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Don Johnsen Retires As BEOC Chairman

Don Johnsen, who has served as Chairman of the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee since the BEOC was commissioned by the Board of Selectmen in the late 90s, has announced his retirement from that post. Under Johnsen's leadership, the BEOC has become the future-planning vehicle for the Town. Johnsen developed a plan for the use of 23 acres of land in the village area as green space for parkland and recreation known as the Bradford Green. He has worked tirelessly with the DES and other State agencies to reclaim that valuable land. The Village Improvement Project and the recent Capital Improvement Plan are BEOC projects nurtured largely by Don's efforts.

At a recent meeting of BEOC, Johnsen was applauded for all of his good work and acknowledged as the inspiration for others who respond to serve the Town and address its economic future. Doug Troy and Chris Frey will now serve as BEOC's co-Chairs. The BEOC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

—Nancy Hibbard

Band & Berry Festival

The Bradford Historical Society's annual Band and Berry Festival will be held at Bradford Center on Rowe Mountain Road on Saturday, June 22 from 1:00-4:00pm. Berry shortcakes and sundaes will be served for a small fee. This is the Historical Society's only annual fundraiser and proceeds help support the many free programs provided throughout the year.

The concert, featuring the Hopkinton Town Band, is free. Funding for the concert is provided by the E. Warren Smith Fund. Come enjoy a toe-tapping old-time concert and delicious berry treats on the beautiful old Commons.

—Milly Kittredge



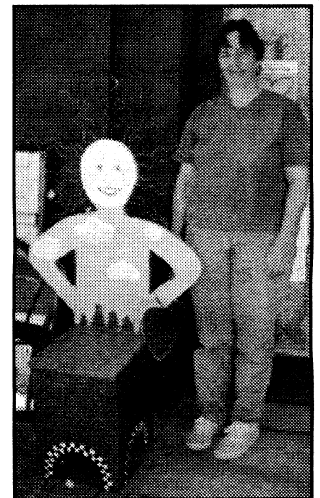
Artist-in-residence Marilyn Sylla leads Kristyn von Svoboda, 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Sweet, and Sophie Hunt in a dancing workshop at KRES Bradford. Story on page 12.

A Special Friend in Bradford!

The Friends Program, a non-profit organization that supports Emergency Housing, Foster Grandparents, Interfaith Caregivers, and Junior/Senior Friends, has expanded its annual "Friends Finding Friends" event beyond downtown Concord. This year, participating stores will be displaying multi-dimensional, artistically decorated life-size Friends as unique chairs. Anne Boisvert of Antiques and Artist Tree in Bradford was one of over 50 volunteers to accept the challenge of decorating a plywood chair. Her contribution is currently on display at the shop on Main Street behind Bowie's Market. "Friends" are also on display at Henniker Pharmacy, Wingdoodle in Warner, the Sundial Shop in Laconia, and at over 50 locations in downtown Concord.

The chairs will be sold at an auction on Friday, June 21 beginning at 6:00pm at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. The event will include jazz music, appetizers, beverages, and a dessert and coffee bar. Individuals will have the opportunity to bid on one or more of these unique, life-size friendly chairs. Proceeds will help support Friends community service programs. Bradford residents are among those who benefit from Friends programs.

For more information on Friends Finding Friends or The Friends Program, contact Jim Doremus, Executive Director, at The Friends Program, 228-11193.



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The Bradford Bridge is a free community newspaper supported by advertisers. To place an ad, call Carol Troy at 938-6186 or send a FAX to 938-5702. Ad deadline is June 20.

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 June 20.

Selectmen's Update

Here it is June and time to discuss "what happened to my tax abatement request"? Those of you who requested an abatement on your taxes will be receiving a letter from the office of the Board of Selectmen by July 1 granting or denying your request. There are provisions for appeal. The abatement request was reviewed by the tax assessor and then forwarded to the selectmen. If an abatement was granted for the year 2001 property tax, you will receive a refund check that is generated by the abatement in the mail. Since your assessed value was changed, you will have overpaid your first yearly tax bill received in May since that bill is calculated as one half of last year's taxes before the abatement. Remember that the tax rate is set in the fall of 2002 for this year. When that is done, you will be credited with the overpayment in that fall bill. The fall bill will show the revised assessed value of your property. As you see, it is a two step process. A rebate check, if granted, and then an adjustment to the year 2002 tax bill in the fall. Any questions, call Cheryl Behr at the Town Hall, 938-5900.

The first of the new road signs have been ordered. Look for them during the summer. The new cruiser has been received and French's Park has been cleaned up and is ready for your enjoyment. The Route 103 re-paving will start in June. The bridge over Lake Todd will be one-way each direction for the balance of the summer. Please be careful and be aware of the construction vehicles as they do their job. Let us all have a safe and fun summer!

—Dick Vitale, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Chief's Notes

The Ford Explorer police vehicle was taken to the state auction where it sold for \$4000. The money goes to the general fund. Officer Courtney Heath was responsible for removing all the equipment and cleaning the cruiser. His efforts certainly paid off because it was expected to sell at a much lower price.

The new cruiser has its decals. It is a 2000 model which decreased the purchase price by \$2000 and reduced the lease payment by \$700 per year. It will be taken to Ossipee Mountain in June for installation of the emergency equipment. The police department again thanks the Town for its support of this cruiser and the budget.

