that each driver will be responsible for driving only one day a month. For more information about being a volunteer driver, please call Dave Coombs at 225-6697 or Dick MacLeod at 938-5520.

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Real Estate Hints:

Market Watch

by Laura Hallahan

So, times have been very good for the real estate market but how long will they last? We've seen interest rates go up and gas prices go up, so will the real estate market stay strong? It is predicted that existing home sales will drop by 8.7 percent from last year and new-home sales by 5.3 percent. But even with those figures, we are in line for 2000 to be the third best year ever.

Part of the reason for the strong sales is inventory, which is at the smallest level in history with fewer than one million homes on the market in January 2000. This explains why some properties are being sold by sealed bid with lots of buyers making offers on the few homes available. This has been the case with several properties in our area. Supply should pick up soon, though, as owners will start to put their homes on the market to capture the appreciation this market has brought forth. Another reason for strong sales is that, by and large, people are showing real income in-

creases due to the strong labor market and people are also building wealth. The stock market has helped as well, though partly due to the market and partly due to consumer prices, the Federal Reserve last year instituted a policy of raising interest rates and that policy is slowing real estate sales and affecting the stock market at the same time.

Buyers who are in the market now are getting jittery over the possibility of increased interest rates as they try to decide when to buy, how much house to buy, how much they can afford to put down and what kind of financing they should use. This is also an election year, and it seems that the market changes after an election. So, for now, the real estate market is still strong, but as the economy slows and the demand for housing is affected, there will be a shift in home buying decisions and we may be in for some ups and downs along the way.

Vacation Bible School in Sutton

Hey kids, you still have time to join Ms. Cherie and the Odyssey gang for some wonderful fun at the Vacation Bible School at Trinity Bible Church, Route 114 in South Sutton from July 31 through Aug. 4. The fun begins at 9:00am-11:30am. This is for children four years old through grade six (in the fall of 2000). Activities consist of games, music, stories, crafts and snacks. Call 927-4384 for more information.

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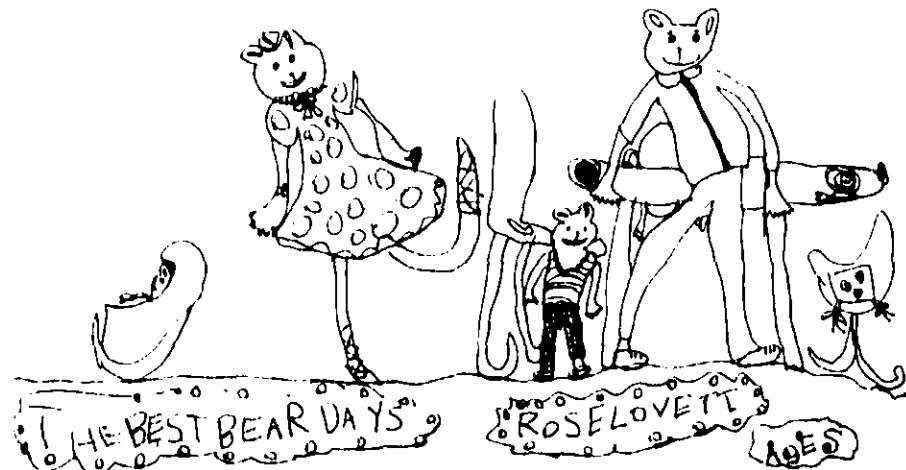
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Selectmen's Meetings in July

July 5. Conrad Szymkowiec, Ann Hallahan, realtor and Mr. and Mrs. Hasey attended the meeting to discuss with Selectmen the requirements for building on a Class VI road. Mr. Szymkowiec owns property on Dunfield Road and the Haseys are interested in purchasing the property to build a home. The Selectmen explained the procedure, beginning with a recommendation from the Planning Board, the evaluation by the Board of Selectmen and the need to file an attachment to the deed identifying the restrictions regarding road maintenance and landowner responsibility for emergency services. The Selectmen explained the current landowner would be responsible for filing the restriction, and the Selectmen would not grant the waiver on the basis of a potential owner. Once recorded, the restrictions would follow the deed and a future building permit would be evaluated with that information. Mr. Szymkowiec will attend the next Planning Board meeting to begin the process.

