



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

Profile

Brooks McCandlish,
Forester

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A possible cornerstone, the Bradford Inn as it appeared in 1904

Community forum discusses town projects

On July 22, following the block grant public hearing, the Bradford Voters Coalition held a summer town forum to update residents about current town projects and accomplishments. The meeting began with Moderator Debbie Lamach giving the Selectmen the floor to describe their activities. Selectman Pickman noted that things had been quiet recently, no major crises.

In response to a question concerning progress on the Naughton case, Selectman Hambrecht responded with a one-

word answer, "None." (See article below) The subject of the use of town facilities was raised. What was required in terms of fire escape and handicapped access for the town hall to be used for large gatherings? And how would the Central School be used once the school district had turned it back to the town? Audrey Sylvester suggested a facilities study committee, for which Glen Mayo was "volunteered."

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Naughton update

The update on this long drawn out situation is that no action has been taken. Court dates continue to be set and canceled with no payments made against the penalties that were ordered back in 1989. Of equal importance, the site of the illegal landfill on Main Street is not cleaned up and closed, as ordered.

Assistant Attorney General Leslie Ludke has urged greater Town involvement to spur the court to enforce its long-standing orders. At this writing, a "status conference" has been

scheduled for September 8th at 10:00 am, involving only the judge and attorneys. The public may not attend.

Timothy Bates, the Town's attorney in this matter, commented that it is not appropriate to "lobby the court" as one might the Legislature. However, he stated his willingness to present the judge with expressions of concern for the condition of the landfill site from residents of the Town. A petition drive is currently underway. (See Selectmen's letter, page 7) —Marcia Keller

Public hearing reviews Reel block grant application

On Wednesday, July 22, a public hearing was held to review the application of the New Kearsarge Corporation for an Economic Development Block Grant. The re-hearing was required by the state because the initial applicant, Denis Lebrèque, withdrew his offer to purchase Kearsarge Reel when his Canadian businesses ran into financial difficulties. The new buyers are John Herrick of Herrick Millworks, Contoocook, and Eddie Watson of New Hampshire Timber Products, Barnstead.

Larry Goss, of Northern Economic Planners, discussed the details of application. He noted that the applicants have, as re-

quired by the terms of the grant, stated that without the loan, they would be unable to purchase the company. \$335,000 in grant funds will be matched by \$750,000 in private funds including equity and debt by the owners of New Kearsarge Corporation. The grant monies will be used toward the purchase of the property in Bradford, for the purchase of existing machinery, and for the purchase of new machinery so the company can expand its operations.

According to the printed schedule, the application will be submitted in early August and closing on the property is expected

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Bradford art exhibit

The first annual exhibition, "Bradford Artists & Artisans," will be held on Saturday, August 15 at the Bradford Elementary School. This event features the work of forty Bradford artists and craftspersons. Committee member Marion Klein says, "The secret's out ... this community is a haven for artists. The committee is enthusiastic about the diversity of entries."

The largest work will be a 16-foot Gloucester light dory and the smallest, miniature origami paper cranes. There will be monotypes, oil and pastel paintings, wall hangings, quilts, watercolors, photographs, furniture, caning, baskets, sculpture, architectural drawings, a game board, and specialty greeting cards.

The exhibition was the brainchild of the Bradford Voters Coalition, a group founded to encourage community participation. Sculp-

tor Amy Blitzer, printmaker Marion Klein and weaver Audrey Sylvester developed the idea and organized the show.

Exhibition hours are from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on August 15 at the Bradford Elementary School, Old Warner Road, Bradford. A "Meet the Artists" reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Amy Blitzer at 938-5952. —Audrey Sylvester

Living in Bradford

Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibition

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Muster Field Farm Days to be held August 29 and 30

This year's Farm Days at Muster Field Farm will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 29-30 at Muster Field Farm in North Sutton. The farm will be open 10:00-4:00, with over 100 exhibitors and demonstrations. Admission is \$1.00 per person. The farm is located near Kezar Lake. Take Route 114 to North Sutton village, then follow the signs.

Craft demonstrations include: rug hooking, rug braiding, frame quilting, wool carding, spinning and dyeing, candle making, and soap making. Guided tours of the gardens are offered. Farm activities include sheep shearing, logging with horses, stone splitting, and water dowsing.

This year's events are dedicated to the Ryder Corner Schoolhouse. The old fashioned one-room school, complete with privies, has been moved to the farm from Croydon.

The schoolhouse will serve many functions, including an exhibition area for indoor demonstrations, a permanent exhibit area for artifacts, and a meeting place for the Directors of Muster Field Farm - Harvey Homestead Inc. It is a venerable schoolhouse, built in 1810 and last used for school purposes in 1938. The bewn frame is in excellent condition, a tribute to the care with which it was built.

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Independence Day celebration tribute to rugged Yankee character

Bradford's 4th of July fete was enthusiastically celebrated by area residents unwilling to allow the weather to dampen their spirits. The weekend of July 4-5 was one of the rainiest and coolest on record. But by Sunday night, every event had gone on.

The road race was held as scheduled on Saturday morning, with some racers commenting that cool wet weather was better for running than a hot humid day. The remaining events were postponed to the Sunday rain date. And rain it did on Sunday too, but Sunday's rain was more showery, allowing the church fair and parade to take place. Winners in the raffle of quilts made by the American Baptist Women were Michelle Hooley of New Jersey and Mim Phillips. The only heavy downpour came between 5:00 and 6:00, drenching the firemen's barbeque. Then, after some murky fog, the skies cleared just in time for the fireworks. And the fireworks were magnificent, a fitting reward for the huge crowd of hardy celebrants.