The police department has two new employees. Heather (Carlucci) McCarthy is the new secretary. She graduated from KRHS in 1989. Her husband Joe is a dispatcher for New London Police and they have a three-year-old daughter, Jenna. Cait Olson has been hired to monitor and enforce the French's Park detail and the Boat Landing. Cait has been a long-time member of the police cadet Explorers. She also works at the Pizza Chef in Bradford.

—Jim Kirby, Chief of Police

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In this issue of the Bradford Bridge you will notice a flyer for the Transfer Station Disposal Guidelines for construction and demolition materials, propane tanks and some appliances from Bradford properties.

Specific costs for each item are on the reverse of each coupon for your reference and are also listed on the flyer. The coupons can be purchased at the Town Hall during normal business hours. If you anticipate disposing of these items during the weekend, you will not be able to do so without a coupon. Don't be caught short! Please purchase in advance. Coupons are not available at the Transfer Station. You will not be allowed to dump these items without coupons. You will be turned away. Disposal costs are skyrocketing. These coupons will help recover some of the cost of disposal.

—Dick Vitale for the Board of Selectmen

Register now for Major League Soccer Camps

Major League Soccer Camps is coming to Bradford from August 12–16. Please note the change of date! Half-day camp is available for children entering grades 1–4 in September. Full-day camp is also available for children entering grades 5 and up.

For more information or a registration form, please call Karen Way at 938-6113 or Debbie Bruss at 938-2979.

Registrations are due by July 1st. (Late registrations will be taken if space is available.)



Kearsarge Community Band

The Kearsarge Community Band invites area musicians to play and to become acquainted with Band members during rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00pm, at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Music Room in New London. Year-round and summer residents, especially trumpet musicians, are welcome to fulfill our instrumentation requirements. No auditions are required. For information contact Pam Waltzer at 763-8944 or Nola Aldrich at 526-2942.

Bradford Newbury Community Workshop

The final workshop meeting on Thursday, June 13, will be a picnic at noon at Eleanor Boden's boathouse on Lake Sunapee. Please plan to car pool, as parking is limited. Bring a cold covered dish; casserole, salad, or dessert to share. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for water activities after lunch.

—Clare Bensley


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News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

March 22. Zachary Scala O'Connor was born to Christine and Sean in Concord.

May 7. Kadyne Christine DeCelle was born to Julie and Michael in Concord.

May 17. Kevin Reynolds and Susan Julian were married in Bradford.

May 17. Madison Taylor Davis was born to Dianna Szymkiewicz and John Davis in Concord.

Dog licenses will be subject to a \$2.00 penalty for registering after June 1, 2002. The Animal Control Officer will take over the registering of dogs at that time. Please register your dogs as soon as possible to avoid costly forfeiture fees (\$25.00).

First-half tax bills went out on May 17, 2002. If you did not receive one or feel there is an error on your bill, please contact the Tax Collector for billing or the Selectmen's Office for questions on rates etc. This first-half bill should be one half of your previous year's total bill.

HOURS: New extended hours are in effect.

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Letters

Thank you

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Carol Adams family for the time and energy community members have contributed in providing meals for Phil and the children while Carol is recovering from her accident. Everyone has been so accommodating and generous with their desire to help that coordinating this effort has been very easy. Remarks included: "Just tell me when you need it," "I'll do it once a week," "I'll do whatever they need." The world around us may have been dimmed by current events but altruism has brightened up this little corner of the planet. Thank you again to all the cooks.

Betty Hague

Fire Department's last show

The Bradford Fire Department regrets to notify the Town that after this year, the Department will no longer sponsor the Fourth of July Celebration and Fire Works. Due to a limited amount of manpower and stricter rules involving the shooting of commercial fireworks displays, we feel we can no longer provide a quality and safe show. We are struggling to put a celebration on for this year. We felt due to the events of September 11, 2001 we would somehow put the celebration together in memory of all those that were lost and in the spirit of freedom and independence. The Department would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported and helped us with the celebration in previous years. Respectfully submitted,

The Bradford Fire Department

Letters to the editor should be no more than 400 words and may be edited for clarity and content. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification.

BWC Update

The Bradford Women's Club luncheon was a big success. Thanks to Jim and Lynn Horigan at the Thistle and Shamrock. The new officers will be: President, Barbara Vannata; Vice President, Jerri Dickerson; 2nd Vice President, Jean Gaito; Recording Secretary, Tracy Foor; Corresponding Secretary, Martha von Redlich; Treasurer, Nancy Hibbard; and Financial Chair, Jane Lucas.

New shrubs were planted at the Rt. 103 garden, but there is more work to be done. Doug Troy has donated a dwarf apple tree and Mrs. Lyons has donated rhododendrons. There will not be a general membership meeting until September 17. The next executive meeting will be June 11, 9:30am at the Bradford Area Community Center.

BWC scholarship winners are Trinity Bigford of Bradford and Mary McGinn of South Sutton. Good luck to them.

—Barbara Vannata

Independence Day Parade

Plans for the 2002 Independence Parade are marching along. We hope you are making your plans to join us. This is the year to join in the celebration of our Independence. To register your Float or "whatever," call 938-2530 or 2570.

If you know someone you feel has given to our community and should be honored as Grand Marshal of the Parade, look for the Voting Cans and place their name in it. Cans will be at the Post Office and Bowie's Market.

We need a few people to give just an hour to help line up the Parade. You won't miss the Parade; please call to volunteer.

