



# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

June 1996

## Vote on House Bill 141, school district budget ballot, will be held June 18

School district voters may have thought the issue of the school district budget ballot was settled last March when the proposal to adopt Senate Bill 2 was defeated. However, the School Board felt it necessary to offer its residents the opportunity to look into House Bill 141 as an alternative budget ballot study.

House Bill 141 offers school districts the opportunity to study their budgetary approval process and recommend improvements appropriate to the district.

On Tuesday, June 18, one question will be presented to voters: Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of establishing a budgetary official ballot school district meeting? Voting will be held at the high school gym between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

If the charter commission is approved, voters will be asked to elect a nine-member commission to study the budget approval process and make recommendations. The election of commissioners would take place on September 10 during the statewide primary election. Any proposed changes would have to be approved by the Dept. of Revenue Administration and the Attorney General's office prior to a vote by district residents in March 1997.

Copies of House Bill 141 are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, New London, or from Mike Hague, Bradford's School Board representative, for anyone interested in reading the legislation.



This quilt, hand-made by Frances Winch, Cheryl MacDonald, Marcia Strout, and Debbie Lamach will be raffled off at the ABWM All-Church Fair on July 6.

## Street lighting issue undimmed

Selectmen continue to receive complaints from residents about their action to eliminate selected street lights. In May, as in April, individual residents approached the board to express their concerns, particularly over safety issues. Dick Vitale discussed the problems inadequate lighting pose on the Main Street area, both for walkers and automobile traffic. Bob Laurendeau delivered a letter from the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, expressing concern over the safety of walkers as the summer season approaches. Laurendeau described the area as family-oriented, with many children walking on the roads during the summer months. He asked the Selectmen to reconsider their decision.

Selectmen have responded to each resident that the street lighting review was motivated by the desire to reduce the town's electric bill. The town is billed for the number of lights in place, not the number that are working. When the Selectmen surveyed town roads, they found lights they felt the town should not be paying for. On Main

## Dick Keller named chair of KRSD Building Committee

After a short retirement from school issues, Dick Keller has agreed to again serve the School District, this time as Chair of the newly appointed Building Committee which will oversee construction and alterations at Kearsarge Regional High School. The Building Committee, with Assistant High School Principal Don West as Vice-Chair, is made up of 20 members. They include three School Board members, Architect Clinton Sheer, and Mark Walsh, representing Eckman Construction Inc., of Bedford, Construction Managers.

Following approval by district voters of the high school bond issue at the March Annual Meeting, the School Board voted to use a construction management approach for the final design and construction of the project. Eckman Construction was selected from the ten proposals received. Under the construction management process, Eckman will provide technical construction expertise early in the design development. This results in substantial savings, both in cost of construction and in the schedule for completion because the owner, the architect

## Plans are underway for Bradford's celebration of Independence Day on July 6

by Allene Hamilton

Plans are being formulated for the July 6th celebration in Bradford. Sponsors for the day are the Bradford Fire Department, First Baptist Church, and the Town of Bradford. As a special event, the Bradford Rescue Squad will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in the parade as well as sponsoring an ice cream booth during the day.

For Church Fair information, call 938-2318 or 938-2716. For parade information, call 938-5268. For Fire Dept. information, call 938-5518. For 5 km Road Race information, call 938-5485 or 938-2532. And for Quilt Raffle information, call 938-2124.

Rain dates will be announced on the fliers distributed during June. Plans to date include ...

From 7:30-10:00 am, a full breakfast will be served at the Masonic Hall sponsored by St. Peter's Lodge. The Eastern Star will also be selling baked goods at the Masonic Hall.

Registration for the 5 km road race will be at 8:30 am at the Town Hall. Preregistration fee is \$8.00; day-of-the-race registration is \$10.00. Race time is set for 10:00. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 entrants.

The Baptist Church Fair opens at 9:00. Tables include White Elephant, dolls and crafts, bakery, cookies, children's, tools, plants, Gramp's wooden things, Grandma's antiques etc., books, jewelry. A handmade quilt will be raffled at 3:00. Goat cheese, jellies, maple syrup will also be featured. The Church Youth Group will be selling ice cream sundaes.

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### Swimming lessons begin July 1

American Red Cross swimming lessons, sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club, will be held at French's Park on Lake Massasecum from July 1 through July 12. Families must pre-register for lessons before June 22. Registration forms will be sent home with children who attend KRES at Bradford after the Memorial Day weekend. Forms also are available at Dodge's.

The cost of the two-week program is \$15 (additional children from the same family may register for \$10 each). To participate, children must be 5 years old by 6/1/96. For additional information, please contact Kathy McKenna (938-2597) or Val Blachly (456-2385).

### Harrison School of Dance celebrates 25th anniversary

The Harrison School of Dance 25th Annual Dance Concerts will be held Saturday, June 1 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, June 2, 2:00 and 7:00 at Kearsarge High School. In addition to student performances, the program will include dancers from previous classes returning from around the country and musical guest artists. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to New London Hospital. For more information, call 763-2047.



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### Quilts needed for Independence Day display

The Thistle and Shamrock Inn and the Candlelite Inn will be hosting a quilt show on July 6th, noon-5:00 as part of Bradford's Independence Day celebration. Local quilters are invited to place their quilts on display. If you are interested, please call Lynn at 938-5553 or Marilyn at 938-5571 by June 30.

### Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Travelers Karen and Joe Sullivan will present an illustrated talk on the unique flora and fauna which has evolved in the volcanic environment of the Galapagos Islands. This program, to be held on Friday, June 14, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London, is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Phyllis Curtiss, 526-4396.

### Recycling success story

Sometimes ambitious goals actually are met. In 1990 the National Office Paper Recycling Project, a coalition of 21 government and private-sector organizations, set a goal of boosting the amount of office paper being recycled in the U.S. -- then 15% -- to 45%. Last month, the U.S. Conference of Mayors reported that the figure has reached 48%. The new goal: 65% by century's end.



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#### TOWN CLERK

There were no vital records to report for the month of May.

Dog licenses were due by May 30. During June, a \$1.00 penalty will be assessed for registering animals. As of July 1, there will be a \$25.00 forfeiture for any dogs not registered.

June 5-14 is the filing period for the state primary election in September. Candidates for senator, representative, delegates to the party conventions may sign up during regular office hours (June 7, 8:00-12:00; June 10, 4:00-7:00; June 11, 8:00-5:00; June 14, 8:00-12:00, 3:00-5:00)

Absentee ballots for the June 18 Kearsarge Regional School District election will be available at the Town Clerk's office.

#### TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills will be mailed the first week of June. Payment is due by July 12.

*Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

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**Bradford Rescue Squad celebrates Silver Jubilee**

July 6, 1996 will be a special day for the Town of Bradford as the Rescue Squad celebrates 25 years of volunteer service to the community.

We are attempting to locate all former members to walk or ride with us in Bradford's Independence Day parade. Many squad members have left the area. Former members who participate will receive a commemorative T-shirt to wear in the parade.

Before the parade begins, we will host a reception for former members and their families at the Appleseed Restaurant. During the reception, we will present awards to former members. Photos and other memorabilia will be available for viewing.

The party begins at 2:00 pm at the Appleseed Restaurant. You can park your car there and we will shuttle you to the parade line-up around 3:30. The parade ends at the Appleseed between 4:30 and 5:00.

We really hope to see many old friends and dedicated members who helped make the Rescue Squad what it is today. Help in locating former members would be greatly appreciated; in particular, Calvin Warner and Lear Wheeler. If you can join us, please call either Mary Beth Fenton at 938-2120 or Jennifer Simonds at 938-5341 by June 21 so we can order your T-shirt. Even if you can't march in the parade, please come to the reception. We hope to see you on July 6th. --Suzanne Vitale

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**Bradford-Newbury Workshop news**

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet on Thursday, June 13, 11:00 am, at Clare Bensley's house to work on projects. Bring a bag lunch for noon; dessert and beverage will be provided. At 1:00, we'll have a plant swap... and take home someone else's goodies. Vegetables and flowers are ready to go in; come to the plant swap and get a jump on summer gardening! Anyone interested is welcome to join us. For information, call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

**Bradford Country Squares**

The Bradford Country Squares will hold a Mainstream and Plus level square dance, SUNDAYS AND FIXINGS, on Saturday, June 8 at the Bradford Town Hall, 8:00-11:00.

Caller will be Ed Renauld; cuer, Corinne Renauld. \$4.00 per person. Refreshments. SPECTATORS WELCOME.

For more information, call 927-4454 or 526-4634.

**NOTICE**

The First Baptist Church of Bradford is seeking architectural information on the church building and the Fiske House. We're looking for information on the well, septic system, wiring, dates of installation of roof, any renovations, etc., which will be used for long-range planning.

Any and all information will be gratefully received. Please send to the Church Office, P.O. Box 57, or call Perley Strout at 938-2716.

