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Lettvin Concert Tradition Continues July 19-20



Once again the Bradford Center Meeting House will host the "Lettvin and Friends Concert" on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20. This is the fourteenth such concert performed in Bradford and the second year that the Union Congregational Society and the Bradford Area Community Center are sponsoring the event.

For those who love classical music, this is a time to enjoy music performed in the 1837 Meeting House which is located on

Rowe Mountain Road in a lovely rural setting. For the first time, one of the artists, Frederick Moyers, a former student of Ted Lettvin, is a New Hampshire artist. Joan Lettvin feels that this makes it even more poignant to have a local pianist performing in the Lettvin Concerts tradition.

Although Ted Lettvin is living at Pleasant View Center in Concord, his presence will be felt when the music begins. For Joan Lettvin, Ted's wife, it is her mission to continue a tradition of music in Bradford that began fourteen summers ago when Ted first performed here. Over the past 14 summers the Lettvins have invited Ted's former students to share their home and bring their music to the town of Bradford.

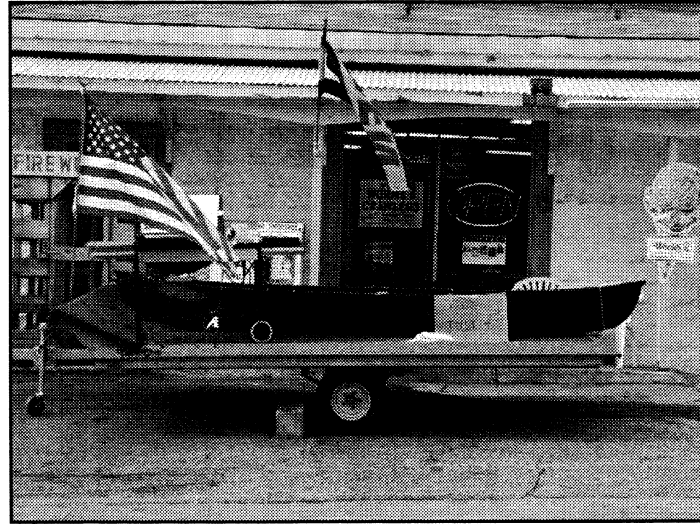
On Friday, July 19, at 7:30pm, pianist Phyllis East, together with James East, clarinetist, will be joined by violinist Cornelius Defallo. James and Phyllis East performed last year with their son and it promises to be another wonderful listening experience when they play selections from the music of Ravel, Kreisler, Kocal and Bartok.

On Saturday, July 20, also at 7:30pm, Frederick Moyer and Nancy Green will play selections from Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Brahms, Bach and Ginestra. The sound of the piano and cello together make for memorable listening.

All of the performing artists have a history of critical acclaim and have performed throughout the United States. Bradford is fortunate to have this wonderful music available to those who would otherwise have to travel a distance to find such a program. The musicians, performing in honor of legendary artist Theodore Lettvin, will continue the tradition of music established here 14 years ago by their teacher and mentor.

On a personal note, a few years back my piano duet partner and I visited Ted at the farm on Rowe Mountain Road. We asked him questions about some of the music we were attempting to master. He was welcoming and down to earth with his suggestions. Ted never seemed to be the "renowned legendary pianist" but a person who loved his instrument and wanted to share his vision of music with all of us. If you are not a fan of classical music, open your heart and mind to the sound and share the tradition of "The Lettvin Concerts".

—Phyllis Wilcox



The winner of this year's BBA raffle can choose to cap off the Independence Day weekend with a cookout on a Weber gas grill, a paddle in a new canoe, or a shopping spree with \$500 cash.

BBA is B-b-busy!

The Bradford Business Association's major fundraiser this year is a raffle with a single winner choosing between a canoe with lifejackets and paddles, a Top Line Weber gas grill, or \$500 cash. John Mock has put the items on a trailer to display them in front of various businesses until our Independence Day celebration on July 6 when the drawing will take place. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Don't forget to get your tickets for a chance to win one of these three great prizes!

Our first Road Clean Up is Saturday, July 13. We figure we will probably need to clean up after the 4th of July festivities. Contact John Mock for your assignment. Individuals will clean their assigned areas as they are able to during the day.

Who puts up the flags to decorate the town for patriotic holidays? Volunteers from the BBA, that's who! Our flower barrels are also out, thanks to John Mock, and they have been potted as well! Marlene Freyler and Marilyn Gordon made sure our barrels sprouted a nice arrangement. Thanks.

As most of you know, the Bradford Fire Department will not participate in Independence Day events after this year. That leaves a big gap in Bradford's 4th of July celebrations. There is a committee to try to start picking up the pieces to keep the celebrations going but they will need support, both physical and monetary, to really get this off the ground! If you can assist in any way, contact Marlene Freyler at 938-2530 and let her know you will help.

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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 July 20.

Selectmen's Update

Here comes the parade! I always got a big kick out of the fact that in Bradford, the Fire Department determined when the 4th of July really was. This year it is on the 6th of July!

As many of you may have read, this is the last year that the Fire Department will provide the fire works display. The Selectmen, on behalf of the town, would like to thank Chief Goldberg and all the volunteers under his command for providing the best fire-works show in the state of New Hampshire.