—Jane Lucas



Newbury Readies for Return of TR

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of President Teddy Roosevelt's visit to New Hampshire, Newbury will host the famous statesman on July 21, 2002. A reenactment of his whistle-stop appearance will be held at Newbury Harbor at approximately 2:00pm, where he will address his supporters at the Newbury Caboose Museum as he travels from Newport en route to the Fells. At the Fells, he will enjoy a visit to the home of Secretary of State John Hay.

In preparation for this historic occasion, the Newbury Public Library will present a discussion of the best-selling *Theodore Rex* by Edmund Morris. The discussion group will meet at the library on Monday, June 3, at 7:00pm and will be led by local resident and scholar Joseph Cronin. The public is invited to participate and copies of *Theodore Rex* are available at the library. This will be the first in a monthly summer series of discussion groups at the library exploring books about Teddy Roosevelt, John Hay, Henry Adams, and other notable people and issues dominating the local and national scene 100 years ago. The series is funded by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Resource Center.

Joe Cronin is enthusiastic about the upcoming events surrounding the reenactment of TR's local tour in 1902. As a former history teacher and facilitator of the *Theodore Rex* discussion group, he says, "Our discussion topics will include the puzzle of how Teddy Roosevelt could be a role model for both George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. This 'deelightful' discussion will initiate the 100th anniversary of TR's visit to Lake Sunapee, Newbury, the Fells, and his friend and Secretary of State, John Hay." Cronin, past president of Bentley College, is Chairman of the Board of the Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge and a board member of the Newbury Historical Society.

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Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports Fall Soccer Registration

It is hard to believe but the time has arrived for Fall Soccer Registration. BNSYS sponsors a fall recreational soccer program for all youths from Bradford, Newbury, or Sutton who will be in first through sixth grade in September 2002. On Saturday, June 8, Ken Coyle, Soccer Director, will be at the BNSYS Snack Shack from 9:00am to noon. The Snack Shack is located behind the baseball field backstop at the Bradford Elementary School. There is a registration fee of \$25 per child. Registrations will also be distributed at KRES Bradford and Sutton the week of June 3. If you prefer or cannot make it to the signup, mail a completed registration for each child to Ken. The completed registration should be accompanied by a check made out to BNSYS with the appropriate fee. Registrations must be received by July 20. Early registrations are greatly appreciated and make planning much easier. Ken's address is PO Box 143, Bradford, NH 03221 and his telephone number is 938-5204. We welcome and appreciate any donations. As always, we are in need of volunteers to coach, referee, fundraise, and assist with field maintenance. This will be Ken's first year as Soccer Director so please give him your support!

Bradford Fire Department Elects Officers

On April 15 the Fire Department held its annual election of officers. The Department was saddened by the stepping down of both Deputy Chiefs Ralph Carroll and Robert Raymond due to personal reasons. Both have served in the position of Deputy Chief for many years and have served our community well. We are glad that both are staying on with the Department as firefighters.

The Fire Department has elected the following qualified people to be Department Officers: Chief, Mark Goldberg; First Deputy Chief, Preston Starr; Second Deputy, Chief Alan Brown; Captain, James Raymond; Lieutenant, Steve Hansen; Lieutenant, Chuck Goodale; Lieutenant, Chris Aiken.

—Bradford Fire Department

Bradford Country Squares Ice Cream Social

The Bradford Country Squares will host a casual dress Square Dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, June 15. Dona Prudhomme will call A1 from 7:00-8:00pm and Plus from 8:00-10:30pm, and Vera Prudhomme will cue the Rounds. There will be oversized ice cream cones and sundaes on the walls, but the actual tasty treat is also available because this is the Annual Ice Cream Social. The ice cream for this event will be further enhanced by the many and varied delicious toppings provided. Admission is \$5 per person. For further information, you may call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are free and always welcome.

—Bob Trombley

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- 1½ cups cider vinegar
- 5 cups sugar
- 3 oz. liquid pectin

Put the peppers in a blender with ½ cup of the vinegar. Blend well on high speed and pour into a saucepan. Rinse the blender jar with the rest of the vinegar and add to the peppers. Add the sugar and bring to a rolling boil that cannot be stirred down. Remove from heat, let stand 5 minutes, skim foam from top. Add pectin and stir well. Pour into hot jars and seal.

Serving suggestion: Put a 3 oz. pkg. of cream cheese on a plate and top with a heaping spoonful of the jelly. Serve with your favorite crackers. Enjoy!

Then...

by Milly Kittredge

Graduation, June 1948 Bradford Central School



After graduating from eighth grade in Bradford, these seven girls and two boys attended high school in Warner, all but one graduating four years later in 1952. Pictured are Shirley Westerberg, Mimi Nutter, Jack Thompson, Mickey Ayer, Jane Symmes, Charlie Merron, Isabell Ingalls, Ethel Drew, and Mary Brown. Graduation exercises were in the town Hall, and the Reverend Samuel Lowe was minister.



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The nominee should be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher from any State-approved or accredited school, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve, who will continue in an active teaching status (supervisory and administrative responsibilities should be of secondary consideration); inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn; have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school; and be poised, articulate, and possess the energy to withstand a taxing schedule.

The New Hampshire Teacher of the Year carries out his/her duties while maintaining a full classroom load. Nominated teachers who wish to be considered for the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year will be asked to complete application materials for review by the state selection committee. Application packets will be mailed in June to all teachers who are nominated. Completed application materials will be due in August.