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**Bradford Women's Club news**

Mountain Lake Inn hosted the Women's Club annual meeting on May 21 with a delicious buffet luncheon. Directors elected until 1998 were Sue Vitale, Lynn Horigan and Lucy Pittera. Martha vonRedlick was elected to fill Connie Mazol's unexpired term as recording secretary. President Jane Lucas thanked retiring directors Beth Rodd, Alma Clinton and Marlene Freyler for their support during their terms. The nomination of past president Isabel Sheehan for honorary membership was unanimously approved. Marge Fritsch and Bunny Herman were welcomed as new members.

Two scholarship winners were announced. Erin McKenna, a student at Connecticut College, will receive \$1000. April Robbins, a student at Keene State College, will receive \$500. The Bradford Women's Club congratulates the winners and thanks all the applicants. It is with great pride that the club was able to increase the amount of scholarship monies this year. The wonderful support of the community made this possible.

A sunny breezy day greeted the Annual Plant and Bake sale on May 25th. Adding excitement this year was the introduction of a raffle. This was such a success, the club will include it in its annual event. The lucky winners were Marcia Keller, TV; Mary Mosher, IGA \$50. gift certificate; Roger Herman, dinner for two at the Thistle & Shamrock Inn.

An organizational meeting for the annual Crafts & Antiques Fair is planned for Tuesday, June 4, at the Hibbard residence on Pleasant View Road. Please call Nancy at 938-2301 if you are able to attend. Suggestions are needed, as well as volunteers. This is THE major fundraiser for the club. Any kind of participation is greatly appreciated, be it attending workshops, telephoning, publicity, or working the weekend of the fair. Please let Jane Lucas know. Artists, artisans and craftspeople are needed, as well as volunteers for the many non-skilled jobs that need doing. Fair dates are November 22-24.

June is a busy month for preparations for the Independence Day Parade. Ideas for the float are being discussed. Workers are needed to help decorate. This is a perfect job for those who might be inspired by the use of a glue gun. The club will also have a food booth, which was quite successful last year. Jane Lucas will be happy to demonstrate how to fill a roll. Call her at 938-2570. Let's all join in and be part of one of the biggest parades in New Hampshire.

## From the Editor ...

As the *Bradford Bridge's* fifth anniversary approaches (we begin our sixth year in July), I've been contemplating what the newspaper has done, can do, and cannot do for Bradford. From my perspective, what the *Bridge* has done is give residents a sense of community identity and cohesiveness. It is a vehicle for communications among residents, both to announce events and report accomplishments. But the *Bridge* is limited to disseminating information. It has no power to make anyone DO anything!

Living in a small town is both a privilege and a responsibility. The privilege, as we all know, is enjoying the small-town quality of life that we treasure. The responsibility is participating in the life of our community ... both civic and social.

Our tax base does not allow us to pay for non-essential services. To maintain our quality of life, residents must be willing to volunteer ... to serve on a board, to join an organization, to hold public office. There are jobs available to fit every skill, interest and timeframe. [see box at right] Today many of the same people hold a number of positions, primarily because no one else has stepped forward. New faces are important because they bring new energy and enthusiasm, as well as fresh ideas. So don't wait to be asked ... make a call and jump right in!

Another aspect of small-town quality of life relates to social and cultural activities. These offer opportunities for social interaction and build a sense of community identity and pride. Think of all the events presented in Bradford over the past year ... from the enormous Independence Day celebration to the Artists & Artisans Show, Moon Mountain Arts events (including that wonderful Town Meeting play), Ted Lettvin & Friends concerts, and the church's variety show, to whist evenings, fishing derby, magic show, and Friends of the Library book discussions. These, too, require public support.

We are very fortunate to have such an active community. But low attendance will result in these events fading away. Right now the members of Moon Mountain Arts are contemplating what their future should be because of the low attendance at the Purly Gates performance. So when you read about an upcoming event in the *Bridge*, mark it on your calendar ... and don't forget to check your calendar regularly!

To protect and even improve Bradford's quality of life, every resident should consider how he or she could make a contribution. You'll be sure to gain too ... new friends, pride in your accomplishments, an appreciation for the work others put into volunteer activities, as well as nurturing deeper roots in your home town.

You CAN make a difference.

# Letters

## THANK YOU.

Residents on Rowe Mountain Road wish to express their appreciation to the Bradford Fire Department for its speed and efficiency in responding to the potentially dangerous forest fire on Rowe Mountain on May 28th.

## TOWN ORGANIZATIONS WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TODAY!

Fire Department  
Mark Goldberg, 938-2496

Rescue Squad  
Carl Olson, 938-2446

Water/Sewer Study Committee  
Joe Conway, 938-2056

Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports  
Bo Raymond, 938-5480

Friends of the Library  
Audrey Sylvester, 938-5948

Bradford Women's Club  
Jane Lucas, 938-2570

Bradford Historical Society  
Nancy Hibbard, 938-2301

Parent Teacher Club  
Beth Rodd, 938-2692

Bradford Business Association  
Gary Wall, 938-2926

Artists & Artisans Exhibition Committee  
Amy Blitzer, 938-5952

To the editor:

While I think it would be great for the spirit of Christmas to remain with us throughout the year, I would like to suggest that the decorations should not. The Bement Bridge looked very picturesque in December, be-decked in bows and evergreen garland. In May, it is not such a pretty picture. The ribbons are tattered and have abraded three large circles on the gable, and the garland has blown partially off and hangs crookedly in the entrance.

I am writing to ask that the organization or individuals who decorated the bridge please make the effort to undecorate it now, and that in future years they take responsibility for doing so in a more timely fashion.

I have more patience for people who are a little slow getting the decorations off their private homes; I know how busy life can be. But if you have a brown wreath or two still hanging on your door, may I suggest gently and with all due respect that today is the day to remove them.

Lyn Betz

## Benjamin Ainslie at Proctor

Benjamin Ainslie, son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ainslie, has completed his sophomore year at Proctor Academy. During fall term, he portrayed the doctor in the play, *The Miracle Worker*, a powerful story about the young Helen Keller. Winter term he was a member of the snowboarding team. Spring term he played lacrosse. Ben took voice training and guitar lessons. He said, "It's been the best, a wonderful year for all of us."



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**50's FLASHBACK! is 1996 parade theme**

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Our winner of the theme contest wishes to remain anonymous, so the \$25 prize will be given instead to the best decorated bicycle, doll carriage or wagon. Come on kids, let's get going, join in and win that prize! By the way, all entrants in this category will receive a blue ribbon just for entering.

Bradford will be welcoming some old friends back this year. The Kearsarge Community Band will join us for a third year, and the Andover One-Wheelers are coming back for their second year. We're glad these two fine units choose to spend their holiday with us.

New this year is the Hobo Minstrel from Plymouth. He will be participating in our parade and will also serenade the folks in the chicken barbecue line while they wait for their meals. We hope he'll make even waiting seem like fun!

For inspiration on this year's theme, Oldies 99 will be sending their Green Machine up for the parade too. The station has agreed to play 50's cruising music from 4:00 to 5:00 during the parade. There will also be numerous fifties cars joining and tuning their radios to Oldies 99, so we will have music throughout the entire parade route.

The parade committee would like to invite all organizations, businesses, local groups, and special interest folks to march, enter a float, or participate in any way you wish. This will be a great day of public interest and the more the merrier! As always, there will be four first place trophies for floats this year: Most Original, Best Theme, Funniest, and Most Patriotic. However, this year, out of these four winners, one overall best float will win

a \$200 cash prize. The judging will be in front of the Town Hall. The judges are from out of state and are unknown to anyone in Bradford. We hope this special award encourages even more creative float designs.

Bradford's eldest citizen, Ruth Nelson (who is 96 this year!), will be joining us again. And we are looking for Bradford's youngest citizen. If you know of a baby who fits this category, please call me. I could use help with this one, folks.

Immediately following the parade, the Concord Country Cickers will be giving a demonstration of line dancing at Brown Shattuck Field from 5:00 to 6:00. They will be showing us this new and popular dance and they will also be encouraging audience participation. Don't miss this! It should be a wonderful warm-up for the chicken barbecue.

Well, Bradford, the invitations are out, residents have been asked to participate, and the parade committee is looking forward to a great turnout again this year. This is a time for Bradford to shine; this is a time for the community to come together; and this is our time to show everyone why this parade has been billed the third largest summer parade in New Hampshire. So, put on your thinking caps, use a little elbow grease, and join your friends and neighbors and help make this parade the best ever!

For more information, parade entry or details, please call Mary Mitchell at 938-5268.

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**Soccer camp will be held in August**

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Camp runs a morning session for younger children (grades 1-4) and an afternoon session for the older ones. "Munchkins" (K-1) meet for an hour and a half in the morning. Some financial aid is available. For more information, please call Betty Hague (938-2621) or Janet Bauer (938-2195).

