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What are you doing this weekend?

If you're not busy this weekend, there will be lots to do with holiday guests without leaving town.

The Millennium July 4th First Baptist Church Fair will be held on Saturday, July 1 from 9:00am-2:00pm. The UNH Little Red Wagon Puppet Show is at 11:00am and there will be a hand-made quilt raffle drawing at 2:00pm. The Youth Groups will be selling ice cream sundaes (with fresh strawberries) from 11:00am-2:00pm. You can find them in the Food Pantry at Fiske House, which is nice and cool.

The N.H. musical group Strings 'n Things will perform at the First Baptist Church immediately following the fair at 2:15pm on Saturday, July 1. This concert of a variety of toe-tapping and sing-along songs is suitable for all ages. The Bradford Area Community Center and the Women's Fellowship of the Church (ABW) have joined their resources and efforts to present this fund-raising event. The band is composed of 12-15 accomplished musicians whose instruments include piano, banjo, guitar, mandolin, and many others.

Tickets are \$5 per person or a maximum of \$15 for immediate family members up to five in number. Refreshments will be for sale at intermission. Advance tickets are for sale at: Bowie's Market and Video Pursuit, both on Main St., Bradford; Outspokin', Route 103, Newbury; MainStreet BookEnds, East Main St., Warner and at the Sutton Library, Sutton Mills. For information about the concert, call 938-5352 or 938-2650.

Also on Saturday, the Brown Memorial Library will be holding a book sale from 9:00am-1:00pm. Look for them in the library basement, where it is always cool and shady!

On Sunday, July 2 at 10:30am, the Union Congregational Society is sponsoring an ecumenical Hymn Sing worship service at the Bradford Center Meeting House on Rowe Mountain Road. All are invited to come, choose favorite hymns, and make joyful noise with your neighbors.

WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS...



...it becomes time to celebrate Independence Day, Bradford throws a great party! Peter and Mary Beth Fenton, below, are this year's parade marshals. See page 19 for a complete schedule of activities.



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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 July 20.

Selectmen's Update

Have a happy July Fourth. Remember this year's festivities in our town will take place on Saturday, July 8. The parade will commence at 4:00pm. Immediately following the parade the Fire Department's traditional chicken supper will be served at the Brown-Shattuck Field.

Work on the Fairgrounds Road bridge has been moved up to July 17th. As previously stated there will be detours on the road.

The Highway Department will continue sealing cracks, where necessary, on town roads. Motorists should avoid driving over the wet tar. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

The Milfoil Project on Lake Massasecum will begin shortly. We commend those who are continuing to keep our lake beautiful. The Merrimack County Diversion Program along with our Recreation Department and volunteers cleared the area of French's Park and left it in an excellent condition.

Representatives from the Federal E.P.A., State Environmental Services, BEOC and the selectmen did an on-site inspection of the Naughton property. We have moved one step closer to a federal grant called the Brownfields Project.

The Selectmen's meeting for July 3 has been moved up to Wednesday, July 5 to accommodate those who might have been away for the holiday. Meetings during the summer months will continue every other Monday at 5:00pm.

Paving of Ring Hill road and the apron at the town sheds should be completed at the time of this update.

Arrangements are being made to remove any junk vehicles on any resident's property at no cost to the resident. For further information please contact Cheryl at the Selectmen's Office to ascertain when the service is available.

—Marvin Rich, Selectman

Obituary

MARION L. GLOVER

Marion L. Glover died May 29 in Palm Bay, Florida. She was born in Quincy, Massachusetts on February 10, 1900. She and her late husband Melvin were long-time residents of Wollaston, Massachusetts and spent summers at Lake Massasecum.

She is survived by a son, Charles M. Glover of Keene and Bradford, and a daughter, Martha Watson of Valkaria, Florida, where Mrs. Glover was living at the time of her death. She was predeceased by a daughter, Winifred A. Smith, in 1991. Her grandson, Mark Watson, resides in Bradford.

In February, Mrs. Glover was joined by her two children, ten grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren, other friends and relatives for her one hundredth birthday celebration.

A graveside service will be held on July 28 at 11:00am at the Village Cemetery in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Donations in her name may be made to the Brown Memorial Library.

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The Kearsarge Regional School District's Summer Reading Program provides an incentive to all students to read for pleasure, as much as possible, during the summer. According to the U.S. Department of Education, children who read 30 minutes, five days a week, can dramatically increase their reading and writing skills. For this reason, the Kearsarge Regional School Board adopted a policy in May of 1999 requiring students in grades five through 12 to report on two books read during the summer.

Reading and Library Media Specialists in the District have compiled suggested Summer Reading Lists that represent students' favorite books and authors. Look for a list (appropriate to your child's grade level) to be sent home with children's report cards. Additional copies of the Suggested Summer Reading Lists are available at area libraries and bookstores. When students return to school next fall, they will be invited to participate in Summer Reading Celebrations if they turn in a list of books they read this summer. Students in grades five through 12 will also be expected to complete reports on two books that they read during the summer.

Reading is an essential skill that requires continued practice. Those children who don't read during the summer may find themselves at a disadvantage when school begins again next fall. Families are encouraged to use their public libraries and visit area book stores so that children can choose books of interest to them. MainStreet BookEnds in Warner and Morgan Hill Books in New London are supporting the KRSD Summer Reading Program by offering discounts to students when they purchase books from the Suggested Summer Reading Lists.

—Kathy McKenna



Twelve riders raised \$14,000 in the 1999 Tour de Stu. Seventeen riders have already signed up for this year's ride.

Stuart F. Sidmore Jr. Memorial Scholarships Awarded

Stuart F. Sidmore Memorial Scholarships (\$750 to \$2,000 awards) have been given to nine Kearsarge Regional School District graduates: Matthew McClay, Blair Weathers, Heather Galluzzo, Brendan Donegan, Jessica Fuller, Kira Wozniak, Megan Saxon, Sarah M. Clark and Jack Clevesy. This little-publicized scholarship fund was established to honor Stuart Sidmore who was recognized for his long and dedicated service in the New London Police Department. He began his career there as a dispatcher, became a police officer, and became Chief of Police in 1990, a post he served until his death from cancer at age 51. "Stu" helped to implement the Kearsarge D.A.R.E. Program and developed the New London Police Cadet Program.

Funds for the scholarship are raised through private contributions and an annual Tour de Stu bike ride. The first bike ride began with four riders trekking 100 miles from Melrose, MA (Stuart's hometown) to New London, NH, a trip that raised \$4,000. For the 2nd Annual Tour de Stu, the number of riders, distances traveled and funds raised have risen dramatically—12 riders, 200 miles, and \$14,000. The 3rd Annual Tour de Stu will take place in September, touring through Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.

The scholarship helps Kearsarge Regional High School graduates, but the opportunity is open to any individual of any age who attended Kearsarge District schools. For more information, call Julie Saxby of Bradford at 938-5519 (Julie@iamnow.net) or Kim Edgecomb at 526-9693.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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Letters

To the editor:

On June 22nd, I was traveling up Marshall Hill at approximately 9:00am in an orange town dump truck, when I met two young bicyclists at the blind curve by Bowie's residence. One bicyclist was riding with the traffic and one was riding against the traffic. They were both wearing helmets, but they won't help much when you collide with a motor vehicle. I came to a complete stop and the bicyclist cut across the road. You were very lucky that there was no vehicle coming down the hill at the same moment.

The rules of safe bicycling are the same as for motor vehicles. Ride with the traffic and obey traffic lights and stop signs. Ride single file if you are with a group of fellow bicyclists and stay to the right side of the road as much as possible. Your summer vacation won't be much fun if you're in a cast.

If you are traveling on the state roads, stay on the shoulder; don't stay on the white line like I have seen so many adults do. They ride with their head down using the line as a guide. Please ride to the extreme right and look where you are going. If there is a disabled vehicle in that lane, the chances are pretty good that you will collide with it.

