



# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

Fred Brown,  
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Community News - By and for our neighbors

September 1994

## State primary to be held on September 13

On September 13, voters will be asked to select among party candidates running for office at the state level. In Bradford, voting will be held at the Town Hall between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

On the Republican ballot, candidates are: Governor: Fred Bramante, Peter Cordatos, James Gard, Steve Merrill.

Representative in Congress: Jim Bassett, Ted deWinter, Brenda Elias, Livius Fisteag, Mike Goretzky, Joseph Haas, Jr., Mike Hammond, Homer Sawtelle, Ward Scott, Charles Bass.

Executive Councilor: Merrill Shepard, Anna-Marie Sparks, Peter Spaulding, Robert Washburn, James Cremin, Frederic Shaw.

State Senator: Carroll Greene, David Currier.

State Representative: Bernie Lamach, Amy Patenaude.

Sheriff: Chester Jordan, Jim McGonigle, Jr.

County Attorney: Michael Johnson.

County Treasurer: Charles Carroll.

Register of Deeds: Kathi Guay.

Register of Probate: Patricia Fraser.

County Commissioner: Kenneth Boisclair, Larry Boucher.

Delegate to State Convention: Bernie Lamach

On the Democratic ballot, candidates are: Governor: Wayne King.

Representative in Congress: Dick Swett.

Executive Councilor: Barbara Kuhlman Brown.

State Senator: Roger Hall.

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*It's Fair Time in New Hampshire! Here's a view of the Bradford-Newbury Fair after the turn of the century. See article on page 9. Steve Hansen photo.*

## Fire code affects planned renovations to Town Hall

On July 27, members of the Facilities Committee met with Fire Chief Mark Goldberg and State Deputy Fire Marshall Charlie Chamberlain to discuss proposed renovations to the Town Hall and Central School. The Facilities Committee learned that the upstairs of the Town Hall could not be used for meetings of more than 50 people without installing a full sprinkler system. Committee members had believed that a loophole in RSA 153:5 would allow the town hall to be used for large meetings so long as an automatic fire alarm system was in place. They were informed that the loophole had recently been eliminated by revising the wording of the RSA.

Several years ago, when Bradford adopted the Zoning Ordinance, it also voted to adopt State fire codes. Regulations listed in the 1988 Life Safety Code apply to all public buildings, by definition all buildings except single-family and two-family residences.

The factors that require the Town Hall meeting room to be sprinklered are the combustible wood structure and the upstairs location of the meeting room. (A ground floor meeting room for up to 300 people would not have to be sprinklered.) At the present time, the Fire Chief has issued an exception to the regulations to allow meetings up to 74 people. NH law states that the local jurisdiction has the authority to interpret and approve variations to the fire code so long as they do not reduce the intent of the code, with appeals allowed to the State Fire Marshall's office. Chief Goldberg based his exception on the existence of the alarm system and the number of means of escape.

The reason that sprinklering the Town Hall is a major problem relates to the fire code's requirements for water storage and a pumping system.

■ See FIRE CODE, page 14

## Movement afoot to improve Main Street

Interest has been detected among a number of town residents ... and businesses ... to do something to improve the appearance of Main Street, the business center of our community. There have been rumblings about investigating installing a sewer system to allow growth in the business district, comments on the condition of our sidewalks, and objections to unsightly properties.

As with most town projects, an idea has to coalesce into a cohesive force before talk can turn into action ... and the process has begun. Several residents have completed a grant-writing course. Others are attending a workshop on September 1, put on by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, "What can the Main Street Approach do for your community?" The focus of the



*Thank you, Stanley Brown, for your beautification effort, a new sign*

program is to try to combine historic preservation with economic revitalization to "keep downtowns the vital hearts of communities."

To learn what's in the works and what can be done, gain input from residents and businesses, and start the process of improving the appearance of Main Street, the Bradford Voters Coalition will hold another of its semi-annual forums on Thursday, October 13, at 7:30 at the town hall. All are invited to come and listen and talk about short-term and long-term possibilities for improving Main Street.

### Bradford Women's Club news

There has been much in the news recently about domestic violence. The program committee has invited Police Chief Al Grindle to be our guest speaker at the September 20th meeting. This, the first of the '94-'95 year will be held at the church vestry at 1:00 pm. Don't miss this informative talk about "Violence behind closed doors in Bradford." We should all be aware of this issue and what laws apply.

The yearbooks should have been delivered by now to all members. If you did not receive one, please call me and I will get one to you. Please note that each meeting is at a different time and October's is on a different day.

This summer fair workshops were held each Wednesday until August. Thanks to all of you who attended. There will be a few more scheduled next month. In the meanwhile, I hope that some of you who are unable to attend the workshops will be able to assist at the fair in November.

If anyone in the community wishes to join our club, our membership chair is Louise Clark. Applications are also available at Dodge's. -Louise Signorino


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### Demoulas' Stop & Shop Market move to Warner still in planning stages

Members of the Demoulas construction team will be meeting with the Warner Planning Board in September to discuss changes to the site plan for their store to be located behind McDonalds near Route 89.

Construction of the grocery store has been postponed because of construction delays on two other markets, in Claremont and in Portsmouth.

### 7th Annual Henniker Rotary Auction


The Henniker Rotary Club will hold its Seventh Annual Auction on Saturday, September 24, at 10:00 am on the Henniker Town Common, located on Route 114 in front of Town Hall. The auction is the club's major fund raising effort and proceeds go directly to local benefits, such as scholarships, community services, and needy charities. Ronald J. Rosenbleeth, Inc., Auctioneer and Appraiser (Lic. 2122) will conduct the auction.

### Workshop swings into action


On Thursday, September 8, the Community Workshop resumes monthly meetings at Friendship House in South Newbury. A program on the food pyramid and suggested changes you can make for a healthier diet will be presented by Grete Rule and Jean Kennedy.

Bring your own project to work on at 11:00 am and a bag lunch for noontime. The program will begin at 1:00. For more information, call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

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### News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office

#### TOWN CLERK:

August 5. John O. Reynolds and Karen Lea Hoffman were married.

August 7. Arthur Valley, Sr. died.

August 28. Jon Howard Cook and Amy Elizabeth Marshall were married.

#### TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR:

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Monday, September 5 for the Labor Day holiday.

Office hours: Monday, 2:00-7:00; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon. Telephone: 938-2288, 938-2094.

-Sue Pehrson

### Village Mart closes its doors

Gwen and Paul Kennedy closed their operation of the Village Mart store on Main Street on Sunday, August 28. They are moving to the Monadnock area to start new jobs.

### Correction

In the August article on the library's proposed purchase of adjacent land, it was stated that meeting the State's recommendation for a 3,000 square foot facility would require a two-story structure. Trustee Janet Sillars emphasizes there is no plan to add a second story. Rather, the basement level would be renovated to increase useable space.

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**Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool begins the school year September 15**

Schools starts at the Town Hall on Thursday, September 15th for kindergarten and preschool students. We are happy to welcome 18 kindergarteners and 8 preschoolers this year. Our teacher, Susan Kingsbury, is returning for her third year and Teacher's Assistant Jonas Cosgrove is returning for her seventh year. New rugs will help spruce up the classroom this year.

A new parent board has been elected. Officers include Janet Bauer, president; Mary Keegan-Dayton, vice president; Maryse Conway, secretary; Jay Derderjian, treasurer. We're still looking for an assistant treasurer. Tayo Sands and Lori Stratton will be organizing fundraising efforts this year. For our first fundraiser, we will be selling flower bulbs until mid-September. Stop by the school, or call or speak to a member family if you are interested in purchasing bulbs for your garden.