**Bradford Historical Society notes ...**

On Wednesday, June 26, at 7:00 pm, the Historical Society will meet with members of the Union Congregational Society at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. Our speaker that evening will be Karl Salathe, who will speak about historic New Hampshire meetinghouses. Guests are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Historical Society's Center Schoolhouse following the meeting.


The Historical Society Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 pm at the home of the President. Any member who would like to suggest an item for the Board's consideration should telephone Nancy Hibbard at 938-2301 before that meeting.

Society headquarters at the Old Post Office building are open on Saturday afternoons, 1:30-3:00, throughout the summer or by appointment; phone Milly Kittredge at 938-5386.



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## News from the Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer

by Chip Meany

It has been an interesting few months since I began serving in this position. First of all, I would like to thank Perry Teele for his years of service to the town and the department.

I am revamping the fee schedule and determining what type of permits and inspections are applicable to each specific request. If you have any questions with regard to permits and inspections, please feel free to call me at home, 938-2055. I'm usually available after 6:00 pm.

I am compiling (slowly) a list of local businesses and tradespeople involved with construction. Anyone wishing to be added to the list, feel free to call. Also, I'd be happy to help anyone needing a referral.

Last of all, remember that if you need a building permit for new construction or remodeling, the first step in obtaining a permit is to stop by the Selectmen's office and see Kathy.



## Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

On June 2, the church will celebrate communion as well as take a special offering known as "The One Great Hour of Sharing." This offering helps support health care in Rwanda, a potato seed program in Armenia, and housing reconstruction in Lebanon, just to name a few.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold its annual meeting at Perry's Boat House in Newbury Harbor on June 4 at 6:00 pm. Anyone wanting to carpool should meet in the church parking lot at 5:30. After dinner, there will be an installation of officers and a dedication of the Love Gift offering.

The Women's Christian Guild will hold its annual meeting at the Riverview Restaurant in Contoocook on June 7. Anyone wishing to carpool should meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am.

Children's Day will be celebrated on June 9. Our theme this year is: A Living Album. All the classes will decorate a page in the full-size album and will participate in the service by highlighting something they learned during the year.

A walk-a-thon is planned for Saturday, June 15, to raise money for the food pantry. This will be a 3-4 mile hike around the roads of Bradford. Anyone wishing to participate may call the church office for a sponsor sheet. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am.

Our summer worship hours will take effect on Father's Day, June 16. Our service will begin at 9:30 am on that day.

The Men's Fellowship will meet at the home of Clark Phillips on Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30 pm.

On June 23, we will celebrate St. John's Sunday with St. Peter's Lodge and the Silver Hill Vesta Chapter of the Eastern Star. Both Masons and members of the Eastern Star will worship with us.

Our youth groups will travel to Windham, New Hampshire, on June 26 for an adventure at Canobie Lake Park from noon - 6:00 pm.

For the Church Fair on July 6, the following tables are in need of items: Cookie Table - coffee cans and cookies; Children's Table - games and puzzles (all the pieces, please).

Our Angels for the month of June, written by Debbie Lamach, are as follows:

What would we ever do without this group who are our angels this month? They give of their time, patience, abilities, and talents to provide Christian Education for the children of our church. We are so fortunate to have such people as Phil Adams, Carolyn Coolidge, Barbara Erickson, Julia Friedline, Kim Fortune, Teresa Bryant, Sandy Nelson, Joyce Teele, Kelly French, Melanie Leathers, Fred Hubley, Laurie Brown, and Marcia Strout, who attend teacher meetings, prepare lessons, and teach on Sunday mornings.

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# Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach



As this issue of the *Bridge* is printed, the legislature will have completed its deliberative sessions. Left undone will be a special session to consider the Governor's vetoes.

Many of the bills previously passed both in the Senate and the House have been assigned to "Committees of Conference" to iron out differences in the two versions. If compromise cannot be achieved, the bill will die. If agreement is reached, then the bill will return for ratification by either body before going on to the Governor.

As I write, there are 72 different bills that are logged into Committees of Conference, so our last days are slated to be busy.

I have written before about my dislike for hypocrisy in government, and sometimes at this time of session when compromises must be reached, difficult choices need to be made in the trade-offs on bills. A good example is the issue of Goals 2000 federal money, which is made available to the states for educational improvement. The Governor has vetoed HB1220, which deals with acceptance by the state of Goals 2000 money. Now the federal government has taken the position that individual school districts can enter grant applications independent of the state. Both the Governor and the Chairman of the State Board of Education oppose acceptance of this money, yet hold that local control of education is of prime importance. Local control, supported by local property taxes, is the basis for the current law suit against the state for inequities between districts. Ovid Lamonagne, Chairman of the State Board, noted that he "supports local control, but not at the expense of the state's ability to manage and oversee local education."

In this instance, you will note that support is different from manage and control. Should it be? If control, where should it be, and where should funding come from? This argument is important if we are to further consider kindergarten and who pays.

I intend to support Goals 2000 if the local school districts elect to participate. This way, any new programs started would be at the option of the local taxpayer if further support was needed after the funding dried up. Let me know what your opinions are.

One proud accomplishment of my past year was the passage of HB1392, which set the stage for deregulation of electric utilities in New Hampshire. Did any of you register your account for participation in "retail wheeling"? Jim Monahan and I worked to get Bradford as a district in the program and also entered all of the town accounts. The result was that we were successful in getting the Town of Bradford street lighting account selected for inclusion in the pilot program. As this is about a \$10,000 a year expense, the town should be able to save at least \$1,000, depending on choice of electric supplier. I'm working with the Selectmen to choose the service.

This program is a first and is unique in the United States. The lessons learned from the pilot program should ease the transition for the rest of ratepayers and deliver cheaper power for the entire state. Months of discussion and negotiation were held by my House Science and Technology Committee to make this a reality.

The most pressing of my constituent concerns are high property taxes and expensive electrical power. Hopefully, these are two areas where I've helped make a difference.

In June, candidates sign up to run for the next term. Many changes will occur on the state level because the Governor, Speaker of the House, Minority Leader, and our State Senator are all stepping down. Regardless of how the election turns out, there will be changes in concept and style in state government.

I will be signing up to run for a second term and will expect to wage a vigorous and strong campaign for my district. I appreciate your support.



Bradford eighth graders collecting trash on the fitness trail. left to right, Becky Barker, Shane Hill, Sam Kenyon, Vanessa Hall, Randy MacAllister

## Conservation Commission news

On May 3rd, Bradford's eighth grade students, as part of their school studies, helped with the cleanup of our community. 21 students were divided into three groups, each going to a different area of town. One group, under the leadership of the Women's Club, went to French's Park. The other two groups, accompanied by members of the Conservation Commission, worked at the Bradford Bog and the fitness trail. Much hard work was accomplished. Students carried planking into the bog for the boardwalk. At French's Park and the fitness trail, they gathered up trash, debris, and broken tree limbs.

Our thanks for all your help, Eighth Graders!

Ruth Bibbo was the first place winner of the cordwood raffle, so generously donated by Mike Carter and Sons. Second place winner was Ellen Hersh, who won a gift certificate to the Thistle and Shamrock Inn.

Earth Day was observed on May 4th and our thanks to all the participants and donors who helped make the day a success. Prizes were awarded to those who collected trash containing specially marked cans from along our streets and roadways. Those who received prizes were: Rachel Brooks, Vanessa Hall, Teresa Vitale, Hannah Johnson, Dan Thompson, Michael Thompson, David Szymkiewicz, Diana Hansen, and Tim Greenlaw. Our special thanks also to donors ... Sunshine Farm, Dodges, IGA, Brass Brothers, Video Pursuit, Applesseed Inn, Mike Carter and Sons, and the Thistle and Shamrock Inn ... for making the day possible.



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# In the Woods, by Chris Lincoln

Driving through Bradford, most of us give little thought to the fact that we are surrounded by forests. We are so used to having trees around us that many of us take it for granted that the forests are here. Forestland in New Hampshire comprises more than 83% of the area in the state - that's a lot of trees.

Who owns these forests? Why and how are they managed? What benefits do we gain from them? How can we protect them for future generations? These are just a few of the questions that I'll be addressing in this column in the months to come.

Knowledge about the forests may give you a different outlook on your surroundings. Hopefully, it will give you an appreciation for the usefulness of forests. Perhaps it will also give you a sense of wonder as we explore such topics as the life cycles of everything from moose to spotted salamanders, which also depend on the forest for their basic needs.

Let's start at the beginning... how did these forests get here in the first place? This may seem like a silly question. Haven't the forests always been here? Not really. Forests of one type or another have occupied the landscape down through the ages; however, forests of tree species that we are familiar with did not arrive here until the retreat of the last ice age. This primordial forests was dynamic and always changing. Not only was it influenced by soil, climate and nutrient cycles, it was also subject to the natural disturbances of wind, fire and insect attacks.