When I was in grade school forty plus years ago the police would hold a bicycle

safety class in my school. I guess they don't do that anymore.

I enjoy meeting the youth of our fair town, but not the way we almost met that morning. Please have a safe and joyous summer vacation in whatever activity you do.

Dan Peret, Unit Three,
Bradford Highway Dept.

To the editor:

In response to Barbara French's legislative report in the June issue of the Bridge on SB 419. She states that "it does not prevent a person from keeping a loaded gun in their possession or at night, beside their bed." SB 419 does not say that you can keep a loaded firearm next to your bed at night. That is Barbara's interpretation. Part V. says, "This section shall not apply whenever any of the following occurs." Paragraph (c) "The firearm is carried on the person or within such a close proximity thereto so that the individual can readily retrieve and use the firearm as if carried on the person." If you are sound asleep counting Zs good luck explaining to a grief stricken jury that you were in control and able to retrieve the firearm as if you were carrying on your person. You've got about as much chance as if you were trying to prove you are in control of a vehicle when you are asleep at the wheel.

The bill does encourage the use of trigger locks. Trigger locks should never be used on a loaded firearm. That is not what they were designed for. That is an accident

waiting to happen. Our legislators should be ashamed for encouraging such a dangerous policy.

Barbara also goes on to state 38 children died from gunshots between 1992-1996. The information I have from the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services say that the number was actually 40. One of which was an accident, a youngster between the age of 15-19. The other 39 were either suicides or homicides. This is in itself indicative of other social issues that our state legislators seem to ignore. I am a state certified Hunters Safety Instructor as well as a NRA certified firearms Safety Instructor.

I have been involved with firearms safety in one form or another for over twenty years. I am in no way trying to make light or minimize the tragic loss of any life, whether by accident, one's own hand or another's. If this or another law were to actually save lives I would be in favor of it. I am just trying to correct the falsehoods and misdirection of our current list of incumbent candidates who are using this bill to pretend that they have actually accomplished something this session, when this law actually endangers more than it does to save lives.

Lance Rickenberg

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Police Officer Indicted

Police Sgt. Robert Varley, a four-year veteran of Bradford's police force, was indicted on May 18 on charges of aggravated felonious sexual assault against a teenage girl on January 3, 1997. Varley turned himself in and was arrested the next day.

Varley was freed on \$5,000 bail and ordered to wear an electronic monitoring device. He was suspended from his job without pay pending the outcome of his trial. The trial has been scheduled for September 11.

—Lyn Betz

Educational Training Program

The Kearsarge Regional School District in cooperation with the Bradford Area Community Center is looking for compassionate men and women to implement an educational program for at-risk parents and children. This would entail attending all-expense paid training September 10-15 and 2.5 hours a week for a 15 to 20 week period thereafter to implement the program at the BACC. There is a stipend provided for these positions. Interested applicants should contact Heather Lane at 938-6228 to schedule an interview.

New London Country Fair

On Saturday, July 8, the Women's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church in New London will sponsor its annual Country Fair on the church green from 9:00am-2:00pm. Beginning at 9:00am, morning coffee and sweet breads will be served until 11:00am. A cookout lunch from 11:30am-1:30pm will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, dessert and a beverage. The Kearsarge Community Band will provide music during the lunch hour. A great variety of goods for sale will include baked goods, pickles and preserves, books for all ages and tastes, white elephants, gifts, plants, woodenware, knitted goods, stitchery, craft supplies, collectibles, jewelry, and Summer Elves creations. A new feature this year is a children's shop called "Babies to Teens." Children's activities will be provided throughout the day and will include face painting.

Proceeds from the fair will be used to support the local church and mission projects locally, nationally and overseas. Call 763-5543 for more information.

—Phyllis Curtiss

A Poster Exhibition: Kids, Books and the Arts

Posters: Kids, Books and the Arts, an exhibition, will be premiered in Brown Memorial Library beginning July 1. The posters (from the New Hampshire State Library's Collection) were created by professional New Hampshire illustrators for the Children's Librarians (CHILIS) Summer Reading Program. The Bradford Art Group and the Friends of the Library arranged the exhibition with the generous cooperation of State Librarian, Michael York. The exhibit continues through August 30.

Posters represent each year's theme since CHILIS began sponsoring summer reading programs in libraries all around the state. Chris Demarest of Lyme, NH designed this year's theme, Reading Cats & Dogs. Demarest is a free-lance illus-

trator for the Boston Globe, New York Times, Atlantic Monthly, and Forbes. He was the illustrator and cartoonist for the Reader's Digest column, "Laughter, the Best Medicine," for four years. His illustrations are a regular feature in Highlights for Children. He has authored and illustrated more than 50 books. His most recent work, *Smokejumpers*, 10, 9, 8, will be published in the fall of 2002.

Brown Memorial Library is handicapped accessible. The poster exhibit may be viewed during the library's open hours: Monday, 9:30am-8:00pm; Wednesday, 9:30am-5:00pm and Saturday, 9:30am-1:30pm. For more information, call librarian Maggie Ainslie at 938-5622.

—Audrey Sylvester

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Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

The Millenium 4th of July Church Fair will be held on July 1. See page 1 for details.

Our Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, July 10 at 7:00pm to discuss the next steps to the Fiske House and Annex renovations.

The Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, July 19 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can be obtained at other times by calling the Church office (938-5313). If you are unable to pick up a box on that evening, please call the Church office and we will be glad to coordinate another pick-up time.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 17-21 from 6:30-8:00pm. Children ages four through the sixth grade are welcome to attend. The theme is "Outback Adventure." Children are invited to join us as we go "Down Under" for an adventure through Australia. There will be crafts, skits, great snacks, Bible study, games and an opportunity to meet new friends. Also, children will meet a special kangaroo and platypus.

Parks and Recreation Update

With the help of Rick Alibrandi and Dave Pickman, much work was accomplished at the annual clean-up at French's Park. This park is such a lovely area; stop by and enjoy the view. Also, thanks to Dawn Rich and the Robies for their help. We had four community service people who were some of the best workers we've had there. I want to thank the unknown raker or rakers. It is such a joy to find the beach all raked up when we visit the park.

The Sectional competition for our Diamond Skills Baseball participants was held at Homan Stadium in Nashua on June 4. They had a great day and did well, but no one advanced to the next competition. We have next year, though. We're all very proud of these kids. They really try hard.

Our Twirlers are ready for the Parade and Line Dancers ready for the show with Molly Clark before the fireworks. Come watch them perform, I'm sure you will be delighted with them all. Thanks Molly for all your work with the kids.

Our Paint a Picture in a Day was a great success. It was lots of fun and we had some fantastic pictures at the end of the day. It was such a good time we're going to do it again July 18.

For information on archery, call 938-2954.

—Jane Lucas

The Gallery at MainStreet BookEnds

The Gallery at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner presents two programs in July. First, on Friday, July 7, noted children's book author and illustrator True Kelley will present and read from her three newest books.

On Friday, July 14, the Gallery presents "Drumming for the Spirit" under the stars with Richard King. This will be an outdoor performance, weather permitting. Bring lawn chairs.

Both events begin at 7:00pm; donations are appreciated. For reservations or more information call 456-2700.

BWC Update

The Bradford Women's Club will sponsor the Red Cross Swim Program again this summer. The program will be held at French's Park from July 24 through August 4. Registration forms are available at Town Hall, Dodge's Store and the Bradford Area Community Center. For more information call Kathleen Bigford at 938-5104.

The Women's Club will be cooking up their famous meatball and sausage grinders at Bradford's Independence Day Celebration on July 8. Come by, say hello and indulge!