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**News from the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter**

"White Mountain Lure," a multimedia slide program, will be presented by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests at the monthly meeting of the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter on Friday, September 9, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

Renowned storyteller, Odds Bodkin, narrates the show, which illustrates the land use history of the White Mountains. The program covers the development of the national forest and the manner by which the "Mountains" define the character of New Hampshire. All chapter programs are open to the public. Members and nonmembers are welcome.

On Saturday, September 10, at 9:00 am, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a field trip to learn about "Managing Your Property for Wildlife" at the Peter Stanley farm on Burpee Hill Road in New London.

Stanley is certified in the American Tree Farm Program and has worked diligently to create and preserve viable habitats for a wide diversity of wildlife, for which he received the first Wildlife Stewardship Award, given by Merrimack County under the auspices of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service. Stanley has been successful with his bluebird nesting program and will provide participants with the opportunity to observe their habitat requirements.

A sign on Burpee Hill Road will direct folks to a field parking area. Directions to the farm will be provided by calling Phyllis Curtiss, 526-4396.

**A boardwalk for the bog**

The Bradford Conservation Commission has received a grant toward the construction of a boardwalk over the remains of the old one in the Bradford Bog.

Dick Whall, who retired from research and engineering at Exxon, was able to arrange for an Exxon grant. The grant was given to the BCC, in recognition of Dick's long-time volunteer service to our commission. Thank you, Dick, and thank you, Exxon!

Breezy Hill Lumber Company is donating some hemlock boards to construct the walk. Members of the BCC are very grateful to them for their help and cooperation.

The boardwalk will start at the East Washington Road entrance to the Bog, and extend through the White Cedar Swamp into the Bog as far as we can afford to go. The boardwalk should make trips into the Bog a little drier. Most importantly, it will help protect the roots of the cedars and other plant life from trampling feet.

Work will begin as soon as we can get ourselves organized. Watch for posters announcing a work day in the Bog.

--Amy Blitzer

**Recreation Committee  
"gearing up"**

A Bradford Recreation Committee has been formed by the Selectmen. Members include Debbie Johnson, chairman, David Avanzini, and Laurie Sweet-Brown. Members plan to meet over the next several months to plan for recreational activities and develop town facilities.

According to Chairman Johnson, "We have lots of ideas for possible activities. Our goal is to work toward year-round recreational activities for all ages."

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**OBITUARY**

**Kenneth F. Jones**

Kenneth F. Jones, 74, died at his home in Scottsdale, Arizona on August 16.

He was born July 20, 1920 in Barre, VT, the son of Clayton and Barbara (Cordner) Jones.

He had been a resident of Bradford for 43 years, employed by Holmes Transportation, and spent the last 11 years in retirement in Scottsdale. Since moving to Scottsdale, he was a very active member of the Confederate Air Force (a group which restores WWII airplanes).

He was a veteran of World War II and a lifelong member of the Bradford Fire Department and the Bradford Rescue Squad.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Florence V. Jones, and two daughters, Donna Klingensmith and Mildred Sweet, both of Arizona. He also leaves four brothers: Arthur of Newbury, Paul of Boscawen, Albert of Goffstown, Earl of Dunbarton; and two sisters, Evelyn Sawyer of Atkinson and Eleanor Schneider of San Carlos, CA.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad.

**CARD OF THANKS**

A sincere thank you to Dr. Smyth, Dr. Jehl, Dr. Murray, the nurses and staff on the 5th floor of Concord Hospital, the staff and nurses of Hospice House, Bradford Rescue Squad, and the many family and friends who helped us through the past year and during our time of sorrow. We are eternally grateful.

The family of Shirley Scribner: Dick Scribner, Theresa, James, Brandon, and Caitlin O'Connor

**OBITUARY**

**Arthur F. Valley**

Arthur F. Valley, 78, of Cilley Lane, died August 7 at Franklin Regional Hospital after a long illness.

Valley was born in Warner on November 13, 1915, the son of Gideon F. and Mildred (Nichols) Valley. He had lived in Bradford since 1939.

He had been employed by New London Florist and Frank Wise at the Bradford Garage for 30 years. He owned and operated Jim's Auto Service for ten years. For nearly 35 years, he was a Bradford police officer.

He was a former Odd Fellow and member of Merrimack County Law Enforcement Association.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Cookman) Valley of Bradford; three sons, Arthur F. Valley Jr. of Bradford, Ernest Loomis of Concord, and James Loomis of Bow; a daughter, Beverly June Chandler of Warner; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; five sisters, Florence Jones of Scottsdale, Ariz., Hattie Durgin of Derry, Alice Durgin of Warner, Louise West of Warner, and Mildred Nutter of Cedar Keys, Fla.; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford.



**State House News**

by Marcia Keller

Chapter 199, passed by the 1994 Legislature, gives towns a new tool in helping to determine whether to accept the deed to property where taxes have not been paid. Under existing law, RSA 80:38, II, a town may, and should, notify the tax collector that the deed will not be accepted if there is a potential environmental problem for which the town would become liable if it owned the property. Chapter 199, effective July 23, 1994, allows the town, or its agent, to enter the property to conduct an environmental site assessment to determine if, in fact, any problem exists. The property owner must be given 30 days notice, but may agree to a shorter period for the assessment to be done.

Chapter 199 makes it clear that the tax lien remains in effect when the tax collector has been notified that the deed will not be accepted because of an environmental problem. The new law provides additional definitions for several environmental statutes and creates liability for owners of hazardous waste facilities.

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**Union Congregational Society  
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The annual meeting of the Union Congregational Society will be held this year on September 4, at 6:00 pm at the Meetinghouse at old Bradford Center. Prior to the meeting, a pot luck supper will be held at 4:30 on the green.

The membership of the Society is open to all who wish to assist in the goals of the Society, which consist primarily of preserving the Center Meetinghouse in as close to its original condition as possible; encouraging the continued use of the building as a place of worship, open to all who wish to use the facility; and scheduling events that will be of community interest, emphasizing the heritage of Bradford.

In addition to the election of officers for the coming year, this year's agenda will devote most of the meeting to discussing the need to replace the roof covering, the need to repaint the structure, and the resolution of the ceiling paint problem.

Although major fund raising efforts were part of the past summer's activities, insufficient funds are now on hand to undertake all the required work.

The meeting is expected to be quite lively.

Anyone wishing to join the group for the pot luck supper should call Amy Blitzer at 938 5952. —Glen Mayo



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*Nancy Lyon and her Search & Rescue dog, Sage*

**Friends sponsor K-9 search & rescue demonstration**

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will feature Nancy Lyon (fiber artist and search & rescue volunteer) and her German shepherd dog, "Sage," in the fall program series, "Meet Your Neighbors: K-9 Air-scent Search & Rescue Dogs." The program will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 at Brown Memorial Library. Ms. Lyon will give a slide talk and work with her dog, demonstrating his rescue techniques in a program suitable for children and young adults.

As a certified search & rescue dog handler, Nancy Lyon is one of sixteen volunteer members of New England Search & Rescue, a Vermont/New Hampshire organization that helps authorities find missing people—most of whom have lost their way in the woods. Sage, an airscent dog, works differently from a tracking dog. Airscent dogs work with their heads up, checking the air all the time for any human—alive or dead. Ms. Lyon is also a qualified "Hug-a-Tree" instructor in a program designed to help children understand what to do if they should become lost.