Nominations must be made on or before June 12, 2002. Please send your nomination to Lori Perriello, Teacher of the Year Coordinator, New Hampshire Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301 or email lperriello@ed.state.nh.us. If you have any questions, please phone Lori at (603) 271-6646. Additional information and applications may be downloaded from the New Hampshire Department of Education Website at www.ed.state.nh.us under the awards/recognition link.

"It's a Small World" After School Movie

It's a Small World! free after-school movies, sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library, conclude on Wed. June 12 from 3:15-4:15pm at the Bradford Elementary School. The final movie, "The Monkey People," features folktales from South America.

The Friends announce that the 2002 Summer Reading Program, "Lions & Tigers & Books, Oh My!" will be held on Wednesday mornings beginning July 10 from 9:30-10:30am in the library and continue each week through July 31. This year's free programs will be geared for children ages preschool through age nine. The Planning Committee is Denise Fairbank, Sarah Harvey, Laurie Buchar, Jan Riley, and Audrey Sylvester. The Friends seek parents willing to assist with weekly programs. To volunteer, call 938-5948.

Now is the time to renew or become a member of The Friends. Membership renewal forms have been mailed to current members; open-to-all membership forms are available in the library. Tax-deductible dues support programs for children and adults. Dues (Individuals, \$6; Family, \$10; and Life membership, \$50) may be sent to Jan Riley, 27 Old Fairgrounds Rd., Bradford, NH 03221 or dropped off at the library. For more information, call Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948.

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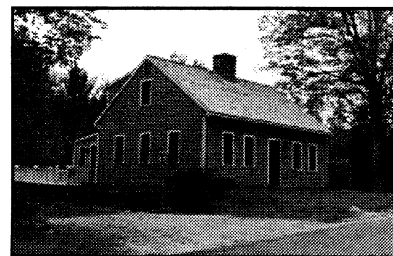
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Robert H. Rich Receives Doctorate

Robert H. Rich, son of Marvin and Dawn Rich, graduated with his doctorate of education from Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey May 13, 2002. Robert is Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the North Plainfield, New Jersey School District. He resides with his wife, Rosemary, and daughters, Meghan, Emily, and Molly in West Orange, New Jersey.

Woody Pringle Inducted into Honor Society

Albert Woodford "Woody" Pringle of Bradford, an instructor at the College for Lifelong Learning (CLL), was recently inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda, Delta Omega Chapter, a national honor society for adults in higher education. He was among three CLL faculty members who were made honorary inductees at a recent ceremony in Manchester. Thirty-three students were inducted for their academic achievement.

CLL is one of four institutions in the state's university system. It serves 4,000 adults statewide with local centers in Newport and Bow. Pringle teaches management and computer courses.



Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Youth Group Grades 5-8: Our final gathering for this year will be Wednesday, June 5 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Church vestry. We will be ordering pizza from the Pizza Chef. Youth are asked to invite their parents/guardians to join us for an evening of games, a re-take on "The Newlywed Game" to see how well youth and their parents know each other and a discussion about what would make communication better between parents and their youth.

Women's Christian Guild: On Friday, June 7, women are invited to meet at the church at 10:15am to travel to the Olive Garden restaurant in Concord for their annual luncheon. They can also meet at the restaurant at 11:00am. After lunch, the Guild will award their annual scholarship.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The June meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00pm. There will be a business meeting, a "last-minute" Fair discussion, and the program will be "Love Gift."

Children's Day: Our Church will observe Children's Day on Sunday, June 16, at 10:00am. Our children will conduct the entire worship service. The theme this year will be "The Church Calendar has no Beginning and No End." The children will also show pictures of their favorite bible story learned during the year through Godly Play.

Father's Day Breakfast: On Sunday, June 16 at 8:30am there will be a Father and Son Breakfast in the Church vestry.

Food Pantry: The June distribution date for the Food Pantry will be Wednesday, June 19 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can also be picked up at other times by calling the Church office at 938-5313.


Baptism Classes: Anyone interested in being baptized in August is invited to attend the first Baptism Class to be held on Monday evening, June 24 from 6:00-7:00pm in the Fiske House.



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Real Estate Hints:

Housing Needs and Older Americans

by *Laura Hallahan*

Lately I have been reading article after article about housing shortages for baby boomers and seniors throughout the country. Locals have also expressed to me that they feel towns like Bradford need to give serious thought to this growing segment of the population. At recent Planning Board meetings, members have expressed a desire to have developers market their proposed subdivisions to the older buyer as these residents pay taxes but typically do not burden the school system. Boomers whose kids have left the nest and seniors who want to downsize from a large house to one-floor living know that they can sell their house quickly, but they cannot find a suitable house to move to either because there is nothing out there or the prices are just too high. A recent report presented to the federal Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facilities Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century noted that current housing shortages will create a housing crisis not seen since the end of World War II. There is a deficit of affordable and appropriate housing for our older citizens in the traditional housing market, the second home market, and in retirement communities.

Even though this housing shortage exists, there are some positives to note. Many seniors are working longer, staying healthier, and enjoying a quality of life that allows them to live in their own home in favor of a retirement community. An AARP study showed that 90 percent want to stay in their own home as long as possible. For those who want to stay put, homebuilders and remodelers are now positioning themselves to accommodate this trend. The National Association of Homebuilders is working with AARP to launch a new designation for remodelers to become Certified Aging-in-Place Specialists. These builders will focus on keeping seniors in their current home by modifying the living space so it works for them today. Such changes may include installing shower grab bars and ramps, adjusting counter top heights, and creating a first-floor master suite. For those boomers or seniors who want to consider living in a retirement community but feel they are not ready, active adult communities are being developed across the country. These developments offer home office options, business centers, and continuing education centers. Traditional retirement communities are also being built to keep up with demand and to provide options for those who need more care or help with meals, healthcare, and transportation.