—Jean Gaito, President

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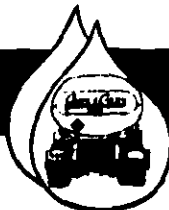
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Bradford Area Community Center July Calendar



Annual Meeting of the Lake Massnsecum Improvement Association:
Saturday, July 1, 9:00am-1:00pm

Senior Gatherings: Every Sunday afternoon from 1:30-5:00pm

DAR Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 7:00pm

Computer Classes for Seniors: Saturdays beginning July 15 from 9:00am-noon in the Senior Room, this is for beginner and intermediate level computer users, instruction provided by Genie Polm

Senior Rally: Saturday July 15, 1:00-3:00pm

Regional Resource Conservation Committee hosted by the Bradford Conservation Commission: Thursday, July 20, 7:00-9:00pm

Congregate Senior Luncheon: CAP, Wednesday, July 26, 11:00am. Please make reservations by calling Betty at 938-2640. There will be a speaker from the Currier Gallery of Art. Before, during, and after the luncheon, there will be services in the Health Room and Counseling Room provided by Sound Advice (hearing screenings and minor hearing aid repair) and Personal Touch (free blood pressure check and foot and nail care)

Lettvin and Friends 2000

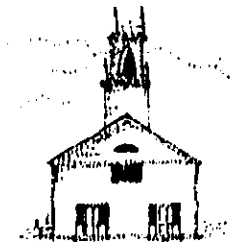
The summer tradition of fine classical music continues in Bradford Center. Featuring some of the country's most gifted young artists, the annual "Lettvin and Friends" Concert Series will take place Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15. Both concerts begin at 7:30pm.

The Bridge Ensemble, featuring Kuniko Imamura at the piano and harpsichord, Koaki Fujimoto on flute, and Jennifer DeVore on cello, will appear on Friday, June 14. Friday's program includes pieces by Bach, Scarlatti, Lobos, Faure and Vaughn Williams. On Saturday, violinist Danwen Jiang will return for her third appearance at Bradford Center. Pianist Ron Levy, an accomplished soloist and chamber musician, will accompany her. Both are guest artists this summer at Vermont's Chamber Music Festival.

The concerts, presented by Bradford's Union Congregational Society and the Bradford Community Center, will take place in the Bradford Center Meeting House. Tickets are \$8.00 for one concert, \$15.00 for both. They can be purchased at

Dodge's Store, at the door or can be reserved by calling 938-2435.

—Debbie Bruss



BACC News: Youth Coalition Coordinator hired

We're "on line" on our new office computer and you can reach us at our e-mail address: bacc@mettelecom.com for scheduling or information. Also our phone number is not yet in the "new listings" so just a reminder that the Community Center's phone number is 938-6228.

In June we welcomed Heather Lane, the new Youth Coalition Coordinator. This position was developed as part of an incentive grant that was awarded to the Community Center and the Kearsarge Regional School District. Her responsibilities include assisting in the implementation of programs that will encourage the prevention of substance abuse among youth in this area. Specifically, she will oversee the Creating Lasting Family Connections and Friends Mentoring Program that will be housed in the Community Center. Additionally, Heather will be working with the Youth Council to develop programming at the Youth Center. Currently, Heather is looking for responsible, compassionate people interested in attending a five day all-expense paid training for the Creating Lasting Family Connections Program. Upon completion of the training, these people would be responsible for facilitating the program at the BACC. There are stipends available for these positions. Of course, she is always looking for volunteers interested in helping out with these programs. You can reach Heather at the BACC office weekday mornings or leave her a message.

The Community Center will be closed for all activities July 10th, 11th, and 12th (but open that evening). The septic system will be fixed and there will be no water in the building and heavy equipment around the building.

We would like to thank Bowie's Market for providing coffee and refreshments to our participants in the AARP 55 Alive Driving class that took place for two days in June. It certainly is wonderful to have such generous neighbors!

—Meg Ames, Planning and Program Coordinator



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What should you do if you encounter a black bear? Normal trail noise should alert bears to your presence and prompt them to move without being noticed. However, if you see a bear, keep your distance. Make it aware of your presence by clapping, talking, singing or making other sounds.

If a bear does not immediately leave after seeing you, the presence or aroma of food may be encouraging it to stay. Remove any sight or smell of foods. Place food items inside a vehicle or building. Occupy a vehicle or building until the bear wanders away. Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when concerned, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground and slowly back away.

Enjoy watching black bears and other wildlife from a distance. Respect them and their right to live in wild New Hampshire. Black bears do not typically exhibit aggressive behavior, even when confronted. Their first response is to flee. Black bears rarely attack or defend themselves against humans. People need not fear bears—they should respect them.

(Source: New Hampshire Department of Fish & Game).

Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News

As July 8 approaches, we would like to remind everyone to stop by our booth at the Bradford Independence Day Celebration. We have arranged with the NH Fish & Game Dept. to bring their DART machine. The best way I can describe it is a large interactive video game designed for teaching firearms safety and marksmanship. It should be a lot of fun. At our table we will have a firearms safety kit supplied by the NH Firearms Safety Coalition as well as conservation information, membership applications, raffles and merchandise.

If you happen to be driving by the Rosewood Inn, you might want to stop and take a look at the crab apple trees the Club, in cooperation with NH Fish & Game, has planted there. The trees are part of the wild turkey winter feed program. In about two years each tree should be producing about two bushels of crabapples. The varieties of trees planted were chosen for their quantity of fruit and the ability to retain them through the winter. We hope to be doing more wildlife habitat improvement and restoration as time goes on.

As we swing into the summer months, more and more people take to the woods to enjoy New Hampshire's natural beauty and wildlife. Hiking, bird watching and camping are great fun as well as being educational. Be sure to be prepared. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress appropriately for the weather, carry a small survival kit and bring enough water, purification tablets or a small water purifier.

I would like to remind everyone to be aware of two of New Hampshire's residents you might encounter out there. Ticks are one of the smallest and black bears are one of the largest things you might want to be wary of. The black bear population in NH has grown from 500 in 1900 to as many as 3000 today. A black bear measures about two to three feet tall at the shoulder and about four to five feet tall when standing. They weigh between 150 and 500 pounds. Bears can sprint up to 35, even 40 miles per hour for short distances.

Bears were considered to have poor eyesight. Recent studies by scientists have proven that their sight is probably as good as humans' but they are somewhat color-

blind. Bear's hearing is superior to ours and their sense of smell is one of the most refined of all mammals. In fact, their keen sense of smell lets them detect food more than two miles away. Be sensitive to the wind. If you find yourself hiking

into the wind, be especially alert for bears that might not be able to sniff your whereabouts before you are upon them. Do not let dogs run free while hiking or camping. When running free, a dog doubles the chance that you will find a bear.

If you should happen upon cubs, back out of the area slowly. Mother probably is not far off and this is one of the few circumstances of potentially dangerous human-bear contact. Just like humans, mother bears will aggressively protect their young.

Ticks are not just a problem for our pets. They can be a very serious problem for us humans. I am sure you have all heard of Lyme Disease. Lyme Disease is crippling and painful. Prevention, early detection and treatment are the way to battle it. Lyme Disease is caused by the bite of the deer tick that is a carrier. The deer tick is so small that if you had one on your fingernail it would look like a black speck. The bite of this tick leaves a red ring on your skin about the size of a half-dollar, in the middle of which you will notice the small black tick.

The best prevention is to wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts when out and about. Military style fatigues are great for hiking and camping, they are cheap, light, tough and have plenty of pockets. Bug-net shirts work well for tops as long as the mesh is close-knit and there are not any rips. Keep children, yourself and pets out of the tall grass if possible. Check everyone regularly for ticks. If you find one and remove it (pouring alcohol or peroxide on them will cause them to back out for easy removal), save the tick to bring to your doctor for testing. Cut the lawn around your home weekly. Even if your lawn has not grown, it will help to keep ticks away from your home, children, and pets.

