



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

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Bradford seniors graduate from Kearsarge

A mood of thoughtful exuberance prevailed at the graduation of 107 seniors from Kearsarge Regional High School on June 13. Warm, sunny weather ensured an outdoor ceremony. For some, it was merely a celebration of four years successfully put in. For others, it was the culmination of years of determination to achieve excellence. For all, it was a moment of sad acceptance of the tragic death of classmate Marc Geoffrion less than a week before.

We salute the recent graduates from Bradford and wish them well in their future endeavors.
-- Ellen Hersh, KRSB Rep

Here are the graduates with their fall plans.

- Felicia Bagley University of Maine, Farmington
- Christy Box Colby-Sawyer College
- Shelley Burdett working
- Lisa Carafa University of Alaska
- Scott Carter working
- Daniel Cotter New England College
- Jenni Drusendahl Marist College
- Melanie Fleming Keene State College
- Nicholas Haas U.S. Army
- Jennifer Jones Champlain College
- *Emmy Keays UNH
- *John Leonas Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Magdelene (Lynne) Mazol working
- Edward Meader working
- Jamie Perkins New England College
- Tyler Richards travel
- April Robbins Keene State College
- Hope Saxby U.S. Army Reserves
- Peter Whitman U.S. Army
- * National Honor Society

Selectmen's summit meeting

The selectmen of the seven towns comprising the KRSD met on Thursday, June 25, after a hiatus of several months. With a full agenda, the meeting began with a presentation by Jim Henley of Merrimack County Telephone Company about the Emergency 911 telephone service. Henley described legislation that requires the implementation of the system by August 1995. One requirement of the system is the formal naming of all streets and roads and the numbering of all lots. When the system is in place, all emergency calls will go through a central office, which will dispatch the necessary response to the person dialing 911. The system, under the direction of the NH Dept of Public Safety, will employ between 45 and 55 people, according to Henley.

The second item of business was a discussion on the up-

coming special town meeting in New London. The meeting was called by petition to consider withdrawal of New London from the Kearsarge Regional School District. The selectmen of the several towns, including New London, indicated they would not take a stand on the issue at this time, but will monitor the situation. The New London selectmen said it was their intent to let the petitioners go forward with the matter, and then respond to the wishes of the meeting. Selectman Colcord of Warner expressed concern about the 120-day response period that would be in place should New London vote to withdraw. Some Bradford attendees took exception to the selectmen's wait-and-see approach on an issue so important to the towns of the school district.

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Public hearing on block grant application

A public hearing will be held on July 22 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall to discuss the revised application by the New Kearsarge Corporation for the community development block grant. The hearing held on April 1 addressed the application by Denis LeBreque, who intended to purchase Kearsarge Reel. However, financial difficulties in Canada forced him to withdraw his offer. Subsequently, a local group of investors made an offer for Kearsarge Reel, which is currently being reviewed by the FDIC.

Because the financial details of the new purchase plan differ from LeBreque's, another public hearing must be held in order to meet the requirements for the block grant application.

Following the hearing, the BVC will hold a semi-annual Town Forum. All summer and winter residents are invited to come hear what's going on in town. The agenda had not been determined at press time, but will include a report on the results of the Cornerstones Survey.



July 4th CELEBRATION

- 5km Road Race Town Hall
9:00 am - Registration, \$10
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10:00 am - Race start
- ABW Church Fair Baptist Church
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Brad Sherman, Magician Church
11:00 am
- Luncheon Church
11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Children's activity Church
1:00 pm
- Square dance demo Church
2:15 - 2:45 pm
- Firemen's Parade Main Street
4:00 pm
- Midway Brown Shattuck Field
4:00 pm
- Firemen's Barbeque Field
5:30 pm
- Musical entertainment & square dance demo 5:30 pm - dark Field
- FIREWORKS DISPLAY Field
Dusk (9-ish)

Rain Date - Sunday, July 5
(Church Fair would start at 11:30)

It's our First Anniversary!

With this issue, the Bradford Bridge celebrates one year of providing the news of Bradford.

Bradford Conservation Commission

On May 29th, Fred Sladen led a bird walk through the Bradford Bog. Although we didn't see many birds (Fred said we should get going earlier in the morning), we did see the rhodora in bloom. Thank you, Fred!

At the June meeting, Chris Frey explained where the Fire Department would like to put new hydrants. He explained that they are needed to provide a better water supply in case of fire. All hydrants have to be in deep water, below the frost line. The commission approved the sites, feeling the hydrants will have a minimal effect on the wetlands.

The reconstruction of East Washington Road was discussed. There is concern that the water level of the Bog remain as it is, to protect the Atlantic White Cedar stand. After inspecting the section of road that crosses the Bog, the consensus is if the new road is made with the same number of culverts, of the same size or larger, there will be no problem.