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Solid waste committee meets

At the invitation of the Board of Selectmen, Russell Allen, Marketing Program Manager of the NH Resource Recovery Association, met with the Board and nine members of the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee on July 27. Allen outlined how his organization can assist the town with its recycling program, including workshops, public education, and marketing of recyclables. As Allen stressed, effective recycling programs require cooperative agreement on objectives carried out by the attendants with support from local officials and assistance by dedicated volunteers. Unfortunately, the attendants were not present and the Selectmen's schedule did not allow their full participation. Watch for the new recycling brochure produced by Chris Mock and soon to be available at the Transfer Station.

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Bradford Facilities Study Committee

The Selectmen have requested a study of town facilities, including the recently reacquired Central School, for the purposes of determining the best use of space to fulfill the present and future needs of the town administration and residents at the least cost.

The Selectmen have appointed Glendon R. Mayo as chairman of a Facilities Study Committee. Mayo is authorized to appoint committee members and directed to seek assistance and guidance from all concerned residents in this task.

Facilities to be included in this study are: Town Hall, Brown Memorial Library, and Central School. Other properties may be included at the Selectmen's option.

Monthly reports on the committee's progress are to be presented to the Selectmen.

Upon completion of the study, and review of any recommendations, the Selectmen will present the committee's report to the town for consideration and action.

Bradford Women's Club update

The Bradford Women's Club will not hold a fair this August. Instead, the club will repeat last year's very successful Antiques and Crafts Fair on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Crafts workshops are scheduled on September 15th and 29th at 10:00 am at the Mountain Lake Inn. If anyone has ideas for projects or wants more information, call Carol Fullerton or Clare Bensley.

New committee chairs are: Jane Lucas, Good Cheer; Doris Tremblay, Hospitality; and Louise Signorino, Publicity.

BWC projects over the summer need volunteers. Will you help with a September Bake Sale? Or help the Postmaster and Explorers with house numbering? Or help with the Cornerstones project? Call Nancy Hibbard at 938-2301. -Louise Signorino

Activities at The Fells, John Hay Wildlife Refuge, Newbury

Saturday, August 1: "Blood Brook," slide show and readings by New England naturalist, writer and wildlife photographer, Ted Levin. 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Program fee, \$2 adults, \$1 children under 12. Advance registration recommended.

Sunday, August 9: "Family Picnic and Pops Concert," outdoor musical performance by the Carnegie Chamber Players. 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Tickets, \$15 family, \$6 adult, \$4 students/children 12 years and under. Partial proceeds benefit Friends of the John Hay Wildlife Refuge.

Saturday, August 15: "Open Gardens Day," an introduction to the unique gardens at the Hay Refuge, including tours, workshops, and tag sale. An auction of rare and specialty plants will be conducted at 1:00 pm. Admission is free. Donations and auction proceeds will benefit garden restoration.

Friday, August 21 - Sunday, August 23: "Landscape and Legacy Conference." Scholars and writers of diverse background will join to explore interrelated themes of culture and nature as they relate to the Hay family's summer estate on Lake Sunapee. Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. Conference brochure available.

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KRSD school report

At the July 22 Bradford Forum, I gave a brief update on the schools. I also answered questions from the floor. For those of you who weren't there:

1. The deed to the former Bradford Central School on Main Street is scheduled to be signed at the KRSD Board meeting on July 30, completing the return of the property to the town. The school is no longer needed for the James House preschool program for handicapped youngsters. Usable leftover furniture and equipment was sold to other preschools in the area. The school district had to dispose of items for which no repair parts could be obtained or which were otherwise too deteriorated to be salvaged.
2. Several appropriately qualified teachers from other schools in the district will be transferred to the Middle School due to a population increase at that level.
3. Increased attention is being given at the High School to those students needing encouragement and real-world skills. The Responsibility Development Program was instituted last year to help students learn to take charge of themselves. In-school programs have largely replaced suspensions as a way of dealing with attendance and ordinary behavior problems. More business math and courses helpful to workbound students are in place.
4. The State Board of Education is considering the removal of certain state standards for public schools. If this happens, the quality of education could suffer statewide. Classes could be any size; fewer guidance counselors, assistant principals (who traditionally handle discipline), media center and library personnel would be mandated. Art and music requirements would be changed. High schools would no longer be required to offer safety or driver education. Ultimately students in richer districts would have the benefit of smaller classes and greater resources than students in poorer districts. I am following this matter closely.
5. Two residents asked me how I felt about apportionment. As I've stated in an earlier *Bridge*, I regret the meager attendance of Bradford and Warner citizens at the 1992 Annual District Meeting, where I voted for the 50-50 proposal. That would be best for Bradford. The school board voted to take no formal position on the warrant article to change the formula. I advocated change. I urged all Bradford citizens to vote for the change prior to the annual meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Ellen Hersh, KRSD Rep from Bradford



Marion Klein receives awards

Marion Klein, of Bradford and Port Washington, NY, was the recipient of the National Association of Women Artists' Medal of Honor and the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation Award. The award ceremony took place at the 103rd Annual Exhibition at the Jacob K. Javitz Federal Building in Foley Square, New York City in May. Marion is shown here with her prize-winning monotype, "Squaw Valley."

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The day's events include a church service at 10:00 am with Rev. James Marvin. The gathering and registering of animals will begin at 11:30. (All animals must be on leashes and under control at all times.) The Blessing of the animals will take place at noon, followed by a parade around the old common.