Enjoy the great NH outdoors. Just use a little caution and common sense. Don't forget to bring a camera and plenty of bug dope!

—Lance Rickenberg



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by Milly Kittredge



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Haying...the usual summertime activity...the lady with the straw hat sitting on the hay rick is a contrast to today's sunbather. From the Harriet Butman Sargent Collection. Any definite identification would be appreciated! Call Milly Kittredge at 938-5386 if you can help.

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2 1/4 Tbsp. cold water

Add:

3 Tbsp. white wine vinegar

4 1/2 tsp. soy sauce

4 1/2 tsp. fresh ginger, grated

1 Tbsp. vegetable oil

1 1/2 tsp. sesame oil

1/4 tsp. sugar

Toast 1 Tbsp. sesame seed over low heat in a skillet 3-4 minutes. Crush with a rolling pin, add to dressing.

Toss the dressing with the warm drained green beans.

Chill before serving.

Bradford Country Squares

A Mainstream/Plus level square dance with the theme "Heat Wave" will be held by the Bradford Country Squares on Saturday, July 15 at the Bradford Town Hall. Ed Renaud will call and Corinne Renaud will cue the dancing from 8:00-10:30pm. Wear casual dress for cool comfort. Admission is \$5 per person. For further information call Bob or Shirley Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are always welcome.

—Shirley Trombley



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The summer curriculum includes:

EASTERN VIEWS, WESTERN EYES. Sachiko Ito Howard shares her unique look at Japan and Japan's relationship with the rest of the world. July 11 and 12, 10:00am-Noon.

WHERE IN THE WORLD is Gordon Riedesel's popular cultural geography course offered on July 11, 12 and 13 from 1:00-3:00pm.

THE PEACE CORPS: Cold War Tool or Idealism? Ruth Jarvis offers her personal retrospective in a history of the Peace Corps from 1966 to 1980 on Thursday mornings, July 13, 20, 27 and August 3 from 10:00am-Noon.

EFFECTIVE ENGLISH wherein Joe Chapline will help us make our writing more meaningful and more fun to read. Tuesday mornings, July 18, 25 and August 1 from 10:00am-Noon.

OPERA TO DIE FOR is one of LINEC's most popular courses. Helen Blakelock returns with a ghoulish romp through some of the most bizarre and musically beautiful scenes in opera. July 18, 1:00-3:00pm, July 19, 10:00am-Noon, July 20, 1:00-3:00pm.

THE SHAKERS—Hands to Work, Hearts to God. Angie Robinson treats us to Ken Burns' film, as well as an introduction to Shaker music and a trip to Canterbury. July 19 and 26, 1:00-3:00pm, and July 28, all day.

LINEC's summer course announcements are available in most area public libraries. For further information on LINEC membership and the current course offering, you may contact LINEC's Registrar at NEC Box 75, New England College, Henniker NH 03242, or by phone at 428-7524. LINEC is a member of Elderhostel Institute Network.

—Nancy Hibbard

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BEOC Update: Help Wanted

The BEOC needs you, much like Uncle Sam. This appeal is to folks in Bradford who read the monthly updates and who are interested in the projects being researched and organized. This month's agenda demonstrates aptly the scope and range of current involvement of the BEOC. So, if our activities have drawn your attention and sound like something you could help with, drop by our next meeting.

The Bradford Green project continues forward with visits from two state officials involved with the project. Chris Williams from the DES (Department of Environmental Services) addressed the BEOC concerning wetlands and possible permits needed for the project. "A permit is needed only if the areas identified (as wetlands) are impacted," Chris Williams explained, "if they are avoided, no permit is necessary." With the current Bradford Green plans, the major portion of wetlands will not be directly impacted. A vegetated buffer will need to be worked into the project design. Two Conservation Commission members sat in on this portion of the meeting and will examine and identify a couple of smaller areas for wetland concerns. In a related note on this project, Jim Burns from the EPA walked the Green project site on June 16 to appreciate the scope of the site assessment to be started in the second half of this year. His feedback will be discussed next month.

A significant step forward to help guard tax payers from costly surprises was put forth by the Planning Board to the BEOC. In a letter to the BEOC, the Planning Board requested that the BEOC act as an advisory committee to the Capital Improvements Program. This guide will be the blueprint to long term planning, anticipating ongoing repairs and updates, as well as new purchases that are necessary (for example: fire and police equipment, road maintenance, school grounds, etc.). Although a responsibility of the Planning Board, the CIP (Capital Improvements

Program) fits well in the BEOC's mission to spur economic development in a responsible way that reduces the burden in taxes. Discussion will continue this month regarding the details of the Planning Board's proposal.

Phase I of the Village Improvement Program is ready for the town's review. On July 1, after enjoying a visit to the Church Fair, please wander across the street to the Town Hall and examine two scale models of the improvements to be made at the intersection of Main Street and Route 103. These models particularly focus on the Merrimack Farm's corner, being the anchor project of this Gateway Design improvement project. The Women's Club is fundamental in organizing and running this project. The BEOC's aim is to coordinate this project's theme with other Main Street plantings and landscaping at the Community Center, Library and businesses looking to upgrade.

At this point, you can probably see why I started this month's update with the "BEOC needs you." We are looking for some very specific resource people who can help periodically or permanently, depending on the need and your want. I must stress, though, because I hear to the contrary on occasion, that those interested in helping, "must park their guns at the door." We all have special interests, but the BEOC is not the vehicle to push those interests. The BEOC assembles information on community projects, brings in experts for comment, examines critically the financial impact on the tax base, seeks grant monies and anything additional to collect the information needed to present to the community.

So if this sounds good to you, some of the specific people we are looking for are: soil scientists, civil engineers, structural engineers and landscape architects. If you are not on this list, don't fret, just come down and join us, Thursday, July 13 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, and get involved.

—Stephen Manley

Free Dog Wash

Does your dog need a bath? Let the senior youth group from Trinity Bible Church do it for you. A free dog wash will take place July 8 at the Trinity Bible Church parking lot on Rte. 114, South Sutton, from 9:00am until 2:00pm. The seniors are raising money to cover their mission trip to North Dakota. Donations will gladly be accepted. Come and support these hard working seniors and bring home a wonderfully clean dog. Your dog will thank you, and so will the teens.



Bradford Historical Society

The area Historical Societies in Sutton, Wilmot, Bradford and Warner are planning an open house on Saturday, July 22, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. There will be special exhibits and crafts. Bradford will display more than 80 albums with pictures collected by the first History Committee to recent donations. The subjects include businesses, schools, homes, folks, organizations, genealogy and the town. Another large collection is organized by year from the early 1900s to the present. Watch for more details.

—Milly Kittredge



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Profile:

Molly Clark

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Whenever Molly Clark, owner of Fitness Friends, steps out on stage to sing country music from the heart or teaches high school students a "line dance," she is happy. Add 20-pound free weights or an hour of aerobic exercise and this self-described "not-a-domestic-type-of-person" renews her natural zest for living.

Molly and her husband bought their Bradford house in 1986. Bradford is a long way from Molly's hometown near Richmond, Virginia. It's no surprise that she sings country music—music she calls, "Pop with hats and boots." As a young woman, she sang in a southern church choir. She absorbed the blues and soul music from everyday living. The experience lay dormant until five years ago when she was coaxed to try out her voice in public at a piano bar (with a Bacall and Bogie atmosphere). When the idea was suggested, she winced. Egged-on by supporters to learn "just one song," she performed. Even with a microphone, friends could barely hear her voice, but they heard enough to encourage her. It took a few years, but the next thing she knew, she had caught "the singing bug."

In 1999, Molly was named New Hampshire Country Music Association's Duo Vocalist of the Year Finalist. New Hampshire's Association has more than 300 members. Molly plans to enter the association's 2000 Competition. Winners compete in Las Vegas for the National Country Music Awards.

