

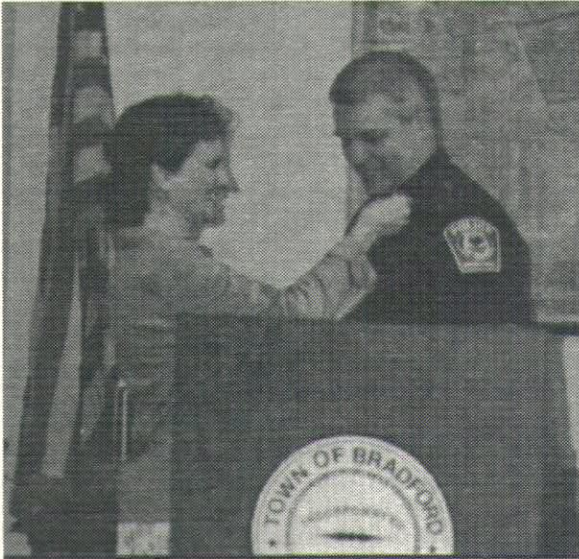
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## A new chief goes to work...



—photo by Audrey V. Sylvester

Gisele Kirby pins a badge on husband Jack after his swearing in as Bradford's new police chief. Kirby's first week on the job included making sure all went safely and smoothly during Bradford's Independence Day celebration.

## ...and what about that new police cruiser?

The Board of Selectmen voted to lease a new Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser for use as the principal patrol vehicle for the Police Department. It is our duty to fiscally manage the Town's finances and we feel it was a prudent and sound decision at this point in time. We had hoped to maintain the old cruiser for daily use until the next Town Meeting in March 2002, but we feel that it would be fiscally irresponsible to continue spending taxpayer money to repair high-cost items for the old cruiser.

Line items are justified to the Budget Committee which then presents them to the voters for approval or disapproval at Town Meeting. It is expected that each department head will justify a request for funds from the Town if a resident taxpayer requests that justification. At the last Town Meeting in March 2001, a warrant article to purchase a police cruiser was defeated by three votes with no comment from the Police Chief. If it had passed, the tax rate would have increased by several cents.

The Board of Selectmen has been watching more and more money being poured into the two existing cruisers to keep them safely on the road. A mechanic has been recently hired for the Highway Department and some of the work has been done in-house, but things like replacing the front end have been contracted out. The cost and extent of this work had not been anticipated. The Ford Crown Victoria now has over 170,000 miles on it and the Explorer has over 118,000 miles.

Two words that the Board of Selectman deal with on a regular basis are "anticipated" and "unanticipated". When the budget is submitted to the Budget Committee, it is a list of anticipated expenditures that the Selectmen believe to be as accurate as forecasting the future can be. Even with careful planning, there may be either unanticipated revenue or expenses.

This is where unanticipated funds come in. These are funds that, by virtue of be-

*Cruiser continued on page 14*

## Lake Todd loons hatch chicks

In the state of New Hampshire, the Common Loon is listed as a "threatened species," defined as "any species of wildlife which, in the future, may become endangered." Last year, 365 observers counted 442 loons on 109 lakes. There were only 33 nesting pairs in this count.

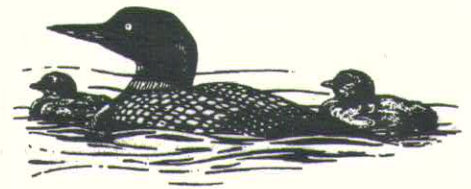
This summer a pair has been nesting on Lake Todd. One nest containing two eggs was lost due to high water in June. The loons started over, and on Sunday, July 19, two chicks hatched successfully. Eggs hatch after a 27-day incubation period.

The parents are diligently caring for the chicks and are parading them all around the lake. Sometimes they are on the back of one of the adults or sometimes they are just trying to keep up with their parents. Feeding two extra mouths is an all-day job for Mr. and Mrs. Loon.

We hope the chicks will develop rapidly in order to learn to fly out before the lake freezes over. Loons winter on salt water.

It is a wonderful privilege to be able to watch this process take place.

—Allene Hamilton



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

## News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

June 14. Sophia June was born to Kritine Gozdenovich & Judd Spencer in Concord.

July 7. Brian Thibedau & Aimee Pelletier were married in Bradford.

July 11. Eleanor Rose Hayward was born to Meloney & Mark in New London.

July 14. Barret Pfeifle & Katherine Adams were married in New London.

July 21. Christopher Frey & Cheryl Kordas were married in Bradford.

July 26. Brian Detty & Wanda Lewis were married in Bradford.

July 27. Jenna Marie Waite was born to Matthew & Christine in New London.

Yield tax bills have been sent out and are due on August 30, 2001. Interest will start accruing at the rate of 18% as of September 1, 2001.

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## OBITUARY

FRANK R. CALLIN

Frank R. Callin, 85, of Fox Chase Road, died Saturday, July 14 at the Hospice House in Concord. He was born in Rockville, Conn. He served during World War II with the U.S. Army Engineers. He was a machine foreman for Dunham Bush in West Hartford for more than 40 years. He loved flying and was also an instructor. In his later years, he enjoyed gardening, growing vegetables and photography. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Josephine Callin of Bradford, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Hospice House, Concord Regional VNA, 250 Pleasant St., Concord, 03302-1787.