The pet show and judging will begin at 12:30, with Marion Hopkins serving as chief judge.

Activities to follow include a demonstration of dressage, trail riding and jumping by the Mt. Kearsarge Pony Club, an introduction to Schutzhund dog training by Tom Wilkins. He will demonstrate scent tracking, obedience and sport attack. Champions Joe and Amanda Battles will then put their working teams of oxen through their paces.

There will be a small animals sale and swap (please call Amy Blitzer, 938-5952, for details), beekeepers, goats and cheeses, maple syrup demo, balloons and more.

Tours of the 1790 animal pound, 1793 school house, 1838 church, and the old cemetery will be available.

The School House Food Tent will be in operation from 11:00, with coffee and doughnuts, then lunch and snacks. Plus...the East Washington Road Gang's lemonade stand.

All events are a gift to the town and its neighbors. There are NO entry fees. Donations for the preservation and upkeep of the historic buildings are most welcome.
--Luanne Mayo

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State House News

by Marcia Keller

Many of the laws enacted each session by the New Hampshire Legislature affect us, either directly or through the workings of local government. Many of the changes become effective immediately or within 60 days of passage ... long before the annual supplements to the RSA's are published. The Bradford Bridge, as a public service, continues this summary of some 1992 enactments. Anyone directly involved with carrying out these changes is, of course, advised to obtain copies of the actual statutes to fully understand the details and the intent of the Legislature. Copies (by chapter number) can be ordered from: Government Information Services, State Library, 20 Park Street, Concord, NH 03301 (phone 271-2239)

Voter Registration Chapter 287 amended RSA 654:8 to make it clear that the town clerk must accept applications both for voter registration and for changes in party affiliation. The town clerk presents the applications to the Supervisors of the Checklist, who retain full authority for the checklist. The amendment also specifies what documentation the Supervisors may require of applicants to prove citizenship, age and domicile.

Master Jury List Chapter 38 amends RSA 500-A:1 to define "master jury list" as the list compiled by the Department of Safety "from the official record of persons who hold a current New Hampshire driver's license or a department of safety identifica-

tion card." It is from this list that jurors will be chosen as needed by the court.

Stumpage Value/Yield Tax Chapter 76 amends RSA 79:1:III to require assessing officials to consider competitive bids and any costs incurred for removal, if any, in determining the yield tax to be paid for timber that is cut. If the competitive bidding process has not been used, assessing officials shall use the average stumpage value list provided by the Department of Revenue Administration.

Unfunded State Mandates The Legislature clarified Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution to convey its intent that the article be "interpreted broadly and that the spirit of that article be adhered to." Chapter 161 expands the Constitutional prohibition against passing mandated actions on to cities and towns unless funding has been provided. State agencies may not use their rule-making authority to require local expenditures for new state programs unless the programs have been approved for funding by the local legislative body. The same prohibition applies if a state agency is administering a federal mandate.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

"Birding at the New Hampshire Coast," a field trip sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, will take place on Tuesday, August 18. Participants are to meet at Cricenti's Market parking lot, New London, at 7:00 am. Bring lunch, insect repellent, and binoculars. For more information, call trip leader Bob Vernon, 526-6216.

Sutton Old Home Day

Sutton Old Home Day will be held on Sunday, August 16. The church service, in the South Meetinghouse, will be held at 11:00 am. Old customs and costumes are the order of the day. Rev. Herschell Rogers from New London will be the guest minister.

A picnic lunch will be held on the Common at 12:30, sponsored as usual by the South Sutton Homesteaders.

Sutton historic buildings will be open from 12:00-3:00 free of charge. These include the 1863 one-room schoolhouse, ca 1800 church, and 1850 Old Store Museum.

--Betty Wells

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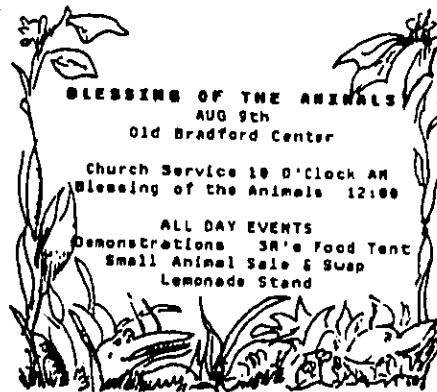
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Report from the Selectmen

From time to time, we selectmen report to you on important issues. Some of these were discussed at the summer town forum held on July 22 under the auspices of the Bradford Voters Coalition. Earlier that same evening, we held a second public hearing on the proposed \$350,000 economic development grant for Bradford. This grant seems back on track and we are working with the principals involved to push it to an early conclusion.

A grass roots movement has developed in town that we selectmen wish to sign on to and support. Petitions are already circulating regarding the Naughton toxic pollution case, which has been dragging through the courts for sixteen years. Over that period, your town has lost several hundred thousand dollars in unpaid taxes or legal and other costs associated with trying to get the pollution cleaned up and ensure no further pollution occurs.

The petition says this is taxation without representation and we agree! This is not something we can bury and forget about. Somehow there must be a way to get the judiciary to move. Bradford is working with the NH Attorney General's office in pushing the state's case against Naughton. The state and our legal counsel believe the presiding judge should receive evidence of increasing taxpayer frustration with the snail's pace of this case in the courts. Bradford cannot afford indefinitely this fear and uncertainty or the costs involved. We agree that Judge Hampsey needs to have the feelings of this town brought to his attention!