Native human populations arrived on the scene about 10,000 years ago. These early inhabitants also affected the forest. Natives used light agriculture and, in some areas, burned the understory (low growth under the trees) to facilitate hunting in an open park-like environment. Despite these influences, the real changes attributable to humans did not occur until Europeans settled the area.

A hundred and fifty years ago, Bradford looked quite different. Early settlers, encountering forests, cleared the land for pasture and crops. Forest cover statewide was reduced to 45%. The conversion of forest to pasture is quite obvious as we stumble onto old stone walls out in the middle of nowhere. Old-time New Englanders may have been a little crazy, but they certainly were not foolish enough to build walls through the forest. Obviously, these walls were constructed after the land was cleared of trees and converted into fields.

By the late 1800's, Bradford's farmers realized that this rocky, bony soil was not so great for farming and the sheep industry

wasn't what it used to be. So they found other ways to earn a living or they moved on to more fertile ground elsewhere. Either way, farmland was abandoned, no longer kept open, and the forests began to return.

The first trees to get themselves established in the old fields were "pioneer species," trees like white pine, white birch, and aspen. These trees grow from small seeds that can be dispersed over relatively long distances. They also require a lot of sunlight to survive. Many of our white pine forests got started this way. Some foresters speculate that white pine may have been helped along in its development by livestock still in the pastures as they were let go fallow. Most animals prefer the tasty soft sprouts of deciduous (broadleaf or non-evergreen) trees, rather than the less flavorful shoots of pine trees. This gave the pine a head start to out-compete its fast-growing deciduous associates, establishing some nearly pure white pine forests.

In some areas white birch and aspen were able to grow and compete with the pine. White birch and aspen, however, are relatively short-lived species, growing only 60 to 100 years before dying out. Openings created by dying trees were quickly occupied by other types of trees, such as red oak, beech, red maple, sugar maple, yellow birch, and others able to tolerate the partial shade of the surrounding forest.

It is important to realize that very few of our forests have escaped the influence of man or natural disturbances. Even our "Bradford Pines," the small grove of white pines located along the Warner River at the Route 103 rest stop, have been affected by man's actions. These dozen or so magnificent speci-

mens are indeed quite old; however, if you take a look at the surrounding forest, you realize most of the area has been disturbed and the other trees are quite young. What constitutes an old growth forest or a true wilderness is a question for another time, but suffice it to say, there is very little of it around.

Today forestry involves much more than growing trees. We look toward sustaining an intricately complex system while extracting needed resources. Next month we will dig into the roots of forest management and see what it encompasses today.

*Chris Lincoln is a consulting forester with New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. and lives and works in Bradford.*



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# Do you recognize one of Bradford's most beloved citizens? *by Clare Bensley*

This gentle lady grew up in the Roby section of Warner near the banks of the Warner River. Like so many others of her time, she used to take the train every day into the center of Warner to attend Simonds High School, from which she graduated in 1931. She then went on to attend business college in Concord, graduating in 1936.

She and her late husband were married in 1940 at St. John's Church in Concord. After her marriage, she was transferred by the White Mountain Power Co. to Alton, where she served as office manager. Her husband had been living in Bradford when they were married; so eight months later she moved there to be with him. He was also one of Bradford's most well-known and beloved citizens.

The couple produced eight children, five boys and three girls, all of them known for their hard work and honest living. There are fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She served several terms as President of the Bradford Women's Club, and he continued to serve Bradford long after his retirement from the Postal Service.

See page 10 if you still don't know who she is.



Picture taken for high school graduation in dress made by her mother

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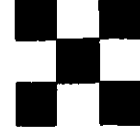
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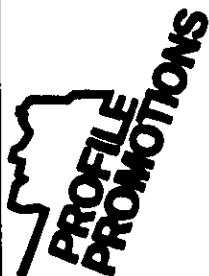
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## Blue News ... report from the police department

by Kathy Grindle

The police department, like most of the rest of Bradford, has been spending time and energy planning for the 4th of July celebration. This year promises to be an even bigger event than last year and our department wouldn't want to miss out on the fun and excitement. As last year, we will be set up in front of Town Hall from 10:00-2:00. We'll be offering face painting and removable tattoos to youngsters of all ages. At the same time, Judy Magee and Jeannie Murphy, school guards and French's Park attendants, will be doing bicycle safety checks. We will also have plenty of giveaways, including McDonald's orange drink, pencils, rulers, Hot Dots, coloring books, and safety information. We will also have drawings and

possibly a game or two. Prizes include toy fire trucks, McDonald's Happy Meal and dessert coupons, bicycle helmets, and a gift certificate to the Peddling Fool. And best of all -- everything is FREE!! ... So make sure you stop by and visit Chief Al and the rest of the officers, as well as enjoy some of the festivities.

The PD would like to thank Cobble Pond Farm, McDonald's of Warner, The Peddling Fool in Hillsborough, and NH Highway Safety for their generous donations.

We would like to remind everyone, especially summer residents, that you must have a valid Town of Bradford sticker on your driver's side vent window to be parked in the French's Park area or you will be asked to move, ticketed and/or towed from that area. Also, remember that there is no parking of vehicles allowed at the boat ramp, boat trailers only. Again, you will be ticketed and possibly towed.

Total incidents for the month of May through the 27th was 155. This included 31 assists to fire/rescue/other PDs, 17 unsecured buildings, 8 animal complaints, 7 suspicious persons/motor vehicles, 4 reports of criminal mischief, 3 reports of disorderly/fights, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 missing juveniles, 2 burglaries/thefts, 2 alarm activations, 1 DWI, 1 assault, 1 bad check, 1 report of vandalism, 1 report of harassment, and 1 domestic dispute.

The department also issued 41 warnings, 18 summonses, and made 1 arrest.

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## Bradford Business Association news

The rewards of a year of hard work: a dinner to tantalize anyone's palate, graciously served in a beautiful setting, surrounded by friends, old and new. To top it all off ... a visit from Odds Bodkin and Geoff Douglas, detailing plans for a writers' conference in September, which the BBA is happy to encourage. Participants will be welcomed at our local inns. Don't you wish, sometimes, that you could be an out-of-town guest in one of those lovely homes away-from-home?

Of course, the BBA had to "do business" as well as be entertained. First, officers for the coming year were elected:

Gary Wall - President  
Tom Scribner - Vice President  
Lynn Horigan - Secretary  
Marilyn Gordon - Director, 3 yrs  
Deborah Lamach - Director, 1 yr  
Sandy Nelson - Director, 1 yr

Two amendments to the Bylaws were discussed. The first, to open membership to any business "having an interest in Bradford" was defeated. The second amendment concerned having the outgoing president remain on the board for one year, as his/her experience is invaluable to a new president. This amendment carried.

In President Lamach's farewell speech, she thanked the BBA for all the projects accomplished over the past year, especially the July 4th blood drive. Other to-be-repeated events to be proud of were: the Inn Tour, Scholarship Fund, and the Business Day. Another worthwhile ongoing project is the Business Visitation Program.

The next BBA meeting will be held June 17, 7:00 pm, at the church vestry. Watch Channel 3 for the program! --Sandy Nelson

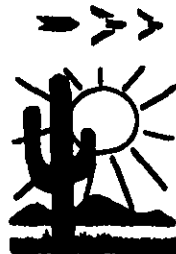
Ruth Page is the graduate pictured on page 9.

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# Jon & Jer's Excellent Adventures ... Our Adventure to the State House by Jonathan Bodkin and Jeremy Aganos

Our adventure to the State House began when Bernie Lamach, Bradford's representative, scheduled a special day for us. We thought it would be exciting and a pretty cool experience.

We even wore ties!

Bernie picked us up at 11:00 (we took off from school for this awesome adventure) and drove us into Concord. He parked in an exclusive parking lot in a place reserved for State House personnel only.

We walked into the State House through the Hall of Flags. Jeremy's mouth dropped open, because he'd never been in there before. We walked upstairs to the offices and were introduced to Harold Burns, Speaker of the House, and Stacey Cole, Assistant Speaker. The Governor's secretary had a voice like Jeneen on *Ghostbusters*. We met lots of grownups who didn't seem to mind we were there. Everyone was nice. We found out they were just regular people, like us.

For a treat Bernie took us through an underground tunnel to the Old Post Office Building across the street for lunch. The tunnel was solid concrete on all sides with TV cameras. You couldn't even hear the cars going by overhead.

The cafe itself was underground too. All the State Reps were very noisy while they ate, just like us kids. Too bad there weren't any teachers to calm them down.

Bernie treated us to a really good lunch. We ate with Amy Patenaude, State Rep from Henniker. We even found out that she intends

to run for State Senate. She talked to us a lot, and told us how the Legislature works. We found it interesting and pretty cool. Did you know that Amy Patenaude is the owner of Pat's Peak?

After lunch, we went into the Legislature Hall and watched the Speaker read the bills and take the vote. It sounded like an auction, it went so fast sometimes. By about three o'clock, we had to leave for baseball practice.