## Birth Announcement

Meloney and Mark P. Hayward, Jr. announce the birth of their daughter Eleanor Rose on July 11 at the New London Hospital Family Birthing Center. Eleanor Rose weighed 7 lbs., 14 ounces with a height of 19¼ inches. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Michelle Hayward of Westmorland and the maternal grandmother is Judith Harlow of Keene.

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This year the Tour De Stu support team and riders will meet on September 6 at Hogan Sport Center in New London to travel to Stowe, Vermont, where the ride will begin the next morning. The tour will leave Stowe on September 7, riding 122 miles to Lake Placid, New York. On the second day the ride will continue to Killington, Vermont. The tour will finish on the third day on the Green in New London, having covered approximately 300 miles in three days. There will be a celebration to welcome the riders back.

The public is welcome.

In three years, the Tour De Stu has raised \$32,000 for the Stuart F. Sidmore Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Anyone who is currently attending, or has attended the Kearsarge Regional School system is welcome to apply for a scholarship. The Kearsarge area includes Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and a demonstrated sense of purpose and focus. Each rider pledges to raise \$1000 for the Stuart F. Sidmore Scholarship Fund. Operating costs of the ride, which include food, drink, and lodging for the riders and the support team, are covered by corporate donations.

If you would like more information about the Tour De Stu, or the Stuart F. Sidmore Jr. Memorial Scholarship fund, call 526-8729 or e-mail info@tour-de-stu.org. The web address is www.tour-de-stu.org.

—Tom Meegan



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# Letters

To the editor:

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

Mark Goldberg

To the editor:

The construction site on Fairgrounds Road has created an unhealthy amount of soot and dust. Trucks and cars have always traveled too fast on this portion of the road and the work presently being done has not slowed them down at all. My home at present is in one disaster from the black soot and ground dust. The faster you drive the more soot and dust literally ends up inside my home. In this heat I have kept all doors and windows on the front of the house closed around the clock. The speed is 30 miles an hour. Most people do 40-50 miles an hour. This is a traffic violation especially when considering that it is also a construction site. Presently living in this area of soot and dust are elderly and also a family with new babies. The dust is creating many problems for all. PLEASE SLOW DOWN. It will help in many ways. Having the Town put chemicals down to eliminate the dust is very costly and is only a temporary fix. Please try to be considerate and take the extra five minutes to go slowly. I assure you that it will be most appreciated. Sincerely thanking you for your efforts in this matter.

Isabel and Fred Sheehan

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## Successful Blood Drive

Thanks to all the great volunteers the Blood Drive was a great success. Seventy-one people showed up to donate blood. Nine were first-time donors. Fifty-eight pints were donated to the Red Cross. At the last Drive in Bradford, thirty-four pints were donated. Our goal was forty. We were thrilled and the Red Cross was very happy and are looking forward to coming back to Bradford. Thank you all who came to donate. The need is very great at this time. I know those and their families who benefit from this wonderful gift will be sending sincere thanks from their hearts.

—Jane Lucas

## Parade Accolades

Thanks to the Bradford Fire Department, all who made money donations, those who participated in the parade, and those who gave of their time and energy to make our Independence Day Celebration the success that it was. Ribbon winners were: First Place: Fjord Horses; Shriners Bektash Band, "Octopi Your Mind" (Friends of the Brown Memorial Library), Bradford Batonettes (Bradford Parks & Recreation), the Kittery Kids, Perkin's 1950 pick-up, and Messer's antique tractor with plow. The "Most Original" prize went to "Octopi Your Mind." Judges Clare Bensley, Sarah and Octo Barnett did such a fine job, many thanks. They said it was hard picking with such great participants. Now it's time to start thinking about next year. Remember, our Independence Day Celebration is Bradford's "claim to fame."

—Jane Lucas

## Cow Flop Bingo Winners

Congratulations to the Cow Flop Bingo winners. They are: 1st place, \$400 to Bruce Edwards (auto body Bruce) and 2nd place, \$50 to Melissa Rovin. Thanks to all who helped selling tickets and coordinating the field preparation, as well as keeping an ever-watchful eye on Twist and Shout's flops!

—Bob Foor

## Preschool Registration August 15

The Bradford Newbury Preschool is accepting registrations for preschoolers ages 3 and 4. Registration night is August 15 at 6:30pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. For more information please call Sarah Harvey at 938-2624.



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## BNS "Successful" YS Baseball/Softball Season

One hundred and twelve children participated in baseball/softball this season, matching the number from 2000. First year T-ball coaches Jay Tucker and Tina Defosses were great—teaching the game while keeping it fun. Joe Torro moved a step up to Rookie ball coach, fielding an undefeated team thanks in large part to veteran assistant coach Tom Pitts. Sharon Gaines has revitalized the softball program to a steady beat again; she was very competitive with a "young" 10-under team. Bob Jenkins and John Higgins each won a play-off game with their 9–10 year olds. Steve Justice won the league champion-

ship with his 11–12 year old team as did Karen Losik with the 13-prep team. Lastly, the Bradford Brewers took the 14–15 Babe Ruth crown.