Licensed to teach fitness classes, Molly's classes include box- and step-aerobics, free weights, cross training, kick-boxing and aerobic line dancing. She said, "What's so great about line dancing is that anybody can do it even if you have never danced in your life." She shows doubtful prospective dancers that a left foot is the foot nearest the wall. Dance steps are simple and easy to remember. Through Bradford's Parks & Recreation programs, she has been teaching line dancing to high school students



and baton twirling to kids (she was a baton twirler as a kid herself).

During Bradford's Independence Day festivities on July 8, you will find Molly's protégé twirlers performing during the parade as The Bradford Batonettes, costumed for the celebration in sequined twirling skirts and crowns. Beginning at 7:00pm, as part of the Fireworks Celebration at Brown Shattuck Field, her 20 high school students (known as the Bradford Youth Line Dancers) will perform with her while she belts out songs during the Best in Country Show. Molly is thrilled that both groups have been invited to perform at the Hillsborough Balloon Festival.

Molly just can't sit still when she hears a good song. She said, "When I sing, it's from the heart and soul, and for the fun of it. If it ever stops being fun, that's when I stop singing." For now, Molly is on a "rock and roll," performing at clubs and on stages throughout New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

If anyone can raise Bradford's collective aerobic heart rate, Molly Clark can do it. We will never know we are working hard. It's just for fun.

Planning Board Notes

In line with its earlier decision, the Planning Board devoted the first half-hour of the June meetings to review specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance where problems have arisen or questions of interpretation have been raised. This process will continue over the next few months with the proposals presented at a public hearing in the fall. The list will appear on the ballot in March for final determination by the voters.

Matthew Walsh from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission made a presentation on the question of how to deal with lots that do not meet the State's requirements for road frontage. Walsh outlined several options a landowner might consider if an application for a building permit has been denied. He stated that the owner (or purchaser) bears the responsibility of researching the status of the land in question to determine whether or not it can be developed as proposed.

Walsh suggested that a "street plat" might be appropriate for private road or right-of-way situations. He described a street plat as essentially a modified subdivision plat focusing on the location and design of the existing roadway or driveway network. The plat, with location and widths of rights-of-way or easements, would be submitted to the Planning Board for review. He recommended that the Board develop an application procedure and set some minimum standards for street plats.

Where the frontage is on a Class VI road, he outlined the process set by State Statute that involves recommendations from the Planning Board and action by the Board of Selectmen. Subsequently, the Selectmen adopted a Class VI Road Policy that had been received by the Planning Board.

The Board approved a 2-lot subdivision on Fairgrounds Road submitted by Perry Teele and held a public hearing on two 2-

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lot subdivisions on West Road submitted on behalf of Marson and Bertina Pratt. Final action on that application will be taken at the next meeting of the Board.

In other action, the Board:

- responded to a letter from NH Department of Safety regarding an application for an auto and motorcycle inspection station for OE Trucking on Breezy Hill Road (New Kearsarge Reel property). The Board responded that, at this time, the company is not in compliance with town regulations.
- advised the owners of the former Tappen Law Office on Main Street that a site review will be required before a business can be operated in the building.
- informed prospective purchasers of property accessed by Butman Road that a building permit could not be issued until the required frontage is dealt with.
- sent a letter to prospective purchasers of land on Dunfield Road that the road is Class VI and the procedures set in statute and the Selectmen's Class VI Road Policy should be followed.

Jane Johnsen was voted in as full member of the Board to replace Scott Kent. She will serve until the next general election. Edythe Craig was approved as an alternate member to serve a one year term.

— Marcia Keller

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—Lyn Betz, 938-5029



**Real Estate Hints:
Waterfront Property**

by Laura Hallahan

Living in the beautiful Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee area is a real treat for those of us who are able to call the area home year-round. Many more people visit or live here part of the year, longing to take advantage of the natural beauty of the area, specifically the mountains and lakes. Even though there are several lakes encompassing a relatively small area, waterfront properties are at a premium right now as can be witnessed by the prices these properties are commanding when they come on the market.

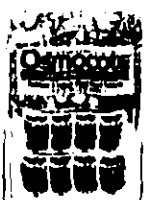
Why is waterfront property so costly? First, there is only so much of it. Lakes are not being built to accommodate people who wish to live on or near the water. Second, we do have very clean and very desirable lakes in our neck of the woods with few issues such as pollution and exotic weeds to interfere with our enjoyment of the lakes. Third, the market is good and there are many people who are looking for an investment and waterfront property is usually a safe bet as a good investment. Fourth, because the market is good and buyers are out there, some sellers are testing the market to see what kind of a return they can get on their investment.

While it is wonderful to see our area become even more popular as a year-round destination instead of just for seasonal visitors, it does beg us to ask if our families and generations to come will be able to afford to live on or near the lakes in this area if the prices continue to skyrocket. Recent Lake Sunapee waterfront listings have come on the market at over two million dollars and even properties without direct waterfront but water access are listed in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some of the smaller lakes provide better buys but even those properties are bringing in top dollar.

So, if you own property on or near one of our lakes, treasure it and know you have a rare commodity. If you are looking to purchase such a property and can afford to do so, you will not regret the investment. For those who enjoy the occasional use of the beaches and boat launchings or who just drive by the lakes on the way to work, the views are free, so take advantage!

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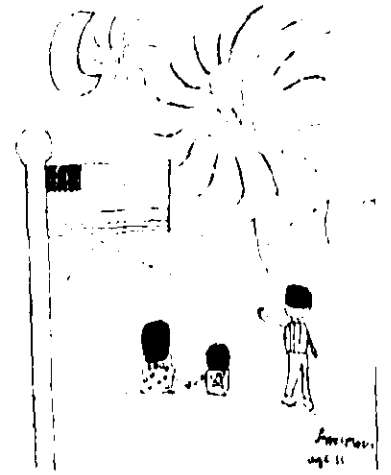
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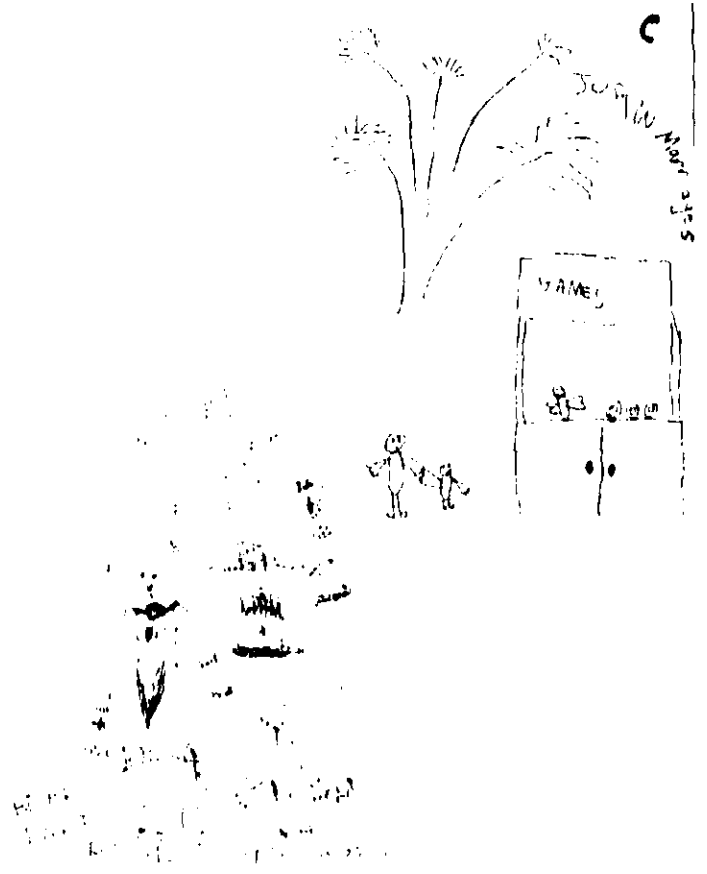
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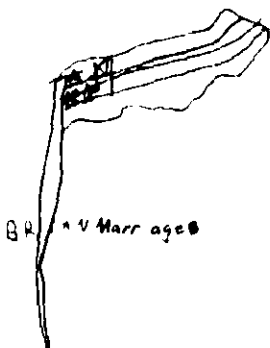
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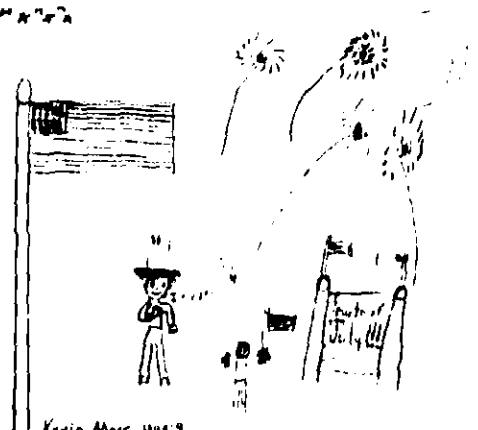
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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