So we ran around the tunnels between the two buildings for about fifteen minutes, looking for Green Street, where we were finally picked up.

Thanks, Bernie, for taking us! It was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!


## Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition activities

On Saturday, June 1, the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition will celebrate National Trails Day by working on trails on their Greenway and the Monadnock Sunapee Greenway. The Monadnock Sunapee Greenway Trail Club is running this event with Eastern Mountain Sports and Nike as corporate sponsors.

Anyone interested in doing trailwork should come to Sunapee State Park at 8:30 am for fruit and bagels; then groups will be formed to work on trails. After spending the day working on trails, participants will return to Sunapee State Park for pizza and a raffle with prizes appropriate for outdoors people.

Dugald Arbuckle, who is an active member of both groups, will lead a joint work party, up the Newbury Trail, part of the SRK Greenway and an important access to the Monadnock Sunapee Greenway. Then they'll work on the Rim Trail on Mt. Sunapee. Dan Allen and Natalie Davis of the SRKGC will lead a work party on the Lincoln Trail, part of the SRKG, which is located on the southwest side of Mt. Kearsarge. If you have any questions, call Natalie Davis or Dan Allen at 763-5320.

On Saturday, June 15, the Wilmot section of the SRKG Coalition is running a hike on Ragged Mountain, which is located in Danbury, Wilmot, and Andover. Some trail work will be done at the beginning of the hike; then the group will hike to the summit for lunch. The hike will begin at 10:00 am. Call Bill Best, 526-9367, for details.



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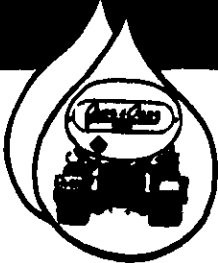
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## Bradford's ties to the War of Independence

by Milly Kittredge

Although there were few people settled in Bradford during the Revolution, the population rose quickly to 128 in the 1786 census. More than 35 veterans eventually settled their families in town, becoming active leaders in Bradford's early years.

In New Hampshire, the first serious act against the Crown was in December 1774, with the capture of a store of gunpowder at Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth Harbor. The gunpowder was hidden in area towns, and may have been used at Bunker Hill. The Governor called out the Militia, but they were exceedingly busy elsewhere and could not respond.

John Stark was a seasoned soldier, and when news came of Lexington and Concord, he was appointed Colonel of the NH Volunteers. Men packed whatever supplies and arms they could. Some women and families stayed up all night to make clothes and cook food for the next day. On the four-day journey to Boston, two thousand New Hampshire men had joined him.

Stark's men found and provided cover for the Americans when a lack of ammunition forced the retreat from Bunker Hill. At least ten men, who at some time called Bradford home, were listed as being at Bunker Hill. Andrew Aiken, Abel Blood, Richard Cressy, John Eaton, Offin French, Jonathan Knight (who was on duty at West Point when Benedict Arnold's treachery was discovered), Abraham Sweatt, Abram Currier, James Gibson, Joseph Presbury.

In August 1775, the King's Governor, John Wentworth, suddenly packed household and family and sailed from Portsmouth. This was a new experience in America ... no British representation, leaving a void in all government, including judicial, revenue, and all administrative offices.

After being passed over for promotion several times, Stark resigned and returned to New Hampshire. He was persuaded to reinlist in July of 1777 as a Brigadier General

with an independent New Hampshire command, not approved by the Continental Congress, and financed by John Langdon of Portsmouth. In a week, fifteen hundred men left chores and family to join him for a two-month enlistment. They met at Fort #4 in Charlestown, NH, and marched to Bennington, Vermont, winning a key victory that broke Burgoyne's southward sweep.

Throughout the war, the entire farm chores and management fell to the women and children, from months to years at a time. Communications were poor, and news of life or death was sometimes delayed for months.

This volunteer army was always in need of food, supplies, ammunition, and clothing. When the enlistment term was up, the soldier had home chores and family to support, making a constant need for new recruits. There were diseases, wounds, and ill health which lingered for years, as in all wars.



## Que Pasa wins chili cook-off

Que Pasa Mexican Restaurant was the first place winner of the People's Choice Award at the New Hampshire State International Chili Society Cook-Off. The chili contest was held Sunday, May 19, at the Barnstormer Restaurant in Portsmouth. Que Pasa was represented by all three owners: Donna Richardson, John Bamber, and Phil Richardson.

The winning chili was created by Donna Richardson and is quickly becoming the restaurant's trademark. Donna's chili recipe also won the 1995 Weirs Beach Chili Cook-off last June. Que Pasa will be returning to Funspot at Weirs Beach on June 13 to defend its championship.

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## Erin McKenna and April Robbins receive Bradford Women's Club scholarships

At their annual meeting and luncheon, held May 21, the Bradford Women's Club announced the winners of two scholarships. It was with great pleasure and pride that the Club awarded scholarships to Erin McKenna and April Robbins.

Erin is a student at Connecticut College majoring in international relations and Italian. She has been an honors student since entering college in the fall of 1994, earning high honors during her first term. Erin has a very busy and exciting year ahead of her as she will be traveling to Greece and Italy to complete her studies. Erin wrote in her application, "Studying in [Greece], the cradle of democracy, will permit me to gain a fuller understanding of the origins of modern thought on government, a concept that is integral to my international relations major. ... The courses I will take in Milan will help me to gain a comprehensive knowledge of Italian culture and extensive knowledge, specifically in the government and history of one country in the diverse Mediterranean region. Furthermore, by living in Italy, my grasp of the Italian language will be greatly enhanced and expanded." When she graduates, Erin hopes to work in the field of economic development in the Mediterranean region.

April will be a senior at Keene State College in the fall. She plans to graduate in May 1997 with a Bachelor of Science, with a major in business management and a minor in applied computer science. She is working very hard to realize her goals. She is a full-time student, working to earn all the funds necessary to pay her educational costs. April's enthusiasm for her chosen field was reflected in her essay. She wrote, "When my days at Keene State College come to an end, I will have enjoyed an educational program that aided my every desire to learn about the world of management and what is important to me. With my degree, I will be better suited for the rapid paced business field, which I am eager to face." After graduation, April has her sights set on a management position with a major corporation.

Both Erin and April have much to offer the world in their chosen fields. The Club is confident that their determination and drive will make it possible for them to realize their goals. We wish them the best of luck with their studies and in their future endeavors.  
--Kathleen Bigford

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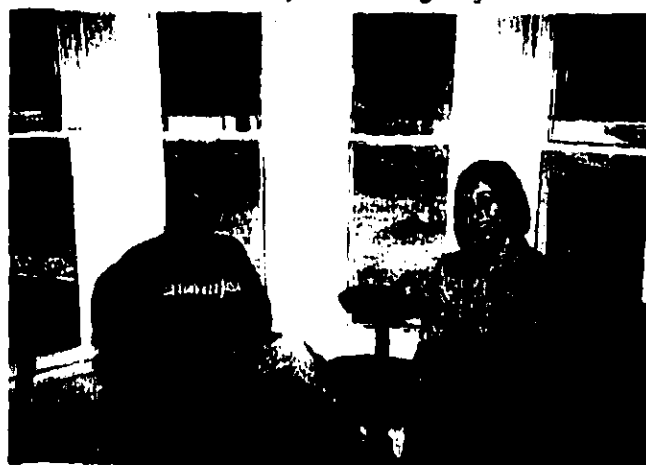
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## At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

Susan and Alex Azoti (owners of Andrew Brook Antiques & Gifts) carefully planned their dramatic move from the West Coast before they bought a six-bedroom "double" house in Newbury. The house (exactly the same on both sides of central double front doors) was built by the Fowler brothers on Route 103 in 1860. The Azotis came seeking an environment to raise their children less stressful than the faster-paced Seattle metropolitan area where they had been living.

Their planning included background research and visits to 26 states. Susan, children Adrian (then age 8), Alexander (age 5), and Alex's sister traveled by car for two months, covering more than 13,000 miles. Alex remembered the nightly road reports and long conversations weighing the advantages and drawbacks of each place the travelers had visited that day. New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Ithaca (NY) became top contenders as relocation destinations. Even New Zealand was considered. Friends thought the couple was a little bit more than foolish when they abandoned good jobs to move to New Hampshire. Traveling



with a big idea, a collection of antiques, and no guaranteed employment, they made a leap of faith.

Good luck prevailed. Shortly after they arrived, Alex (a structural engineer) found a full-time job with the Turner Group in Concord. Susan (formerly in the restaurant business) today is focused on preparing to open the business. She is arranging rooms of antiques and artistic objects, mixing the display

with new, carefully selected, unusual handcrafted gift items throughout the multi-room parlors and dining rooms of their very large house. The shop will feature espresso, cappuccino, caffe latte, pastries, coffees (sold by the pound), and freshly baked breads (sold by the loaf).