There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be on August 18.

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South Sutton historic buildings

South Sutton's historic buildings will be open to the public on Sunday afternoons from July 5 to August 23, 1:00-4:00 pm. The ca 1800 church, 1863 one-room schoolhouse, and Old Store Museum are located just off Route 114 on Meeting House Hill Road in South Sutton village. The buildings are furnished appropriately and the museum contains some 4000 items of interest to old and young. Admission is free, but donations are accepted gratefully. For information, call Betty Wells at 927-4183.

Errand of mercy

George Hibbard sustained multiple injuries in an automobile accident while on an errand of mercy. On June 12th, Mauri Scheffy was unable to get to Concord for special medication for her daughter. She called Nancy Hibbard, president of the Bradford Women's Club, to ask if a member could help her. Nancy's husband George, who was about to leave for Concord, offered to pick up the medicine.

On his way home, Hibbard was involved in a two-car accident at Page's Corner, Dunbarton. In spite of being pinned in his car, Hibbard remained conscious enough to hand the medicine over to the officer with instructions to get it delivered to the Scheffy family in Bradford. The Dunbarton police telephoned Bradford Police Chief Al Grindle to arrange for the transfer. Grindle met the Dunbarton officer midway.

The "jaws of life" were needed to extricate Hibbard, whose car was demolished. He was taken to Concord Hospital.

Hibbard is out of intensive care, but will require a few more weeks to recover from his injuries, which included six broken ribs, a punctured lung, and a bruised heart.

—Lou Signorino

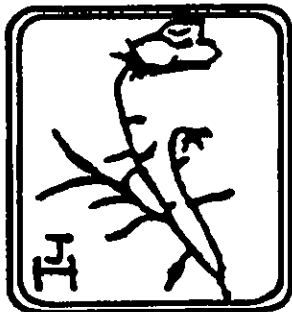
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**Robert McGrath, Professor of Art History,
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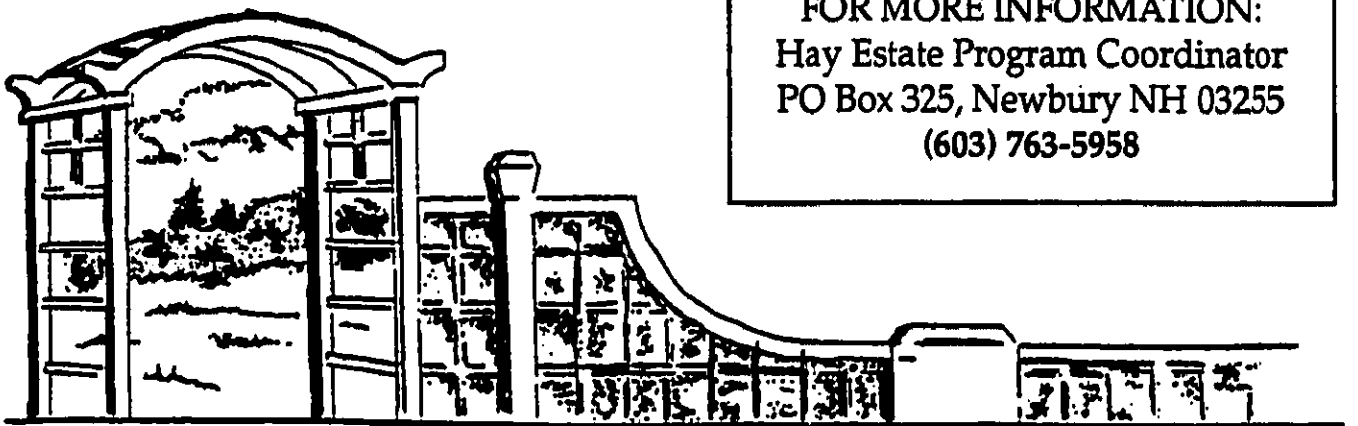
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Editorial

by Nancy E. Scribner

Many of us are frustrated at the inaction and limited vision of those responsible for running our country. There's little we can do individually to affect that situation. But within our own community, we the townspeople have the power to make a difference.

Bradford has been presented with a rare opportunity by the return of the Central School. The acquisition of a public building has the potential to allow major changes to our town facilities. But with this opportunity comes responsibility. To act without vision and planning is to discard the possibilities and continue with short-sighted reactive policies.

I would like to see the Selectmen establish a facilities study committee to consider the possible uses for the Central School and present recommendations for discussion at a public meeting.

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Cornerstone surveys are due by Saturday, July 18th. If you need a copy to fill out, they are available at the library and Dodges. Completed surveys can be turned in at those same locations or by mail to P.O. Box 210. The Cornerstones Committee is working on plans for a public discussion and display of the final Cornerstone selections.