We urge all taxpayers and their spouses to sign this petition to the court. Petitions are available at the town hall and other locations. Thank you for your support.

J.O. Battles, Jr.
G. Richard Hambrecht
David Pickman

Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

Midsummer and early fall are excellent times for hiking with children. From the occasional short walk through the woods to a climb up Mt. Kearsarge, children can learn to enjoy and appreciate the outdoors as much as we do.

The Andrew Brook Trail on the back side of Mt. Sunapee is a good hike to do with children ages five and up. The trail head starts off on Mountain Road a half mile up from Route 103 in Newbury. It's a clearly beaten path which crosses Andrew Brook and climbs two miles up to Lake Solitude. There are a few yellow blazes on trees marking the trail about halfway up, but this time of year it isn't difficult to find your way (at the first and only intersection on the trail, take a right).

It's a good idea to know what you're getting into when hiking with children. If you don't have an experienced hiker or naturalist in your hiking party, it is wise to use the AMC White Mountain Guide or the Sunapee-Monadnock Greenway Trail Book. Plan your trip with safety in mind. When choosing a trail, the AMC guide suggests considering the strength of your party, overall distance, strenuousness of the trip, amount of climbing, and roughness of terrain. Be sure to check the weather too.

Our hiking party to Lake Solitude consisted of Maggie, an eight-year-old neighbor, and my friend the naturalist. The girls needed a bit of coaxing on the way up, but ran almost the entire way down the mountain. The hike took about three hours round trip. Our backpack was filled with water bottles, lunch food, bandaids, and extra socks. Granola bars, twizlers and mini-muffins provided some added incentive for the girls.

Lake Solitude was beautiful. It was a clear crisp day and there wasn't a soul in sight when we arrived. A mother duck and her three ducklings paddled by catching bugs. It was so peaceful, even the girls seemed to respect the quietness surrounding the lake. The cliffs that rise 300 feet above the lake are worth continuing onto for a magnificent view of Bradford. The soft weather-beaten rocks atop the white ledge provided a great lunch spot, while we watched swallows and a hawk soar above us. We ran into a few hikers on the way down the mountain and saw a black bear on the ride home.

The potential for adventure is limitless when hiking. The girls seemed energized after the trip and proud to have accomplished such a climb. I did too.



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First Baptist Church news

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The final two sessions of our Children's Summer Crafts Program will be held on August 4 and 11 from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the church vestry. All children in the community ages three to thirteen are welcome to these free events.

On Sunday, August 23, following morning worship, Tom and Judy Marshall will host an all-church picnic at their beach home on Lake Massasecum. "Food, Fellowship and Fun" will be the theme of the afternoon. For more information, please contact the Marshalls at 938-2336 or Pastor Joyce at 938-2899.

In keeping with recent tradition, our worship service on Sunday, August 30 will be held at the Bradford Center Meeting House, rather than in our sanctuary. We invite local residents to join us as we trek up the hill toward Rowe Mountain and join with friends in the community to glorify God. The service begins at 10:00 am. --Pastor Joyce

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Nineteenth century Bradford, excerpts from "The Visitor"

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The letter listed several improvements needed "because of neglect in former years." Included are gutters of "concrete ... so as to last" which would save money being expended to repair washouts on the main street. Sidewalks should be kept in good repair and made of "hard solid material not easily affected by water or frost." Materials that get soft after rain or thaw cause "profanity and general discomfort to the pedestrian." The writer also urged watering tubs for "man and beast" and suggested that "bugbear taxes need not be raised unduly to procure these things."

March 15, 1898. A challenge was issued to form a Village Improvement Society and a meeting was suggested to be "ready for spring work." The April 13th VISITOR reported that such a meeting was duly held on March 28th with 14 people present. Officers elected were Rev. E.W. Potter, pres., Mrs. J.K. Lund, vice-pres., Wm M. Carr, sec., Mrs. Wm M. Carr, treas., John E. French, Mrs. Susan Brackett, and Mrs. I.M. Tappan, exec. com.

May 13, 1898 reported that the first action of the Society was to "have trees set in front of the Town Hall and near the Post Office." This article concluded: "Doubtless other improvements will be made on our streets after the road commissioner has

completed his work for the season. Already the agitation of village improvements shows its effect in the work of individuals about their premises."

August 6, 1898. "The condition of our Village street has been a source of annoyance and mortification to many of our citizens during the past month. Both roadway and sidewalks are in bad condition." The writer continued by urging that needed repairs be done thoroughly the first time rather than using inferior material which will only need to be replaced. He noted that the post office is now "on the north side of the street" and suggested the need for a sidewalk "at least from the church to Marshall's store."

The last article in our files on the subject is on September 17, 1898, which noted that the Village Improvement Society "made considerable improvement last month in the appearance of the Village street for a short distance on each side of the railroad crossing, by cleaning out the weeds in the road and straightening the lines of the walks and the turf along the side of the roads." The hope was expressed that the work could begin earlier in the season for the next year and that an increase in membership might help to accomplish more work. It was also suggested that the town join in the effort. "There ought to be no complaint if our authorities should spend a little more of the town funds on the road which is traveled more than any other in the town."

Did the work of the Village Improvement Society begin earlier in 1899? Were more members recruited to increase the tasks accomplished? Did the town join in the efforts? Did THE VISITOR continue beyond October 1898? --Marcia Keller

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Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Tuesday, July 7th. An item of unfinished business was the Bradford Zoning Map. Jim Hume is ready to assemble the materials needed to prepare the map for permanent display in the town hall.