The program is open to the public at no charge. Refreshment will be served. For more information, call 938-5948. —Audrey Sylvester

**Historical Society notes**

On Sunday, September 18, at 1:00, alumni of the Center Schoolhouse will gather for their annual picnic. Allene and Ray Hamilton, Phyllis and Dick Whall will play host. All are welcome. Bring your lunch and a lawn chair; we will provide coffee and dessert, and the alums will reminisce.

At the August meeting of the Society, Cemetery Trustees Millie Kittredge, Laurie Sweet Brown and Doris Tremblay shared their research on the Center Burial Ground. The Trustees have prepared a pamphlet with map and legend and "genealogy" of those buried at the Center. The Historical Society will help the Trustees to prepare similar documentation on the other cemeteries in Bradford.

The September meeting will be an old-fashioned box supper auction and sing-along at Nancy Hibbard's home on Pleasant View Road. Lou Rule will help us tune our pipes and remember the good old days. For more information, call Nancy at 938-2301.

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**PRIMARY, from page 1**

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County Commissioner: Sheila Cassavaugh.

On the Libertarian ballot, candidates are:  
Governor: Calvin Warburton, Steve Winter, Clarence Blevens.

Representative in Congress: Ken Blevens, John Lewicke.

State Senator: Martin Bender.



# Church News

from Debbie Lamach

With September here, the routine at the First Baptist Church changes from the lazy days of summer to a brand new busy church year.

Rally Day and the beginning of Sunday School is Sunday, September 18, at 10:00. A special worship program includes music from our Vacation Bible School! Children of all ages are invited to attend.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries begins its new year with a potluck supper on September 6 at 6:30 in the vestry. Following supper, President Judy Marshall will lead the group in planning for the coming year.

The Women's Christian Guild begins meeting on September 9 in the vestry at 1:15 pm. There will be a business meeting, followed by the program "Summer Memories." Each person is asked to bring a story or an item that describes her favorite summer memory. On Wednesday, September 14, the Guild will be attending the September birthday party at the Merrimack County Nursing Home. We will leave from the church at 9:00 am for Boscawen. Donations of cookies are needed. The Women's Christian Guild is open to all women of the community and generally meets on the first Friday of the month. Contact President Edythe Craig, 938-2110.

The trustees of the church are in the process of setting budgets in preparation for the new year and the annual meeting on October 16. A reminder to standing committees is that their budgets should be presented to

the trustees as soon as possible. They are also receiving donations for landscaping the area between the church and the Fisk House.

Pastor Lynne is available in her office from 9:00 to noon Monday through Thursday. Her normal days off are Friday and Saturday, but she can be reached in an emergency on those days. If you would like a visit from Pastor Lynne or know someone who would like to see her, please call the church office at 938-5313.

This month's angel, like the Hamiltons last month, leaves us for sunnier climes in the fall. She is a very talented lady and a professional seamstress. She has been a member of the Threshold Committee and can always be counted on to help out at Vacation Bible School. She fills a table at the fair each year with dolls, stuffed animals, and decorated sweatshirts, prepared over the winter. She has played an important part in the creation of church banners. If you haven't already guessed, our angel this month is Jean Lantz. Thank you, Jean, for all that you do, and God bless you!

On Wednesday evenings, beginning September 14, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Pastor Lynne will lead the Support Group. For the first six to nine weeks, the group will be studying the book, *The Dance of Anger*, by Harriet Goldhor Lerner.

On Thursday evenings, beginning September 15, 7:30 - 9:00 at the parsonage, Pastor Lynne and Fred Hublely will lead a Bible Study, beginning with the Letter to the First Corinthians.

Pastor Lynne and Fred are in the process of forming two youth groups (grades 4-6 and grades 7-12). If you know of anyone interested in joining, please let them know. The invitation is not limited to members of First Baptist Church. Anyone in the community in the age groups is welcome. Some very exciting plans are underway!



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# Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

One very hot afternoon in August, a cold watermelon arrived on the scene at Brown Memorial Library. The members of the summer reading club gathered and the watermelon disappeared. Certificates and packets were given out, which included a ticket good for a free "Happy Meal," courtesy of Bob and Marilyn Stanton of McDonald's in Warner and a ticket for credit towards the purchase of a book at Books By The Lake, courtesy of Carol Cullinan. Eileen Small arrived with a gigantic bag of popcorn and provided games to finish the celebration.

The "golden volunteers" of the six-week crafts program on Wednesdays at 1:00 include Debbie, Nathaniel and Isaac Bruss, Kathy, Elizabeth and Caroline Forgiel, Nancy, Tara and Craig Alibrandi, Eileen, Chris and Danny Small. Thanks to everyone who helped with the program.

Each Monday evening in August, Carol and Lyndy Belliveau-Byam arrived with a "critter" caught by Lyndy and shared their love of nature and books with our "P.J. Bed-time" kids. We thank them for the magical feeling they bring to us and for making our summer really special.

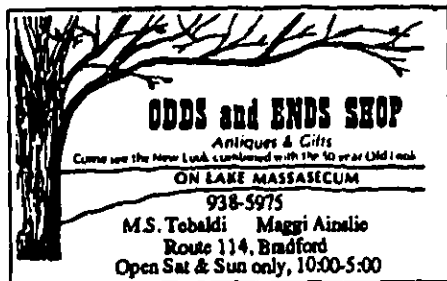
Beginning Wednesday, September 21, storytime returns to the library, kindergarten-age at 10:30 and pre-school at 1:00.

Stop by the library sometime to see Steve Hansen's new photographic exhibit, this one on the Bradford-Newbury Fair.

New titles recently added:

- Commanders*, by Bob Woodward
- Old Friends*, by Tracy Kidder
- My Love Affair with England*, by Susan Toth
- Confession*, by Nancy Pickard
- Everything to Gain*, by Barbara Bradford Giff, by Danielle Steel
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Several members of the Bradford Rescue Squad were recently certified as Landing Zone Coordinators at New London Hospital for the new D.A.R.T. helicopter out of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital. The Fire Dept and Rescue Squad can call for it if a need for rapid transport to a trauma center should arise. The helicopter will be landing at the Bradford Elementary School on Wednesday, Sept. 21 in the early evening for training with the Kearsarge Mutual Aid Compact. Anyone interest in seeing the helicopter is welcome.



### New ambulance arrives in town

The new ambulance arrived on Friday, August 19th. After what seemed like endless hours of driver training on Saturday and Sunday, equipment was transferred on Sunday. The new ambulance went into service at 5:00 pm on Sunday, the 21st. We will have an open house on Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the fire station for anyone who would like to see it. -Carl Olson

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## In and About the KRSD, by Dick Keller, Bradford School Board Rep

The weekend following the 4th of July always seems to be Labor Day ... and with it another summer rolls by. Time to take the uneaten sandwich out of the lunch box and brush off the book bag.

A new face about the district will be that of Frank Flood, who has accepted the position of vice principal at the Middle School. Flood comes to the district from Litchfield, where he was middle school principal for the past two years. The previous three years, he served as vice principal at the Iber Holmes Gove Middle School in Raymond while matriculating for his M.Ed. in educational administration and supervision at UNH. Welcome aboard.

Two familiar faces, both residents of Bradford, will join the school district this year. Marcia Strout will teach home economics at the high school and Cheryl Cornett will work as an instructional aide at Simonds Elementary. Strout holds both bachelors and masters degrees from UNH and has taught home economics at Concord, Merrimack Valley, and John Stark high schools. Cornett received her bachelors degree from Colby Sawyer College this spring and has assisted in both the Sutton and Bradford elementary schools.