Let us all turn out on July 6th and give our firefighters a rousing "thank you" for all the preparation and hard work that went into such an undertaking over the past years.

For those that have requested a tax abatement, you should receive a letter with the decision on your request shortly after July 1st.

The repaving of Route 103 has begun at the Newbury end and is proceeding nicely with a minimal disruption of traffic. We have been told that the work on the Lake Todd bridge is delayed but should be started soon.

One last thing. We want to thank you all for the excellent cooperation that we are getting at the Transfer Station with the use of the new Coupon System. It appears to be working well.

See you at the parade!

—Dick Vitale, Chairman,
Board of Selectmen

Chief's Notes

The Police Department recently conducted a physical agility test and oral board testing for a full-time police officer position. The physical agility test was administered with the assistance of Officer Drenniak of the Newbury PD. The oral board members were Chief Kirby, Chief Tighe of Sutton PD, Officer Soucy of Newbury PD (former Sunapee chief), Sgt. Leppard of Warner PD, and Les Gordon representing the community of Bradford.

The Board selected Mark Kimball. Officer Kimball, of Hooksett, has been a police officer part-time with Bradford since March 1, 2002. Mark previously worked at the Hillsboro County House of Corrections and the NH State Prison. He was honorably discharged by the U.S.M.C., he is married, and has four children. Officer Kimball will attend the police academy in August.

The Police Department has two bikes that have been found. If you had a bike that has been stolen or lost you can call the police and provide a description of your bike to see if it is one that we have.

The police department reminds citizens that dog licenses are overdue and we urge you to license your dog if you have not yet done so.

—Jim Kirby, Police Chief

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BEOC Seeks Community Involvement

Bradford's Economic Opportunities Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 1998, has recently affirmed its mission to promote a better Bradford through building consensus for smart growth with a goal to expand a sustainable tax base. In the recent past, the BEOC has researched and reported to the Selectmen and to the Planning Board on a number of community issues, most recently with a Capital Improvement Plan.

Whenever applicable, the BEOC uses the Town's Master Plan as a guide in its research. Here, the Town was unanimous in its desire to maintain the rural ambiance, improve the downtown area to keep it attractive to small business, and protect the environment which is currently rich in opportunities for recreation. The BEOC will continue to try to focus development in retirement and vacation homes while acknowledging the need to provide affordable housing within our borders.

The BEOC will add its research reports to Bradford's website with the hope that the site will inspire a soap-box response from townspeople.

BEOC will continue to work under the McCabe fund grant to develop an environmentally friendly access to the Bradford Green and to encourage use of the Green area. Another CIP review will be upon us in the fall.

Membership on the BEOC has been representatives from each of the Town boards, committees, and organizations. (This is a good time to be certain that your group is represented.) However, all townspeople are welcome to attend meetings, held on the second Thursday of each month at the Community Center, and all are encouraged to offer to join the BEOC, pitch in, and share the load. Come to the next BEOC meeting on Thursday, July 11, at 7:00pm.

BEOC wants to involve the whole community. It's Bradford's future we talk about!

Skateboarding Ordinance Reminder

In response to a recent complaint at a Selectmen's meeting regarding skateboarding, the Bradford Police Department reminds the public that the following ordinance, enacted in 1998, prohibits skateboarding on public property:

"In consideration of the Safety, Health and Well-being of all persons in or about the Town of Bradford and under the powers granted to the Board of Selectmen under RSA 31:39, 41:11, and 47:17 it is hereby enacted to regulate all skateboarding activities on public ways and town properties within the Town of Bradford.

It shall be unlawful for any person to skateboard or conduct any skateboarding activity on any public way, sidewalk, common, or upon any town property within the boundaries of the Town of Bradford.

Skateboarding or skateboarding activities shall be allowed only on and at designated site(s) approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Any and all approved sites will have Rules governing conduct, safety requirements, responsibilities, and hours of use conspicuously posted.

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May 27. Thomas McCormack and Abigail Hayes were married in Bradford.

June 15. Dennis Wade and Samantha Walker were married in Bradford.

First half tax bills went out on May 17. If you did not receive one or if you feel there is an error on your bill, please contact me for billing, or the Selectmen's Office, 938-5900, for questions on rates etc. Remember this first half bill should be one-half of your previous year total bill.

HOURS: New extended hours are in effect. The office will be CLOSED July 5 for the holiday.


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Lake Association Invites Participation

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, July 13 at 9:00am at the Casino. The annual potluck supper will be held on Saturday, August 10 at 6:00pm at the Casino. All community members are invited to attend.

Flare nights are Thursday, July 4 at 9:00pm and Sunday, September 1 at 8:00pm.

A great deal of volunteer effort has gone into trying to deal with the problem of invasive milfoil and additional volunteers are always welcome. Contact the Kellers at 938-2877 or Dave Currier at 938-2488.

—Barbara French

BWC Update

The Bradford Women's Club luncheon was a great success at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn and a good time was had by all. The next executive meeting will be July 9, 9:30 am at the Bradford Area Community Center. There will be no general meeting in July. Volunteers are needed to help at the sausage and meatball stand on July 6 from 5:00-8:00pm. The Route 103 garden is coming along nicely.