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April Selectmen's Minutes Excerpts

May 7. George Morse met with selectmen to discuss code violations at property owned by Justin Solomon on the corner of Rte 114 and Old Warner Road. Mr. Morse provided the selectmen with a series of letters and tax cards tracing the history of deficiencies on the property from 1981 to the present. Selectmen will research the law and contact the property owner.

Perry Teele met with the selectmen to discuss the drafting of an ordinance to allow ATVs to operate on Class VI Roads. Selectman Vitale has researched the matter and reported the authority to allow or disallow was granted to selectmen in the RSAs but that selectmen were not required to do so.

Mr. Alan Clark presented two possible alternatives for road improvements on Cheney Hill Road. The intersection of Cheney Hill Road, Center Road and Jones Road was the topic of one discussion. Mr. Clark proposed the intersection be a right angle to Center Road and be moved 50 ft. toward Bradford Center. Selectman Edwards questioned the line of sight to Jones Road and whether the plan allowed for enough space for turning.

An intent to excavate was signed for Peter Isham.

A Naughton Landfill letter has been received from Cathy Wright of the Solid Waste Management Program. Cheryl will call Joyce Bledsoe regarding the contents of letter and schedule of Sanborn Head Assoc. final testing.

Selectmen adopted two personnel policy changes, one regarding police coverage during the school year, and the second regarding the use of time clocks.

An intent to cut timber was signed for Joe Battles on Rowe Mountain Road. An intent to cut was signed for Timberstand Investment on West Meadow Road. An

intent to cut was signed for James Bibbo, Joann Pedroti and Nancy Wilson on Deer Valley Road.

May 21. Chief James Kirby met with selectmen regarding the scheduling policy adopted by selectmen at their May 7 meeting. Selectman Vitale read the policy to record which required police coverage during the school session of 7am-11pm, with a cruiser and officer around the areas of the school bus pick up and drop off. Chief Kirby expressed his concerns that with a crossing guard on duty it was 45 minutes of wasted time with the cruiser and officer. Dick Vitale was concerned with the visibility of the police. He asked the chief to reconsider and the Chief refused to accept the policy. The Chief indicated the selectmen were violating RSA 105 in setting his hours of coverage. Selectman Vitale advised Chief Kirby that counsel had been consulted, reviewed the policy, and the selectmen were advised they were within their authority to make this policy. Discussion continued with no resolution. The Selectmen will consult counsel and the Chief will consult the Police Chiefs Association. Matter to be continued.

Arnold Anderson did not attend the selectmen's meeting as requested.

Nancy Hibbard met with selectmen to discuss the possibility of installing a rotary at the intersection of Rte 114 and Rte 103. Selectmen suggested the petition be forwarded to Mr. Greer of the Department of Transportation. They will respond directly.

Cheryl Frey met with selectmen to discuss the formalization of welfare policy updates. Lists of forms and other resources for applicants are included. Selectmen continued the meeting to Thursday at 5:30pm to review the policy before accepting.

Gary Wall met with selectmen to discuss the traffic and speeding on High Street and his concerns for the increased traffic with the Rte. 103 paving this summer. Mr. Wall requested the selectmen install speed bumps to slow down traffic. Selectmen will take under advisement.

Ken Anderson met with selectmen to discuss illegal dumping at the dump. Individuals are getting into the station after hours. He is finding trash left on top of the compactor and animals and birds rip the bags apart. Selectmen will take under advisement.

Leah Keller questioned selectmen on the building permits issued to Tracy Dunne on Bible Hill Road. She questioned the lack of communication with the planning board on the decision. Selectmen responded to the questions and confirmed the ZBA's decision as the final one on the matter.

Barry Wheeler and Bob Stewart met with selectmen to formalize necessary gravel pit filings. Bob Foor of the planning board confirmed that the board's questions on the site had been answered, Cheryl Behr confirmed the receipt of a reclamation bond and Mr. Wheeler submitted the missing intent to excavate forms for prior years.

Alan Clark requested selectmen revisit his driveway issue connected with Cheney Hill Road. Selectmen offered to install reflector signs. Dick Vitale suggested Mr. Clark present his suggestions to the board in written (or drawn) form. Mr. Clark agreed to do so.

The selectmen received a memo from the planning board on the Class VI Road changes. Selectmen moved to postpone discussion until the June meeting.

Bruce Edwards reported on the Road Committee meeting. The Road Committee recommended acceptance of Mr. Clark's proposal #2. This includes moving the intersection of Cheney Hill Road and Center Road by 50 ft. This will create a separate stop and eliminate some of the culvert work. The road committee also chose the Jones Road Bridge as the next on the state's red list to be repaired. Cheryl will file the necessary paperwork to the Department of Transportation. Bruce also reported on the interest to enter two warrant articles for next year—one for the intersection of High Street, Water Street, West Main and Fairgrounds Road, the second for paving East Main Street.

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Legislative Report

By Representative Barbara Conner French



Our 2000-2002 session is finally over. It was difficult, contentious, and frustrating; however, there were some accomplishments.