You've probably noticed that fireflies or lightening bugs are beginning to flash. Neither flies nor bugs, except by common name, they spent the winter underground as larvae and dug their way out earlier this spring without our taking notice. They've been milling about chasing down small invertebrates, snails and such, while we've been planting peas and carrots. When the weather finally got warmer they felt it was time for a change of life and went underground again for a few weeks, fashioning for themselves little earthen cells in which to pupate. And now they're up and about as adult beetles. The flashing lights we see are, with one odd exception to be described in the last paragraph, associated with their mating strategy. Most insects signal to each other through chemical means such as scent and some by sound, as with the crickets, katydids and locusts. Fireflies are the only insect that announces itself with flashing lights.

Nearly all the light we experience or create is connected to the generation of heat in some way. The quality of the light produced by plants and animals may seem all the more magical to us because it is produced entirely chemically. I would assume that if you were a quarter of an inch long it would be entirely unwise to have something as hot as a match or even a light bulb lighting up your hindquarters. Instead, after tens of millions of trial and error years, a process developed independently in various life forms that uses a complex protein called luciferin which, when mixed with a small quantity of an enzyme called luciferase, will combine with oxygen and give off a bright glow. Each organism with the ability to glow has its own intricate version of these compounds.

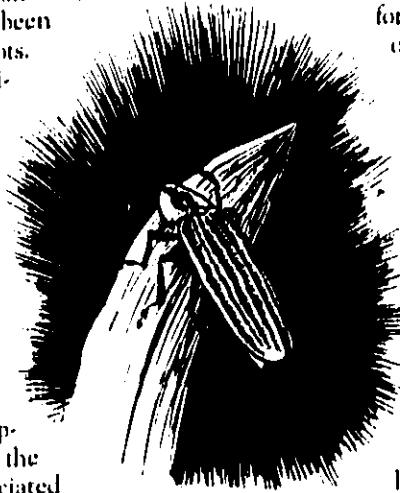
There are at least one hundred and thirty different species of firefly on the planet and in Bradford we are probably seeing several separate species on a given evening. Often each species is very par-

ticular as to the time of night at which it flashes, taking turns. In the eastern U.S. all males are much smaller than the females and outnumber them by something like 50 to one. Competition, as you might imagine, is pretty fierce. The flashes of the males, which may seem charmingly random to us, are exquisitely specific for them. Each species has its own intricate code, much more detailed than the fumbling short and long of the Morse Code system. The lighting of the flares of fireflies can vary considerably in duration from five seconds to an astonishing forty times within a single second, which to our poor eyes seems a single flash. Besides varying the rate of flashes, the length of the sequence and the interval between sequences is significant as is the intensity and color of the light. I haven't tried this myself but several sources maintain that it is possible to develop the skills to call in fireflies with a flashlight.

The plumper, ground-level females watching the overhead display also light up, but theirs is usually a single critically timed flare. If a cruising male does not get the correct signal at the right time, he zooms on by continuing his search.

An odd but logical development occurred on the North American continent. The females of some firefly species learned to make use of the overabundance of small males of other species. In areas where several kinds of fireflies occupy the same territory, the females of some tribes have learned to give the appropriate responses to the flashes of at least five other species, calling in the unsuspecting males and then dining on them for supper. The dating game is dangerous out there.

Much of the information in this article came from the book *The Trials of Life* by David Attenborough, and I would like to mention that last month's notes on black flies were heavily influenced by Sue Hubbell's book *Broadsides from the other Orders*.



Note from the Animal Control Officer

This is a reminder of RSA 644:8-f Transporting Dogs in Pickup Trucks.

"No person driving a pickup truck shall transport any dog in the back of the vehicle on a public way, unless the space is enclosed or has side and tail racks to a height of at least 46 inches extending vertically from the floor, the dog is cross tethered to the vehicle, the dog is protected by a secured container or cage, or the dog is otherwise protected, in a manner which will prevent the dog from being thrown or from falling or jumping from the vehicle.

Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a violation."

— Charleen St. Pierre

South Newbury Union Church Fair Planned

The South Newbury Union Church announces its 10th Annual Country Church Fair to be held beginning at 9:00am on August 12 at the Friendship House. Plans are being made for a great fair. There will be a quilt display, raffle, Chinese auction, pie contest, games, music, flea market, Christmas corner, "make your own sundaes", funnel cakes, book browse, vendors, home baked goods table, hot dogs and soda, entertainment and our famous chicken BBQ from 5:00-7:00pm.

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— Gail Bostic

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Selectmen's Meetings in May and June

May 8. Chris Frey, Selectman and Chip Meany, Building Inspector reviewed the trailers at the Lake Massasecum Casino for construction projects. As several trailers have added decks, the Selectmen discussed issuing all trailers with additions a building permit for \$20.00 to establish a baseline of activity. All new construction will require the owners to file the necessary documents with the Planning and Zoning Boards for special exceptions. Mr. Laurendeau of the Lake Massasecum Campground will provide the names of the current owners.

Marvin Rich suggested the ordering of signs warning of visibility problems on Ring Hill Road. "Blind Drive" signs will be ordered and installed in the proper places.

Logging on the Dodge Farm property will be cleaned up within the week.

Vandalism to the Fire Department shed behind the highway garage was reported. Additional police patrol has been suggested.

Selectmen discussed zoning violations on West Meadow Road on the Click property. Possible courses of action were discussed and will be investigated further.

Intent to cut for Chris Frey was signed.

May 15. Andy Anderson met with Selectmen to discuss the purchase of a surplus vehicle from Federal State Surplus. The surplus truck will be a 1985 Chevrolet diesel pickup and will cost \$4000. Money will come from his equipment and supply budget. The truck it is replacing will be put in the September State auction. The road agent requested a letter specifying authority for ordering materials and supplies. The budget year is almost at the half way mark and the Selectmen and Road Agent are working on controlling costs. Chris Frey and Andy Anderson discussed the possibility of installing a wood boiler at the town garage. The road agent will continue

investigating this option.

Cersosimo intent to cut on East Washington Road signed by Selectmen.

Intent to cut for property owned by Cain was signed by Selectmen.

May 22. Charlie Betz's letter of resignation from both the position of co-chair and as a voting member of the Conservation Commission accepted. Selectmen accept the resignation with regrets and thank Charlie Betz for his services to the town.

The Governor's energy grant in the amount of \$15,000 will be signed on May 24 by the Governor and council. Selectmen will attend the council meeting. These funds are to partially reimburse the Bradford Community Corp. for the energy efficient windows installed in the Bradford Community Center.