—Barbara Vannata, President

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Letters

BACC Friends Thanked

On behalf of the Governance Board of the Bradford Area Community Center we thank our Friends who renewed their membership this year after receiving our annual Bradford Community Corporation/Bradford Area Community Center report. Your continued support of our intergenerational center on Main Street is sincerely appreciated. We hope that Friends that have not renewed their membership will consider continuing their help in maintaining this building. Please come and visit the Center to see how your assistance in supporting this historic school building has made it very active. Thank you.

Nancy Hibbard and Dawn Rich

Let's not give up

I just learned that the Bradford Fire Department will no longer be having the Fourth of July celebration. This upset me very much because I was a member of the Fire Department when I lived in town. I moved to New London four years ago and have come to watch the fireworks with my kids, just like I did as a kid, and like my parents did as kids. It is a community tradition that I am sure all of us would like to see carry on. I, like many others, know the huge commitment that it takes to put on the one day of events, but the Fire Department is not thinking of all of the other organizations that dedicate their time to make this a whole day. It just would not be the same or draw the same crowds if there were no fireworks. In this day and age, we need to see more patriotic activities like this one and less giving up.

Philip Bagley

Carol Conforti-Adams Homecoming

First, many apologies for not getting back to some of you. As you can imagine, the past four months have been quite a roller coaster ride for all of us. Carol is scheduled to be discharged from HealthSouth hospital on June 26. Over the past month, we have begun doing day trips home and out and about.

We have purchased a new Dodge Grand Caravan which has been modified with a power ramp and lowered floor and eventually will be set up for her to drive when she is ready.

We have also hired someone to be her personal care attendant who will be working with her during the weekdays. I will be taking Family Leave for the next few weeks as well as several days during the summer.

You can correspond with Carol at adams@IAMNOW.NET or we'll be home at 603-938-2562. She still needs lots of prayers and support as she recovers and hopefully gains back the use of her hands. It will be at least a year or longer before we will know for sure the full extent of her recovery. Thank you all.

Phil Adams

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Washington Students Visit Bradford Bog

The Bradford Bog was visited by more than twenty-five extremely well behaved first and second graders from the Washington school system on June 5. The trip was orchestrated by Harold Heselton and led by the somewhat overwhelmed Ann Eldridge. The weather held, the bugs were only really fierce by the road, and the hikers were attentive. Most of the rhodora blossoms were gone unfortunately but the students were clearly taken with the intriguing information that the native Americans sometimes used the highly absorbent and sterile sphagnum moss as diapers for their infants.

The Bradford Bog is what is sometimes known as a quaking bog and is home to a rare Atlantic White Cedar plant community. It is located on the south side of the East Washington Road by the town line with Washington just past the site of the Bradford Springs Hotel.

55 Alive Driver Safety Program

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will present its 55 Alive driver safety program, the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course designed especially for drivers 50 and older, at the Kearsarge Council on Aging, 125 Main Street (behind Jack's Coffee), New London. Sponsored by the Council on Aging, the eight-hour course will be offered in two, four-hour sessions from 1:00-5:00pm on Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12. The cost is a nominal \$10 and there are no tests!

The AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Course is approved in every state and graduates may be eligible for discounts on their auto insurance. To register, send a check for \$10 (made out to AARP) to the instructor, Bob Vernon, at 55 Pingree Rd., New London, NH 03257. For more information, call Bob at 526-6216. Space is limited, so call early.

Parks & Recreation News

On May 4 the Hall and Lucas families were out in force with Barbara Vanetta for the Annual Clean Up at French's Park. A lot of raking and picking up was done. We wish we could see more people who use the Park at this Annual Clean Up. On May 11, Wacky, Larry, Matt, Jon Hall, Chris Thulin, Jim and Josh Allen set the swing set in place. Swings were attached with the help of Cliff Powers, the Park's good neighbor, in June. Kids are really enjoying them.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE DUCKS at the Park. If they hang around they contaminate the water and can cause illness. Also, as a smoker I ask that you please don't leave your butts on the ground. This is such a beautiful spot; let's keep it that way. Thanks once more to all who rake at the beach.

The twirlers are working hard for their performance in the Independence Parade; come watch.

—Jane Lucas

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Kearsarge Area Preschool News

May was an exciting month for the preschoolers! We visited Eccart Farm in Washington, made garden stones with our handprints in them for Mother's Day, and sang at the senior luncheon. We finished off our school year on May 23 with a graduation and concert at the Baptist Church. The children sang beautifully, performing songs including the Bear Hunt, Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, and Love Grows.

The Board of Directors would like to thank our teachers, Heather Brady, Lisa Lewis, and Sheri Swinerton, for taking on teaching positions in addition to their other jobs so the preschool could continue to operate this year. They proved to be dedicated, caring teachers and exceeded our expectations for what were to be temporary positions! Thank you!

KAP is thrilled to announce Lyn Betz' acceptance of the position of director/teacher for the preschool next year. She brings many years of teaching experience with kindergartners and will be a wonderful asset to our program.

We still have a few slots available in the four-year-old class. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please call Sarah at 938-2624 for more information.

