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Community News - By and for our neighbors

October 1996

## Food co-op planning process begins October 10

In response to the adage "When you want a job done, do it yourself," a meeting has been set for Thursday, October 10, 7:30 at the Town Hall, to discuss what would be required to establish a community-owned grocery store. Those interested in participating in the process are encouraged to attend.

To gauge the level of interest in such a project, a co-op questionnaire is included in this issue of the *Bridge*. The number of responses is as important as the answers. So please take a few minutes to respond and return your survey by October 6. If you have already completed one, pass yours along to someone else. Anyone interested in shopping in Bradford is welcome to participate -- this effort is NOT limited to Bradford residents.

In a cooperative venture, all decisions are made by member-owners, which means the specifics of where, when and what are yet to be determined. But the general scope of what is envisioned is a retail store (not a buying club) selling quality merchandise to all.

Supporting this effort should yield a number of positive results. Not only will WE be providing convenience and quality in locally-available merchandise, but we will be providing employment and energizing the business climate in our village.

If this project interests you, come join the discussion on October 10. If you'd like further information, call Nancy Scribner at 938-2286.



Selectman Joe Conway and Mauri Scheffy in discussion at September 21 forum, photo by Audrey Sylvester

## Town forum highlights community needs

On a gorgeous fall Saturday, ninety-eight energized residents met at the Town Hall to discuss Bradford's future. With Selectman Joe Conway as facilitator, the group discussed issues affecting the town. Concerns included how to support the town's business area, development of a comprehensive plan for facilities, and public involvement in the town planning discussion/decision-making process.

An introductory presentation by Mildred Kittredge, accompanied by historic photos, described Bradford's unique character as a commercial center for the surrounding area since the mid-nineteenth century.

Gary Wall, president of the Bradford Business Association, articulated the business community's goals for the meeting. After answering the question "What is a downtown?" by describing it as a place where people can go to obtain goods and services, open a business, and exchange social pleasantries, he noted that in Bradford, choices are becoming less and less. He said the forum should lay the foundation to reverse this trend. His suggestions included: leadership by town administration, community participation, governing boards that are receptive, not

restrictive, and perhaps using a professional to help develop plans and achieve goals.

During the general discussion, various ideas were proposed and discussed. Marlene Freyler reported that she had telephoned RiteAid to inquire whether they would consider establishing a store in Bradford. John Mock discussed his offer to preserve the Marshall barn by dismantling it. Selectman John Signorino reported that the town will take possession of the Naughton property on September 30 and can deal with the barn as soon as they determine what needs to be done. Glen Mayo mentioned a Wall Street Journal article on "rural renaissance" which stated that the attitude of a community is the biggest part of success because it sparks the determination to succeed. Zoning was mentioned several times as a deterrent to growth. Marcia Keller responded that zoning requirements do allow for flexibility and some problems are enforcement issues. Perry Teele, chair of the Planning Board, said the board realizes that the regulations need modifying.

The participants were divided into small discussion groups to answer questions concerning the town's needs, features, and facilities.

■ See FORUM, page 19

## Police Management Survey recommendations reviewed by Selectmen by Kathy Grindle

The final report of the Police Management Survey, produced by the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, has been received by the town and is being reviewed by the Selectmen. It is important to keep in mind that the survey could not have been conducted without the consent of BOTH the Board of Selectmen and the Police Chief.

Rumors have abounded regarding the survey, so I'll start by explaining what it was meant to do, and not do. First of all, it was NOT a "head hunting" effort to get rid of the Chief or any of the officers. It was meant to evaluate the management, staffing, and facilities of the Department, as well as communication between the Selectmen and the PD.

The overall evaluation included equipment, staff, organization, infrastructure, and space needs, as well as several other minor areas.

■ See POLICE, page 17

*Living in Bradford*

### David Tonkin Jazz

Saturday, October 12  
7:30, Baptist Church  
presented by  
Moon Mtn Arts

### Evening of Irish Music

Friday, October 18  
7:00, Library  
presented by  
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### Traditional Irish music program performed at library on October 18

On Friday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at Brown Memorial Library, the Library Trustees will present an evening of traditional Irish music. Cliff Moses will perform on a hammered dulcimer. The concert is free, supported by the Library's Jacobsen Fund.