Business Administrator Richard Petrin advised the Board that the 93/94 budget was underspent by \$93,510. There was also a savings of \$17,000 in the transportation budget. From these savings, however, \$18,450 had to be appropriated to meet the bid on the heating system conversion at Simonds, which cost \$68,450. Thanks go to Bernie Lamach for applying his expertise in his review and evaluation of the proposal and work anticipated under this contract.

At a special meeting called on August 11, the Board addressed the issue of the multi-age program at Simonds. The Board considered an alternate program which had been presented at a public meeting at Simonds in July. However, they voted to continue the Entry through 2nd grade program for the present time and to review all alternative programs, as well as the possibility of expanding the program to other schools in the district.

At the August 25th meeting, the Enrichment Program at the Middle School was described, which will depend on volunteers. An outline of potential offerings was presented. The idea is to jump start the interest in learning with offerings from archaeology to rocketry, depending on the talents of the volunteers. The program would take place during study hall period and would not replace the basic academic schedule. Program coordinators are Hollee Becker, PTO Enrichment Chairperson, and Mary Devlin, Middle School Principal. Middle school is a difficult time for students to realize the value of their education and this type of stimulant may be a key. Great idea! We need your support.

The main item at the meeting on the 25th was a presentation by Special Education Director Marie Wolfe on the programs under her supervision. The budget of \$1,750,000 includes the many special services from pre-school, inclusion in regular classrooms, STARS, and out-of-district assignments. The process includes evaluation and determination of placement based on thirteen mandated categories and monitoring of each student's progress. Out of the district's 1,850 students, approximately 270, or 15%, require special services.

An action item for the meeting concerned the Withdrawal Study Committee's motion to formalize a committee to deal with the funding issue. On a 6 to 3 vote, the Board voted to notify the Joint Board of Selectmen of its intent to organize such a committee, suggesting that at least one Board member and one Selectman from each town participate. The object is to give official credence both to the problem and to a solution. Board members Anitra Griffin, Wilmot, Deborah Prescott, New London, and Fred Creed, Warner, were opposed to the motion, based on their opinion that funding should not be a concern of the School Board.

During the public comment period, Judith Lee from Elkins and Susan Sproul, Warner, expressed their concerns about the interrelationship of home schooling to the public school system. Under recent state administrative rules, the Board will review past practices, current trends and implications, and develop a policy to best suit all concerned. Home schooled students in the KRSD number approximately 50.

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## Selectmen's meetings in August

**August 1.** The Facilities Committee met to discuss the results of their meeting with a representative from the State Fire Marshall's office concerning the State Fire Code's application to renovations of public buildings. It was agreed that responding to this information requires getting the details of the code in writing and then studying the impact of the code on planned renovations to the Town Hall and Central School.

Members of the Lake Massasecum Improvement Society expressed their concern over parking on Route 114 near the boat landing. Bruce Caswell described the lack of visibility for cars on Massasecum Ave. turning onto Route 114 when there are cars and boat trailers parked along 114. All agreed that it was a State issue because Route 114 is a state highway. Chief Al Grindle will be requested to ask the State Highway Dept. about installing no-parking signs.

Library Building Committee members Janet Sillars and Barbara McCartney asked Selectmen whether they had made a decision concerning the Library Trustees' request to pursue purchasing a strip of land from Library abutters Robert and Ellen Burnell. Selectman Keller responded that she wanted guidance from the Municipal Association concerning the Selectmen's jurisdiction.

Selectmen questioned whether a preliminary plan should be generated to determine whether acquiring the land would benefit the library. Sillars responded that the Trustees felt they should own the land before asking architects to invest time in developing plans. Selectman Keller inquired whether there wasn't someone at the State level who could give the Trustees a preliminary idea of whether expansion there was a possible or a good idea. Both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment would have to be contacted.

**August 8.** No meeting, summer schedule.

**August 15.** The meeting began with a public hearing concerning the reclassification of a portion of Pierce Road from class VI to class V. Petitioner Barbara Benson expressed displeasure that the section of road in front of her property was reclassified without her being notified. She commented that as a summer resident, she was unaware that the town was not plowing the road. The RSAs state that a class V town road that is not maintained for a period of five years may be reclassified as a class VI road without public notification. Benson was informed that the town has considered her section of Pierce Road a class VI road since at least 1979.

Changing the road classification requires the petitioner to be responsible for upgrading the road to class V standards. Selectmen informed Benson that they are working on establishing standards for upgrading roads. Once the standards have been set, Benson will be informed what road work she would be responsible for before the classification can be changed.

George Morse expressed his opinion that upgraded roads should have to meet subdivision standards. He also commented that this was not a proper public hearing because Selectmen were unprepared to discuss the costs involved. Selectmen agreed to adjourn the hearing until they had agreed on standards for upgrading roads.

Library Building Committee members met to discuss the proposed purchase of land from the Burnells. The steps involved in the process were discussed, including hiring a surveyor before snow covers the ground. When Sillars said that all they wanted from the Selectmen at this time was a "sense of the Board" that this matter was worth pursuing, Selectmen promptly agreed that they had no problem with the Trustees making the effort to acquire the property.

A proposed Timber Cutting Ordinance was discussed.

The Budget Committee met to review current town expenditures. After reviewing a number of details, members expressed their displeasure with the budget format generated by the new computer program, commenting that the old format provided a clearer view of expenses. Secretary Kathy Russell offered to generate the report using the old format. Members also asked Selectmen to begin the budget process earlier this year to provide more time for review and revisions.

Road Committee members discussed reclassification of roads and a set of proposed standards for upgrading class VI roads. Members agreed to review the standards proposed by the Selectmen and provide a written response as soon as possible. Selectmen requested that the classification of every road in town be clarified in order to ensure that the town only maintains roads it is responsible for. Selectmen discussed a meeting held with Wamer Selectmen to clarify responsibility for several roads that border the two towns.

Selectmen revised the proposed jumping off bridges ordinance to state that those caught "may be subject to a fine." The ordinance was then passed unanimously.

**August 22.** No meeting, summer schedule.

**August 29.** The meeting began with the continued public hearing on reclassifying portions of Pierce Road and Old Mountain Road. Because Selectmen received the Road Committee's recommendations for road standards for upgrading roads at the start of the meeting, they again continued the public hearing until September 19, to allow time for their review, discussion and adoption of applicable standards.

Police Chief Al Grindle met to review proposed revisions to Bradford's parking ordinance. Changes to no-parking areas include: no parking for 100' from the Route 114 intersection on Forest St. and Massasecum Ave; no parking for 100' from posted bridges; no parking on north side of Main St. from Church St. to Gillingham Drive; no parking on west side of Church St.; no parking on Massasecum Lake Rd. from north end to Davis Rd. The second reading of the ordinance will be held on September 12.

The Facilities Committee reported that the water testing in the town facilities had been completed. A high coliform level was detected in the fire station water, which shares the well on the Masonic Hall property. It has since been treated and a recent test came back negative. The situation will continue to be monitored.

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## Annual Fair of the Bradford-Newbury Agricultural and Mechanical Society highlighted area's summer season for half a century, by Clare Bensley

Back at the turn of the century, the Annual Fair of the Bradford-Newbury Agricultural and Mechanical Society was the highlight of the summer. Families prepared for the event all year long; women canned, sewed and made new clothes for the children; men sharpened their axes for contests and groomed the livestock for sale and trade; children prepared with great care the animal and craft projects they would enter in the 4-H events.