—Sarah Harvey

Then...

by Milly Kittredge



The sounds of summer—the Band Concert. The Bradford Cornet Band is on its way to a concert in this flashy mode of transport. From 1895 to nearly 1920, a group of fifteen to twenty townspeople in their tidy uniforms gathered to entertain in Bradford and out of town. This picture is in front of the Colby block before the 1918 Main Street fire.

Christopher German to Attend Elmira College

Christopher Robert German, son of George and Susan Stewart German, graduated from Robert W. Traip Academy, Kittery, Maine. Christopher will be attending Elmira College in New York majoring in pre-med studies. He received the Presidential Scholarship from Elmira College, Robert W. Traip Academy Trustee scholarship, and Rotary Club of Kittery, Maine scholarship. Christopher is the grandson of Addy and Robert Stewart of Bradford, NH.

This year, more than ever,
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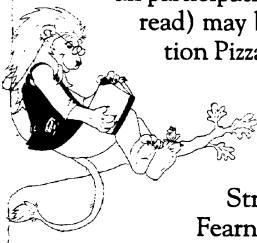
Free Summer Reading Program begins July 10



Brown Memorial Library's free summer reading program, "Lions & Tigers & Books, Oh My!" begins on Wednesday, July 10 at 9:30am with New Hampshire author and Bradford resident Deborah Bruss leading story time and activities. Programs suitable for children, ages preschool through age 9, continue on Wednesdays through July from 9:30 to 10:30am.

This summer fun program is designed to encourage recreational reading by children and their families. Leaders planning story time and arts and crafts activities are Denise Fairbank on July 17, Lyn Betz on July 24, and Sarah Harvey on July 31. Librarian Meg Fearnley will be available to help children find books and to issue library cards for first-time library users. Friends Treasurer Jan Riley will help tally books.

Children are encouraged to bring their reading lists to the first session. A final party and celebration will take place on July 31 when certificates will be awarded to all participating children. Certificates (awarded for numbers of pages or books read) may be presented to the Bradford Elementary School for its recognition Pizza Party celebrated when school begins in the fall.



The 2002 Summer Reading Program, "Lions & Tigers & Books, Oh My!" is sponsored by The Friends and the Trustees of Brown Memorial Library. Programs (open to area children) take place at the handicapped accessible library, 78 West Main Street, Bradford, NH. For more information, call librarian Meg Fearnley at 938-5562.

Bradford Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, July 24 at 7:30pm at the Old Post Office on Route 103. Rebecca Courser from the Warner Historical Society will show slides of Bible Hill and the Mink Hills, the range extending to the borders of Hopkinton, Henniker and Bradford. Once an extensive farming area inhabited with rugged individualists and criss-crossed with old roads, it is now an area of few residents and some protected land. Rebecca will explore the history of this area, and the people who lived there. The public is invited to attend.

—Milly Kittredge

Bradford Country Squares

On Saturday, July 20, the Bradford Country Squares will host a Casual Dress Square Dance at the Bradford Town Hall having as its theme "Ocean Waves." Jim Pulaski will call A-1 from 7:00-8:00pm and Plus from 8:00-10:30pm. Bernie Porter will cue for the Round Dancers. Admission is \$5 per person. For further information, please call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are free and always made welcome.



From the "secret" recipe files of



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CREAM CHEESE BROWNIES

Normally, I don't stray too far when I'm working with old standard recipes such as brownies, but this one is a great variation!

Melt together:

- 1 - 4 oz. pkg Baker's German Chocolate
 - 3 Tbsp. butter
- Set aside to cool.

Cream:

- 2 Tbsp. butter
 - 1- 3oz. pkg. cream cheese
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 Tbsp. flour
 - 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- Set aside.

In a separate bowl, beat 2 eggs until light.

Add:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Blend in the chocolate mixture and add:

- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Turn the mixture into an 8" square pan that has been greased and floured.

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It's Church Fair Season!

In addition to the Bradford Baptist Church Fair on July 6, *Bridge* readers received invitations to three other summer fairs.

The Georges Mills Ladies Aid Society will hold their 105th annual church fair at the United Methodist Church, 37 Prospect Hill Road, Georges Mills from 9:00am to 2:00pm on Wednesday, July 31 (no early birds, please). There will be a food table, handcrafts, lunch, books, cookie walk, children's table, balsam pillows, white elephants, and a silent auction in the Chapel.

The South Newbury Union Church is seeking vendors for the 12th annual country church fair on August 10 from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Plans are being made for a great fair on the grounds of the Friendship House in South Newbury. There will be a great Chinese auction, an exciting raffle, home baked items, "Blueberry Blast," music, flea market, lots of food, a chance to make your own sundae, children's games, and much more. There will be something for everyone. For more information contact Alison at 938-2700.

The annual Summer Fair co-sponsored by the Deering Community Church, the Women's Guild and the Deering Center will be held on Saturday, August 3 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Deering Center, Route 149 in Deering. Call Kay Daniels, 464-3426 for more information.



Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Church Fair: The American Baptist Women's Ministry will sponsor our annual church fair on Saturday, July 6 from 9:00am-3:00pm on the church grounds. We will have the following tables/attractions: White Elephant Barn Sale, Old books, Children's toys, antiques, jewelry, crafts, home-made cookies and baked goods. A luncheon will start at 11:00am. The Little Red Wagon (children's entertainment) will start at 11:00am as well. Vendors are welcome. Please call the church office at 938-5313 to reserve a spot.