Historical Society offers Audubon programs for kids

This summer the Bradford Historical Society will sponsor two Audubon Society of New Hampshire programs for children at the Old Schoolhouse on the Bradford Center Common.

"Nature's Neighborhoods" will be held on Wednesday, July 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Lots of active games and other activities will be used to help us find out why animals choose to live where they do.

"Do you see what I see?" will be held on Wednesday, August 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. This program will explore animal senses. One of the many things we'll discover is how different the world would look if you were a dragonfly or an owl.

Audubon Society of NH naturalists will present these fun-filled and educational programs for children who have finished kindergarten through third grade. The cost for each program is \$2.00 per child. The children will explore the outdoors, play nature games, and make crafts. Parents are welcome to stay for the program at no charge.

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This meeting discussed Community Cornerstones, the recognition and possible preservation of features of the Town that otherwise will too quickly fade away. Millie Kittredge is spearheading the Society's participation in this program. She made sure all present had a copy of the survey form. Amy Blitzer expressed the interest of the Conservation Commission in the site of the former Bradford Springs Hotel. The area has become a dumping ground since the inn became a memory. The Society voted to help with the cleanup as well as with some appropriate recognition of the site.

The big event of the season will be held on Sunday, August 9. The Historical Society will repeat last year's animal day program, enthusiastically attended in spite of the rain. Following the blessing of the animals, there will be demonstrations in the handling of animals, both large and small, judging, sales and trades; and, for the hungry, food and refreshments. Come, enjoy this fast-paced day of events at the Bradford Center Common.

Open house at the Old Post Office is in the offing to provide more access to the various materials available at the Society building. Millie Kittredge agreed to organize this effort. Volunteers will try to have the building open on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00 throughout the summer. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Millie at 938-5386.

The Society voted to accept two gifts with much appreciation. The first is a framed sketch of the John Morse store, 1837-1886, presented by Mr. and Mrs. George Morse, Jr. The second is two schoolbooks, with Bradford inscriptions, from the late 1800's. These were presented by Betty Wells, President of the Sutton Historical Society.

There will be no regular meeting in July. The next meeting will be held on August 26, when Jim Marvin, Curator of the Pierce Homestead, will present slides and a talk on our 14th President.

--Dick Keller

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J. Duane Squires has said "The people of New Hampshire are serious not somber, whimsical not frivolous, thoughtful not pedantic, ingenious not impractical."

Wouldn't you like to know: 1. How many covered bridges there are in New Hampshire? 2. What a truss is? 3. What a "boxed pony" is?

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A son, Hunter George Rowell, was born June 9 at Concord Hospital to Carolyn and Jesse Rowell of Route 114. Maternal grandparents are George and Andrea Browne of West Paris, Maine.

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Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

Swimming is a favorite activity of children this time of year. It wouldn't feel like summer if we weren't swimming most days, after a humid morning or playing in the yard. My children love the freedom a day in the water brings, playing on the shore, digging in the sand, and feeling the warmth of the sun on their bare backs.

Swimming and water safety for children can begin at home in the wading pool or at the shore of the lake. One way I feel more relaxed with my children at the water's edge is teaching them to swim. Getting comfortable in the water and frolicking about come first. Then the basics: kicking, arm strokes, breathing, and floating. Having a knowledgeable instructor helps too. If you missed the swim lessons offered by the Women's Club at French's Park, mark your calendar for next year. It's a great program and a safe and fun way for children to start the summer.

At the age of two, my son already knows the words beach and pool. He can say them clearly like cracker and milk ... as if they were staples in his life. Padraic watched with longing while Maggie played water games with her instructors at French's Park. In the future, once he's learned to swim, he'll be able to enjoy sailing, wind surfing, and a host of other water activities.

This summer give your child or adolescent a gift that can open new doors and build confidence. Teach them to swim or sign them up for lessons. It's a good way to stay in shape and keep those muscles toned. At \$10 for 10 sessions, the Bradford and Newbury programs are the best bet. It's not too late to sign up for the Newbury classes, which begin July 15. Call 938-2102 for information. The YMCA in Concord offers lessons for \$26 for nonmembers, beginning July 20 for 4 sessions. In New London, the Hogan Sports Center offers lessons starting July 7 for \$40 for nonmembers grades K-12.



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State House News by Marcia Keller

When the New Hampshire Legislature finally adjourns each year, it is helpful (and in many cases wise, if not essential) to review the bills that have been passed. Many of the new laws affect us, either directly or through the workings of local government. Since the annual supplements to the state laws - the NH Revised Statutes Annotated (commonly referred to as "the RSAs") are not printed until December and many of the changes become effective on passage or soon thereafter, the Bradford Bridge, as a public service, provides 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; telephone 271-2239.