Cliff Moses lives in San Antonio, Texas, and has been playing and recording Irish traditional music since 1982 with the All-Ireland champion St. James's Gate instrumental group. St. James's Gate has played for many major Irish festivals across the country, including nine years at the Milwaukee Irish Fest. When St. James's Gate was formed, there were too many guitar and banjo players. Inspired by Malcolm Daglish, Cliff decided to learn to play the hammered dulcimer. His style of playing is noted for its rhythm, lilt, and ornamentation.

### Cemetery gravestone repairs underway

The Cemetery Trustees sponsored a work session with Bill and Madelyn Williamson of Epping, who are a husband and wife gravestone repair team. There is now a nucleus of people who will continue cleaning, repairing, and straightening stones in some of our cemeteries. Any interested people are most welcome to help, whether long term, or an interest in work on one family's plot. Call 938-5386 for more information.

### BWC Candidates' Night October 16

The season started off with a lovely social at Nancy Hibbard's house with "Teddy Bears' Dessert & Tea Party." Amy Blitzer poured the tea and great fun was enjoyed by all who attended.

Guest Night will be held Tuesday, October 15, at the Baptist Church. Members are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors. The Melody Makers from Magdalen College in Warner will entertain. This group has performed in the area with songs from the '20s to today. Don't miss the fun. The public is welcome; no admission charge; refreshments will follow. The business meeting will start at 7:30, with entertainment at 8:00.

A date to remember -- October 16 -- Candidates' Night. It will be held at Bradford Elementary School at 7:30 pm. Come and meet some of the candidates. Peter Bakke, Barbara French, Amy Patenaude, Bernie Lammach, Richard Herman, Peter Spaulding, and Richard French will be there to answer any questions you might have.

Fair workshops are being held on Wednesdays for the month of October (except the 23rd) at Jane Lucas's, 9:30 am. In addition, workshops will be held Monday, October 7 at Marlene Freyler's at 10:00 am and Thursday, October 24, 9:30 at Jane Lucas's. Call Jane Lucas if you plan to attend. Help is always needed. If you have any ideas you care to share, don't hesitate. We would like to see all active members participate in some way. --Marilyn Gordon, Publicity

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#### TOWN CLERK

##### Marriages:

September 1. Leonard Lamarca and Bethia Jane Reed  
September 7. Peter John Strickland and Karen Laurinda Esling  
September 29. Keith Daniel Putirka and Heather Marie Bacon.

#### TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills will be going out the beginning of November. Thus they will be due approximately December 17.

Absentee ballots for the November election are not yet in. I expect to receive them around October 10. If you wish to receive one, please contact the town clerk's office.

Because Monday, October 14 is a holiday (Columbus Day), the office will be closed Friday, October 11, Monday, October 14, and Tuesday, October 15. It will open at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 18. Normal hours resume on Monday, October 21. We apologize for any inconvenience this change of hours may cause.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 2:00-7:00; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon.  
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Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

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**Moon Mountain Arts presents jazz concert on October 12**

Moon Mountain Arts announces the first program in its 1996/97 *Arts in Bradford* program series: *The David Tonkin Jazz Group*. The concert will be held on Saturday, October 12, at 7:30 in Bradford's First Baptist Church.

The Tonkin Group will play a vast array of tunes by jazz composers from the last fifty years. Some of the band's favorites are Wayne Shorter, Duke Ellington and Dave Holland. Their repertoire also includes original Tonkin compositions filled with swing and samba rhythms.

The New Hampshire-based quartet includes guitarist David Tonkin, saxophonist Matt Langley, bassist Don Williams, and drummer Eric Hughes. Tonkin and Langley started their musical adventures in 1977 with a group called ESP (Experimental Sound Project). Through the years, they have played together in various bands, including *The Units* and *Out of the Blue*.

Tonkin is a faculty member of the Concord Community Music School. Williams (currently on the faculty of Plymouth State College) performs with the fusion band *Raccoon Beach* and has played to audiences from Los Angeles to New York, including the Rainbow Room and Blue Note in New York. Hughes (also a Plymouth State College faculty member) has performed in the IAJE Festival in Atlanta and throughout New England.