American Baptist Women's Ministry: The July meeting will be held at the home of Judy Marshall on Lake Massasecum on Tuesday evening July 9 at 7:00pm. After a dessert, we will enjoy a boat ride on the lake with some music and a program to fit this year's theme, "Vital Signs."

Vacation Bible School: The dates for this year's VBS are: July 15-July 19 from 6:30-8:00pm. The theme this year is Godzwerkus Circus School. There will be peppy and inspirational music, fun skits, exciting bible stories with crafts and snacks that go along with the story. We are still looking for adults who can help with teaching, snacks, building sets, or just being available to offer an extra pair of hands.

Food Pantry: The pantry will be open on Wednesday, July 17 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can always be obtained at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313. If anyone would like to donate some food to the pantry, we are low on the following items: tuna fish, cans of soup, spaghetti, toothpaste, and bars of soap.

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- 7:00-10:00am Masonic Breakfast, St. Peter's Lodge.
- 7:00am 5K Road Race registration
- 9:00am 5K Race Start, Town Hall to Brown Shattuck Field
- 9:00am-1:00pm Library Book Sale
- 9:00am-2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Bradford Area Community Center
- 9:00am-3:00pm Church Fair—antiques, crafts, food, barn sale at the First Baptist Church.
- 11:00am UNH "Red Wagon Caravan" Children's Show, Baptist Church.
- 11:00am-2:00pm Luncheon, Baptist Church grounds.
- 3:00pm Quilt Raffle drawing, Baptist Church.
- 3:00pm Parade line-up, Old Warner Road.
- 3:15pm Judging of the floats
- 4:00pm Firemen's Parade, "Let Freedom Ring" theme, starts at Rt. 114 & Main St., ending at Applesseed Restaurant on High Street.
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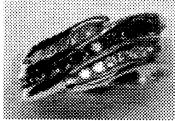
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June Selectmen's Meetings

JUNE 4. Selectmen met with police chief James Kirby, at his request, to discuss the schedule policy adopted by the selectmen May 7. Chief Kirby indicated that effective June 3, the schedule of 7 am to 11 pm was being covered but that he wished to revisit portions of the policy. Omitted from the May 28 minutes was the removal of item number five, which dealt with providing the selectmen with a monthly schedule. Selectmen agreed to remove that requirement, understanding that publishing such a schedule was an issue of public safety. Chief Kirby requested clarification on the schedule times. Peter Fenton and Bruce Edwards both repeated the policy of 7 am to 11 pm and agreed the coverage was needed only on school days and other times were at the chief's discretion. The chief asked if he was to call the selectmen when conditions changed. Selectmen repeated the policy conditions concerning his discretion. Selectman Fenton also clarified the issue of the location of the cruiser as being visible during the school pick up hours, and not necessarily at the bus stops. The chief indicated time was more productive on the Old Warner Road near the School controlling speeding. Chief Kirby believes the town needs coverage until 12 midnight rather than 11pm. Selectmen again repeated that was a discretionary item and he was authorized to use overtime. Chief Kirby related an incident with a drunk driver at 11:10pm, stating the number one hazard to children was the drunk driver. Chief Kirby returned twice to the meeting to again ask for policy clarification and to report on the outfitting of the cruiser and the department's participation in a mock emergency exercise at the Elementary School. His final appearance at the meeting was to question whether the selectmen wanted him to send home an officer who had begun his shift early to participate in the emergency exercise. He questioned whether the selectmen wanted him to have the officer finish out his shift to 11pm thereby working four hours overtime. The selectmen said the overtime was authorized and that was his choice. The chief indicated these were hard choices faced by him every day.

A letter from Richard Merriam regarding a building permit for a manufactured home was reviewed and discussed. In lieu of the current valid permit, the selectmen decided the owner was allowed to con-

tinue. Extending the permit was discussed and recommendations to forward the extension to the planning board was made.

A letter from the Department of Environmental Services on the Site Level Investigation on the highway garage was received and discussed. The Town has met all the requirements and the samples have been within acceptable limits. The town had been given notice that no further action is needed.

A request from Ms. Doran to place a temporary trailer while building a house on Lot 1 West Road was referred to the Planning Board.

Letters from Chief Kirby were read to record. The Chief has recommended denying the installation of speed bumps. He had several comments on Cheney Hill Road stop sign complaints. He has recommended trimming around the Center Road stop sign to improve visibility of the sign. Selectmen agreed with the Chief's recommendations.

A letter from Ann Eldridge, representing the Conservation Commission, regarding the sand and gravel operation on property owned by Joe Battles was read by selectmen. Selectmen will investigate and forward the letter to planning board.

Tax warrant for past due dog licenses was signed by selectmen and will be forwarded to the Police Department as required by RSA.

Selectmen will discuss ways to improve the operation of mandatory recycling at future meetings.

Highway training courses were discussed. James Gove has been taking classes to maintain certification for mechanical issues, and Nathan Brown has been taking Road Scholar Classes. Nate Brown has attained the Level One Road Scholar certification.