Arnold Anderson, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to discuss budget items and potential shortfalls. Summer scheduling of roadwork and paving was discussed and increased attention to the ordering of supplies and parts was decided.

Selectmen voted to request Bill

Clinton to continue an investigation of the water and sewer projects for the town.

Letter from Thomas Keane informing Selectmen of his progress on fire debris cleanup on his property on Lake Massasecum. Mr. Keane has indicated he will soon complete the project and hopes to begin rebuilding in the fall.

Letter from Bill Clinton regarding road condition on Rowe Mountain Road.

Update on the progress and continuing investigation by Department of Environmental Services of the Massasecum Campground. Mr. Richard deSeve is the individual in charge of the investigation and will be visiting the site.

July 19. Selectmen voted to appoint Marvin Rich as the Selectmen's representative to the Budget Committee.

The progress on the Town Hall renovations was discussed. The sanding of the floors is complete and the application of the finish will begin tonight. The building will be open for the public hearing of the Planning Board to be held on Tuesday evening July 25.

Cheryl reported on contact with Mr. deSeve of the Department of Environmental Services. Mr. deSeve is still investigating the renting of cabins by Mr. Laurendeau at the Lake Massasecum Campground. He will contact the Selectmen's office when his investigation is complete.

Selectmen were informed of the Moreland appeal to the Supreme Court on the Lake Massasecum Campground issue.

Mr. Robert Ulrich has requested a per-

mit to install a construction trailer on property he owns on West Road. Selectmen have decided to issue the permit only when a building permit has been applied for and issued. The length of the permit is six months.

The selectmen voted to appoint Perry Teele and Richard Whall as representatives to the Regional Resource Conservation Committee.

Selectmen signed Intent to Cut for Wunderlich on Rte 114.

Selectmen received the Planning Board's recommendations to allow the building on Dunfield Road on property owned by Conrad Szymkowiec providing the necessary documents are filed with the registry as per RSA 674. The landowner is also to contact the Town prior to any work performed on the Class VI portion of Dunfield Road. The town will set the limits and specification of any improvements made to the road.

The Bradford Community Center has received approval to install a walkway from Main Street to the front of the building.

Drainage problems on Steele Road at the property of Anthony Vitale were discussed. The Selectmen will research the matter to determine Town liability.

Selectmen tabled action on the Gravel Excavation Application until Selectman Frey returns.

Selectmen appointed Christopher Way to the Conservation Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles Betz.

—excerpted from public minutes prepared by Cheryl Behr

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Legislative Report

By Representative Barbara Conner French



As we finish our session with a funding deficit for education, we have an opportunity and obligation, as we campaign for election for the next session, to work on turning this around. We tried during this session (1998-2000), and almost made it, to have a responsible, fair, reasonable tax structure using the income tax as the basis. I will continue to work hard to ensure that we pass a fair, equitable tax structure to meet the education needs, the services to the people of New Hampshire and to see that the needs of the taxpayers are considered.

We had to deal with several veto messages from the Governor because "we don't have the revenue." In my opinion, this is due to our tax structure. We are not a poor state. New Hampshire is number seven or eight in per capita income. We certainly have the ability to produce the revenue to meet our obligations and still act frugally. Senate Bill 153 requires that a percentage of the profits derived by the Liquor Commission be placed into and continually appropriated to a special fund for alcohol education and abuse prevention and treatment programs. This bill became law without signature on July 12, 2000 and will be effective July 1, 2001.

From the Environment and Agriculture Committee, we had two bills that had veto overrides. House Bill 648 is relative to a sludge-testing program. The bill allows sampling and testing of sludge and biosolid materials to be conducted by independent third parties as well as the state. This bill also appropriates certain funds to the sampling and analysis of sludge or biosolids samples fund. House Bill 1343 will appropriate available funds for fiscal year 2000 to provide funding to support research monitoring groundwater at reclamation sites that have had sludge applied. I feel that we have an obligation to assess and evaluate our water supplies for our health and for the safety of our environment. The amount of money needed to fund these two necessary programs is but a drop in the bucket.

Unfortunately, although the House voted to override the vetoes on House Bill 235, which would have increased exemptions under the interest and dividends tax, and House Bill 542 that would have repealed the legacies and succession tax, the Senate voted to sustain the Governor's veto. The first bill would have taken effect July 2002 and the second, July 2001.