Heritage Commission. A new section added to RSA 674 by Chapter 64 provides the basis for a heritage commission to help identify and protect the cultural "cornerstones" of a community. Town meeting now has the option of establishing such a commission, which could be given specific advisory and review authority to address "the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts."

Right-to-Know. For the fourth successive year, the Legislature amended RSA 91-A. Both changes made in 1992 deal with issues that may be addressed at a nonpublic session - an indication of how important the Legislature feels it is to clarify when the

public can be excluded from a meeting of a public body. One change adds the words "real and personal" to RSA 91-A:3,II(d), to clarify the type of property that may be considered for acquisition, sale, or lease at a closed session.

The second change deals with the rights of public employees. As amended, RSA 91-A:3,II(a) allows consideration or action on the investigation of charges against a public employee or her/his dismissal, promotion, or discipline to be conducted at a non-public session "unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted." An employee might be given the right to a meeting either through an employee contract or under the constitutional guarantee of due process. These changes took effect June 8, 1992.

Shortly after this bill was passed, the NH Supreme Court handed down a decision that upheld the reinstatement of a public employee who had been dismissed at a non-public session. In its decision, the Court stated: "RSA 91-A:3,II(a) is grounded in a 'legislative concern for protecting the public employee from improper official conduct by compelling the government to make public the considerations on which its actions are based.' (citation omitted) ... a governmental body may not move to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the termination of a public employee unless it has previously put that employee on notice that such a motion would be made."

A motion to reconsider that decision was recently filed with the Supreme Court by a Laconia law firm on behalf of Bradford and several other municipalities.

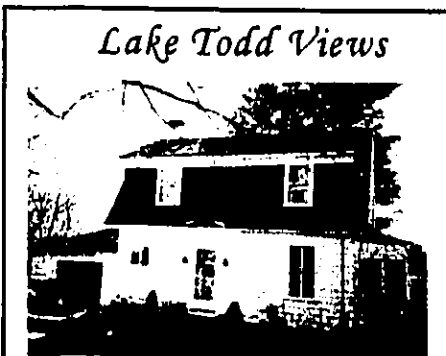
Baptist Church News

On Saturday, July 4, the American Baptist Women of Bradford will sponsor the annual Church Fair from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Baked goods, books, jewelry, plants, knick-knacks, handmade wooden toys, white elephant items, crafts, home decorations and much more will be available. Entertainment for children will be provided at 11:00 am and at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. For more information, please contact either Marcia Strout at 938-2716 or Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.

"The Bible: God's Call To Hope" is the theme of our 1992 Vacation Bible School program, which will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 am the week of July 13. All children in the community between the ages of three and thirteen are invited to attend. Registration begins at 8:40 am on the 13th. For more information, please contact Joyce Teele at 938-2172 or the church office.

For the third year running, the church will sponsor a summer crafts program geared specifically to children. Activities will be tailored to the abilities of two age groups, 3-6 year olds and 7-12 year olds. The program will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the vestry. It will begin the week after Vacation Bible School, taking place on the following dates: July 21, July 28, August 4 and August 11. Again, the program is free of charge and open to all children in the community. Drop-in guests are welcome!

The Youth Group continues to meet every other week throughout the summer. It will gather for outdoor recreational activities on July 11 and 25. For details about upcoming events, please contact Pastor Joyce at 938-2899.



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GARDENING
by Fred Winch



July is a critical month for controlling weeds. They enjoy the loosened ground, germinate and grow rapidly - just turn your back and they are bigger than the crops you put out. Keep after them, for the better the job you do now, the less weed seeds there'll be for next year, or even for the next five years. Weed seeds live well in the soil over many winters and sprout when the ground is again freshly turned.

Continuous crops of veggies are desired by most gardeners. The beans are budding up nicely now in many gardens, but they will not produce at full steam for the rest of the growing season. A couple more plantings (until August 5th) will keep young and tasty beans coming. When production nearly stops, cut the bean plants off close to the ground. Do not pull them up since this deprives the soil of the nitrogen fixed by the plants - a valuable product to be used by fall crops of beets and perhaps carrots, planted after the beans. This same recommendation holds for the peas. Pea vines grew amazingly lush this year due to the cold June we had. Soil nitrogen following them should be high. Vines of both peas and beans will be a great addition to the compost pile - along with other vegetation produced by weeds which have not gone to seed.

It has not been an optimum growing season for eggplant, peppers and tomatoes so far, due to the cold nights. All of these plants are heavy feeders, especially on light loams and sands. To help them catch up when warmth arrives, I am feeding all of these with "miracle grow" tomato food or "Peters" concentrated water soluble foods, with applications in early July and the first week of August. Thereafter they should carry on quite well till frost.