JUNE 18. Justin Solomon, owner of property at the corner of Old Warner Road and Rte. 114, met with selectmen to discuss a letter sent by the selectmen regarding the condition of the property. In the letter the selectmen sighted receipt of a complaint about the safety of the building and requested Mr. Solomon allow inspection by the Bradford Fire Chief to make the determination. Selectmen agreed to allow Mr. Solomon two weeks to contact Marc Goldberg for a mutually agreeable time to inspect the building. Mr. Solomon requested copies of the original complaint.

Dave Currier met with selectmen to discuss the Boat Ramp attendant position. The Lake Association has been able to connect with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services and NOAH and tie into a training program which will provide the attendant with informational literature to hand out to boaters as well as additional funds to cover the ramp for longer hours. The attendants will be issued identifying shirts. They will also be doing survey work on where the boats are coming from. Mr. Currier requested permission to have these attendants clean the area of brush during slow times. Selectmen approved. Mr. Currier suggested the town reimburse the lake association for the wages spent through a voucher system. Cheryl agreed. The town will pay for the portable toilet from the funds raised at town meeting. The remainder will be available for wages. Bruce Edwards asked where the authority to cordon off the milfoil area lies. Mr. Currier said the northern portion of the lake is considered a restricted area by the Department of Environmental services. Bruce Edwards asked who was available to the public to answer questions. Mr. Currier said he was overseeing the attendants and could answer questions, or Marcia and Dick Keller.

Fred Hubley, Marg Cilley, and George Cilley met with selectmen and the Chief of Police regarding the skateboarders in town. The Cilleys and Mr. Hubley requested the ordinance be enforced more vigorously than it has been in recent weeks. The Chief requested the public call the police station when the kids are observed in the roads and on private property and his officers will discuss the matter with the kids.

Selectmen signed appointment of Gregart Johnson to the planning board to replace Jane Johnsen. Mrs. Johnsen resigned last month.

Transfer station issues were discussed. The inability for businesses to access the dump was discussed. The possibility of placing a dumpster next to the compactor for these businesses to use after hours was discussed. The possibility of training operators from the area businesses was discussed. Cheryl will investigate.

—Excerpted from the public minutes.
Complete minutes available at the
Selectmen's Office

Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd



The most pressing issue this month remains the, as yet, unresolved redistricting plans that will determine which towns will be represented by which representatives. The Democrats and Republicans have been unable to reach consensus for either a House or Senate plan and these are being decided by the Supreme Court. As I write, the Supreme Court has handed down a Senate plan. It splits the traditionally coupled towns of Henniker and Bradford into different senate districts.

Although the House will meet one last time to attempt to reach consensus on a House plan, an agreement is unlikely to occur and the Supreme Court will then be required to issue a house redistricting plan in mid-July. Bradford could wind up being paired with any one of many towns, whether contiguous or not, and may even remain with Henniker. The ideal House district has a population of 3,089 so that Bradford with only 1,400 people cannot stand alone as a district.

It was an interesting year legislatively and a round up of some of the laws that have been enacted will give you a flavor of some of the interests of people in our state.

Environment: Tougher shoreline protection laws have been signed into law. Enacted in 1991 but unfunded until 1994, the Shoreline Protection bill requires owners of shorefront properties on lakes, rivers, and streams to take stock of the vegetation on their shoreline. The bill makes it illegal to cut any shoreline vegetation that serves as a filtering agent for our state's water systems.

Emergency Plans: Broad emergency powers have been granted to the government in response to the September 11th crisis. Although individuals may refuse medical treatment in the event of a biologically dangerous attack, it allows the government to quarantine people who present a public health threat to others. The emergency powers are granted to the government in situations requiring a response to natural disasters, bioterrorism, and/or infectious disease outbreaks. The bill will expire in 2004 unless re-enacted by the legislature. Another bill creates a felony offense for anyone delivering chemical or biological weapons to a public place, threatening someone, or committing a hoax that involves real or pretend hazardous materials. As always, the need to protect individual rights of privacy must be balanced against issues of public safety.

Minors: Young people under the age of 16 cannot operate a boat with more than a 25 hp motor unless accompanied by an adult certified in boat safety. The adult would be liable for any injuries or property damages that occurred while boating.

Human Rights: Criminal penalties have been established for the neglect of elderly, disabled, or impaired adults. The bill came out of an incident where the police could not prosecute a family member who severely neglected his disabled mother by not seeing to her basic needs for food and medical care. The neglect ultimately led to her death. This bill would not hold caretakers responsible for neglect for those who refuse care and treatment offered to them. A right to self-determination and to refuse care is a basic constitutional tenet.

As always, I am available to discuss issues that concern you and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your legislator. Telephone 938-2692.

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Kearsarge Region Group Workcamp

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Repairs include 48 exterior painting projects, 17 porches, 14 roofs, 7 wheelchair ramps, and numerous others. It is estimated that 341 gallons of paint, 2240 pounds of concrete mix, and 700 pounds of nails and screws will be used.

The Group Workcamps Foundation is a non-profit, interdenominational Christian volunteer home-repair organization headquartered in Loveland, Colorado. This summer, an anticipated 18,000 young people and adults will participate in 50 Group Workcamps in communities across the US and Canada. For additional information regarding the Group Workcamp in New London, please contact Ed Rennells, Division Director of Casey Family Services at 800-417-7375.