The purpose of the Fair was to encourage agriculture and the "mechanical arts" and was a cooperative effort by Bradford and Newbury. Among the first amusements were sack races, walking matches, and horse trotting. Names connected with the fair still appear today ... Cheney, Perkins, Morse, Bailey, Cilley, Peaslee, Hoyt, and Eaton.

The first Fair was held on August 21, 1875, ten years after the Civil War and about the time the Industrial Revolution was making inroads in farming communities all over New England. Young women were being drawn away from the farm by the promise of better paying jobs in the textile mills along the Merrimack River, and local sheep farming was giving way to the more productive dairy industry.

In the early years, people arrived by horse and wagon; some via the new train service coming into Bradford. In later years, photos show hundreds of autos parked on the grounds.

The fair was held in August to capture the harvest at its most bountiful. Billets were distributed beforehand with lists of prizes to be awarded in hundreds of categories: a \$1.00 prize was awarded for the largest pumpkin; first prize for six baking powder biscuits was 75 cents and a blue ribbon; first place for horse-pulling won the largest prize - \$10.00. Many of the ribbons from

these events have been donated to the Historical Society, where they are on display.

The Fair was held near the corner of West Meadow Road and Fairgrounds Road, on what was then called Bradford Plains. It boasted a half-mile racing track which spectators could view from the natural rise of land behind where the Messer corn field now lies. The rise formed a natural amphitheater, giving everyone a clear view of the racetrack.

An 1892 "Programme" for the Fair includes colorful advertisements. A clothing merchant from Concord was taking orders for custom-made Ladies' fur-lined jackets, straight from New York, for \$10.00. A dentist from Henniker, one Thomas Holder, announced dental operations being performed at the Bradford Hotel every Monday with a new and safe local anesthesia; gas or ether, however, were available on demand. The ad doesn't say what he charged, but rates at the Bradford Hotel were \$1.50 per day, meals included.

Anticipation is apparent in this poem by A.P. Howe, published in an 1895 Souvenir of the Fair:

*Now let's rally for the Fair;  
And let music fill the air;  
Let Bradfordites and Newburyites awaken  
at the sound;  
Come ye forth from every farm,  
Where there's nothing that can harm,  
And with greetings meet each other on the  
old fair ground.*

In those days, the Fair was the climax of many months of hard work for local families. It bound the community together in a way that is so lacking in our modern lives.

Next month: personal remembrances by some of those who were taken to the Fair at a young age, and the waning and demise of a great tradition.

## Not taken for granted

With all the interest being voiced in the necessity for additional funds to address some of the needs of the town, the Selectmen authorized several persons to participate in a grant writing course being offered at Keene State College. The two day, intensive course was taught by Bradford's own Randy Thomas, one of New Hampshire's leading authorities in the field.

Attending the course, held in late July, were John Forgiel, Debra Johnson, Howard Klein and Glendon Mayo. Nancy Hibbard also enrolled, but was not funded by the town.

The five participants, part of a much larger group, were initially informed that the course was not "grant" writing. The subject for study was "proposal" writing. If one is successful with the proposal, one receives the grant. This was followed by first learning the jargon; then the who, how, where and what kind of response one was liable to receive upon application.

The first day dealt with the private sector, the second day with the public sector. Each participant was given basic instruction on how to enter the process and how to follow through. One conclusion was reached by all - "free money" is not easy to obtain. Two major ingredients must always be present. First and foremost, if the grant sought is for the town, everybody has to be behind the effort. Second, an investment by the community must be shown, either in money or services or equipment or some other tangible thing.

Each of those who attended the course has expressed an interest in a different area. Early in September, they will meet and attempt to set up an agenda to discuss with the Selectmen. -Glen Mayo

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**Blue News ... Report from the Police Department, by Kathy Grindle**

I received many comments concerning last month's article on domestic violence. Thankfully, most of them were good. So this month, I would like to give you some information concerning child abuse.

During this year alone, the Bradford Police Department has investigated five cases of child sexual abuse and at least twice that number of other types of child abuse. As with domestic abuse, child abuse can take many forms - neglect, as well as physical, mental, or sexual abuse.

According to the laws of New Hampshire, certain people must report suspected abuse to the proper authorities. These people include, but are not limited to, any physician, therapist, nurse, hospital personnel, teacher, school official, social worker, day care worker, law enforcement official, priest, minister, rabbi or any other person having reason to suspect that a child has been or is being abused or neglected. Any person participating in good faith in the making of a report is immune from liability whether civil or criminal. What this means is that if you suspect that a child is being abused and make a report to that effect, and no abuse is found, you cannot be sued as long as you have made that report in good faith.

Reports of local abuse are usually made to our department by a member of the child's family or by another concerned individual. The report is forwarded to the "Intake" section of the HELP LINE. It is then transferred to the Department of Child and Youth Service (DCYS), where a worker is assigned the case and then contacts the police department.

We coordinate an investigation with DCYS to find the extent of the abuse, if any, and what it fully entails. This includes interviews with the children as well as any adult

who may be involved or who may be a perpetrator of the abuse. In the case of "in house" abuse, the children can be immediately removed from the home by the police, if it is felt that they are in any danger.

Physical abuse of children is probably the easiest form of abuse to see and investigate. Often, when marks are noticed on a child, suspected abuse is reported. Other types of abuse, such as neglect and mental abuse, are harder to prove, with sexual abuse being the most difficult. With sexual abuse, the victim is often too young to adequately explain what has happened to them and there may be no noticeable signs of abuse. That is why investigations of this type can take many months or even years to finally prosecute.

At all times during an investigation, the welfare of the child is foremost in the minds of the investigators. At no time do we want to increase the trauma for the child. That is why things must proceed very carefully and sometimes at a painfully slow rate. The child must be constantly reassured that the abuse is due to no fault of his/her own and that nothing that is being done is meant to "punish."

All cases of child abuse, and especially sexual abuse, are investigated by the Chief. He is currently working directly with several DCYS workers on cases in our town.

Our children need US to report any signs of possible abuse. Unlike other forms of domestic abuse, they often cannot seek help on their own and they need others to speak for them. If you suspect that abuse or neglect of a child is occurring, please report your suspicions to the police department or

directly to the "Intake" section of the HELP LINE by calling: 1-800-852-3388.

In other business ... total incidents for the month of August (through the 24th) was 114. This includes: 5 domestic incidents, 20 assists to other departments, rescue and the public, 18 animal calls, 2 burglaries/theft, 1 assault, 19 vehicular incident/complaints, and numerous miscellaneous calls.

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### Timely Tidings, by Mike Munroe

The August 6 breakfast saw the Lodge play host to about 75 hungry guests. Watch for more of these breakfasts to be held throughout the year. Members have already voted to make the Independence Day celebration breakfast an annual event.

The "Old Man of the Mountain" lecture by Nils Nielson, caretaker emeritus, was a huge success. Having recently retired due to an injury, Nielson has passed the torch to his son and grandson. After the program, guests were treated to refreshments. The Lodge will be sponsoring more of these community activities in the future.

On September 13, St. Peter's Lodge #31 will hold its annual visitation. While this event is not open to the public, it is an important event in the life of the Lodge. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Masons from across the state will attend, along with District and Grand Lodge officers. This is a time when we showcase our Lodge and demonstrate our ritual work.

Saturday, September 3, the Masons will hold a bake sale in front of the IGA. That's right folks, the men are having a Bake Sale! Having personally sampled some of the culinary delights created by our members, I strongly recommend that you stop by our table. While you are there, feel free to ask any questions you might have about Masonry. We are a growing Lodge and we're always looking for qualified candidates.