I would like to thank all volunteers who helped, from field clean-up day, to running the snack shacks, to umpiring—we can not do it without you! Finally, a big thanks to Tayo Sands; there are not many I can count on to be "always present" and to Mike Bauer and Karl Scribner for their help in field maintenance. See you all next spring!

—Alan Craigie, Baseball/Softball Director

## Summer Reading Program Features Musician/Puppeteer Diane Kordas

Brown Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program, *Octopi Your Mind: Read!* continues with reading and art activities on August 8, at 1:00pm in the library. Musician and puppeteer Diane Kordas of Weare will give a live performance of *Ocho's Ocean Adventure*, a musical puppet show. The special performance is co-sponsored by Library Trustees and The Friends of the Library. There will also be an instrument-making workshop following the performance.

Diane Kordas has been singing from early childhood. From a musical family, she started with clarinet and then settled on guitar. She also plays acoustic bass with The Late Night Radio Swing/Bluegrass Band. For two years Kordas has been a selected artist for the New Hampshire Summer Reading Program, organized by CHILIS/NH (Children's Librarians of New Hampshire) and recently selected for the Very Special Arts Program.

Pre-registration for the August 8 performance is required since space is limited. To register, call Summer Reading Program Co-Coordinator Denise Fairbank at 938-2973 or Marcia Jenkins at 938-5290. *Octopi Your Mind: Read!* concludes on Wednesday August 15 (program begins at 1:00pm) with games, cake, and a presentation of reading certificates.

Brown Memorial Library, located off Route 103 at 78 West Main Street in Bradford, is handicapped accessible.

### LMIA Annual Meeting

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 11, 6:00pm at Lake Massasecum Casino. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert for eight. The meeting will feature an update on the milfoil situation in the lake and statewide with speakers from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services lake monitoring program.

—Barbara French

### Hunter Safety Course

The Bradford Fish and Game Club will be conducting a Hunter Safety Course at their clubhouse on Gillingham Drive in September. The course will run Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00pm starting September 4. The course will also include a Sunday session on September 23 from 9:00am to noon. For more information or to register for the course call Dick Wright at 938-5393.

### Basic Timber Harvest Field Trip

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will sponsor an introductory timber harvest tour at the Meadowsend Farm in Hopkinton on Saturday, August 4 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The trip is free for SPNHF members and \$5 for non-members. The field trip will be to an active logging site on a private conservation easement-protected forestland managed by Meadowsend Timberland. Information will include how trees are selected, marked, and harvested, changing wood markets and the basics of timber harvesting, in particular white pine. The field trip is co-sponsored by Meadowsend Timberlands and Merrimack County Cooperative Extension. For more information or to register, contact Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail [signup@spnhf.org](mailto:signup@spnhf.org).

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## Sutton Old Home Day August 19

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the 1800 Meeting House will be open to the public from noon to 3:00pm. The Amoskeag Strummers will again keep our feet tapping and there will be supervised games for the children. As usual, all are invited to wear appropriate attire of yesteryear. For costumes, please call Caitlin Wells at 927-4939 or Kara or Rachel Kelly at 927-4613.

—Haig Sergenian for the  
Sutton Historical Society

## Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a birding trip to the New Hampshire seacoast to look for shore birds and early migrants on Saturday, August 18. Birding will take place at vehicle stops and very little walking will be involved. Participants should meet leader Fred Sladen at Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89 at 8:00am. Please bring lunch, binoculars and a scope if you have one. For more information call Sladen at 526-4321.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

## BWC Update

The Bradford Women's Club executive meeting will be Tuesday, August 14, 9:30am at the Bradford Area Community Center. A craft workshop will follow at 10:30am at the Mountain Lake Inn. Bring a lunch.

The next workshop will be on August 28, 7:00pm at the Mountain Lake Lodge. Everyone is invited.

—Barbara Vannata

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Bob, his wife Addy, and their three children arrived in Bradford in 1972 after Bob completed a twenty-year stint in the US Navy. He joined the Stewart Agency on Main Street, which was founded by his dad in 1957. Bob's dad Ernest was Realtor of the Year for 1971, and one of the original founders of the Lake Sunapee Regional Board of Realtors.

Bob and Addy, proud parents, are now proud grandparents of six grandchildren. For many years they lived in the big white house on High Street and then built another place two houses over when the house became too large. Bob has been a true citizen of Bradford over the years. In 1994 he received Citizen of the Year award in recognition of his dedication to the welfare of the people of Bradford. He's received the Shriner of the Year Award and works hard for that organization by participating in the annual circus and the Maple Sugar Bowl game, which are fundraisers for the Shriners. It goes on. Bob served on the Kearsarge Regional Budget Committee and has been a member and chairman of the board of the Bradford Budget Committee. Bob has been an incorporator for Sugar River Bank for twenty years. An all around guy, he's coached Little League and worked with the Boy Scouts for twelve years. He's been a member of Fish and Game for thirty-one years and served as treasurer for twenty-eight years. Bob leaves Bradford every year to act as Director of the Hopkinton State Fair. He's been President and currently is Treasurer. Bob serves as Treasurer and chair of maintenance at the Bradford Area Community Center. He's involved and interested in the workings of the center with an abiding interest in the youth activities.