The *Arts in Bradford* Series will continue with a production of *Voices of the Spirit Land* performed by Pontine Movement Theatre on December 29; by popular request, a re-creation of *Town Meeting*, an original two-act comedy (rewritten by Rebecca Rule to include a town chorus) on March 1; and a concert of Baroque, classical, and contemporary chamber music by *Infinites* on May 18. This final program includes an interactive sampling of their Young People's Programs, with a performance of *Peter and the Wolf*, complete with costume and narration.

Moon Mountain Arts promotes arts, educational and cultural events in Bradford. Representatives include members of the Bradford Women's Club, Historical Society, Business Association, Artists & Artisans, First Baptist Church, and Friends of Brown Memorial Library.

Tickets will be available at Dodge's or at the door. Series cost is \$20; single advance is \$6; at the door, \$7.50; and for starving artists and students, \$5 apiece. To reserve tickets, call Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.



*Gene Schmidt and John Makens secure the corners of the new observation tower at the Bradford Bog.*

**Bradford Bog tower completed**

The final stages of the Bradford Bog tower project were completed with the construction of an observation tower by members of the Bradford Conservation Commission.

Under the guidance and expertise of Perry Teele and Gene Schmidt, the observation tower was constructed of sturdy hemlock boards on a bright sunny Sunday, with the help of Amy Blitzer, Ann Eldridge, and Mary Hopwood. Assisting the group were two kind ladies from the Hillsborough Conservation Commission, who were visiting the bog and who graciously helped with the heavy lifting and nailing of the tower. Their help was greatly appreciated!

Putting the final touches on the project, Gene Schmidt and John Makens bolted down the corners and secured the framework to add strength to the structure.

From the tower, one can see the bog and the surrounding hills at their finest, and we are sure it will be especially beautiful when the leaves change color!

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**NH Main Street Program topic of BBA meeting**

Christopher Closs, Chairman of the Board of the New Hampshire Main Street Center, and Kathy LaPlante, Director, will be the featured speakers at the October 21 meeting of the Bradford Business Association. New Hampshire Main Street Center was organized two years ago to form a statewide Main Street program through the National Main Street Division of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. At this time, more than twenty communities in New Hampshire have made application of intent to participate in this program.

At the meeting, there will also be a report on the meeting of the Concord Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Development meeting which was held in late September.

The Governor's Council will hold its monthly breakfast meeting on October 9 at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn, sponsored by the Business Association. There will be a reception, open to the public, from 9:15 to 10:00 am, followed by the Council meeting, 10:00 - noon.

The Bradford Business Association now has seventy-two business members. --Debbie Lamach

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# Letters

To the editor:

At the September 11 Selectmen's meeting, Fire Chief Mark Goldberg raised the issue of safety concerning the location of the Independence Day fireworks display. Kudos to Mr. Goldberg ... the safety of the people attending the Fourth of July festivities should be our town's top priority. Now that Mr. Goldberg has so courageously brought this issue to the attention of the Selectmen (those responsible for assuring the safety of the community and limiting the town's liability exposure), steps must be taken to openly correct those areas which could pose problems. If we are to continue our wonderful Fourth of July event, it must be with a firm foundation. As Mr. Goldberg has pointed out, the safety of those supporting our community events must be the cornerstone of that foundation. I look to the Selectmen to take the necessary actions and communicate the resolution of these issues back to the community.

Tom Scribner

## Indonesia, Land of Diversity, is Second Monday Niter program

The Second Monday Niters of the First Baptist Church, New London, will open the 96/97 season on October 14 at 7:30 pm at the church. The program "Indonesia, Land of Diversity," by Mari and Dick Hook, was snowed out last January.

Mr. and Mrs. Hook will present slides and background of the island people and their crafts, their dependence on nature, and how the economy reflects their livelihood. Mari Hook, sister of Dr. Steve Jordan of New London, has a background in arts and education. Dick Hook, now retired, was associated with the Harvard Institute of International Development.

The program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. --Gladys Smith

## Three Bradford artists exhibit in New London show

Sandy Wadlington, Ann Eldridge, and Amy Blitzer are exhibiting their work at the Mugar Art Gallery at Colby Sawyer College. The show, called "Celebrating Community," is an art exhibition presented as part of the festivities surrounding the inauguration of Anne Ponder as seventh president of Colby Sawyer College. The exhibit includes works from area artists and faculty, juried by the college art faculty. The show runs through October 13.