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## A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

This has been one of the busiest summers in my life. We, my husband and I, are, and/or have been, deeply committed to keeping Historic Bradford Center alive, vibrant and intact, physically. The goals of the season's activities were twofold. The first was to raise monies for two societies: The Bradford Historical Society and The Union Congregational Society. The second was for the pure enjoyment, involvement, and sense of history for Bradford's residents.

The season started off with a Flea Market, on the green. The day was lovely. The market was a mild success, dealers seemed satisfied with their sales, shoppers went away with new-found treasures. The proceeds paid for expenses, plus a little left over for the societies.

The second event was Clown Sunday. The day was gorgeous, the clowns were plentiful, the food was great, the games were fun and imaginative, the face painters did marvelous things with fresh little faces. The crowd was sparse, in fact it wasn't a crowd at all. I sat on the grass and chatted with one of the clowns husband's, while we ate our lunch. "Where are all the children and their parents? What did we do wrong or what didn't we do?" I asked.

His answer was interesting ... and disturbing. It has been gnawing at me ever since. He said "People are so used to being entertained they aren't interested in participating." He used baseball, our national pastime, as an example, and of course television. "You don't have to become involved; games are to watch, not to do," he said. As if the fates were underlining his point, at

ten minutes before two, cars started pulling up and disgorging children and one parent per car. They were coming to see the magic show. It was Free. The real zinger here is that everything was free.

The third offering for the summer was a concert by Ted Lettvin and Friends. It wasn't free. It sold out a week in advance and was a whopping success, not only for the two societies, financially, but for Bradford culturally.

The fourth event was Bless the Animals Sunday. Seventeen souls showed up for the Church service and dozens of people showed up to have their animals blessed. One woman came all the way from Weare to have her old dog blessed. Poor old fellow was so decrepit that the minister went over to the car to do a special blessing. The weather held off until the moment the last tent pole came down and then the sky opened up and it really did come down like the proverbial cats and dogs.

Now, Please, will someone help me work through this conundrum. Is it true that we do not want to participate in anything where we have to be involved personally? How do we entice our young parents, our middle aged neighbors, our satiated citizens; or is it already too late.... have we already reached the Roman days of Cakes and Circuses?

A P.S. to the August Point of View ...

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"Hit the Trail!" is a "walk, run, ride, canoe, or roll-a-thon" along the NH Heritage Trail in Nashua, Merrimack, Manchester, Concord, Franconia Notch, Lancaster, and Dixville Notch. Bedford is also taking part with storytelling and other festivities. A noted New Hampshire personality will be joining the activities in each community.

"The Heritage Trail goes through every kind of landscape imaginable in New Hampshire, including remote forested areas, historic districts, cities, mountains, and pastoral farmlands," said Richard Ober, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, which is helping to coordinate the event. "People who haven't been out on the trail yet are in for a real treat."

The Heritage Trail follows the Merrimack, Pemigewasset, and Connecticut Rivers, and includes many side trails. Each community segment is designed and laid out by local volunteers, with overall guidance from the NH Division of Parks & Recreation and a statewide Heritage Trail Advisory Committee. Since 1990, more than 100 miles have been completed.

A variety of "Hit the Trail!" events are being held in the eight communities. Most events will raise funds for the Heritage Trail or the Forest Society and are designed to involve people of all ages and interests.

In Nashua, participants can either canoe along the Nashua River or walk on the Heritage Trail through the city's historic dis-

trict. A celebration at Greeley Park will complete the day. Meteorologist Bob Maxon of WMUR-TV will join the canoe flotilla, while Roger Swain, host of "The Victory Garden" on PBS, will walk the trail.

Participants in Merrimack can choose to hike along the Village Loop Trail to Wildcat Falls or canoe from Thornton's Landing to Greeley Park, where they will join participants from Nashua. Judson Hale, editor of *Yankee* magazine and *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, will help Merrimack celebrate.

In Bedford, come to the Heritage Trail entrance off Moore's Crossing Road for an afternoon of storytelling with Native American storyteller Arlene George, naturalist David Carroll, and historian Doris Spurway.

Manchester's historic Amoskeag Millyard, Amoskeag Falls, and the Fishways are among the highlights of the Heritage Trail in the city. This walk will be entirely wheelchair accessible, and will conclude with a buffet at Granite Street Bar & Grill. Stonyfield Yogurt president Gary Hirshberg and North Country writer and publisher John Harrigan will help lead the walk.

In Concord, walkers will begin at Horse-shoe Pond, cross the Merrimack River, and end up at the Conservation center, headquarters of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Two nationally acclaimed journalists from National Public Radio, Steve Curwood of "Living on Earth" and Laura Knoy of "All Things Considered," will join Capital Area walkers.

Cyclists will want to head to Franconia Notch for a ride along the Heritage Trail from the Flume to Profile Lake and back. Movie producer Jay Craven of Catamount Productions will be riding along.

North Country people can head to Lancaster for a leisurely walk along the Heritage Trail from Riverside Drive to Weeks State Park. New Hampshire novelist Ernest Herbert will join the walkers.

Finally, way up in Dixville Notch, naturalists will lead a walk along the newly completed Heritage Trail from the Balsams Grand Resort to Sanguinary Ridge, The Baby Flume, Huntington Cascade, and other natural features. Olympic skier Penny Pitou will join the entourage.

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**FIRE CODE** from page 1

Because Bradford does not have town water, the fire code requires that an adequate amount of water be available to feed the sprinkler system. In addition, a backup means of pumping the water must be provided in case the electricity goes off. This would require a generator. So in addition to the cost of installing a sprinkler system, water storage and a generator must be provided. Estimates for such a system range from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Because the issue revolves around meetings of more than 50 people, renovations to the Central School will probably not involve the expense of sprinklering, according to Goldberg. The Facilities Committee will have to develop plans that reflect less than 50 people located on a single floor at a time. The sprinkler requirement would probably be applied if plans require larger groups on the ground floor.

At the Selectmen's meeting on August 29, the committee discussed the fire code's application to the Town Hall situation. Glen Mayo said, "If the town has a legal right to do something, it should be allowed to do so." Steere received permission from the Selectmen to meet with town attorney Tim Bates concerning the issue. Until the matter is resolved, work on plans for the Town Hall renovation will be put on hold, while the committee continues to develop plans and specs for the Central School.



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# At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Woodworker, canoe builder, and storyteller, Montreal-born Fred Brown produces objects in wood ... from small handcarved figures to 19 1/2-foot wood and canvas canoes. He turns bowls, trays, and spindles, handcarved scoops, ladles, ornaments, and trinkets. "You name it," said Fred. His interest in woodworking began when he "spent a lot of time as a little fella getting in the way" of his grandfather, who was an artisan in wood and wrought iron in Quebec.

Fred built his first double-ender canoe 35 years ago and, 30 years ago, his first Grand Laker Stream square-stem canoe, a type of canoe designed to accept a motor and used by fishing guides. Fred was never a licensed guide. Laughing in a way that reflected the comic, yet serious, predicaments he encountered as a fisherman and unofficial guide, Fred did help fishermen find fish on lakes and streams, and had a few hair-raising experiences.

After first visiting the United States as a boy with his parents, Fred returned after World War II to attend college and Harvard Medical School. After hospital training, Dr. Brown began his practice of general primary care medicine. Eventually, he came to the Bradford area and practiced medicine here from 1970 until his retirement in 1988.