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—Phyllis Wilcox

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## Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

**American Baptist Women's Ministries:** Meet on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00pm in the Vestry for a short business meeting and installation of the new officers. Refreshments will follow.

**Food Pantry:** The pantry will be open on Wednesday, August 15 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can also be obtained at other times by calling the Church office at 938-5313.

**Fellowship Night:** On Sunday, August 19, we will go to the New London Barn Play House to see "Singing in the Rain." We will be leaving the Church at 4:15pm for a 5:00pm performance.

**Bradford Center Meeting House:** Our Church will hold its worship service at the Bradford Center Meeting House on Sunday, August 26 at 10:00am.



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The Summer Program was a great success. Some days we had 24 kids in attendance. We had great trips to the Montshire Museum, Odiorne State Park, and Canobie Lake Park. One day we toured Bradford. Ann Eldridge gave us a tour of the Bradford Bog and Tom Reilly walked us through the cemetery at Old Bradford Center. The kids really enjoyed the Old School House, with some playing teacher. Then we were off to Eckard's Farm in Washington. What a fun place to

visit. Days at the Community Center were filled with games and some very neat crafts. Many thanks to the many volunteers, the bus drivers, and our only paid staff, Martha Young. Martha did a fantastic job and the kids just loved her. We're already talking about next year.

The Swim Program with Jess Freire as our instructor and Bradford Women's Club Kathleen Bigford as coordinator brought about new swimmers and many very improved swimmers. This program paid for the extended swim lines.

Alicia Carlson from the Department of Environmental Services gave a very informative program on good and bad plants and bugs of the lake.

Get your 50/50 chances. We will hold the raffle drawing on August 4. This is the beginning of our Building Fund Drive. It's wonderful seeing French's Park being used by so many. The park is a great place to cool off or have a picnic. (Just a word from one smoker to another—please pick up your butts.)

—Jane Lucas

## South Newbury Union Church Fair

The date has been set and plans are being made for the South Newbury Union Church annual Fair. The church is celebrating its 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Fair will take place on August 11, rain or shine. We are seeking vendors. If you are interested call Alison at 938-2700. A country church fair would not be complete without a great quilt display. We are looking for quilts to show. Do you have a special quilt that you would like to show? Call Claire at 938-2335. Raffle items for this year's fair have been named: A pair of custom-made Adirondack chairs, an AT&T cordless phone, a stained glass fan

lamp, and an original professional framed photograph. Again this year, we will be entertained by the great music of Lou and Harold. There will be hot dogs, soda, ice cream, coffee, and donuts. Enjoy children's games, a petting zoo, the green thumb table, vendors, a flea market, a great Chinese auction, fly-tying demonstrations, a bake table, and lots more. We will have something for everyone. The day will culminate with our famous Chicken Barbecue from 5:00-7:00pm. Tickets for the barbecue will be \$7 and take out will be available. For more information call 938-5369.

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# Real Estate Hints:

Market trends & other news

by Laura Hallahan

It appears that the real estate market is slowing down after a long run of quick sales at top price. While mortgage rates have come down, homes are staying on the market longer compared to last summer. This is causing some prices to drop, but overall prices remain high and the market is still a seller's market for the time being. The Massachusetts Association of Realtors reports that consumers there are fed up with ridiculous prices and they are thinking twice about whether to buy at all. These sentiments may work their way north, especially with waterfront properties.

Some interesting statistics about the new consumer who uses the internet to find a house: while traditional homebuyers looked at 15.1 homes with a realtor before making a purchase, internet homebuyers looked at 7.9 homes. Why? A real estate technology company argues that internet buyers spend 300% more time researching and investigating everything from homes to schools and mortgages before visiting a realtor to buy.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a recent case that property owners may sue for compensation when environmental regulations reduce the value of

their holdings. Anthony Palazzolo of Rhode Island wanted to build 74 homes on 18 acres of land but was told he could only build one home because of wetland restrictions. The state argued that since the regulations were in place when Palazzolo acquired title to the property, he should be barred from developing the land. The Supreme Court, however, ruled that existing regulations could be challenged and sent a message that state and federal regulators cannot simply put a freeze on the use of private property without giving the owner a fair price for it. The decision has been sent back to the state court to determine if Mr. Palazzolo is owed payment under the Fifth Amendment's guarantee of "just compensation" when private property is taken for public use.

Finally, a study out of Johns Hopkins University may stir some debate. A recent edition of Realty Times reports that a child who always lived in an owned home is estimated to achieve nearly half a year of school more than a child whose parents were always renters. The positive effects can be in part attributed to the extra equity income it generates as well as the stability it provides by reducing the number of times a family moves.