Remember that beets and carrots will produce right up till the ground freezes, so

plant second crops of early maturing varieties where you grew peas and beans. Each of these seedlings will benefit by watering after planting and until germination occurs. If you have neglected to plant kale and kohlrabi, both of these will respond well to planting early this month where legumes have been growing. Even a second planting of early summer squash, even zucchini (if the latter has failed to imundate you) can probably get ahead of the squash bugs and keep you eating these veggies till frost kills the vine. I often wish there was a way to keep both squashes producing till the end of September as they fit in well with other summer vegetables. Store-bought ones just never have the flavor of the fresh picked home grown products!

If you have garden space that will not be used later this month, it would be well to seed it down for a cover crop. One I like is to seed clover, either red or white, rake the seed in lightly and keep the area moist. Usually July produces a reasonable amount of rain, but supplemental watering will help if a dry week comes along. This will produce lots of vegetation, which will protect the soil over winter and will supply organic matter and nitrogen when the soil is turned next spring.

Cut off the spent flowers of the peonies which were beautiful this year. Feed the roses now, just coming into flower for a continuous bloom. Do not feed wisteria with high nitrogen fertilizer once it has bloomed; nitrogen makes vine, not flowers. The same holds true for dernatis. Shape up the beauty bush which has done so well this year. Try to hold it in check after flowering, so that next year it will be flowering again. Hope, starting now, for an adequate snow cover to protect perennials and shrubs from a normal winter cold.

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The BRADFORD BRIDGE was not the first effort to bring the news to Bradford residents. One of the treasures uncovered during recent sorting at the Historical Society's Old Post Office is a collection of newspapers published during the last century. Monthly copies of THE VISITOR are on file from November 1897 to October 1898; weekly editions of THE LAKE AND MOUNTAIN PATHFINDER from December 1898 to December 1899, with the name changed for the final month to PATH-FINDER AND VISITOR. If anyone knows of other volumes, please inform someone at the Historical Society.

Some fascinating bits of Bradford history are found in the pages of the volumes on hand. THE VISITOR was described as "A monthly newspaper devoted to the interests of Bradford, N.H. and surrounding towns. Published about the 10th of each month." The publisher was Rev. E.W. Potter, "Subscription, 50 cents per year. 40 cents in advance." One of the early editions contains many Christmas ads from local merchants, including the following of note:

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The February 10, 1898 edition described a new building being constructed on the site of the old Bradford Hotel as marking a new era in the town. "The time was when almost any place was good enough to house travelers and others, but now we can boast of a new house which is entitled to a place in the front rank among the hotels of the State." The building contains 26 sleeping rooms, with heating by the latest combination hot air and hot water and lighting by electricity furnished by the Bradford Light and Power Company. --Marcia Keller

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Marge Ginepra brings good common sense to most things in life, especially as manager of her Day Care Center on Main Street. Marge remembers the first few weeks of running the business, 15 1/2 years ago, as "bedlam." Children brought their own lunches. Child A wanted Child B's Twinkie, Child C wanted Child D's banana. Some had sweet drinks, others brought wholesome milk. Ginepra had to open each lunch box, unwrap each sandwich, and listen to bickering over lunches. Common sense solution? Make home-cooked meals for everyone! Parents were pleased and so were the children.



Marge Ginepra with two young charges, Mark and Desiree Rollins

How did Ginepra get the idea for a day care center? She says, "It came. I had lost my husband and was looking for gainful employment." One day a neighbor needed a favor. The babysitter had cancelled at the last minute. Ginepra enjoyed the experience and offered to watch the child two days a week. Soon other people called for her services. Now her business is licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

Ginepra says that it is most important to present her home and herself in a cheerful manner. She comments, "The children are using your home as their home, so it's very important that both parents and children feel comfortable." Although the young children spend much time in free play, Ginepra teaches them how to tie their shoes, put on jackets, pick up toys, and to respect the furniture, toys and books they are using. She says, "Books are not hammers." She also teaches them to be patient. "Everyone wants the first cookie when you pass them out. You have to teach them to take turns."

In 1952, Ginepra and her husband George (an avid golfer) came to the Bradford Inn for a two-week vacation. While waiting for dinner, they took a walk towards town. Enjoying the pretty lawns and old houses, they came upon a "for sale" sign on the Rose M. Stevens' house. The owner's son unexpectedly discovered them peeking in the windows. He took them through the house. Although there was outhouse plumbing, no water, heat or electricity, the price was right. \$3600! After summering in the house for eight years, the Ginepras and their two children permanently moved in after George retired from the Revere Electric Light Company, where he had worked as an electric switchboard operator.