Now working fourteen hours a day in his well-equipped woodshop, Fred Brown carves angels, trolls, birds, decorative and working decoys. He uses walnut, butternut, cherry and basswood, a native tree which is appealing because it is a soft tight-grained hardwood, which carves easily. He also likes northern white cedar, which carves easily, but "dents if you look at it."

Carving gouges, knives, and chisels ranging from 1-25mm wide, shape his work. Fred sharpens his own tools. He said, "They need to be exquisitely sharp. You need to know how to make them exquisitely sharp and how to keep them that way. First I use soft, then hard Arkansas stone, and finally a leather strop, which hones and polishes the blade in the last step. "It doesn't take much time to keep tools sharp, if you are careful with them." Fred added, "If you don't respect your tools, they quickly lose respect for you."

Fred treasures the tools handed down to him from his Scots-Irish family. Since Fred's father didn't seem to know a screwdriver from a hammer, Fred doesn't know if his skill was inborn or developed from practice, or both. He is largely self-taught, in a style he calls "traditional." In some figures, he strives for realism; some carvings are stylized.

Fred sells his work direct from the woodshop. In the fall, his sixteen-piece handcarved Nativity figures will be displayed in a specialty gift shop in Concord. He continues to experiment with marketing his work, while contemplating the marketing challenges posed by his conflicting desires - to create one-of-a-kind pieces which take weeks of work and to produce a substantial inventory in an affordable price range.

Living in a house he bought in 1975, Fred shares his life with his wife, Judy, a rescued Greyhound named Spud (short for couch potato), Tober, an Aberdeen terrier, and an all-black cat, "full of witchcraft." Fred said, "I like to pretend to be superstitious.... The best piece of the potato is always reserved for the Little People."

Fred is a convincing storyteller, recounting tales he has heard throughout his life. Sitting in a New London Hospital commemorative armchair in the woodshop, Fred leaned back and began a tale: "There's an old legend about the seal people, the silkies as they were called. The legend says that the seal has the power to come up out of the sea onto the land and take up human form...but they never dare to go back into the sea water, for if they do, they will quickly revert to their seal form and will never regain human form..." Ten minutes later, Fred finished the story and said, "I tell true stories only," then added, "I've often wondered about my mother. She was from Nova Scotia and would never go swimming in salt water or get into a small boat at the seashore....." Hummm.....

## Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

One hundred and fifty-three kids, 20 referees and 25 coaches will be participating in the youth soccer program in Bradford this fall. Starting with a Jamboree the first Saturday after Labor Day, the season runs until the Tournament on October 22. Kids who sign up for the soccer program, grades one through six, practice two evenings a week on one of the three soccer fields in Bradford. "Kids keep coming back," according to Scott MacLean, who is running the soccer program this year for the Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports Association. And coming back they are.

Kids in Bradford used to play soccer in Warner, participating in a few pick-up games with other communities. Seven years ago Gene Fox helped to start a team for readiness, first and second graders in Bradford. He remembers his wife, Carol Fox, and Lou Garcia coaching the team. Each year thereafter, teams were added in town. In 1988, the Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports Association started organizing a soccer program (they had been primarily focused on baseball) with the help of Gene Fox and a few other men and women, according to Kevin McKenna. "There was a deliberate effort to get soccer going in Bradford," said McKenna, "We didn't even have an adequate field in town." Since Brown-Shattuck Field is not a full-sized soccer field, volunteers from the two towns and the Youth Sports Association raised the funds to build one at the new elementary school. The first game was played there in 1990, according to McKenna.

The same year the Association joined the Memimack Valley Soccer League (over 80 teams in the league this year from area towns) and with the new field ready for play, soccer took off in town! Today there are 110 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders playing. And this is the second year for all-girls teams for grades 3-6. There are 33 boys and 30 girls from 3rd and 4th grade playing. All

right ... almost equal billing for the girls and the boys!!! That's encouraging. Uniforms will be new this year, thanks to support from the towns of Bradford and Newbury. The Youth Sports Association also has a booster club to support the efforts of their three programs - soccer, baseball and softball. "What we can do in town is related to the resources we can generate," according to Scott MacLean. Manpower for field maintenance and refereeing is always needed, along with donations of equipment and funding, according to MacLean.

The Association always needs coaches too. There are no paid positions here. Like Scott MacLean, who has a full-time job, coaches soccer, and runs the soccer program too. This summer he was able to fit in trips to two World Cup soccer games ... possibly to catch some tips for coaching? I ask. He laughed. "The soccer was fantastic! but fun is our number one objective in coaching kids. Soccer skill learning comes second." And you don't have to have special soccer skills to coach, adds MacLean. Some of the Bradford-Newbury coaches have attended soccer clinics, offered both in Warner and Bradford this summer, to sharpen their skills.

So keep an eye out this fall for the 153 kids from Bradford and Newbury playing soccer in town. It's a great sport and needs our support. Stop by the Snack Shack during a game, grab a hot dog, and watch the future of Bradford and Newbury kick the ball.

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## BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

### EMBRACED BY THE LIGHT

by Betty J. Eadie with Curtis Taylor  
Gold Leaf Press, 1992

Available at Brown Memorial Library

This New York Times Number 1 best-seller tells the story of Betty J. Eadie, mother of eight children, who died after surgery and returned to life to tell about her "near death experience." Eadie describes various phases of her journey, beginning with freedom as her spirit was suddenly drawn out through her chest and pulled upward, as if by a giant magnet.

A common denominator among recipients of near-death experiences is traveling through a tunnel. "I felt as if I had been swallowed up by an enormous tornado," Eadie reports, describing an "almost tangible darkness," more dense than any blackness she'd ever met. As she was pulled forward, she became aware of guides. Throughout the experience, this daughter of a Native American mother and a fair-haired Scots-Irishman, was never alone.

On her tour, she recalls being comforted by Jesus Christ who, in a gentle authoritative way, helped her gain insights about herself and the universe. Each visionary location to which she was taken opened her "spiritual eyes." At one point, she saw a ballet dancing child who, on her return to the earthly dimension, became her adopted daughter.

When it was time to return, Eadie didn't want to leave. However, after being shown her unfinished mission (now forgotten), she agreed with reluctance and was told: "The days of the earth are short. You will not be long there, and you will return here."

Five years later, Eadie visited her surgeon and related her story. The doctor went to his files and returned with tears in his eyes. "Yes," he said, "There were complications that night." She had been lost for a while.

Many gleanings from Eadie's experience tally with old and new age thinking. Her story is compelling and comforting.

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## THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Incredible! It can't be! September is here! Kids go back to school!!

It was a short summer and the weather was terrific. Well, I guess now we can look forward to football, soccer, etc. Happy days, ladies!

This recipe is an all-time Weight Watcher favorite and you will want to include it in your plans. You may omit any of the veggies in the recipe or replace one with your favorite.

### Jeanne's Noodle Bake

Saute together in a large skillet:

8 tsp diet margarine OR 4 tsp reg margarine OR non-stick spray  
 1 C chopped onion                      1 green pepper, sliced  
 1 C diced celery                        1 C sliced mushrooms

Add and simmer for 15 minutes:

1 lb ground turkey (or veal or diet lean ground beef)  
 1 tsp seasoned salt                      1/2 tsp pepper  
 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning              garlic salt to taste  
 1 Tbsp sugar (or 2 pk sweetener)  
 1 16-oz can stewed tomatoes      1 C water  
 1 16-oz can tomato sauce

Put small amount of cooked mixture in bottom of 9 X 13" pan. Top with 12 oz UNCOOKED (no yolk) egg noodles. Top with remaining mixture and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Remove pan from oven and top off with 8 oz shredded LITE mozzarella cheese and return pan to oven for 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes before slicing. Serves eight.