# Bradford, Warner Seniors Collaborate

The Warner and Bradford Senior Centers are collaborating on a joint venture. As of August 6, senior programs and activities will take place at the Bradford Area Community Center. The newly renovated, spacious Bradford Area Community Center will welcome seniors from all the local communities with enhanced programming, activities, social, and recreational opportunities and transportation services. The Meals-On-Wheels deliveries will also be distributed from the new location in Bradford. The Warner Senior Center location will remain open for luncheons and programming on Wednesdays with Rhonda Rood. The community resource room and computer classes will continue throughout the week manned by volunteers. We'll have more specific information in next month's Bridge. The Bradford Area Community Center's Governance Board welcomes this exciting program to our intergenerational facility on Main Street.

—Phyllis Wilcox, BACC Chair

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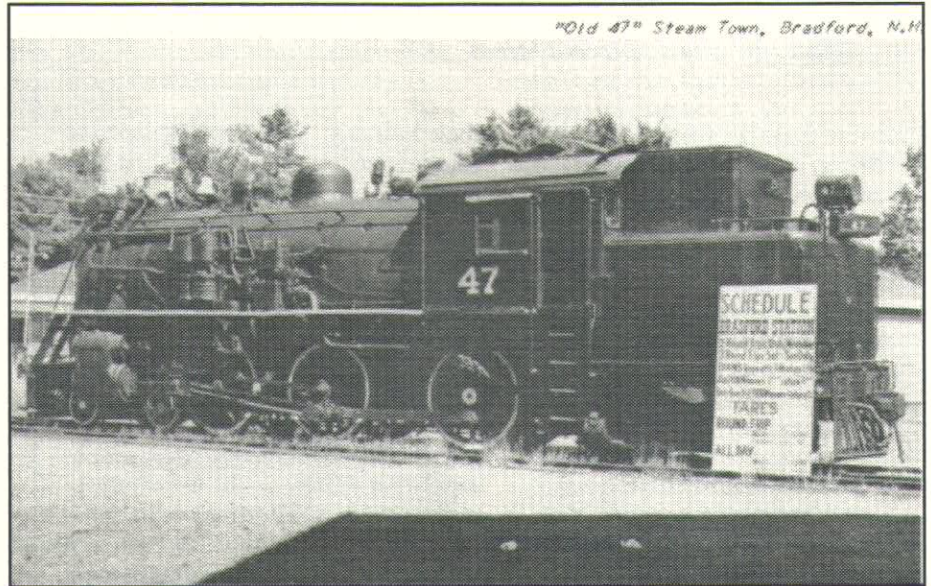


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# Then...

by Milly Kittredge

The 27-mile round trip between Sunapee Station and Bradford shut down because of "strangling bureaucratic restrictions" according to owner F. Nelson Blount. The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) met in Bradford and questioned the existence of prior inspection records on the locomotive, although present records were on file. The records were reportedly destroyed in a fire in Canada and Mr. Blount refused to have anything to do with the ICC, insisting the state Public Utilities Commission had jurisdiction over his line.



Carrying between 300 and 400 passengers daily for \$1.99 (children, 95 cents), the two-hour round trip left Bradford for Lake Sunapee Station with stops at Newbury and Lake Sunapee State Beach twice daily, once on weekends. The locomotive #47 was built in 1912 for the Canadian National Railroad. The passenger cars were restored to bright yellow and built in Laconia in 1890. The Concord and Claremont still hauled freight, but the steam excursion trains were a favorite nostalgic trip for both locals and visitors.

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# Legislative Report

By Representative Barbara C. French



Over the last 25 years, the New Hampshire economy has been transformed. According to the "Higher Education and the New Economy in New Hampshire" report from the New Hampshire Forum on Higher Education, the high-tech industry accounts for more of New Hampshire's gross state product than retail and wholesale trades combined. The high-tech industry spreads across several areas of industry—electronic components, computer equipment, software and communications equipment—and is seen in both large and small businesses. High-tech employment is leading New Hampshire's employment growth. This advantage should position the state strongly for future growth and will keep the demand high for an educated labor force. However, the report further states that currently in New Hampshire, we are feeling the effects of the demand for skilled labor. Although NH's strong economic performance continued through the 1990s and we enjoyed the strongest economy in New England and the Northeast, NH has slipped from a number one ranking to number two in terms of percentage of employment in high-technology industries. The demand for college degrees, particularly in computer science, engineering and math, is exceeding projections. Over the next ten years, 50% of all new jobs created will be for college-educated workers. This is not a good time for New Hampshire to be falling behind in terms of an educated workforce.

New Hampshire ranks low in high school completion rate compared to other high-tech states—between 63 and 73 percent. Approximately two-thirds of New Hampshire high school graduates go on to college compared to almost three-fourths in other high-tech states. Of those students, New Hampshire retains only 50 percent,

causing us to have a "brain drain" of some of our very best young people to other states. New Hampshire ranks fourth lowest among the 50 states on retention of high school graduates going on to higher education. One of the biggest reasons for our low retention rate is the very high tuition our in-state students pay to attend our university and colleges; we are rated second highest for tuition rates in the nation. Why should our young people stay if they can get an excellent education right across the border at a lower price? How many families of young people in Bradford and Henniker have students who would like to go on to college but cannot afford to send them?