June 5. Sue Vitale met with selectmen to discuss cleaning and maintenance at the Community Center. Selectmen have agreed to transfer this responsibility to the governance Board. A proposal with costs will be submitted.

Dick Moore expressed concern about damage to the upstairs floor at Town Hall from chairs and tables being dragged. Chris Frey suggested that the town replace the heavy wooden three-seat units with folding chairs that would be more convenient and less damaging.

A resident of Oakdale Road expressed concern about debris on a neighboring property left from a fire five years ago. Selectmen have notified the owner of the hazard and will contact him again.

Charlie Hewitt met with selectmen regarding the sale of sand to the town. Chris Frey will meet with the road agent to determine the town's requirements.

June 19. Brooks McCandlish representing the Library Trustees updated the Selectmen on the status of the mortgage to acquire land from the Burnells. The deed has been modified to accommodate the

Burnell's request to prohibit further development on the land in question, and the matter should be resolved shortly. The Selectmen will be given a mortgage release for signature when the matter is complete.

Selectmen signed timber tax warrant. This warrant was for activity from April 1, 1999 to March 30, 2000. The warrant was for over \$56,800 and represented an increase of \$13,000 over the 1999 warrant.

The court decision on Moreland v. Town of Bradford upheld the Bradford Planning and Zoning Board decisions to recognize 54 sites at the Lake Massasecum Campground.

The Selectmen have voted to establish June 26 as the date for grandfathering decks and porches on trailers at the campground. After that date, owners will need to file a building permit to add structures to their trailers. Mr. Laurendeau will provide the Selectmen with the names and addresses of permanent trailers.

The Selectmen have voted to adopt a written Class VI road policy and will have it available for interested parties at the Town Hall.

—excerpted from public minutes
prepared by Cheryl Behr

ZBA Notes

There will be a Public Hearing July 11 at 6:30 pm at the Bradford Town Hall requesting a variance to build a four bedroom home on Breezy Hill Rd. under Article 11, Sec. D(1) (does not meet setback from the road.) Tax map #20 Lot 006,440. Please note time change.

The Administrative Decision Appeal of Sayre vs Demain off Johnson Hill Rd. has been withdrawn. Therefore, there will be no continuation of this matter at the regular August meeting of the ZBA.

—Milly Kittredge



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Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd



It seems like only yesterday that I was persuaded to run for the House of Representatives, a position I did not ardently seek and one for which I had only a vague job description. Fast forward to today, many long days and sleepless nights later, several critical issues resolved and others looming ominously ahead awaiting next year's session. I am inspired by the lessons and opportunities you have given me. What a great first-hand opportunity to participate in shaping laws that directly affect local friends and neighbors. Watching and being part of the machinations of a democratic process is as inspiring as it is frustrating at times. My predecessor, Commissioner Bernie Lamach has, from the beginning, been encouraging, giving me good council and support through the tenuous and unfamiliar first years of representation. The state reps and senators who represent New Hampshire citizens may and do differ (often and vigorously) in philosophy and principle but the environment is always collegial, supportive and dignified, where people learn to respect one another and find common areas of agreement where cooperation is possible. I will be running for re-election for the 2000-2001 term and hope to continue representing our common views in Concord.

Because of the continuing lack of resolution in determining long-term school funding, our current projected budget deficit is one hundred million dollars and expected to go higher. Already, budget cuts to essential services are causing hiring freezes and diminished health and human services (read services to the elderly, poor, children and disabled).

Please keep abreast of the candidates' positions on school funding, the death penalty, campaign finance and other issues of immediate concern to our welfare. This year we have an opportunity to choose senators, reps and a governor who will be

responsive to our issues and the values we hold dear. Don't be cynical or think it doesn't matter whether you vote or not. We live in a small state and every vote counts and can make a significant difference in the quality of our lives.

The Judiciary Committee, chaired by Henry Mock (brother of our own John Mock), should be commended for the excellence and professionalism that accompanied their inquiry into the Supreme Court proceedings related to alleged improprieties among the judges. The main issue is one of recusal. Justices must "recuse" themselves from making judgments on cases where they have a real or perceived conflict of interest. In several instances, there have been allegations that one or more of the justices may have improperly participated in cases where they had an interest. This, of course, undermines the basis of our entire judicial system where justice should be blind, meted out by wise women and men with no personal interest in any given case. Are the justices guilty of purposeful malpractice and malfeasance or has there been a gradual erosion of standards in the judiciary over the decades because of a lack of overview of the court? Whether the inquiry outcome will result in impeachment recommendations or an improved system of checks and balances, expect significant legislation in the next session that will relate to extensive judicial reform.

Please join my family on the evening of Friday, July 21 from 6:00-10:00pm as we host a reggae party/barbecue and introduce you to several candidates for office who need your support. Watch for flyers for further details.

Thank you all, my good neighbors, for your support and involvement during the past two years. Both your critical remarks and words of encouragement have made the time and energy devoted to representing you worthwhile.

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 478 calls for service between May 15 and June 15. The breakdown is as follows: Two alarm activations, two ambulance calls, 20 animal complaints, six assists to other agencies, five burglaries, 324 business checks, three citizen assists, three civil problems, three cases of criminal mischief, one case of disobeying a police officer, two cases of driving while intoxicated, two harassing communications, eight incident/services, one intoxication, two juvenile complaints, one motor vehicle accident, one paper service, five parking violations, one case of reckless driving, one case of shoplifting, two simple assaults, three stranded motorists, eight traffic citations, 65 traffic warnings, three weapons permits, one welfare check and three 911 hang ups.

—Pennie M. Spooner

New Hampshire Landscapes

The Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge will sponsor a free series of readings by some of New Hampshire's best-known writers. The program will be held at the Fells at the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge on Lake Sunapee in Newbury. Co-sponsors of the program are the New Hampshire Writers Project, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and Colby Sawyer College. The dates and presenters are Ernest Hebert, August 24, 5:00pm; Maxine Kumin, September 21, 4:30pm; and Sy Montgomery, October 12, 4:30pm. The authors will read from their work, discuss an author who has influenced their writing and share their personal and literary connection to the landscape. The presentations will be held outdoors, weather permitting. To register or for more information, contact Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail signup@spnhf.org.

Multi-Media Exhibition

"Our Town" a multi-media exhibition featuring the work of professional artists living in Henniker will open at the Gallery at New England College in Henniker on July 7 and will continue through August 12. The public is invited to a reception for the artists on Friday, July 14 from 6:00-8:00pm. The Gallery is located adjacent to the New England College Administration Building on Main Street. Summer Gallery hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00am-3:30pm; and Saturday from 1:00-5:00pm.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

THE PILOT'S WIFE

Anita Shreve

Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1999

Jack Lyons was a pilot with Vision Airlines and arrived home every third afternoon. While asleep, his wife, Kathryn heard a lot of noise outside. The doorbell was ringing and a dog was barking. Kathryn put on some lights and answered the door. The man who introduced himself was a man named Robert Hart. He explained that he also was an employee of Vision and he had bad news to tell her about her husband. Kathryn let him in and immediately he answered the ringing telephone. Hart said to leave all questions to him. The problem was that Jack's plane had crashed. All morning the telephone rang with Hart taking charge of questions. On top of that there was a rumor that Jack had placed a bomb on the plane. A report on the television indicated that one hundred and four persons had died.

Hart, seeing Kathryn's state, asked, "Where do you keep your glasses?" She pointed to a cabinet and he poured her a glass of water but she couldn't hold it steady. "I'm here to help you," he said. "Is your daughter here? Would you like me to tell her about her father?"

Kathryn shook her head "No, let her sleep." Watching the man she could see that "No comment" was what he said to those seeking news.