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## "Working With Your Woodland" course offered by Forest Society

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All these questions and more will be answered in a six-session course being offered by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and Lebanon College on Thursday evenings. Classes will be held at Lebanon High School, beginning September 8 from 6:30-9:00 pm.

The course begins with an overview of New England's forests and how they have changed over the past 200 years, with emphasis on the forests of the Upper Valley area. The second class, on September 15, explains what you need to know before you consider a timber harvest, including how to choose a forester, the planning process, economic considerations, and the different types of forest management practices. A Saturday field trip to a local Tree Farm on September 17 will show how careful forestry can greatly enhance wildlife habitat, while improving timber quality.

On September 22, Geoff Jones, director of land management for the Forest Society, will offer his expertise on protecting aesthetics and other non-timber values during a timber harvest. Participants will receive his nationally-acclaimed book, *A Practical Guide to Logging Aesthetics* as part of the session. To conclude the in-class sessions on September 29, land protection and estate planning specialists will explain options available for protecting land for future generations. The final session will meet in the field at the Doyle Tree Farm in Hanover to get a hands-on view of environmentally responsible forest management and talk to a consulting forester.

Participants may attend the entire course or any combination of classes and field sessions. Course fees are \$20 per class and \$15 per field trip or \$110 for the entire course. For more information and to register, call the Society at 800-639-1931.



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# GARDENING

by Fred Winch



After a month that alternated between September and August weather, the days are rapidly becoming shorter. In some gardens, there has been a flush of ripe tomatoes, in others still green tomatoes. Rains have been abundant in the rain shield of Mt. Sunapee, spotty elsewhere. Lawnmowers have responded as needed to keep lawns in shape.

Many lawns do look ratty as temperatures and lack of rain took their toll. September is a good month for lawn care. When I started off for college (it started then on the 15th to 25th of September), a good raincoat was needed for the mile walk to class. The equinoctial storms could be depended on to soak the land after the August droughts. That period of low summer rainfall, '34 thru '36, brought the dust storms in the midwest and were also felt in the east.

Lawns are prime areas for a shot of fertilization. Many lawn fertilizers are available for bare or sparse spots, after the soil has been loosened up and reseeded. Blue grass was held back this year where rainfall or irrigation was lacking, and also by the cold start and the later high temperatures. Now, mid-September is a good time to treat the entire lawn so it will go into the winter in healthy condition. New lawns may also be established now to take advantage of the rains.

The vegetable garden is longing for attention as well. Onions of all varieties are dying back now and should be cared for after the first frost. If you believe local lore, that event will take place on about the 19th, when the full moon occurs. If your onions have not died back, then bend the top growth down and leave them in the ground for a week. Then pull them, store them in the barn or shed under cover until all are dried. Then they may be braided in strings or tops removed (leave a couple inches to be safe) and placed in well ventilated crates for later removal to a warm dry storage area.

That broccoli you started in mid-summer should now be starting to show tiny clusters of buds. Dust the plants now, if needed, to protect them until the cabbage butterfly activity decreases. The same butterfly is also at threat to other members of the cabbage family: cauliflower, late cabbage, kale, and kohlrabi. All of these veggies will be available until November - later if it is a mild fall.

If you planted beet seed in July or early August, you should be thinning as "greens," a welcome change from the ample beans, squash, and (I hope) tomatoes. With the rains we expect, root vegetables will put on

a growth spurt. Rutabegas will be responding well to the fall conditions and will continue till hard frosts.

As your bean plants are withering, cut them off or pull them up. Either way, they will leave a good supply of nitrogen in the soil from the nodules on the roots. Then sow grain rye, well scratched into the soil, as a cover crop. The rye will immediately take up that nitrogen, to be plowed under again in the spring.

Early clearing of the weed growth, corn stalks, and squash vines is advantageous, as the plant trash removes much of the weed seeds from the garden and early seeding of the cover crop ensures a good growth. Temperatures for germination of rye are optimum now, but weed seeds do not germinate as readily as in spring.

Mix the garden trash with the early falling leaves from yard trees. Chop up corn stalks to add as well. Build it all into a compost pile. Include the rakings from your fertilized lawn, for they are an ideal source of nitrogen to hasten the composting process. Raking the lawn may be a passing chore, as the old fashioned lawn mower is being supplanted by the "self-mulching" mower. This is a loss for the compost pile - isn't labor saving technology grand?

However our September turns out ... pick your late roses, enjoy your late vegetables, write down your triumphs and your failures, and next year will be even better.

## SELECTMEN, from page 9

The Committee requested permission to contact town attorney Tim Bates concerning the application of State fire codes to the Town Hall. Selectmen stated that they could use committee funds to request a clarification, but that the town should not get involved in a legal challenge of the fire code. For the time being, the Committee was asked to concentrate on developing the plans for the Central School.

Selectman Pickman, who had missed several meetings due to illness, requested an update on correcting the schools' water problem. After some discussion about whether it was better to ensure the problem could be corrected by working on it this summer or waiting for the general contractor to complete the task as part of the whole job, Mayo suggested the committee ask the Turner Group to have its engineers study the matter with the possibility of going ahead on that one piece. That way the Town can be assured of the usability of the Central School lower level prior to bidding on plans to renovate the building.

A resident voiced a complaint concerning "temporary" signs for businesses along Main Street. He was told the Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for ensuring that signs meet the town's Zoning Ordinance.

Selectmen signed the final request for funds from the Community Development Block Grant. With this disbursement, the grant will have been underexpended by \$17,000, 5% of the total. This underexpenditure enabled the town to receive full payment for its higher-than-estimated administrative costs.

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# September Calendar

## Thursday, September 1

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

## Sunday, September 4

Annual Union Congregational Society potluck supper, 4:30, and annual meeting, 6:00, Bradford Center

## Monday, September 5

NO Selectmen's meeting

## Tuesday, September 6

ZBA meeting, town hall, 7:00

Bradford Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 8:00

## Wednesday, September 7

Library trustees board meeting, 7:15

## Thursday, September 8

Community Workshop, So. Newbury, 11:00 am

Ambulance open house, fire station, 6:00-7:30

KRSD School Board, high school, 7:15

## Friday, September 9

Whist, town hall, 7:30  
Refreshments, prizes  
Sponsored by Business Assn.

## Monday, September 12

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Cemetery Commission. Call Mildred Kitredge, 938-5386 for time and place

## Tuesday, September 13

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, September 14

PTO, Bradford elementary school, 7:30  
Babysitting info, call Beth Diekman, 938-5351

## Thursday, September 15

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

## Sunday, September 18

Historical Society Alumni Picnic, Bradford Center School, 1:00

## Monday, September 19

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Bradford Inn, 7:00

Road Committee, town hall, 7:00

## Tuesday, September 20

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

## Wednesday, September 21

Friends program, K-9 Search & Rescue demonstration, library, 7:00

Order of the Eastern Star, St. Peters Lodge, 7:30

## Thursday, September 22

KRSD School Board, high school, 7:15

## Friday, September 23

Whist, town hall, 7:30  
Refreshments, prizes  
Sponsored by Womens Club

## Monday, September 26

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

## Tuesday, September 27

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, September 28

Historical Society Box Supper Auction, 6:00

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

## Classified Ads

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