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Seeking Volunteers for Invasive Species Survey

The New England Wild Flower Society has contacted the Conservation Commission for help in locating additional volunteers to participate in the second year of the White Mountain National Forest Invasive Species Survey. This survey is funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and is being conducted by the Wild Flower Society with the US Forest Service. Plants such as Japanese barberry, purple loosestrife and Japanese knotweed are highly invasive and can displace native plant communities and the animal life dependent upon them. Large areas of the more southern part of the state are given over to these and other non-native species. A management plan for the White Mountains is being formulated. Volunteers last year documented 438 sites already in trouble in and around the National Forest.

The next training session will be held in Lincoln on Saturday, July 20, from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Volunteers receive instruction using survey protocols and are given manuals identifying more than thirty targeted exotic plants as well as information on their ecology and control. Trainees are then asked to spend one morning or afternoon this year in or around the White Mountains scouting for troublesome plant life in locations of their choosing.

Anyone thinking of spending time this summer in the Whites who would like to help out should call Joy DeMatteo at 745-3544 or e-mail her at jcdematteo@yahoo.com. If a half dozen or more people from this area are interested, they will arrange a training session in Bradford.

Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

The New Hampshire State Library has just contracted with EBSCO Publishing to provide New Hampshire libraries with an outstanding collection of databases. This free service provides library users with access to 12 databases covering general interest, business and health resources. For instance, *MasterFile Premier* has full text articles for more than 1900 periodicals. *Health Source: Consumer Edition* contains articles from more than 300 health periodicals as well as 1000 health pamphlets and 20 health reference books. Also included is the *NovelList* database. *NovelList* can help you search through over 100,000 fiction titles to find books that you would like to read. In addition, there are research databases for children and young adults. This service is free to all library users. We have an information sheet available to


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Don't miss our next book sale during Bradford's Independence Day Celebration on July 6 from 9:00am-1:00pm. This book sale will feature lots of new children's books.

The children's summer reading program "Lions & Tigers & Books...Oh My!" will begin on Wednesday, July 10 from 9:30 to 10:30am and continue on the following three Wednesdays at the same time. We have some really fun projects planned. The reading program is for children entering pre-school to 9 years old.

Young children's story time will continue through the entire summer on Wednesdays at 10:30am.



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Planning Board Notes

The Planning Board accepted, with regret and appreciation for her services, the resignation of Jane Johnsen as a member of the Board. Jane served first as an alternate, then was elected as a member, and also served as one of Bradford's two representatives to the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC). Greg Johnson was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board, serving until the next town election. An effort will be made to add more alternates to the Board and to seek another representative to the CNHRPC.

The Board discussed a gravel permit renewal for the former Kaye pit on Center Road now owned by Barry Wheeler. The permit expired in 1997 when under Mr. Kaye's control. The Board voted that the permit renewal, with a bond on file, authorized hauling for town purposes only. Any other commercial hauling will require issuance of a Gravel Pit Permit to contain a viable closure plan, a site visit by the Planning Board, and a bond sufficient to cover the costs of the updated closure plan. Mr. Wheeler was notified of this decision and asked to respond by June 30.

A site plan was approved for the proposal by Stephen and Mary Manley to create three apartments at 121 East Main Street, two with two bedrooms, and one with three. As part of the approval, a monitoring well currently on site was noted on the plan and a letter documenting that a filtering system in the basement of the building will be maintained to ensure potable water.

A site plan was conditionally approved for Carol Fortune to operate a gift shop in a building next to her home on Route 103. The condition allows the shop to open at once, but a boundary agreement must be

provided within the next six months to resolve an outstanding issue.

Mike Pugliese, owner of Dodge's General Store, filed a revised site plan to conform to the current retail business in the building.

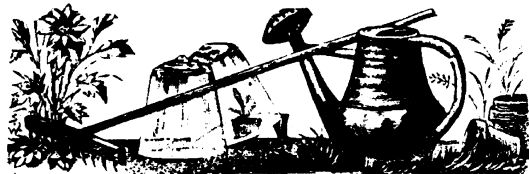
The Board explained to Rich Stanley, owner of Video Pursuit, the need for a modified site plan to reflect the change of business and hours of operation at that location. An application will be filed and a public hearing held at a later date.

Driveway Access permits were signed for Doug Troy on Cressey Road, Bill and Tracie Coulter on Massasacum Avenue, and Richard Merriam on West Road.

THE BOARD CONTINUED FUTURE PLANNING FOR THE TOWN WITH A DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED TO VOTERS FOR CONSIDERATION. TOWNS ARE ALLOWED TO IMPOSE SUCH FEES WHEN COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF CAPITAL FACILITIES THAT WOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN AT THAT TIME IF NOT FOR THE PROPOSAL. THE BOARD WILL RESEARCH HOW THESE FEES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY OTHER COMMUNITIES BEFORE MOVING AHEAD. ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE PARKING REGULATIONS IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE, A POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING MANUFACTURED HOUSING PARKS IN TOWN, UPDATING THE WETLANDS ORDINANCE, AND AN ORDINANCE DEALING WITH STEEP SLOPES.