I feel very good about our milfoil legislation. HB 592, an act relative to a milfoil and other exotic aquatic plants prevention program, was signed into law on May 15, 2002. This program continues the prevention and control work that exists now such as all the shoreline protection work, cleaning of the net, and the harvesting project being carried out on Lake Massasecum as well as boat ramp monitoring. The significant addition is a grant program for research into the growth and development of our variable milfoil in New Hampshire. We desperately need this information if we are ever going to have the possibility of eradicating milfoil. We struggled to pass this legislation for two years because we couldn't go to the general fund for the necessary money. Finally after much discussion, a \$3 increase in the boat registration fee was settled. Tourism is our second largest industry in the state, which affects every one of us. I know the increased boat fee is not fair, but until we do something about the general fund and our tax structure, there are no other options. This legislation takes effect January, 2003 and until then the New Hampshire Lakes Association has some federal money available for application.

I am involved in several study committees this summer that will be reporting November 1, 2002. These include a review of independent living communities, study background checks for nursing home employees, study marriage preparation and caregivers.

I continue to serve on several statutory councils: the Osteoporosis Education and Prevention Council, the Wellness and Primary Prevention Council, and the Family Resources Centers. I have also served on the Commission to Study the Relationship Between Public Health and the Environment which will make a final report on November 1, 2002. I was also appointed to serve on the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee which deals with such issues as Service Link, the Disability Waitlist Plan, the Foster Care Program, the obesity epidemic in young people, and others. This all presents opportunities and challenges to work with the many health issues and concerns facing our constituents. If you would like any information or would like to contribute any input into any of these areas, please contact me at 428-3366. I'd love to hear from you.

Although our legislative session is over, some major concerns are still not resolved. Redistricting is still being worked on as I write. A fair representation must be worked out and I believe it will happen. The other major issue is our education funding and the tax structure. The Supreme Court told us two things. All children have a right to an adequate education and it shall be funded fair and equitably. That's it - it's up to the legislature to decide what constitutes an adequate education and the method of funding. The Supreme Court has not told us what an adequate education is or what the funding mechanism should be to carry it out. That's the legislature's job. It's not that difficult or time consuming. It just means that we have to put our children and tax payers first, stop the stonewalling, and do it. I will continue to struggle for a fair, equitable funding mechanism. Certainly you know I favor a 3-4 % income tax, property tax on second homes and businesses that is based on one's ability to pay. I believe that if you are ill or unemployed you should not be faced with a staggering property tax bill.

This is the beginning of our summer season. I hope everyone has a restful and rewarding time. As usual, please feel free to call me at my home, 428-3366, regarding any concerns.

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Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 4 from 7:00 to 9:00pm for changes in party registration prior to the State Primary on September 10. Additions and corrections to the checklist may also be made at this time.

—Deborah Lamach, Carolyn Grindle,
& Ann Lucier

Sutton Historical Society

The Sutton Historical Society invites the public to visit the Enfield Shaker Museum by car on Wednesday, June 12. Departure time is 12:30pm from the Old Store Museum in South Sutton on Rte. 114. After touring the museum grounds, we will proceed to Dana Robes Wood Craftsman for a demonstration. To book your reservation or for more information, please call our Program Chairperson, Jean LaChance, at 927-4345 by June 5.

The Sutton Historical Society will sponsor a series of walks on Tuesday evenings in July. The walks will focus on local cemeteries and points of interest. The lives of several historic residents will be discussed. The program will be open to the public and will begin promptly at 6:45pm from the designated location.

- July 2—South Sutton Cemetery. Meet at the South Sutton Common.
- July 9—Sutton Mills Cemetery. Meet at the cemetery on Village Road.
- July 16—Mystery Walk. Meeting place to be announced.
- July 23—East Sutton Cemetery. Meet at the cemetery on East Sutton Road.
- July 30—North Sutton Cemetery. Meet at Smiley Grove across from The Meeting House.



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Students and Staff at KRES@Bradford were treated to several days of West African drumming and dancing during their artist-in-residence on May 20, 22, and 23. Sekou and Marilyn Sylla of Bamidele Drummers and Dancers opened the week with a school-wide performance on Monday morning. Woven into their program were bits of history and geography — how West African music and dance grew into other familiar forms of dance and music in other parts of the world. One dance showed slaves in the Caribbean escaping and searching for new homes in the mountains. Another celebrated the harvest. At one point, half of the students joined in the dance, while others drummed.

Sekou demonstrated how drums were used for communication in Africa. He pretended to send a message from the top of Kearsarge and Marilyn "translated" it. "All people who are 19 years and older please come up to the front." Before long all of the staff was dancing, much to the delight of the students.

During the week, each class got the chance to drum and dance with Sekou and Marilyn. All ages beat out complicated rhythms on hand drums, bass drums, bells, and gourd-shakers. Even the "lunch ladies" got into the spirit—sometimes drumming on drums, sometimes drumming with soup ladles on the pots.

Fifth graders worked with the artists every day in preparation for their performance on Thursday night, which took place in a nearly full auditorium at the high school.

Under the direction of music director Edie Daigle, grades K-4 presented "Voices of the Planet"—music from around the world. The evening culminated with a very enthusiastic performance by both fifth-grade classes who wore some traditional clothing.



Fifth graders Skye Diamond, Missy Dangelo, Laurel Bauer, and fifth grade teacher Kris Lee learn African dance steps from Sekou Sylla.