Susan said, "We are not focusing on any particular period of antiques, but we are displaying a variety of things that we like, think are attractive and beautiful. Our new gift items will be 'fun stuff.'" Eventually, she will add backgammon, chess and checkers tables where shoppers will be encouraged to stay a while to play the games, drink Torrefazione and Caffe D'arte coffees from the West Coast or Green Mountain coffees imported into New Hampshire, in the comfortable ambiance of the shop.

The collection includes dining room table and chair sets, paintings, prints, Persian rugs, mosaic bone frames from Iran, masks from Africa, glassware, china, contemporary incised and decorated clay urns, and even antique clasps from kimonos--an eclectic mix of products from around the world. Susan wants to open a nature trail along former logging roads behind the house on the back twenty-two acres along Andrew Brook, where the children this spring are discovering frogs, salamanders, and Great Blue Heron. She hopes the barn might become artists' studios and gallery spaces.

Susan and Alex have been encouraged by the neighbors' positive response to their plans. Although the State of New Hampshire hasn't always given them the answers they want to hear, Susan said "We feel the state is very willing to help us figure out how to comply with permits required to serve food." At present their shop can be identified by the presence of 14 wandering friendly chickens in the front yard. A proper sign will be installed in early June when the business officially opens.

California ingenuity from Fresno-born Susan and a Middle Eastern perspective from Iranian-born, now U.S. citizen, Alex, blend to bring a unique business to the area for residents, summer folks, and travelers to explore.

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# Report on Kearsarge Regional School District by Mike Hague, School Board Rep

The month of May saw your school board concentrate its efforts on the high school renovation/addition. Eckman Construction, Bedford, NH, was selected as construction manager for the project. Eckman is a company that specializes in school construction projects. They gave a very thorough and sophisticated presentation at the May 9 board meeting. With their considerable experience, they will be able to save money for the district, identify and use local subcontractors, and enable students to continue educational programs while the work is going on.

The Honeywell comprehensive facility plan for the district's buildings was approved after several concerns (windows, asbestos, etc.) were cleared up. As noted last month, this upgrading and maintenance of the district's buildings is guaranteed by Honeywell to save the district money in the future.

Just when you thought the issue of raising and appropriating funds for the school district was over with the defeat of Senate Bill 2 (voting for school funding at the ballot box, not at annual school meeting), another election will be held on the school budget process on June 18 from 11:00 - 7:00 at the Kearsarge Regional High School gym. (see page 1 article) If you have questions, call me. I also have copies of House Bill 141, though reading it may not help much!

A few items from the "nice job" category for your district. Kearsarge Regional Middle School Math Team tied for first in its com-

petition this year. 23 teams from 13 schools competed. Now the middle school team has placed first in seven out of the last twelve years. Grace Nelson of Bradford Elementary has won the Arc Teacher of the Year award for outstanding service on behalf of children and adults with mental retardation. "Job Shadowing" at the high school had a great beginning this year, with 19 students spending a week at a local business to explore career opportunities. The Mindstretch program had a great year, according to Mindstretch teacher Katherine Wilson, with more fifth graders than ever before qualified for special awards from John Hopkins University.

School is rapidly coming to a close, but much work will be going on during the summer. I will continue to bring you updates of activities and more information about our district.

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 938-2722.

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At 11:00, the UNH Red Wagon Caravan will perform on the church grounds. This is a free performance sponsored by the E. Warren Smith Fund.

A delicious luncheon will be served from 11:30 at the church. Snacks will also be available.

At 10:00, Bradford Police Dept. will be at the Town Hall demonstrating safety tips.

From 9:30-1:30, there will be flea market on the Library grounds.

The Firemen's Parade will start at 4:00. The theme this year is *50's Flashback*. Some of the entries are: Andover One-Wheelers, Kearsarge Community Band, Hobo Minstrels, Oldies 99 Green Machine, 50's cars, town floats, fire-fighting equipment.

The Midway opens at 4:00 at Brown Shattuck Field with games and vendors. At 5:30, the Firemen's Barbecue will be served.

The day will be climaxed by the fireworks display, put on by the firemen at Brown Shattuck Field at dusk.

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**Selectmen's meetings in May**

**May 6.** Bo Raymond met to discuss construction of a Snack Shack at Brown Shattuck Field. Building and maintaining the structure, identical to the one at the school field, will be a joint project of the Fire Dept. and Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports. Raymond reported that graffiti had been painted on the dugouts and asked that the police patrol the area.

Selectmen discussed the status of the Naughton property and debated the wisdom of having the town take the deed to the property. All agreed to tour the property with someone from the Dept. of Environmental Services to determine the limitations of the property before giving town attorney Tim Bates the authorization to proceed with the necessary legal steps.

The status of the Town Hall building projects was discussed. Selectmen expressed frustration at perceived overspending and lack of supervision of construction crews. When questions were raised concerning whether the projects meet ADA requirements, it was suggested that the Turner Group plans be checked for whether they said they meet ADA requirements. Selectmen agreed that monies should first be spent to complete the unisex bathroom before proceeding with the handicapped access ramp.

Selectmen then discussed town facilities. Joe Conway reported that the Library Building Committee was discussing alternatives, unsure whether they have been "given" the Central School property. Town priorities were discussed, with all agreeing that the location for administrative offices and police are top priority. Dave Pickman commented that it was about time the Selectmen took some action, rather than relying on committees. He suggested getting estimates for redoing the Town Hall, the "cheapest way out"

for providing acceptable work space for administrative offices and police. Agreement was reached that some decisions need to be made soon: the library needs to be given direction, estimates should be solicited for redoing the Town Hall, and input on housing the police will be received soon from the Police Management Study.

Joe Conway reported that he had contacted Sherry Chomitz concerning the sewer survey. He will convene a meeting of the Sewer Committee on the 9th to reactivate the survey project. All agreed that water and sewer are vital for the community and that taxes should be spent "for a good reason."

**May 13.** Whether the Town Hall building projects were meeting ADA requirements was again discussed, with Selectmen agreeing to ask George Morse, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Disability, to study the matter.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg informed the board that, with the upgrade of the Town Hall stairwells to meet fire code, it is permissible to remove the exterior fire escapes.

Selectmen reported that, with the judge's dismissal of a pending suit, the Town of Bradford has no outstanding court cases.

**May 20.** Selectmen discussed their tour of the Naughton property with the DES representative. The capped area is performing well. Because of the cap, that area is limited to light use, such as picnic tables or tennis courts. The remainder of the property is acceptable for any type of use. The front property has no major spill that could require cleanup. The barn contains scrap metal and other debris, which must be removed prior to the court ordered deadline of June 30.

Bids were opened on May 17 for the Forest Street repairs. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, Rowe Brothers of Sutton, for \$14,653. The deadline for completing the project is June 30.

Library Trustees met to discuss the library building project. Selectmen approved a motion unanimously "to give the Library Trus-

tees the Central School site, as well as the building, to do with as they wish, unconditionally." Selectman John Signorino commented that he had wrestled with the problem and his concern that a valuable building not be demolished. But the standing water in the school cellar following the recent period of rain convinced him that it was better to demolish the building. Melanie Leathers expressed concern over possible costs to maintain the building until it can be demolished. She commented that the library had no funds for maintenance of the structure. Chris Payson asked about the feasibility of conducting fundraising in the building, particularly a thrift shop. Selectmen expressed concern about liability insurance, given that the building is insured as an abandoned building. The matter will be investigated.

Hopkinton Paving, the company responsible for paving the sidewalks on Main Street, informed the board that as the weather warms up, they will return to repair any sections of sidewalk damaged over the winter.

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## Friends of the Library news

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library held its annual meeting on May 15. Nominees elected to the Board of Directors and appointed to offices are: Audrey V. Sylvester, president; Pauline Dishmon, vice-president; John Forgiel, treasurer; and Chris Lincoln, secretary.

Since the beginning of the year, Friends' programs have been enjoyed by more than 200 adults and children; Friends contributed \$246 to the library's building fund; Friends are seeking tax-exempt status; and with the library trustees, co-sponsored free passes to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, which may be borrowed from the library.

The Friends theme idea for Bradford's Fourth of July parade is: Pied Piper -- Follow the Lead of the Library: Read! Laurie Buchar, Mary Keegan-Dayton, and Kathleen Forgiel are organizing the participation.

Membership notices will be mailed to current members in early July. Dues remain: family, \$10; individual, \$6; and student/senior, \$3. Members may contribute to the library's building fund by sending an extra donation with their dues. Forms will be available at the library. For more information, call 938-5948.



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## Updating the Master Plan update

The Planning Board's Committee to Update Bradford's Master Plan met with the Board on May 14 to report progress and plan the next phase of the project.

All of the quantitative data from the survey is now logged into the computer, most of the analysis of comments on goals and objectives has been completed, and only a very few of the original Element Committee reports remain to be collected. During the next several weeks, the Update Committee will draft the various elements of the Master Plan, conferring with the committees. Preliminary goals and objectives based on an analysis of survey responses will be submitted to the Planning Board on or about the first of August.