Sandy Wadlington is showing a small pastel landscape of a pine forest at the edge of a field with an early winter sunset. Ann Eldridge's etching is a composition contrasting a lush vibrant tropical rain forest with a snowy New England winter. Amy Blitzer's abstract sculpture is made from Bradford butternut and sea-washed granite from Maine.



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## Warner Senior Center lunch menus

The Warner Senior Center serves daily lunches, with transportation provided as needed. Monthly luncheons are held in Webster, New London, and Hopkinton. Other activities include transportation to the Market Basket every Wednesday. Every Thursday, transportation is provided to Concord for shopping, doctor and dentist visits. Bingo is played every Tuesday and Friday.

Lunches for the month of October are: 1-Shepherd's Pie, 2-Chicken with tarragon cream sauce, 3-Roast pork with gravy, 4-turkey stuffed peppers, 7-Baked stuffed fish with white sauce, 8-Beef stroganoff, 9-Chicken ala king, 10-Mild chili with cheddar cheese, 11-Macaroni and cheese, 14-Holiday, no lunch, 15-Liver with onions or hamburger with gravy, 16-Chicken cacciatore, 17-Turkey stew, 18-Swedish meatballs, 21-Baked cod with dill sauce, 22-Spaghetti with meat sauce, 23-Sauteed beef with onions and peppers, 24-Baked stuffed chicken with gravy, 25-vegetable lasagna.

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**Bradford-Newbury Workshop news**

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop has received a big THANK YOU from the Haven Home for the homeless, thanking the group for its many donations of clothing, money and gifts for children. The Home is extremely gratified for our continuing care for the homeless.

The Workshop will hold its annual Student Exchange Luncheon on Thursday, October 10, at noon. We will celebrate French culture, food and the on-going student exchange program, which sends New Hampshire students abroad and, in turn, welcomes foreign students to our state.

If you would like to attend and have not signed up to help, call Clare Bensley, 938-5482, for a list of items needed for the "French Connection." In addition to French cooking, French costumes, music, poetry, etc. are also welcome.

Meetings are held at the Friendship House in South Newbury.

**Bradford Newbury**

**Kindergarten/Preschool news**

Another wonderful year has started for the children in the Bradford Newbury Kindergarten/Preschool. Returning this year are their teacher Mrs. Susan Kingsbury and her assistant, Mrs. Jonas Cosgrove. We are so fortunate to have them with us to guide and teach our children.

The children will be visiting Gould Hill Apple Orchard in Hopkinton for some apple picking and cider sampling in the latter part of September. They are also enjoying their weekly music program with Kathy Lowe on Tuesdays and storytime at the Library on Wednesdays.

Gracious thanks to everyone who supported the bake sale on Primary Day. We look forward to providing you with more home-baked goodies in November. --Donna Marr

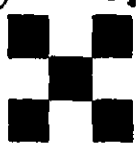
**Bradford Historical Society notes**

You just had to be there! Members were privileged to tour the Franklin Pierce Homestead in Hillsborough as guests of the Hillsborough Historical Society. If you haven't visited this historic gem of a restoration (still in progress, but mostly completed), it's a wonderful tour. Open most weekends - call ahead. Our tour guide, Jim Marvin, recommended a good biography, *Franklin Pierce*, by Roy Nichols, which has recently been reprinted.

The Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on October 23 at 7:30 in the Old Post Office Society Headquarters. Marc Violette will give us the younger generation's perspective on the history of Merrimack County Telephone Company (celebrating 100 years this year). Simply scrumptious dessert will follow. Members are invited to bring prospective members to this meeting.

"Christmas in the Country" weekend will be celebrated December 6-8, and the Historical Society will join the festivities with an Historical House Tour. The Headquarters will be open on Saturday afternoon, the 7th, for holiday cheer and tour tickets, and the Schoolhouse at the Center will be part of the tour. More about all of this to follow. We are looking for houses to add to the tour, especially in the Main Street area. If your house is of historic interest and if you are willing to lend it to our tender, loving care, please call Nancy Hibbard at 938-2301.