Being concerned about Mattie, her daughter, Kathryn decided to ask her mother, Julia to take Mattie home with her. At one point, Kathryn found some scraps of paper in a pair of Jack's pants. Inside there were lottery tickets, a printed poem and a scribbled note saying "M at A's."

Later Kathryn decided she would travel to London. Hart decided he would take the journey as well. During her stay in London there came about some surprising revelations.

The Pilot's Wife is available at Brown Memorial Library.

Editor's note: Pauline is retiring as our book reviewer after several years of contributing to the *Bridge*. We wish her all the best as she moves to Massachusetts to live with her daughter. Thanks, Pauline!



The Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

"Reading Cats & Dogs" continues through July with stories and programs each Wednesday from 1:00-2:00pm. See article below for additional information.

Carol Belliveau will read "P.J. Bedtime Stories" on Monday evenings July 10, 17 and 24. Come join us at 6:30pm for a very special time with your toddler.

Check out the following new additions to our collection:

Cradle and All by James Patterson

In a Sunburned Country by Bill Bryson

The Vineyard by Barbara Delinsky

Stonehenge by Bernard Cornwell

Deep South by Nevada Barr

After the Fire by Belva Plain

In the Fall by Jeffrey Lent

Before I Say Goodbye by Mary Higgins Clark

Alice-by-Accident by Lynne Reid Banks

What Janie Found by Caroline B. Cooney

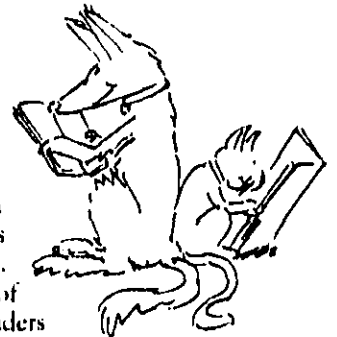
Library hours are Monday 9:30am-8:00pm, Wednesday 9:30am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:30am-1:30pm. Telephone 938-5562.

Free Summer Reading Program

Reading Cats & Dogs, a free summer reading program for elementary school age children, continues in Brown Memorial Library on Wednesdays in July from 1:00-2:00pm through July 26. Librarian Maggie Ainslie and Laurie Buchar, Vice-President of the Friends of Brown Memorial Library, are planning programs and activities that connect kids, books and arts with cats and dogs. Weekly programs are designed to appeal to children of various ages, sexes, and abilities—whether they are readers or nonreaders. Prizes and reading certificates will be given out.

On July 19, potter Ann McCrea, of Clayworks in Newburyport, will give a 70-minute program that features an original "told" story and hands-on interactive experience in clay as children examine examples of sculpture, learn sculpting techniques and create their own sculpted clay dog or cat. Pre-registration is advised since space for this special session is limited to 28. Drop-ins are welcome, space permitting. Funding for the July 19 session is provided by a grant from the NH State Library "Kids, Books and the Arts" program with additional funding from the NH State Council on the Arts, Byrne Foundation, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, Crowley Foods and the Madeleine G. Von Webber Trust. To sign up, call librarian Maggie Ainslie at 938-5562. The library, located at 78 West Main Street in Bradford, is handicapped accessible.

—Audrey V. Sylvester



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SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2000

Schedule of Events

- 7:30-10:00am Masonic Breakfast (St. Peter's Lodge)
 - 7:15-9:00am 5Km Road Race registration, rain or shine (Town Hall)
 - 9:00am 5Km Road Race begins (Town Hall)
 - On East Main Street--
 - 10:00am Fish and Game Demonstration
Cow Flop Bingo, sponsored by BBA (Old Marshall Property)
Dick's Popcorn, (Bradford Area Community Center)
Parking (Old Naughton Property) to benefit the Bradford Area Community Center
 - Noon Bradford Skateboarder's Demonstration (Brown Shattuck Field)
 - 1:00pm Andrew Pinard Bradford's own resident Magician
 - 2:00pm Carol Clark & George Worthy, Scottish Music (Brown Shattuck Field)
 - 2:00pm Pockets the Balloon Man
 - 3:00pm Line up for Parade at Old Warner Road for floats and trucks. Cars, fire engines, etc. line up at the Post Office. Old Warner Road will be closed off during line up and the parade.
 - 4:00pm Firemen's Parade (down Main Street, will end at Appleseed Restaurant)
 - 5:00pm Midway opens (Brown Shattuck Field)
Bradford Women's Club Sausage and Pepper Subs
Bradford Country Squares demonstration
 - 5:30pm Firemen's Chicken BBQ (Brown Shattuck Field)
Raffles & Prizes
 - Dusk Fireworks, bigger and better than ever! (Brown Shattuck Field)
- As always, for everyone's safety, the Independence Day activities will be alcohol-free.

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July Calendar



SATURDAY, JULY 1

Church Fair, First Baptist Church, 9:00am-2:00pm
Book Sale, BML, 9:00am-1:00pm
Strings & Things Concert, tickets \$5, First Baptist Church, 2:15pm

SUNDAY, JULY 2

Union Congregational Society Hymn Sing, Bradford Center Meeting House, 10:30am

MONDAY, JULY 3

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 9:00am

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Independence Day activities, see schedule on page 19

TUESDAY, JULY 11

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm
ZBA, Town Hall, 6:30pm

THURSDAY, JULY 13

KRSD School Board Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm
BEOC Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JULY 14

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, BACC, 7:00am
Lettvin & Friends Concert, tickets \$8, Bradford Center Meeting House, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Senior Rally, Fireside chat with a pharmacist, BACC, 1:00-3:00pm
Lettvin & Friends Concert, tickets \$8, Bradford Center Meeting House, 7:30pm

MONDAY, JULY 17

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
BRA Meeting, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Paint a Picture in a Day, BACC, call 938-2570 for information and to register by July 8

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for details
Road Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Parks and Recreation Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

MONDAY, JULY 31

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

To list events for the August Calendar, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029.

Bradford Revolving Loan Committee no meetings in July and August

No twirling for the summer

Trinity Bible Church Vacation Bible School, Trinity Bible Church, Route 114, South Sutton, Ages 4 to sixth grade, July 31-August 4

Thistle Spinners, every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, All are welcome

Reading Cats & Dogs, Wednesdays, BML, 1:00-2:00pm

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, BACC Senior Room, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00am novice, 11:00-Noon, intermediate, Call 938-6009 for more information

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Perfect set of 10 egg cups/cordials. Flint glass, 1840's, \$45. Girl's homemade doll house with homemade furniture \$50 or BO. Two children's bookcases, \$25ea. or \$45 for both. End tables \$20+. Wooden rocker, \$40 or BO. 938-2843.

FOR SALE: 1993 Lowe 24-foot pontoon boat with 40 HP Johnson motor with seat covers \$5000. Hewlett Packard Laser jet 4L printer, like new, \$250. Call 938-2608.

MOWING NEEDED, at least 6 hours weekly using blade-less DR Trimmer/mower. Call 938-5182.

FOR SALE: 2 solar panels for heating water, need work. 4 x 6 feet. \$50 each or \$90 for both. Call 938-2692.

FOR RENT: Bradford, Rowe Mtn. Rd. Beginning mid-July/August 1, 3-4 bedroom home. 2 baths. Unfurnished but with modern appliances, washing machine. Minimum 1 year lease. \$750 per month, utilities not included. References and deposits required. Call 938-5373.

YARD SALE Saturday, July 15 (rain date Sunday), Blaisdell Lake Association, Route 114 South Sutton at the Dog House.

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FOR SALE. Classic Mistral Superlight sailboard. Two sails, all rigging complete. Only a few scars. For ten years, it has been living in storage, while I imagined using it, someday. First \$300 or best offer by the end of July. Call 938-2681.

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Bradford Bridge August deadlines

Display ads	July 20
Classified ads	July 26
Articles	July 20*

*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after the deadline, please contact Lyn Betz at 938-5029.