Master Plan Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Fiske House at 9:00 am. Any and all Bradford residents are welcome to attend.



## BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

### RETURN WITH HONOR

by Capt. Scott O'Grady  
with Jeff Coplon  
Doubleday, 1995

*Return With Honor* is a story of many American heroes who participated in the rescue of a U.S. Air Force pilot, Capt. Scott O'Grady, while enforcing the NATO no-fly zone in the skies over Bosnia, was shot down by a Soviet-made anti-aircraft missile. On impact, O'Grady grabbed the ejection handle of the F-16 and pulled. Five miles up and falling to the ground at 350 miles per hour, O'Grady saw people below as they pointed up at him. At the same time, he took note of the landscape, hoping the wind would carry him to a wooded rather than an open area. He didn't want to get caught.

Once the news was out that the captain's plane had been hit, all America watched, hoping for the best. Of course, we all know the ending. Scott O'Grady had a safe landing, was not caught during the six days he spent on the ground... moving about only at dark, attempting to radio for help, and aiming to reach high ground for rescue.

While O'Grady's book becomes a mini-biography, detailing types of aircraft he has experienced and describing his family and other in his life, the book provides a vivid picture of his six days on Bosnian soil.

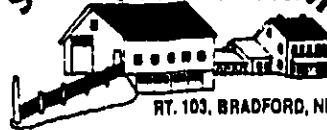
The mainstay of the ordeal was his love for and trust in God. The fourth day he ran out of water. He prayed for rain and that night rain came. Another time, he saw a vision of Mother Mary. This offered courage.

A reader will have the sense of being beside O'Grady throughout his ordeal, especially when searching hunters walk nearby. It helped O'Grady to recall his instructor's advice. "Just don't move. Don't assume they see you just because you see them." Interesting, too, was O'Grady's sense of humor as he dealt with three cows during his trek toward the rescue hill. Mentally, he called the animals Leroy, Alfred and Tinker Bell, laughing later for giving two male names.

Exciting stuff. Bound to be a movie.

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## Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

Two important library dates in July ... Saturday, July 6th, flea market on the library lawn (inside if rainy). Saturday, July 13, Trustees Annual Book and Bake Sale. We will take flea items and books (no *Reader's Digest*, please) through July 1st. Items for the bake sale may be dropped off on Saturday, July 13.

The 1996 Summer Reading Club theme is *Reading: The Best Game Around*. Our focus will be games, here, there and everywhere. We are looking for five "good sport" volunteers (available at 1:00 on Wednesdays) to assist with the program. Each person will only have to do one program, we'll do the final week. We'd like to include a special person who might remember games of yesteryear. We hope to have lots of fun this summer. The program dates are July 10 - August 14. Please call us with your ideas. More details in the July *Bridge*.

Trustee Lorraine Davis and her husband graciously hosted the "Dinner with the Trustees." 17 of us shared the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cosgrove, the winners of the election day raffle.

At the New Hampshire Library Association Spring Conference, held at Steele Hill in Sanbornton, I heard young adult author Chris Crutcher and Steven Kellogg, famous for his illustrations and his telling of *Liverwurst*, *Mike Fink*, and *Paul Bunyan*, among others.

New books in the last shipment include:

*Runaway Jury*, by Grisham  
*Chance*, by Parker  
*Drink with the Devil*, by Higgins  
*Falling Up*, by Silverstein  
*One Minute Teddy Bear Stories*, by Lewis  
*Hotel Paradise*, by Grimes  
*Cat, you better come home*, by Keillor  
*Blood Sport*, by Stewart  
*Whole PC Family Encyclopedia*, by Lock  
*Tales of Burning Love*, by Erdrich  
*Life Preservers*, by Lerner  
*Price Guide to Flea Market Treasures*, by Rinker

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### HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent selected by Sandy Wadlington

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - June 1896

Mr. Chas. Dalby has opened a barber shop adjoining Mr. Maxon's store and is doing good business. We can thoroughly endorse his skill to shave a man's beard, to curl his moustache, or prune his hair.

Henry McCoy, proprietor of Bradford Springs Hotel, extended an invitation to the people of Bradford, Washington and Hillsborough to picnic on his grounds July 4th.

The Center Schoolhouse is much improved in appearance by its new coat of paint and blinds.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - June 1946

Members of the graduating class of the Central School, Grant Milner, Richard Cilley, Frank Jones, and Sally Thompson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Dwinells, went on their class trip through the White Mountains on Sunday. They went through the Flume, to the top of Cannon Mountain on the tramway, through Franconia Notch, and returned via Crawford Notch.

### ... and from Bradford Historical Society materials selected by Milly Kittredge

June 1899.

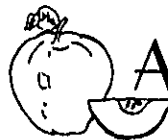
The fire is still burning in the woods near Simmons Pond.

State Fish and Game Commissioners just returned from Vermont where they found numberless golden trout, supposed to be indigenous to Lake Sunapee alone. The Commissioners were highly elated; the trout are now found in Averill Ponds, VT, Dan Hole Pond, Tuftonborough, Wells Pond, ME, and Sunapee.

G.L. Mitchell attended the Bunker Hill Day celebration in Boston, reporting a fine time.

June 1915. "A town is like a girl: it's wonderful what a little fixing up will do for her."

June 1976. A year full of America's Bicentennial activities. A quilt show sponsored by the Bradford History Committee showed 96 quilts. The town was readying for the 21 unit Fourth of July Parade.



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## Tillie Wheeler is Grand Marshal for 1996 parade

This year's Fourth of July parade will be led by a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother, a friend, a community backbone, and a treasure. Yes, Tillie Wheeler is all of the above and more. She represents the spirit of Bradford, New Hampshire.

Tillie was born in Warner on June 22, 1914, and has devoted her life to her family, her community and her friends.

Among her community activities, she has been a member of the Bradford Baptist Church, the American Baptist Women, the Women's Christian Guild, and serves on the church's Board of Trustees as secretary. She is also a member of the Bradford Women's Club, a member of its executive board, and on the honor roll of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. She is a member of the Conservation Commission, where she was a leader in the development of the Fitness Trail and the protection of the Bradford Bog. Many of her activities have inspired the town's various beautification projects.

Some of Tillie's other involvements in her lengthy civic career have been as Supervisor of the Checklist, and member of the Parent Teacher Club and the Scholarship Committee. While her children were small, she sold Avon products and worked part-time at Dodge's Store.

Tillie professes to have no regrets in life and, even if she did, she says "It's too late to do anything about them now!"

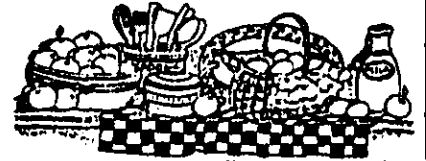
The central feature of Tillie's life and her greatest joy has been the many generations of her family she has known and loved. While visiting her, I noticed that her home really made me feel comfortable. It was as if I could sit back, relax and put my feet up. Pictures of her large family are on tables and walls throughout her home, and Mother's Day cards are in sight for enjoyment and memories. She loves to have her family to dinner and does all the cooking herself. She recently had 21 family guests for Mother's Day dinner and 28 for her son's birthday.

One of Tillie's nominations for Grand Marshal contained the following thought: "She has given to the community for years, has served with grace and dignity and has always been there for her family, her friends, and the community. She's earned this honor."

Another (from a grandchild) simply says: "I would like to nominate my grandmother, Tillie Wheeler, for the Grand Marshal. She is very special and I think she will make a great Grand Marshal."

I asked Tillie about her future. She said ... "I just want to stay well enough to do for my children and my family." One great lady, this Tillie Wheeler. She is a worthy symbol of the very special qualities that make our little town so livable and unique.

## THE COZY CORNER by Mildred Schmidt



Summertime! Summertime! Summertime! Summertime! This little ditty keeps running through my mind. Only problem, the brain stops there!

Our recipe this month has been adapted by Marcia Keller from a traditional German recipe made by Dick's mother, Regina Keller. This cake tastes superb! I asked the Kellers if they would be willing to share the recipe. They graciously agreed and I am delighted to present it to you. It would make a great dessert on Father's Day.

### Hazelnut Cake

2 C whole wheat pastry flour	3/4 C white sugar
3/4 C brown sugar	3 tsp baking powder
pinch of salt	1/2 C oil
5 egg yolks	3/4 C water
1 tsp vanilla	1 C unbeaten egg whites (7 or 8)
1/2 tsp cream of tartar	1 1/4 C hazelnuts (ground & toasted)

Sift flour, sugars, salt together. Make a well in center. Add oil, egg yolks, vanilla and water in order. Beat well by hand.

Beat egg whites until foamy, add cream of tartar. Beat until stiff.

Stir nuts into batter; then gently fold in egg whites. Turn into ungreased 10" tube pan.