Ginepra remembers Main Street's bumper-to-bumper traffic during ski season; Ruth Graham's house as Green Gables Restaurant and bus stop; Applesced Inn as The Lakeside; the Bradford Inn's beach parties, music and dancing; Champs as Red Boutwell's grocery and meat store; the train station's water tower; waiting for cows to be moved off the track so the train could go through; and the fun kids had running down to watch the trains. Bradford even had two doctors' offices—one owned by a woman, Dr. Anne Wasson.

Fourth of July was a big celebration even then. Erving Blunt organized elaborate parades with several marching bands, handmade floats, decorated horses with riders in colorful fancy Western dress. After Blunt became ill, parades were never quite the same.

Marge Ginepra likes having a business in Bradford. She describes the town as quaint, quiet, and inhabited by people who, for the most part, are congenial. She says it has everything a little town should have—nice stores, bus service to the city, churches, a library, and good neighbors. She's happy with her business because she likes the children and their parents. She delights in children's observations. She recounts how several children were intently watching a bee-like creature. One boy informed the group that it was a "yellow jacket." A little girl piped up, "Yes, and it has brown sleeves."

Summit, continued

Bradford Selectman Dave Pickman then raised the possibility that the KRSD school board had handled a recent insurance bidding process in an imprudent manner. Bradford Selectman Dick Hambrecht, proposer of a losing bid, indicated that his bid would have saved the district a substantial sum of money, but was passed over. He noted that the winning bid was from a Connecticut firm and the Board should have considered keeping the money local, in addition to accepting his lower bid. As a result of the potential impropriety, the selectmen will call for a joint meeting with the school board.

Other items of discussion were the use of chemicals on dirt roads and the removal of abandoned underground fuel storage tanks.

Public input at the meeting included the request for more meetings of the combined boards of selectmen and more public input. The selectmen responded that there is difficulty in scheduling such meetings against their already busy calendars. These meetings are really to discuss mutual problems and procedures and not necessarily to have public input concerning what should otherwise be handled by the local boards of selectmen.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

On June 2, the Zoning Board of Adjustment met at the town hall. It was decided that the zoning map should be mounted and displayed at the town hall in an accessible location.

The Zoning Ordinance was reviewed and some minor changes were made for the new edition. The most significant change was to insert the district maps in this new edition. Tom Scribner is working on this now. The Floodplain Ordinance was reviewed. A question was raised concerning the existence of the Building Code Board of Appeals, which is identified in the Zoning Ordinance? Russ will question the Selectmen on this matter.

Bob Pugliese, West Road, came in to discuss a shed he wants to build. Because of set-back requirements, he needs a special exception in order to obtain a building permit. He was given the application form and instructions. In order to facilitate the matter, the ZBA agreed to meet on June 16th to receive the completed application.

On June 16th, the ZBA met at 7:30. After waiting a while for Bob Pugliese, Clay and Jim decided to contact him. Since there was no access to a phone at the town hall, they drove to Bob's house. They found that the application was not ready. Since there was no other business, the meeting ended.
--Erin O. DiBello



Wonderful things happened at Brown Memorial Library in June! Through the Friends of the BML, we now have a family pass to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord. This is a great out for the family ... including grandparents! Please call the library for further information.

On Monday, June 15, three new bookshelves arrived at BML. They blend in beautifully with our other shelves. Conrad Szymkowitz, Robert Blank, Charles Betz and Jonathan Payson made a real dream come true for us. The Lumber Barn donated the shelving materials and Jonathan Payson donated the building materials.

Remember our annual Book and Bake Sale is Saturday, July 11, 9:00 to 1:00 -- rain or shine! Food donations may be brought to BML early that morning. Come for great bargains from Dr. Seuss to Shakespeare!

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Planning Board News

"Business" continues to be slow at the regular meetings of the planning board; no subdivision applications have been submitted for many months.

On May 26th, a public hearing was held to consider Mr. and Mrs. Marquis' proposal to open "Rosewood Country Inn," a bed and breakfast in the former Pleasant View Inn. This was a joint hearing by the planning board and the zoning board of adjustment. The hearing room was packed with neighbors and townspeople supporting the proposal. The Boards found that all necessary requirements had been addressed and the proposal was passed unanimously.

Following the joint hearing, the two boards discussed some of the problems perceived in processing applications in a method that is fair to the applicant, while still protecting the interests of the town. Applications often are not submitted until the last minute, sometimes with required information missing. It was agreed that we must re-double efforts to be sure that anyone with a project requiring action by either board is made aware of all requirements as soon as possible, and that they be encouraged to discuss their plans in advance and submit applications early to avoid unnecessary delays.