Bob Pugliese filed an application for a special exception. He is requesting permission for a project which will remove existing structures and replace them with a single structure. The project requires a special exception because it cannot meet the zoning regulations regarding set-backs. A public hearing is scheduled for August 4 at 7:30 pm.

The ZBA also discussed the Bernie Lammach proposal for a seasonal flea market.
--Erin O. DiBello

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Weather in July was "different" - hope August is hot, hot, hot, but not too humid!

Congratulations fifth graders! We now have a family in the bird house made by your class! And, would you believe it, we also have a beautiful big bird house our daughter Jeanne brought from Nova Scotia. It has a red painted chimney, wooden shingles, and the frame is made of small logs. As I said, it is large. I wonder if more than one family would be interested in nesting in the same house?!

Best Blueberry Muffins

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| 3 cups flour | 1 cup oatmeal |
| 4 tsp baking powder | 1/2 tsp salt |
| 1/2 tsp baking soda | 1 cup vegetable oil |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 cup orange juice |
| 3 eggs | 3 cups blueberries |

Topping (optional)

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| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 tsp cinnamon |
| 1/4 cup chopped walnuts | |

For topping, if desired, combine half cup sugar, cinnamon and chopped walnuts. Set aside. For muffins, mix oatmeal and orange juice in a small bowl. Let stand for a few minutes. Combine oatmeal mixture and remaining ingredients, except blueberries, in a large bowl and mix well. Add blueberries and stir gently. Line cupcake tins with paper liners or grease with shortening or Pam. Fill tins until nearly full. If using topping, sprinkle on top of batter. Bake muffins at 400° for 15 minutes. Makes 30 muffins.

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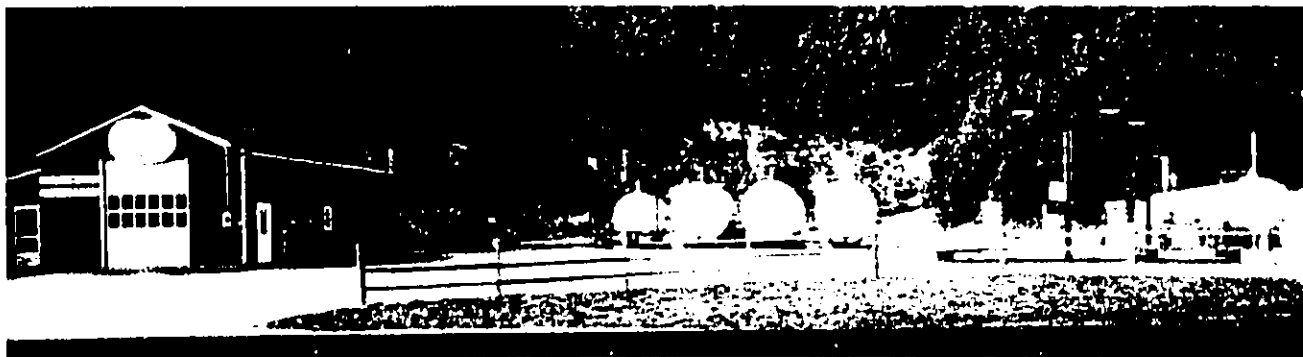
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Birth announcement

Albert and Jeanne Circosta, of West Meadow Road, announce the arrival of a daughter, Linnea Snow, on June 29. She joins a brother, Jared, who is 5 1/2 and is very pleased to have a sister.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Circosta of E. Longmeadow, MA. Maternal grandparents are Mr. Malcolm Armstrong of Westerly, RI, and Lelia Armstrong, of Farmington, CT.



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

The warm weather we hope for in July - up to 90° F - did not occur. It did warm a little, but the peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and okra all were begging for warmth. These frequent nights of 40's and low 50's were not what they needed. We did get ample rain. In my garden we will exceed 4 inches in the month of July. Weeds loved it!

August is the time to revitalize your iris garden. This should be done every three or four years. Iris can stagnate and cease to blossom vigorously. Dig the plants, clip the leaves to about 4 inches, look over the "bulbs" and remove, with a sharp knife, the wizened or semi-rotted parts. Dispose of those parts and leaves - but not in the compost pile as disease, if present, will be spread in your garden. It is well to dig the iris bed deeply, incorporate a goodly amount of compost and some fertilizer, then plant the iris. The iris is a plant that is particular as to how deep it should be planted. The "bulbs" should only be HALF covered by soil. If planted too deeply, or inadvertently covered by soil, next year the flowering will be limited.

One of the things many have observed this year is the lack of "set" of the fruit in certain vegetables. Squash such as zucchini, crookneck, or cucumbers and melons have blossomed prolifically, but few if any fruits resulted early in the month. This is not unusual, but after a week or so, the setting of the fruits due to bee pollination becomes more common. I have usually found it well to play the part of the bee for a while each spring, as I like early crooknecks and zucchini. You really feel summer is here when you pick the first ones. I hasten that time by picking a male flower and dabbing pollen on the stigma of the female flower. Finally, the bees will take over that job.

This year bees have been conspicuous by their absence. A few years ago, one had to

be very careful not to disturb the dozens of bees when picking cucumbers. Now if you see a honeybee or two in any part of the garden, it is rare. Even the small wild green bees or smaller brown and black bees are rare. Bumblebees too have been scarce. This situation is due to, in large part, the infection of beehives by a mite, which reduces the hive. In many cases, unless controlled, the infection will kill the hive. Many backyard beekeepers have given up and only commercial fruit growers and truck farmers find it worthwhile to see to the health of the hives. In part, the wild bees have succumbed to the mites. The lack of snow cover has reduced the native bees and bumble bees so that the backyard gardener is at risk.