Bake at 325° 55-60 minutes or until tests done (top springs back when lightly touched). Hang upside down to cool completely before removing from pan.

Split cake in three layers. Spread each layer with red currant or other tart jelly. Frost lightly with cream frosting flavored with vanilla.

### Third annual boat parade on Lake Massasecum

The third annual Boat Parade, sponsored by the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, will be held Sunday, July 7 at 4:00. As in previous years, participants will congregate in front of Snow's cottage at 3:30. There is no registration or fee to join in and we hope families will decorate their crafts (not mandatory, but fun) to help to celebrate the Independence Day holiday. The permit for the parade does not allow fireworks or flares and all boating safety regulations must be observed. At the finish of the parade, which takes about an hour, all participants are invited back to Snow's for cold drinks and a social time, a chance to get acquainted and enjoy the camaraderie. For information, call Tom & Judy Marshall at 938-2336.

### Brunch at The Rosewood Country Inn, new cookbook by Bradford author

Whet your appetite for country elegance and a gentler time when you travel through Lesley Marquis' *Brunch at The Rosewood Country Inn* cookbook. Recipe titles such as Cranberry Orange Scones and Blueberry Almond Crepes activate the cook's itch to travel back in time to the days of "candlelight & crystal" breakfasts, even if only in the minds' eye.

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# GARDENING

by Fred Winch



Finally it seems that spring, after backing and filling several times, has gotten into the mood to get down to business. Snow, of a sort, plenty of rain, and plenty of cold weather held back normal development of vegetation and the blossoming of the red maples until some super warm days got the herbaceous growth into high gear. You could practically see buds pop, shoots develop. Now we are nearly on target as far as some flowering plants, especially New Hampshire's flower -- the lilac, is concerned.

It has been an excellent year for flowering bulbs, such as daffodils, tulips and narcissus. Moisture in abundance and cool temperatures kept these bulbs flowering and developing much better than in the past several years. For the bulb grower, it has been a good year to evaluate the spring's spectacular first ornamental flowers and make notes on how to increase their use in the future.

Crocus are the first flowers to grace the garden, followed rapidly by other small flowering bulbs such as scillas and chionodoxa. Then come daffodils (jonquils to some), tulips and narcissus (often called a type of daffodil) in many gardens. In many gardens, this seems to be the scope of bulb planting, but if you peruse catalogs of bulb marketers, you will be astounded at the great variety and diversity of bulbs to enhance garden displays, drawn from worldwide sources of common and/or unusual plants.

Normally the bulbs we plant are the daffys and narcissus, which do very well under New Hampshire conditions if squirrels, chipmunks and "moles" leave them alone. Such bulbs multiply prodigiously. Every four or five years they should be dug, separated, sorted by size, and replanted in the fall, fertilized with "bulb food" and humus. Small bulbs may be planted to increase in size

and then dug and placed in use after a couple of years. Most people find that tulips "run out" after a few years and often disappear. The scillas and chionodoxa multiply, as do the daffys, but they are unusual in that they also increase by self-seeding, so they will be found in surprising places. I found snowdrops do well for a couple of years, then disappear. Grape hyacinth does well, but demands fertile soil or disappears.

It is hard to realize that Dutch bulb growers have been actively breeding daffodils since the turn of the century and have had great success. At that time, they marketed the King Alfred, which swept the world. It is still the favorite of many growers. I remember, while I worked at a plantsman's nursery in the late 'twenties, his raving about the Mrs. R.O. Backhouse; it too is still a popular item.

As usual, I have culled the list of catalogs and found the "ultra" bulb sellers: McClure & Zimmerman, 108 W. Winnebago, POB 368, Friesland, WI 53935. A 40-page catalog, no color illustrations, all pen and ink drawing, each type with hardiness zones and planting information. Prices are based on size, quality and quantity ordered.

While the emphasis is on the popular varieties, they offer interesting bulbs such as Dogtooth Violet, Amaryllis, or the Flowering Onion, Allium christophel, Star of Persia, which grows 18" to 30" tall, with 8" to 12" spherical blooms, hardy zones 4 to 8. I have grown this and the description is accurate. However, my sandy soil is not the best and I expect the bulbs will run out after a few years.

Now is the time to assess your needs for early spring flowers. If you are a dedicated bulb grower, this catalog will challenge your ideas of what a bulb garden can be. Have fun.

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- \* Remember Father's Day is June 16th
- \* Floral stationery, cards, soaps, chimes & books too
- \* New Item -- CHOCOLATE & FUDGE!

## LIGHTS, from page 1

Street, they believed replacing low wattage lights with brighter halogen bulbs would mean that adequate lighting could be provided with half the lights. Chairman John Signorino expressed his concern over the number of complaints the board had received and said that their decision could be reevaluated.

## BUILDING, from page 1

and the construction manager work as a team throughout the project. Eckman has named Wilmot resident Mark Tedeschi as Superintendent for this job.

The project schedule calls for ground breaking in early summer, with the addition ready for use by December. At that time, the existing building will be closed off in sections and renovations completed, section by section, on a second shift (3:00 pm to 11:00 pm) basis. Renovations will be completed over the summer of 1997 with the entire school, including the athletic fields, ready for use in the fall of 1997.

Keller said the role of the Building Committee is to represent the School Board on an on-going basis through the development and construction phases of the project. "I look forward to working with the other members of the committee and am pleased to be able to serve the School District once again.

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# June Calendar

## Saturday, June 1

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

## Monday, June 3

Cemetery Trustees, call 938-5386 for time and place

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

## Tuesday, June 4

BWC Fair workday, Nancy Hibbard's home, 9:00 am

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

High School Building Committee, high school, 7:15

## Wednesday, June 5

Master Plan Update Committee, Fiske House, 9:00 am; open to the public.

Library Trustees, library, 7:15  
Open to the public

## Saturday, June 8

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

## Monday, June 10

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

## Tuesday, June 11

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, June 12

Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

## Thursday, June 13

Bradford Newbury Workshop, Clare Bentley's home, 11:00 am

KRSD Board meeting, high school, 7:15

## Friday, June 14

Whist, church vestry, 7:30  
Prizes, refreshments, all welcome. Donation, \$1.50. Sponsored by Rescue Squad.

## Saturday, June 15

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

## Monday, June 17

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Business Association, church vestry, 7:00

## Tuesday, June 18

School district vote, high school, 11:00-7:00

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, June 19

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

O.E.S., St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

## Saturday, June 22

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

## Monday, June 24

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

## Tuesday, June 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, June 26

Historical Society joint meeting with Union Congregational Society, Bradford Center Meetinghouse, 7:00

## Thursday, June 27

KRSD Board meeting, high school, 7:15

## Friday, June 28

Whist, church vestry, 7:30  
Prizes, refreshments, all welcome. Donation, \$1.50. Sponsored by Food Pantry.

## Saturday, June 29

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

To list events for the month of July, call Lu Signorino, 938-2608.

## Classified Ads

**JOB OPENING.** The Town of Bradford has an opening for a part-time transfer station attendant. Position is 21 hours per week (Wed., Sat., Sun. 10:00-5:00). Requires operating light equipment, lifting, assisting the manager with placing and separating rubbish, and helping to enforce disposal practices and policies. Benefits package available. Applications available at Selectmen's Office on Main Street (telephone 938-5900). Deadline for applicants is June 6, 1996. EOE

**FOR SALE.** Harvest (dining) table, 60" x 20 3/4" with two 10" drop leaves. Light weight, pine, medium stain, tapered legs; good quality, good condition. \$125. Call 224-3295 or write to Rules, 149 E. Side Drive, #165, Concord, NH 03301.

**WANTED.** Ping pong table. Call 938-5601.

**FOR SALE.** Large contemporary living room couch, beige with brown stripes and walnut trim. Custom-made, L-shape. Must see. \$400. Pine rocker, \$25. Baby Sassy seat, \$3. Call 938-2675.

**CLASSES.** Kripala yoga classes will be held Wednesdays, June 12 - July 3, 10:00-11:15 am, Bradford Town Hall. \$32 1/4 weeks. For more information, call Stephanie Brown, 456-2288.

**FOR SALE.** Gray metal file cabinet, 4 drawers, \$15 or BO. Typewriter table, \$5. Young plants, trees, shrubs & perennials, 50 cents to \$2 each. Hide-a-way folding bed with mattress, \$20. Call 938-2312.

**WANTED.** Reasonably priced car for son's summer visit. Call 938-5601.

**YOUTH SPORTS FALL SIGN-UP.** Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports fall sign-up for grades E through 6 at KRES Bradford Snack Shack on June 4, 5, 11, 13. 5:30-7:30 pm. Questions, call Scott McLain at 938-2302.

**FOR SALE.** 16-ft Prindle Catamaran with trailer, 1984, excellent condition; includes life jackets and harnesses. \$1,600. Call 938-5203.

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