Billy Downs, Cody Garcia, and Darcy Hayes perform with Sekou Sylla.

Mrs. Perkins' class danced and drummed a celebration rhythm and dance—the Macrou—from Guinea, West Africa. Mrs. Lee's class performed the "Sorsornne" Harvest Dance, also from Guinea. Both teachers joined the dancers on the floor as the audience clapped and shouted encouragement.

After the concert, Marilyn said she was impressed by the tremendous enthusiasm shown by the audience. "We usually don't find that American audiences hoot and holler."

Thank you to the PTC and the staff at the school for their wonderful support and participation.

—Debbie Bruss



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Planning Board Notes

The Planning Board began its new schedule with a planning meeting in April. Each month, the second meeting will be devoted to reviewing the Master Plan and current regulations to decide what, if any, changes should be proposed. This is being done in order to ensure that Bradford's regulations will serve the best interests of the town as increased development occurs. For example, Barbara Vannata and Marlene Freyler discussed recent news articles concerning cluster development and ways in which regulations could encourage mixed-use village development to prevent sprawl.

Other topics discussed were the potential for development on the Town's Class VI roads and the possibility of limiting building on steep slopes by removing steep slopes from the current definition of "buildable land." The planning sessions will continue on the fourth Tuesday of each month. While these are not public "hearings," the meetings are open to the public for information. Before any changes are implemented, public hearings will be held. Amendments to the Master Plan and Subdivision or Site Plan Regulations could then be approved by vote of the Planning Board; amendments to the Zoning Ordinance would be placed on a ballot for voter approval in March.

On May 14, the Board gave preliminary approval to the 15-lot cluster subdivision first submitted in January by Keith Stebbings. Public Hearings had continued over the intervening months. A letter from the Selectmen stated that they had approved the widening of Cheney Hill

Road, with Mr. Stebbings covering the costs. The Road Committee will discuss changing the configuration at the intersection with Jones Road at its next meeting.

The Board took an initial vote giving preliminary approval of the cluster with the following conditions: a signed maintenance and management agreement for the common land, deed restrictions for the common land, signed maintenance agreement for the internal private road (Maple View Drive), state septic approval, completion of the improvements to Cheney Hill Road to the Selectmen's standards, and construction of Maple View Drive as designed by Stevens Engineering before any lots can be sold. The motion was made and passed to accept the conditions. Final approval will be given when the conditions are met.

The Board also dealt with a Site Plan Review application for conversion of a dwelling at 121 East Main Street to three apartments. The application was accepted as complete, but documentation of the status of the water supply and the existing monitoring well must be provided. The public hearing was continued to June 11, 2002 at 7:30pm.

A preliminary site plan was presented for a gift shop to be operated by Carol Fortune on Route 103. Abutters will be notified and a public hearing scheduled when the application is completed.

A permit renewal form was provided to re-open a gravel pit located off Center Road (the old golf course).

—Marcia Keller

Library Lantern



Thanks to everyone who came to the Memorial Day Book and Bake Sale. We were lucky to have gorgeous weather and it was great to see so much activity in town.

John and Fran Lyons of Lyons Family Nursery donated a lovely native lilac for the front of the library. We really appreciate their community-spirited donation.

Thanks to the quick eye of Mr. Gaudes we now have a donated late edition McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology in our reference collection.

The Librarians wish our friends from the Kearsarge Area Preschool a happy and fun summer. We will miss them at our Wednesday morning story time and hope they will come visit us often!

Here is a selection of some new books in your library:

For children:

- The Way Science Works* by Robin Kerrod (lots of fun ideas for science experiments)
- Three More Stories You Can Read to Your Cat* and
- Three More Stories You Can Read to Your Dog* by Sara Miller
- Olivia Saves the Circus* by Ian Falconer

And for adults:

- Tincture of Time* by Anne Wasson (some residents may remember Dr. Wasson!)
- The Shelters of Stone* by Jean Auel
- Daddy's Little Girl* by Mary Higgins Clark
- The Short Forever* by Stuart Woods
- Unless* by Carol Shields
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- Computer Class**, Mondays, 7:00–8:30pm
- 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

June Calendar

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Senior Presentation, “Nutrition for Seniors” by Hope Damon, 12:30pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Senior Presentation, “Are you hard of hearing?” by Cheryl Kenney, 12:30pm

BACC Board Meeting, Senior Room, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

CIP Meeting, Senior Room, 7:00am

Senior Council, Travelogue with Bernie & Debbie Lamach, 1:00–3:00pm

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Senior Luncheon, Celebrates June Birthdays

Senior Presentation, “NH Prescription Drug Options” by Karol Dermon, 12:30pm

Bridge Club, 1:30–4:00pm

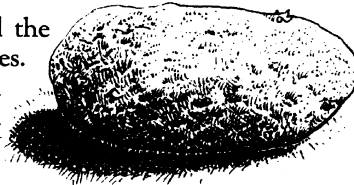
THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Somewhere between the snows of mid-April and the snows of May I planted a colorful excess of potatoes.

The ancestors of the Incas in the mountains of Peru were the first to cultivate potatoes growing thousands of distinct varieties. In the early 1500s, the Spaniard Pizarro, out looking for gold, sampled the cuisine of Ecuador and brought seed potatoes home. The potato was slow to gain acceptance in Europe for a multitude of creative reasons. Among them: that they weren't mentioned in the Bible, that they resembled leprotic hands and thus probably caused it, that lowly livestock ate it, that they led to wantonness in housewives due to their ease of preparation, that they caused drunkenness and worse, and that perhaps it was the forbidden fruit in the Bible.