Some plants are wind pollinated. Corn is an excellent example, but bees are attracted to corn - or at least used to be. I have seen very very few on corn this year. Bees do not serve any essential purpose in corn production though. Other plants, such as tomatoes and eggplant, self-pollinate, as the breeze is usually enough to jar the flower and pollen is released. This is a way most all plants in the nightshade family are pollinated, though potatoes do not require pollination as we use vegetative reproduction (taters) to multiply our food supply.

Bee growers are very concerned about this new reported problem. Backyard growers, seedsavers and others are also becoming aware as the hum of the bee is no longer as common as in the recent past.

Don't forget to make a planting of turnips, spinach, leaf lettuce, and radishes toward the end of the month to continue the "greens" production in your garden. Enjoy the beauty of rudbeckias, asters, snapdragons and your roses throughout the month, a beautiful part of our short summer.

Bradford Historical Society

Thanks to the efforts of Millie Kittredge, the Historical Society's Old Post Office has been open 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturdays throughout the summer months. The aim is to provide public access and stimulate public interest in the materials that the Society has on hand. Such interest, we hope, will also stimulate contributions to the Society of Bradford memorabilia that is stored in attics and drawers throughout the town.

Summer activities were kicked off in grand style with a very successful Strawberry Festival. Every available strawberry in town, along with almost every container of cream and most of the vanilla ice cream, was consumed by those who came out to hear the Hopkinton Town Band perform. The success, to say the least, was due to the many volunteers, contributors, and the E. Warren Smith Fund that supported the entertainment.

The regular August meeting will be held at the Old Post Office on the 3rd Wednesday (August 19) at 7:30 pm. Jim Marvin from Hillsborough will make a presentation on the Pierce Homestead, with slides and a description of the surrounding area. He will discuss the connection of our 14th President to New Hampshire. Mr. Marvin, who is curator of the Homestead, will be looking for people who may be interested in serving as guides. We look forward to seeing you on the 19th. All are welcome.
--Dick Keller

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FORUM, continued

George Cilley discussed the status of the Community Cornerstones project. Surveys have been collected and will be collated by the committee. The committee will then begin the task of compiling a photo exhibit of the 21 cornerstones. The exhibit will be displayed at the Bradford Artists & Artisans show at the Elementary School on Aug 15.

The Road Committee, after accepting an invitation to the forum, was unable to either send a representative or provide a report.

Bill Wood, of the NH State Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, discussed the set up of a statewide 911 telephone system. The state passed a law funding this system with a 60-cent per month surcharge on every telephone bill. The system will be centralized with electronic transfer of information to the local emergency services organization. In addition, the operators will have computer screens to show the address of the caller. This will ensure a fast response time, even if the caller cannot identify his or her location. Mike Ripberger then discussed the house numbering project, which is needed for the 911 system. The Explorer Scouts are physically measuring every road, so that numbers can be assigned every 50 feet. They expect to complete their job by mid-September. The numbering task will then be handled by the Bradford Women's Club. Once the numbers have been assigned, the information will be given to the Selectmen to publish.

The final presenter of the evening was school board rep Ellen Hersh. She made a brief presentation and took questions from the audience. Because of the small number of hearty souls still in attendance at the end of this long hearing and forum, she has written an article that covers her presentation, which appears on page 5.

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

To Brooks McCandlish, forests are more than just trees. As a state-licensed forester, he advises people on growing trees. He says, "There is no best way to do it. It all depends on what you want to do it for." Some people want forests to look a certain way, to create a wildlife habitat or to cut trees for money. He discusses short and long term options with landowners. For example, trees will be worth a lot more if they are allowed to grow for another 20 years, more in fact than if the money were put in the bank today.



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McCandlish was licensed under a 1990 New Hampshire law which combines educational training and/or comparable work experience as the basis for qualifying. Although modest about his qualifications, he has two degrees in Forestry (a B.A., from the University of Massachusetts and a Masters from Oregon State University). He worked for the US Forest Service in the state of Washington and was County Forester for the University of New Hampshire's Cooperative Extension Service. He is a member of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Massachusetts-based nonprofit New England Forestry Foundation, which offers affordable professional

In his characteristic thoughtful manner, McCandlish sees forest issues as complex, with many points of view. He said that forest practices differ greatly. Here in the East, there is more selective cutting and less planting than in the West. He says, "Forest use and development begins with an ethic of how you are going to leave the place." He has a measured view of clear cutting, which he says is a forest management practice mimicking natural forces that allow both the destruction and regeneration of species. He says, "The practice may have been misused by people whose only interest was growing trees."

McCandlish, who left Cambridge, Massachusetts when he was 13 years old, describes himself as a city boy who always knew that's not where he wanted to be. He came here in summer to his grandfather's house in Dublin and liked New Hampshire. When McCandlish and his wife, Janet Sillars, were looking to settle, they found what he described as "a nice corner of Bradford" with views towards Long (Moon) Mountain, Bradford's highest point. They bought Brainerd and Dorothy Holmes's hunting camp on West Road in 1984. The couple raises an unusual collection of animals which includes a peacock, 30 Jacob sheep, Indian Runner Ducks, and Red Jungle Fowl, the wild Asian ancestor of the domestic chicken. Not surprisingly, their land is a certified tree farm.

McCandlish likes Bradford for its friendliness and low-key attitude. His ability to see different points of view is evident when he said that although sometimes people are bumping heads, he believes most people do have the best interests of the town in mind.