Bemie Lamach submitted an application for site plan review of a proposal to run a summer weekend/holiday flea market from his storage units behind Dodge's Store. A public hearing was scheduled for July 14.
--Brooks McCandlish



THE COZY CORNER
by Mildred Schmidt



I'm ready for the Fourth of July weekend! I love all the picnics, get-togethers, food, drink, fun, and best of all, FIREWORKS! Hope to see you at Brown-Shattuck Park. As for the birds in the bird house -- I'm still waiting!

Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Pie ingredients:

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| 3 C strawberries, sliced | 3 C rhubarb, in 1" pieces |
| 1 C sugar | 2 Tbsp flour |
| 1/8 tsp salt | 2 beaten eggs |
| baked pie crust | |

Glaze ingredients:

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| 1 C mashed strawberries | 1 C water |
| 1 C sugar | 3 Tbsp comstarch |
| 1/4 tsp salt | 1 Tbsp butter |
| red food coloring (optional) | |

For pie filling, simmer rhubarb in 1/4 cup water slowly about 30 minutes until tender. Combine cooled rhubarb, strawberries, sugar, flour, salt and eggs in bowl. Turn into baked pie crust. Bake at 325°-350° for 20 minutes. For glaze, stir and cook mashed strawberries and water. Strain and measure 1 C of liquid. If necessary, add hot water to make 1 C liquid. Mix well sugar, comstarch and salt. Pour hot juice over sugar mixture. Cook over medium high heat until thick and clear, about 2 minutes. Add 1 Tbsp butter and red food coloring if desired. Cool slightly. Pour over pie. Garnish with whipped cream.

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Butch is a heavy equipment mechanic. In the future, Butch and Robin plan to be self-employed at home. For now they are busy working on their new home and grounds.

The Bonners have four children: Camilla, 11 1/2; Heather, 10; Alex, 9; and Logan, 1.

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From the office of
Congressman
Dick Swett

U.S. Congressman Dick Swett, who continues to live in New Hampshire rather than Washington, D.C., has been active in the state recently. On June 27, he conducted a Veterans/Employment Information Fair in Claremont. At a meeting with community leaders in Berlin on June 29, he discussed his efforts to get the Federal Rail Administration to approve \$1.5 million for upgrading the rail line from Shelburne to North Stratford. The line is vital to business in the North Country and is used by the James River Mills, a major employer in northern New Hampshire.

Congressman Swett also visited Conval High School recently, where he presented the school with a check from the pay raise he is returning to the people of New Hampshire. The Congressman is donating \$30,000 to N.H. charities, with more than \$10,000 going to public high school. Swett also saw Conval's award-winning solar car and said it was an extraordinary effort that would make any business feel proud.

On July 25, Swett will sponsor a Women's Conference - "Women's Health/Women's Lives" - with Pulitzer Prize winner Laurel Thatcher Ulrich as the keynote speaker. The Women's Conference will be held at Rivier College in Nashua and is open to the public free of charge.

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TECH TALK

by Howard Brooks

Personal computer prices continue to plummet. Compaq, traditionally considered to be one of the big three (IBM, Apple, Compaq), will now be selling their units at mail order prices and through major distributors to most dealers. IBM is expected to follow suit in July. As 486 and 386 prices fall, however, there is a new arm of the personal computer business that continues to gain in popularity: multimedia.

IBM seems to be placing much emphasis on becoming the multimedia leader. Perhaps you have seen their TV commercials showing motion pictures on a PC. Basically multimedia is a sound board and a CD-ROM drive. Also, there are now new, more expensive, SVGA video monitor circuit boards that offer special chip sets for very fast graphics presentations. Most any 386 or 486 machine can be upgraded to a multimedia computer.

Should you be thinking about multimedia remember to consider using your hi-fi speakers. The sound will be better than those 3 inch desk top speakers now offered with the Sound Blaster or Adlib boards. It's kind of neat to be able to play a musical compact disk on your computer.

Of course, there is much about multimedia that strikes of 'toy' for now, unless you are into it from a commercial viewpoint. There are programs appearing on bulletin boards for free down-loading that when played back cause your PC to talk to you in one of Star Trek's leading voices or HAL that infamous computer from the movie 2001. A gain, with the microphone you can speak to your computer and it will talk back to you. It seems practical application remains for the future or for those in business with unlimited financial resources.

I think of the practical business application of multimedia computing as synonymous

with the use of a portable personal telephone...everyone will have one someday. Just like the hand-held calculator that Canon introduced back in 1971 at a price of \$450.00...now they're \$8.00.

But for a practical application today try QuickBooks from Intuit. If you are a small business owner, and there are more of us today, and you want a very easy and friendly accounting package try QuickBooks. It even comes with a list of business types for you to pick a pre-made chart of accounts, thereby offering you an instant balance sheet and P & L. All I did was add my checking account information after picking the category of consultant and there I was ready to write checks, make invoices and do accounting. A great little program but perhaps not for the larger company.