CAN YOU HELP? Minutes of Planning Board meetings from 1981 and 1982 are missing from the files at Town Hall. If you know the whereabouts of these file or have any information from that time, please contact Marcia Keller, 938-2877. *These records are very important in researching past activity. Thanks.*

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SATURDAY, JULY 6

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 8:30am-4:30pm

MONDAY, JULY 8 THROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 11

Tall Pines Adventure Week, for 5th and 6th graders

MONDAY, JULY 8

Senior Luncheon, Celebrates July Birthdays
Bridge Club, 2:00-4:30pm

MONDAY, JULY 15 THROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 18

Tall Pines Adventure Week, for 5th and 6th graders

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Reiki with Peg Leighton, 10:30am
Personal Touch Home Health Care, Free blood pressure and foot care, 11:00am-12:30pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Learning Adventure Series, "Women and the Mountain" by Julie Boardman, Newbury Public Library, 10:00am

MONDAY, JULY 22

After Lunch Movie, "America's Largest and Highest Narrow Gauge Railroad," 12:30pm

THURSDAY, JULY 25

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CAP Senior Luncheon, Mondays and Thursdays, Senior Room, noon (for reservations, please call 938-2104)

Computer Class, Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm (Except July 1)

Walking Group, (walk around the block) Mondays & Thursdays, 11:00am

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm

Yoga Class, not advanced, Wednesdays, Senior Room, 9:30-11:00am, call Fran at 456-3099 to register

BACC Board Meeting, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Senior Room, 5:30pm

Computer Tutoring, Fridays, Senior Room, 10:00am (other times by appointment, call Bev Leo at 938-2996)

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Real Estate Hints:

Divorce Refinancing

by Laura Hallahan

There is a saying in real estate that divorce is what keeps us in business; not a happy thought, but true in many cases, sadly. We've all heard the statistics from the Bureau of Census projecting that 5 of 10—that is, half—of all marriages end in divorce. Data from 1993, for example, showed that 2.3 million couples married and 1.3 million couples divorced. In past articles, I have talked about how the real estate transaction is not just a business transaction but an emotional experience for many, too, making the job of putting a buyer and seller together even more challenging. When you add a divorce situation on top of that, emotions run extremely high and common sense can take a back seat to hurt, anger, and anxiety. Part of what makes selling your house difficult is knowing that it isn't just a building or a structure, rather it is a home—a safe place full of memories.

Typically with divorce, both parties are forced to sell the property with each netting some equity at closing and then going their separate ways. Neither person may be able to purchase a new home right away, so both struggle to move on, finding a rental and trying to establish roots again. Sometimes you hear of one spouse "buying out" the other but frequently it is simply not possible. The latest issue of Market Commentary, a publication put out by GMAC Mortgage, speaks to this issue. GMAC and other large lenders have an alternative to the divorce sale with enhanced guidelines that allow a buyout by one spouse up to 90 percent (up from 75 percent) of the value of the property. This is what is known as divorce refinancing and the limited cash-out increase in value often means that retaining the property is a viable option for one spouse. The borrower acquiring sole ownership of the property receives no cash-out from the proceeds of the transaction and documentation to support this option—such as a copy of the divorce decree or property settlement agreement—is required.

Often it ends up that both spouses find there are just too many memories in the house and each prefers to sell and move on to the next chapter in their lives. However, for those who find themselves facing divorce and the sale of a home, it would be worth exploring the option of a buyout with your lender. If you can be helped by this type of program, it will greatly reduce your stress level to know that you won't have to face being uprooted at an already difficult time.

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July Calendar

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Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, JULY 9

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Summer Reading Program, stories and activities for preschoolers through age 9, BML, 9:30-10:30am
Parks and Recreation, BACC, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JULY 11

BEOC Meeting, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Concord Coachmen Barbershop Quartet, Bradford Center Meeting House, 3:00-4:00pm. Provided by the Smith Fund.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Vesper Hymn Sing, Bradford Center Meeting House, 5:00pm

MONDAY, JULY 15

BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Summer Reading Program, BML, 9:30-10:30am
Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for details
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JULY 18

BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Lettvin Concert, Bradford Center Meeting House, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Lettvin Concert, Bradford Center Meeting House, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Summer Reading Program, BML, 9:30-10:30am
Bradford Historical Society program "The Mink Hills," Old Post Office, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Summer Reading Program, BML, 9:30-10:30am

Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am

Thistle Spinners, Every Monday, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 1:00-3:00pm

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, Saturdays, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

To list events for the August Calendar, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029 or e-mail bradfordbridge@conknet.com before June 20.

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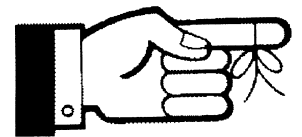
FOR SALE. 30 ft Dutchman Trailer. Excellent condition, sleeps 4. Heat, air, micro oven, full refridger, built in jacks. Call 927-4141 after noon. Price over phone.

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FOR SALE. Rear Tine Rototiller, 5 hp, \$150. 2-cycle brush cutter, \$75. 938-2095.

FOR SALE. '92 Mazda 626 DX. High miles, good condition, \$1,275. 938-2095

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**Bradford Bridge
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