He recounted that, at one time, most of Bradford was pasture. Today, the woods have been allowed to take over. In earlier times, apples, sheep and wool were the mainstay of Bradford's and New England's economy. The wild offspring of apple trees can still be discovered growing in the woods.

When asked what he sees in Bradford's future, he quietly cautioned: "I think that people in Bradford have to be aware of how quickly its space can be lost. If you look at towns not too far away further south or further east, they were as rural as Bradford is now. If we have one more real wave of growth, Bradford could lose its open and undeveloped woods."



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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Audio books are in all the catalogs we receive now. They definitely have their own place in the marketplace. Patrons have been asking if Brown Memorial Library will be making this type of purchase. The answer is yes!

We now have five audio books. *Indemnity Only*, by Sara Paretsky, features private investigator V.I. Warshawski in a Chicago-based story involving a coed and a "banker." LaVyrle Spencer's *Sweet Memories* is a love story. On *Ernest Hemingway Reads*, we HEAR the author accepting the Nobel Prize and reading from his writings.

Almost everyone remembers Hans Christian Anderson's *Thumbelina*. It's a cassette to be enjoyed by the entire family.

Judith Viorst wrote a story about a little boy named "Alexander" who has a *Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. Come in and check out a cassette and let us know if this form of story appeals to you.

"Discover-Read '92," the summer reading club has 26 members.

The pass to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium is a great way to spend part of your vacation. Be sure to call the library if you want it for a certain date.

Trustees Helen Mallard and Melanie Evers have put up an exhibit of library activities over the years. They've gathered photographs and scrapbooks documenting memorable events and milestones. The exhibit will be up for the month of August. Stop in and take a look.

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KRSD School Board Meeting

At the July 9th school board meeting, the joint boards of selectmen of the KRSD towns requested a review of the bid procedure used to award the contract for stop-loss health insurance. Dick Petrin, KRSD business administrator, showed a graphic summary of the process that resulted in his recommendation, on which the Board based its decision. Petrin's recommendation had been reviewed and supported by the claims adjustment company EBPA. Despite several requests from those attending the meeting, the Board declined to identify the person who made the review.

The Bradford Selectmen expressed concern both for the propriety of the selection from a cost standpoint and for the haste with which the decision was made. The School Board, after much discussion, decided that they would discuss only the process used, as requested by the combined boards of selectmen and, based on the discussion generated, felt that they had no reason to change their decision to follow Petrin's recommendation on awarding the health insurance contract.

Bernard Lamach presented his analysis of an energy savings proposal being considered to replace present lighting in three school buildings with high efficiency units. Lamach's report was accepted with appreciation and will be reviewed.

Superintendent Howard Goodrow offered a brief description of Sutton school addition problems. The well has been extended at a cost of \$3,300, which was taken out of the maintenance budget. The driveway has been reconfigured to eliminate access problems. And a new leaching field is being designed. The latter two items are to be included in the cost of the addition.

Thomas Poliseno, principal of the middle school, made a presentation on behalf of the administrators, on goals and objectives. The proposal would establish a new time line for curriculum, a 3 to 5 year project that will specifically address language arts, as a result of recent CAT test scores that in-

dicade the need for improvement, and math, where the state recommends an increased focus. An additional outlay of \$5,000 a year was felt to be necessary to implement this study.

Poliseno also requested that committees be formed to clarify the roles of the Board and administration in specific areas of the decision-making process. He stated that "micro-management" by the Board restricts the efforts of administrators to make responsible decisions in such areas as budget requests from individual teachers, justification of individual overnight trips, and constituent concerns directly to Board members.

A final item of business, presented by Dr. Goodrow, addressed the review currently underway of state requirements imposed on school districts. In Goodrow's opinion, the changes proposed would provide grounds for districts to reduce their budgets and thus degrade the level of education. He did not see any impact on the KRSD other than to fuel misconceptions by the public in its effort to control expenditures. He suggested that presentations be made or letters written to the State School Board to support the present requirements that set pupil/staff ratios in such areas as teachers, libraries, guidance, and administrators. --Dick Keller

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The Bradford Fire Department held its annual raffle at the 4th of July celebration. Tom Biceso of Bradford won the hind quarter of beef. Ken Dustin of Bradford won the maple rocker donated by Barns of Bradford. Savings bonds donated by Lake Sunapee Savings Bank, Dumont's Barber Shop, and Box Corner Services were won by Ellen Hersh, Pat Delgado, and The First Baptist Church. Al Circosta of Bradford won the tanning sessions donated by Mauri's Hair Design. Cash gifts donated by Ann C. Hallahan Real Estate and The Stewart Agency were won by Inez Bagley and Roberta Sweet. Gift certificates donated by Bradford IGA were won by Eleanor Hopwood, Bradford, Gene LaBier, Hillsborough, Gary Blind, Henniker, and Phil Pare, Claremont.

Rental and gift certificates donated by the Lumber Barn were won by Ron Tromblay and Fran Cullinan, Bradford. A gift certificate donated by Dickie's Bait & Tackle was won by Brian Gardner, Bradford. A Sunbeam clock and Hydor Therm, donated by R.L. Dodge Co., was won by Carol Goldberg. Dinner for two, donated by Applesed Inn, was won by Lil Sejkouski, Bradford. A dry chem fire extinguisher, donated by Valley Fire Equipment, was won by Paul Meehan, Bradford. Gift certificates donated by Merrimack Farm & Country Store were won by Ralph Casper and Dannie Peret, Bradford. Breakfast for two, donated by Bradford Junction Restaurant, was won by David Camire, Bradford. A flowering wreath, donated by Marlene's Flowershop, was won by Joyce Goddard, Newbury. A pizza and two videos, donated by Village Mart, was won by Don Brunnelli, Bradford. A large pizza, donated by Bradford Pizza, was won by George Plati, Malden, Mass.