The most important issue of concern this month is the report about the Judiciary

Committee's work on the impeachment articles regarding the Supreme Court justices, and the House vote. We have every reason to be very proud of the committee, their dedication, determination to do what is right, to be fair and even-handed. This whole process is in uncharted waters and they have truly acted in the people's best interest. On July 12, the House met in session to vote on the impeachment articles. The House recommended by a vote of 253 to 95 that articles of impeachment be brought against Supreme Court Chief Justice David A. Brock. The House also voted that no articles of impeachment be brought against Supreme Court Justices Sherman Horton, Jr. and John Broderick, Jr. Now that the House has made its recommendation, the Senate will conduct a full and impartial trial to determine whether David A. Brock, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, should be convicted and removed from office. The trial is scheduled to begin August 21, 2000.

I hope that you and your families are enjoying our beautiful New Hampshire summer. As always, please feel free to contact me, Barbara French, at 428-3366 or Beth Rodd at 938-2692 if you have any questions or concerns.

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August Calendar

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish and Game Club,
Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Library Trustees Meeting, BML, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Book Sale, BML Basement, 9:00am-
1:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town
Hall, 9:00am, call 938-5386 for more
information

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Texas BBQ Library Benefit, Thistle &
Shamrock Inn, 5:00-8:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

BEOC Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Bradford Community Corporation,
BACC, 7:00am

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Lake Massasecum Association Annual Pot
Luck, 6:00pm, Casino

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Conservation Commission, Town Hall,
7:30pm

Thistle Spinners, every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, all are welcome to attend.

Parks & Recreation Fitness Programs

Step aerobics, Tuesdays 6:30pm, Town Hall

Low impact aerobics, Thursdays 6:30pm, Town Hall. Call 938-5978 for info.

Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, no meetings in August

Bradford Historical Society open every Saturday, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386 for more information.

Free Computer Classes for Seniors, Saturdays, BACC Senior Room, 10:00-11:00am novice, 11:00am-Noon intermediate, questions call 938-6009.

To list events for the September Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-
2787 for details

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Bradford Area Community Center Dedi-
cation, BACC, 1:00-3:00pm

Free Reggae concert featuring "Saylyn" &
Chicken BBQ-UCS benefit, Bradford
Center Meeting House lawn, 3:00-
6:00pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Commissioner Bernie and Deborah
Lamach's "Back Yard Bash", 92 Center
Road, 3:00-6:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

BBA Meeting, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

KRSD School Board Meeting, KRHS,
7:00pm (please note all school board
meetings will now take place at the
High School)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

First Baptist Church service, Bradford
Center Meeting House, 10:00am

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Toughlove Parent Support Group, BACC,
7:00-9:00pm

Classifieds

Certified Special Education teacher avail-
able for all academic subjects, grades K-
12. Call 938-2991.

FREE for the taking. Gray Lazy Boy chair,
fairly good condition. Call 938-2754.

FOR SALE. Truck, full size pickup,
Chevrolet C-10, 1982 6 cylinder engine,
4 speed manual transmission, 114,000
miles, runs fine, needs body work and
paint, \$475. Call 938-2505.

FOR SALE. Oak twin beds, includes all
bedding, very good condition, \$300. Call
938-2252.

FOR SALE. Modern, compact toilet fix-
ture. Universal Rundle, premium water
saver, fits in tight space, \$50. Call 938-
2877.

HELP WANTED. Rural carrier associates
to substitute on U.S. postal carrier routes,
Saturdays. Must have own vehicle. Con-
tact Bradford Postmaster.

To place a **FREE** classified ad of 40 words
or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-
2692.

**DON'T WAIT
UNTIL
IT'S TOO LATE!**

Bradford Bridge September deadlines

Display ads	August 20
Classified ads	August 26
Articles	August 20*

*If you would like to submit an ar-
ticle covering an event occurring af-
ter the deadline, please contact Lyn
Betz at 938-5029.

Reggae Concert featuring Saylyn

Saturday, August 19 3:00-6:00pm
Rain or Shine

Old Bradford Center • Rowe Mountain Rd.
Chicken BBQ

\$7 in advance, \$8 at the door

Proceeds to benefit UCS for
Bradford Center Meeting House preservation