New Hampshire is ranked 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation for in-state support for higher education as part of our state budget. This is not something to be proud of; it only increases the disparity between high and low-income families. It also perpetrates the economic division between the northern and western counties and those counties in the south that have experienced the most growth. But the problem doesn't start at higher education funding; it starts at kindergarten, or earlier. Early education is key to a child's later success. According to the *2001 Kids Count Data Book*, New Hampshire experienced an 11% increase in the portion of children living in poverty between 1990 and 1998. Child poverty is closely tied to school performance. This is a problem that affects all of us. We also need real school accountability that holds school districts responsible for failing schools—not a bill like the one the Governor vetoed which makes it optional for a school district to accept assistance from the state.

I believe that what our state needs to do is change our tax structure. Continuing to fund education and the state budget through

a hodgepodge of taxes is irresponsible, as is using the tobacco settlement fund. The money we have collected from that settlement, \$79 million since 1999, has been used to balance our state budget instead of to improve public health and reduce smoking. Shouldn't we be doing something about the health care needs of those who are uninsured in our state? Many of our young adults are often uninsured because the rates are so prohibitive. Another issue that the legislature did not deal with this session is the milfoil problem. This has the potential to really wreak havoc with our state's economy. Tourism is New Hampshire's second leading industry and if this plant invades our lakes, not only will it destroy our natural beauty, it will affect tourism as well.

Toward the end of this session, as the debate heated up about funding for the budget and education, legislators received letters from members of the business community. They asked us not to vote to increase business taxes. Some asked us to support gambling, which I will not do. However, most of the business community did not offer an intelligent, long-term solution to funding our schools. In order to sustain our current robust New Hampshire economy, we will need a workforce of skilled and educated workers. The business community should step up to the plate and help reform our tax structure.

Here is a favorite quote of mine from Jacques-Yves Cousteau to ponder while you are enjoying our wonderful New Hampshire summer. "Let us cease thinking only of ourselves and reasoning only in the short term. Let us assure for the children to come the same rights that have been declared for their parents." Please contact me at 428-3366, or Rep. Beth Rodd at 938-2692 with any questions you may have.



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**Bradford Area Community Center  
August Calendar**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Girl Scout Program, 8:30am-5:00pm

Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Capital Improvement Program, Senior Room, 7:00am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Senior Gathering, Senior Room, 1:00-4:00pm (scrabble, cribbage, puzzles, computer use)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

Girl Scout Program, 8:30am-5:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Girl Scout Program, 8:30am-5:00pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Bradford Community Corporation, 7:30am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Senior Gathering, Senior Room, 1:00-4:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

Girl Scout Program, 8:30am-5:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Girl Scout Program, 8:30am-5:00pm

Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

Personal Touch Blood Pressure and Foot Care, Health Services Room, 12:30-2:00pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Bradford Community Corporation, Community Room, 7:30am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Senior Gathering, Senior Room, 1:00-4:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Girl Scout Program, 8:30am-5:00pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

**NOTE:** Senior Luncheon dates have been changed and were not available at press time. Please call ahead.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Girl Scout Program, 8:30am-5:00pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Senior Gathering, Senior Room, 1:00-4:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Tough Love, Counseling Room, 7:00-9:00pm

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# July Selectmen's Meetings

JULY 2. Michelle Marson met with Selectmen to discuss property ownership questions discovered during the revaluation data entry. Ms. Marson has researched the parcels in question and has located the owners on all but one parcel. The parcel is off East Washington Road and contains about 20 acres of wetlands. Selectmen discussed the matter and suggested marking the parcel as owner unknown.

Sue Vitale of the Bradford Area Community Center thanked Selectmen for having the trees around the Community Center parking area cut, and questioned when the Community Center parking lot would be paved. The current paving mix is too soft and not only is damaged with cars turning, but also is tracked into the building on shoes, making a mess of carpets and flooring. Selectmen suggested approaching the matter during the next budget session, as there is no money available in this year's budget. Sue Vitale also reported that eight lilacs have been received from the state for use in the bicentennial garden on the corner of Main Street and Rte 103. Chris Frey has agreed to have the Highway Department deliver a load of loam to the garden site soon after July 7.

A registered letter has been sent to and received by Annie Whipple regarding the zoning violation of the trailer on her property on West Road. Mrs. Whipple has been given until July 8 to remove the trailer.

Chris Frey confirmed the decision of the Road Committee to not request a change of approach on the next Fair-

grounds Road Bridge design. The Committee discussed possible changes with the landowner and the decision was made to keep the road as it is. Cheryl will contact Gloria Andrews of SEA Consultants with this information.

Chris Frey reported that the Town has arranged to remove junk cars from property in Bradford at no cost to the landowners. Please call the Town Office for information.

Selectmen discussed energy efficiency plans for the Town Hall. Chris Frey reported his findings regarding the replacement of single pane windows in the Town Hall. Replacement of the boiler and hot water heater was also discussed.

The recent lightning and thunderstorms in the area have left trees and limbs down on many town roads. The road crew has been busy with cleanup.