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Sports News

By Laurie Buchar

The next time you are in the Bradford IGA and are looking for specialty items such as "carabiners" and "chocks" or need to know the best way to prepare your next "rappel" or "belay," there's only one man to go to. He is 18-year-old Jason Ansart and when he isn't stocking shelves or bagging groceries, he can be seen scaling the ledges above Lake Todd and heights beyond. His favorite activity is the daring and highly technical sport of rock climbing.

Jason is a recent graduate of KRHS and lives with his family on Old Sutton Road in Bradford. Next year he plans to attend National Outdoor Leadership School, at either the Alaska or Colorado campus, where he will be taught a wide range of outdoor survival skills to qualify as an instructor. He is also interested in rock climbing competitions such as those held on the simulated "indoor wall" (which is made of fiberglass and wood and covered with epoxy and resin) at Mount Cranmore.

A couple of years ago, Jason was spotted climbing local ledges by another Bradford climber, Jim Westgate. Jim was looking for a partner and introduced him to the practice of "multi-pitch" climbs. This involves a method of one partner leading with a "pitch" (165 ft. length of rope) up a long distance mountain face. It is the leader's responsibility to find the best way up the rock, stabilizing "chocks" (wedges) and placing "webbing" (anchored to trees) as he charts each "belay" (distance of secured cleat). It may take many such "pitches" to complete the whole climb. Jason finds leading to be the most exciting aspect of any climb because "you can take command and you are in charge."

Jason spends almost all of his free time rock climbing. He frequently travels to Runney or Cathedral Ledge in North



Conway. His favorite climb, however, was in California last fall at Joshua Tree National Monument.

Naturally I asked him if he has ever felt fear on a climb. "It's only scary when you're leading and your protection runs out...that's when you've left your last good foothold behind and can't see the next one. If you've come ten feet and lose it, your fall will be twenty." Jason and his family consider rock climbing a relatively safe sport. He has only received one injury...a rope burn from a 30-foot fall. "What most people don't realize is that we use a kernmantle rope, which is made up of millions of strands of nylon, so it stretches in response to weight and pressure, almost like a bungee cord."

Jason's equipment includes items such as harnesses and "carabiners" (metal snap links) but the only attire that is specialized is the footwear, which can range in stability from slipper softness to skiboot durability, depending on what the climb requires. His personal clothing and style have earned him the nickname Blue Spider. He says most climbers are slim and have developed their upper arms and shoulders. "The weight-muscle ratio is very important for climbing." Rock climbers, especially leaders, need to have a technical understanding of the sport. And one of the things Jason likes about his sport is that much of the needed information is shared by athletes at the climbing sites. "We learn a lot from each other."

What does Jason think about when he climbs? "Not much. I'm really focused. It's something that is really fun to do...it's sort of like floating." Hold that thought, folks, when you see the Blue Spider rappelling off those ledges.

August Calendar

Saturday, August 1

Historical Society Open House, Old Post Office (take your chances) 1:00-3:00 pm

Blood Brook, lecture by naturalist Ted Levin, The Fells, John Hay Wildlife Refuge, 7:00 pm (see article, pg. 3)

Sunday, August 2

Bradford Center potluck picnic, 5:00 pm

Bob Cunniff Orchestra, Newport Concert on the Common, 6:30 pm

Monday, August 3

Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Warner Lodge 7:15 pm

Tuesday, August 4

ZBA, 7:00 pm
includes public hearing on Pugliese special exception

Friday, August 7

East Bay Jazz Ensemble, Sargent Common, New London, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 8

Historical Society Open House, Old Post Office (take your chances) 1:00-3:00 pm

Sunday, August 9

Worship service, Bradford Center Meeting House, Rev. James Marvin, 10:00 am
Blessing of the Animals, sponsored by Bradford Historical Society, Bradford Center (see article, pg. 5)

Monday, August 10

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00-9:00 pm

Road Committee, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 11

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 12

Order of Easter Star, St. Peters Lodge, 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 13

Masons, St. Peters Lodge #31, 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 15

Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibition, Bradford Elementary School, 10:00-4:00
Artists' Reception, 2:00-4:00

Historical Society Open House, Old Post Office (take your chances) 1:00-3:00 pm

"Open Gardens Day" at John Hay Wildlife Refuge, 10:00-4:00 (see article, pg. 3)

Sunday, August 16

Sutton Old Home Day (see article, pg 6)

Sweet, Hot and Sassy concert, Newport Common, 6:30 pm

Monday, August 17

Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Warner Lodge, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, August 18

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 19

Historical Society meeting, Old Post Office, 7:30 pm

Friday, August 21

Grafton Comet Band, Sargent Common, New London, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 22

Historical Society Open House, Old Post Office (take your chances) 1:00-3:00 pm

Sunday, August 23

Newport Opera House Band, Newport Common, 6:30 pm

Monday, August 24

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday, August 28

New Liberty Jazz Band, Sargent Common, New London, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 29

Historical Society Open House, Old Post Office (take your chances) 1:00-3:00 pm

Muster Field Farm Day, N. Sutton, 10:00-4:00

Sunday, August 30

Muster Field Farm Day, N. Sutton, 10:00-4:00

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