Frederick the Great in Germany and Catherine the Great in Russia both had to force peasants to plant potatoes while Louis XVI in France was more subtle. He planted potatoes under light guard and allowed the inquisitive peasants to steal them. In England it didn't help that Sir Walter Raleigh presented some plants to Queen Elizabeth I without instructions. The puzzled cooks threw out the knobby tubers and served up the greens which promptly made everyone deathly ill. (Any green parts contain powerful alkaloids.) It took a few more centuries and famines for the English to take the potato seriously as a food crop though they had no problem sending it to their Irish and Scottish subjects.

The Irish can illustrate the social, political, and economic impact of this plant. The potato is a highly nutritious crop that grows on poor soils and with less effort than grains. This allowed the land-poor Irish a measure of independence from the cash economy but also allowed the island population to soar, further lowering wages. The potato doesn't usually breed true from seed so sets of last year's tubers (technically modified stems) are replanted. Potatoes therefore are clones, genetically identical to the parent stock. The Irish were planting a near monoculture of a single variety, the "Lumper." The vulnerability of this system became appalling apparent in the mid-1800s when it was discovered that the Lumper potato was particularly susceptible to the introduced fungus *Phytophthora infestans*. One out of eight Irishmen starved and another one and a half million emigrated.

Driven by consumer preference and large corporations like (ironically) McDonalds millions of acres are planted almost exclusively with only seven cultivars. This situation demonstrates the differences in the way farmers of different cultures view their relationship to the land. The Andean Quechuan still plants a wide variety of tubers in an assortment of microclimates and with an occasional fresh genetic exchange with wild stock. In a dry year some crops will do better, in a cold year others will sustain them. The traditional farmer accepts constant change and adaptation to the elements. The industrial agriculturist bets the whole farm on one cultivar and on his ability to alter the environment. Huge amounts of insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers, herbicides, and fossil energy are required. Lately the large-scale farmers and their suppliers are allowing that this method is not sustainable. Thus blossoms biotechnology wherein controlling the plant itself takes precedence.

A small handful of powerful agricorporations promise that plants can be grown with fewer dangerous chemicals and less energy by transgenetic tinkering, taking the essential properties of one organism and inserting it into another. Darwin was creative, but he never imagined this.

In the case of the potato, this results in the peculiar invention of Monsanto's "NewLeaf" potato. The EPA registers the plant itself as an insecticide because every part of it contains the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* that kills the ubiquitous Colorado potato beetle though, strangely, labeling is not required. The beetle is guaranteed by biologists and even by Monsanto to become resistant to the trick but by then a new solution is assumed. Questions remain about Bt buildup in the soil and the ethics of plant ownership as well.

Perhaps that solution will involve asking the South American horticulturists what they would do in the predicament of trying to feed so many millions perfectly uniform French-fries.

For other information try *Blue Corn and Square Tomatoes* by Rebecca Rupp, *The Botany of Desire* by Michael Pollan, *The Gift of Good Land* by Wendell Berry and *Living at Nature's Pace* by Gene Logsden (at the Library).

Bill

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Afterschool Movie sponsored by the Library Friends, KRES at Bradford, 3:15-4:15pm
Parks and Recreation, BACC, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

BEOC Meeting, BACC, 7:00pm
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

MONDAY, JUNE 17

BBA Meeting, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Band & Berry Festival, Old Bradford Center, Rowe Mountain Road, 1:00-4:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

Classifieds

FOR SALE. Woodworking machines: 10" table saw, 8" jointer, 16" band saw, 12" planer, drill press and more, also hand tools. 938-2754.

FOR SALE. 1989 Ford Bronco II, 4x4 XLT, Sunroof, loaded, needs some body work, Four Wheel Drive works great, \$900 or Best Offer. 938-5208.

FOR SALE. 1987 Ford Crown Vic ("DDMAU"), Lt. Blue, 266k miles, body really bad, rusty, runs, parts car? \$400 or B.O. PU Cap fits '87 Nissan, good shape, \$75. 938-5469.

FOR SALE. Chevy S-10 extra cab with cap, for parts \$200 or best offer, 938-5344.

FOR SALE. 1993 Chrysler LeBaron, all power, fully equipped, 938-2190.

FOR SALE. Porch furniture, pair of rattan chairs with cushions, \$95/pair. Child's bike, 2 wheels, \$15. New Scott's International Stamp Albums, volumes 5 and 6, \$10 each. Designer baby girl's clothing, newborn to 12 months. 938-2965.

MOVING. Garage Sale Saturday, June 22 from 8 to 4. Lots of good stuff, come check it out. 59 Forest Brook Rd., Newbury, off Pleasant View Rd.

HELP WANTED. Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructor needed to teach swimming lessons at French's Park in Bradford. Will help the right person with certification. Please call Jane Lucas, 938-2570, if interested.

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-2692 or email bradfordbridge@conknet.com.

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 July Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722 or e-mail bradfordbridge@conknet.com before June 20.



Don't wait until it's too late! Bradford Bridge July deadlines

Display ads	June 20
Classified ads	June 24
Articles	June 20*

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

REPORTERS WANTED
to cover meetings and events
in Bradford.

Earn the respect and gratitude
of your fellow citizens.

Please contact Lyn Betz at
938-5029 to volunteer