Selectmen discussed the dusty road problems on Fairgrounds Road. The Road Agent has been spreading calcium chloride on the roads but it is effective for only a short time period. The road will be repaved in late summer/early fall.

JULY 16. Arnold Anderson, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to discuss the hiring of two trucks to haul gravel for two days and the hiring of a part-time person to patch roads. Chairman Frey reviewed the budget with the Road Agent. The money received from the Federal Emergency Management disaster claim (for the period March 5-7) will be allocated between the heating fuel budget, the salt budget, additional hours (for plowing next winter and

additional part-time wages) and the balance to road oil.

Chief Kirby met with Selectmen to discuss the filling of openings within the Police Department. Charleen St. Pierre will return as Animal Control Officer and French's Park Attendant for three months. Several applications have been received for part-time officer openings and the post of part-time secretary has not yet been filled. Chief Kirby's second issue for the Selectmen was to discuss the police cruisers. The repairs on the 1995 Crown Victoria and the 1997 Explorer have been far above the money budgeted for this item. The leasing of a cruiser with a municipal funding clause has been discussed several times over the past six months as more cost effective than continuing to repair the older vehicles. After examining the budget the Selectmen voted to reclassify money from other line items to the equipment line item in the police budget and pursue the leasing of a 2000 Crown Victoria from Irwin Motors. The 1995 Crown Victoria will be stripped of all transferable equipment and will be used for the remainder of the year for traffic details. The Town has received money from Pike Industries for the rental of the cruiser for traffic detail on the Rt. 114 rehabilitation. The Selectmen voted to authorize Chief Kirby to arrange the leasing of the 2000 Crown Victoria for \$7482.20 not to exceed \$9300 with outfitting. The new cruiser will be black and white.

The Selectmen discussed the trailer issue on West Road. Chip Meany, building inspector has prepared an update on the issue, but the letter was not received due to e-mail problems. Selectmen will follow up on the letter when received.

Selectmen voted to spend the remainder of the heating fuel budgets and purchase oil at summer prices.

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The Sayre property recommendations from the Planning Board were discussed. Selectmen will research RSA 674-41 and prepare a letter for the attorneys involved. Tim Bates, Town Attorney, will be consulted.

Chris Frey has been in contact with Gloria Andrews from SEA engineering regarding the punch list items on the Fairgrounds Road Bridge. The Fire Chief will be consulted for issues concerning the hydrant. Final prints will be prepared by SEA for submission to the State for reimbursement to the Town.

The milfoil project's employment issues were discussed. Two workers are now on the project.

Sue Vitale spoke to Selectmen about putting in a telephone in the kitchen of the Community Center for local calls only, to cover the Center in emergencies. Mrs. Vitale also remarked on the need for a public phone in the Town Hall. Discussion followed of the cost of the phones, and the responsibility for the cost. Cheryl will check on the cost and report back.

*—excerpted from the public minutes prepared by Cheryl Behr*

Cruiser continued from page 1

ing unanticipated, are not part of the planning that goes into the budget process. We applied for, and have received, funds from the federal and state governments to cover some of the costs associated with the severe winter weather we experienced. These are considered "unanticipated funds." We have also received unanticipated revenue from the construction company that is working on Rt. 114. This pays for the use of the cruiser at the construction site. Also, our bills for liability and workman's compensation came in lower because we had no claims.

The unanticipated revenue, combined with the savings cited above, will replace the money in the line items depleted by the winter storms and will pay for the leasing of the cruiser. A clause in the lease states that if the Town votes not to continue funding the lease, the vehicle can be turned back with no penalty. If we keep the vehicle, the cost to keep it will be one dollar at the end of the lease (three years). The option to continue the lease will be on the warrant at the next Town Meeting in March 2002. Because this was paid for by unanticipated revenues and cost savings, there will be NO impact on the town tax rate.

*—Dick Vitale*



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## Planning Board Notes

The majority of any planning board's time is spent dealing with applications for subdivisions and site plan reviews. Additional and vital responsibilities of the board deal with efforts to guide the development of the town as a whole. Two planning tools are generally involved in helping to shape the long-term future for the town—a Master Plan and a Capital Improvements Program. Bradford's Master Plan was updated in 1996 and the Planning Board is currently considering amendments to the land use regulations where needed to bring these requirements in line with the goals and objectives set out in the Master Plan. The Board is looking first at the proposed "Village District" which the Plan envisioned as a more densely-occupied area of older homes and buildings with "only those service establishments compatible with the ambiance of a country village."

The Board is also reviewing the Controlled Access portions of State Routes 103 and 114 to determine where commercial development might not only be reasonable but also possible because of the limited access allowed on those highways.

The Planning Board was authorized by Town Meeting in 1995 to develop a Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Last year, the Board accepted an offer from the BEOC to initiate the work necessary to develop a CIP. Since then, the Capital Improvements Program Committee (CIPC) has been appointed by the Planning Board with Mel Pfeifle as the Board's representative. The purpose of the CIP is to provide a guide that can be used by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee in preparation of the annual town budget. The CIP is a recommended program of town capital expenses projected over a period of years. The CIPC has determined that ten years is a reasonable time period and has defined a capital project as one that is outside normal operation and maintenance, has a cost of at least \$10,000, a useful life of three years or more, is non-recurring, and any project requiring bonding.