In closing, it is amazing how Windows is catching on in the PC industry as more and more software offerings become available. Software developments seem to be out-pacing hardware at this time, but wait until this fall when I understand the 586 chip will be coming out. 486DX and 386DX machines work at a 32 bit transfer rate...the 586 will be doing a 64 bit transfer. That's 8 characters at a tick of the speed of light. Intel has already started working on the 686 chip. In the meantime, competition from companies like Cyrex and AMD continue to produce CPU chips to keep Intel honest.

Oh well, at the speed of things today, it's a relief to take this quiet time to relax and set down some High-Tech thoughts. See you around town!

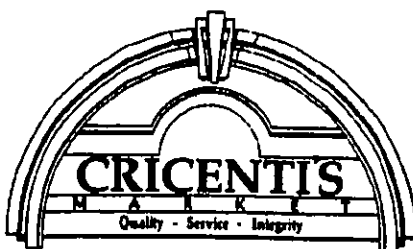
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Library Friends membership drive

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Sports News

By Laurie Buchar

School's out! It's time for the kids to kick back and enjoy summer pastimes ... like rooting for Mom or Dad for a change! Now that regular school season sports have ended, the "seniors" are taking over the ballfields. Local women can play for the Sutton Sails softball team and many Bradford Dads and their buddies play for the Carter & Co. softball team.

games are played on the field across from the elementary school and are held most Tuesday nights through mid-August.

And don't miss the excitement on July 17-19 when the Bradford Newbury Sports Association will be hosting the regional tournament for girls' 11-12 softball teams. The school field never feels more like Fenway than at a tournament. The bleachers are brought in and the Snack Shack is in full action, with grilled items added to the usual fare. Volunteers and donations of small baked goods and large trash barrels would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Laurie Ansart at 938-5296. All proceeds will benefit the Bradford Newbury sports teams.

Carter & Co., which was originally supported by Champ Wright, is now engaged in its tenth year of play as part of the Men's Blackwater Softball League. Last year they entered the season as defending champions and ended the regular season in first place. In post-season play, they made it to the finals only to lose to Merrimack Phone Company in a marathon game of 17 innings. Just this week, they beat this same rival, making their record to date six wins, no losses. No doubt that victory was sweet.

For the final pitch...Even though baseball is called the great American pastime, it sure isn't the only sport worth reporting! Call me with your ideas at 938-5372.

Mike Carter is a local businessman, whose Carter & Sons Inc. is involved with house building. He's also somebody who obviously cares a lot about local ball playing. Mike built the impressive new dugouts at our school field last year. He also coaches the Bradford Bombers (11-12 year old) baseball team. Two of his sons, Jason and Zach, are members of the Bombers, who are holding a winning pattern in the playoffs, after ending the season in first place.

Was he always a ball fanatic? Not exactly. Some may remember him as a talented track star at Kearsarge High, but Mike first played ball as an adult in the Blackwater League. He says "It's a great way for an aging 35-year-old to feel like a kid a couple of nights a week."

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July Calendar

Wednesday, July 1

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

Friday, July 3

Hopkinton Town Band, New London Common, 7:00 pm

Flare Night on Massasecum, 9:30 pm

'Light up the night' Flare Night on Blaisdell Lake, 9:30 pm

Saturday, July 4

4th of July Celebration, see page 1

Tuesday, July 7

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 8

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

Eastern Star #64, St. Peters Lodge, 8:00 pm

Thursday, July 9

Masons, St. Peters Lodge, 7:30 pm

Friday, July 10

Nevers Second Regiment Band, New London Common, 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 11

Brown Memorial Library Book & Bake Sale, 9:00-1:00

Historical Society Open House, Old Post Office, [take your chances] 1:00-3:00

Monday, July 13

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 14

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, July 15

"Nature's Neighborhoods" children's program, 9:30-11:30 am (see article pg 3)

Friday, July 17

Barbeque Brass Quintet, New London Common, 7:00 pm

Friends of the John Hay Wildlife Refuge summer program, 7:00 pm (see insert)

Saturday, July 18

Historical Society Open House, Old Post Office, [take your chances] 1:00-3:00

Wednesday, July 22

Block Grant Public Hearing, Town Hall, 7:00; Town Forum to follow

Friday, July 24

Friends of the John Hay Wildlife Refuge summer program, 7:00 pm (see insert)

Saturday, July 25

Historical Society Open House, Old Post Office, [take your chances] 1:00-3:00

Monday, July 27

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 28

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

Friday, July 31

Friends of the John Hay Wildlife Refuge summer program, 7:00 pm (see insert)

To list events for the month of August, call Lou Signorino, Calendar Editor, at 938-2608.

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