A Joint Memorandum, work sheets, and a schedule for completion was prepared by the CIPC under the leadership of Chair Don Johnsen and approved by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. A public hearing was held on July 24 to

solicit suggestions for the scope and design of the documents and possible projects. The Memorandum and work sheets have been sent to all department heads as well as to many local groups and organizations that might have potential capital projects that would either be town-funded or town supported.

In order to have a document that the Budget Committee and Selectmen can utilize for the 2002 budget cycle, the schedule calls for the work sheets to be prepared, reviewed and clarified early in September with a public hearing on a draft CIP to be held by the end of that month. The CIPC would welcome any volunteers interested in helping with this project. Copies of the Memorandum and worksheets are available at the Selectmen's Office. Call Bob Foor 938-2136 or Mel Pfeifle 938-5981 for more details about the CIP.

At the first meeting in July, the Board held a joint meeting/hearing to accept and then approve a site plan from Gale and Carl Olson to erect a storage facility consisting of four buildings on the former Breezy Hill Lumber property. Final placement of two signs on the property will be presented to the Planning Board for approval before they are erected. The Board also reviewed a request for comment from the Selectmen on issuance of a building permit for a lot off of Johnson Hill Road accessed by a Class VI road. The Board voted that the location is suitable for one single-family house. The issue of road access is the full responsibility of the Board of Selectmen as is the final determination as to whether or not the permit should be granted. The Board voted to appoint Barbara Vannata as an alternate member.

The Planning Board is actively seeking a Secretary to assist them with the increasing tasks dealing with development in Town and working towards long-range planning for Bradford's future. The job involves attendance at two Planning Board meetings each month, preparation of the minutes within six days of each meeting, some correspondence and assistance with record keeping. Twenty hours per month is the estimated time and the salary is negotiable (within the budget allocation). Contact Bob Foor at 938-2136 for details.

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# August Calendar



## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Summer Reading Program, BML, 1:00pm  
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

BACC Governance Board, 5:30pm

## MONDAY, AUGUST 6

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall,  
10:00am

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham  
Dr., 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

Summer Reading Program, with Puppe-  
teer/Musician Diane Kordas, BML,  
1:00pm  
Parks and Recreation, BACC, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

BEOC, BACC, 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Bradford Community Corporation,  
BACC, 7:30am  
Book Sale, Library Basement, 9:00am-  
1:00pm

## MONDAY, AUGUST 13

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

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

BWC Executive Meeting, BACC, 9:30am  
BWC Workshop, Mountain Lake Lodge,  
10:30am (everyone welcome)  
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Summer Reading Program, reading certi-  
ficates awarded, BML, 1:00pm  
BNKP Preschool Registration for 3- and  
4-year-olds, BACC, 6:30pm  
Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-  
2787 for details  
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

BACC Governance Board, BACC,  
5:30pm

## MONDAY, AUGUST 20

BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Conservation Commission, Town Hall,  
7:30pm

## MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
BWC Workshop, Mountain Lake Lodge,  
7:00pm (everyone welcome)

Thistle Spinners, Every Monday, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 1:00-3:00pm  
Bradford Historical Society, open most Saturdays, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:00pm or by  
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To list events for the September Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722  
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FOR SALE. Vitamaster hide-a-cycle exerciser. Adjustable seat and handlebars. Speedometer and tension control. Folds to 25 1/2" by 19" by 15" deep. Owner's manual with exercise program. \$25. 938-2820.

FOR SALE. Frostless 19.5 cu. ft. thin-walled upright freezer, \$100. 938-2190.

FOR SALE. 1987 Jeep Cherokee, high mileage, drives great, \$1200, 938-2095.

SECRETARY NEEDED. Help the Bradford Planning Board keep its records in good order. Attend 2 Board meetings per month, prepare minutes, assist with correspondence. Salary negotiable. Contact Bob Foor 938-2136.

FOR SALE. Bike, 10-speed Appollo. Good condition, 26" men's, \$25. Call 938-2505.

FOR SALE. Maple wingback upholstered chair, brown and beige pattern, very nice, \$65. Girl's bike: 15-16" \$15. 938-2965.

FOR SALE. VW bucket seats, black leather rear seats for Scirocco. Make offer, leave message. 938-2274.

WANTED. Skier's edge exercise machine. Leave message. 938-2274.

FOR SALE: 6 HP Trimmer/mower on wheels. 21 combination windows, 1 over 1, varying sizes. Sears exercise bike. All reasonably priced. 938-5334.

FOR SALE. 1988 Huntsman Camper, Toyota motor and chassis, good condition, low mileage. 938-5539.

WANTED. Rental for single male, non-smoker, prefer one-year lease. 938-5182.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER wanted. Mornings, Mon.- Fri., Sept. - May, Experience, Associate's degree or higher, 12 ECE credits a must. Send resume and letters of reference to: BNKP PO Box 514 Bradford, NH 03221

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