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## Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Travelers George Sykes and his wife, Jayne Buckley, enjoy self-guided nature trips photographing wildlife and sharing their experiences with audiences through illustrated talks. The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter invites you to attend their slide program, "The Flora and Fauna of Chile," on Friday, October 11, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

These programs are provided as a public service and there is always an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers. Participants may also select books from the naturalists library with assistance from librarian, Amy Whitlock. Refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, October 19, Clare Bensley has organized a hike on Bald Sunapee Mountain. The five-mile round-trip trail is considered moderately strenuous. Hopefully, hikers will be rewarded with lingering foliage and the excellent visibility usual at this time of year. Participants should bring a lunch and meet at the Bald Sunapee Garden Center on Route 103 in Newbury at 10:00 am. Rain date is Sunday, October 20. For more information on either of these programs, call Clare Bensley, 938-5482.

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## Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

The Women's Christian Guild will hold an open meeting on Friday, October 4 at 2:00 in the vestry. Guest speaker will be Terry Lockhead, President of Children's Alliance of New Hampshire. Her topic: Children in our own backyard.

American Baptist Women's Ministries invites all women in our community to come and hear Dr. Ronald Dieter, Pastor Counselor, talk on the subject "Balance in our lives" on Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 pm in the vestry.

Our Men's Fellowship will be hosting an American Baptist Men's breakfast on Saturday, October 12 at 8:30 am. Menu will consist of pancakes, bacon, homefries, juice and coffee. A freewill offering will be taken.

The regular meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be held at the home of Milton Brennan on Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30 pm. Agenda for the evening will be table/board games and refreshments.

Our two community youth groups will go to Peak Orchards in Henniker on Sunday, October 13, for an afternoon of apple picking. Some of the apples will be given out at our next Food Pantry distribution day. Grades 4-6 will pick from 1:30-3:00; grades 7-12 will pick from 3:30-5:00.

The Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, October 16, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Sunday, October 20, is American Baptist Women's Sunday. Women will lead the entire worship service. Our annual meeting will be held immediately following the service.

Stewardship Sunday is October 27. Our theme this year is "God put the whole world in our hands." A baby dedication will be held during the service.

Our youth groups will meet at the home of Dick and Phyllis Whall the afternoon of the 27th. Agenda: Halloween bingo, ping pong, and other games. Youth are invited to bring their favorite snack to share. Grades 4-6 meet 2:30-4:00; grades 7-12, 4:30-6:00.

A potluck dinner and hymn sing are planned for the evening of the 27th, beginning at 6:00. Folks are asked to bring a salad, main dish or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

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# Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach



First of all, thanks to the many people who came out for the primary and thanks also for the splendid support I received. This district had one of the better turnouts for what was predicted to be a light voter day.

Thoughts of our recent events in Bradford compel me to "soap box" a little this month. It is a factor of human nature to find that someone is "at fault" whatever the situation that befalls us. We have a natural aversion to being "at fault" because, I guess, as kids punishment followed blame. Often we have "blame avoidance" to a fine art.

My point is that we don't need to accept blame if it is unwarranted, but if we find ourselves in a tough spot, we can accept some responsibility for correcting the situation.

The town of Bradford is now going through a review of our economic situation and updating our master plan. The Bradford Business Association has been working the past several months to encourage and evolve a plan for economic improvement. The missing ingredient has been townspeople. Now the thoughts and ideas of many individuals were sought out in the recent (September 21) forum sponsored by the Selectmen and the Bradford Voters Coalition. Included were people from different organizations and average citizens. Many ideas were floated to make our town more attractive. All of the plans will involve citizens, town government, state government, and possibly federal money too.

Just as a chorus is made up of individuals, each singing a simple tune separately, the result is a great and resonant sound that is

pleasant to hear, and greater than the parts. Our area has distinct voices as well, although I've not heard a lot of harmony since we arrived here thirteen years ago.

Several events, such as our bicentennial celebration, utilized everybody in a large harmonious event that lasted for a full year and involved every organization in town.

I encourage every person to take an active part in efforts which can improve our town and our future outlook. We need to join the chorus and sing out of the same songbook. We need to generate the same feeling of positive outlook and dedication as we did during the bicentennial.

The bottom line is that you can't help what happens to you, but you can decide what to do about it.

Considering the crescendo of changes recently to our town, we need to find the right "pitch" so we can all harmonize.



## John Brown's Corner

by Milly Kittredge

The sale of the Brackett-Brown house on the corner of Route 114 and Old Warner Road on September 19 ends one family's ownership of a piece of Bradford land since the 1780s, and one of very few which can trace direct descendency from the beginnings of Bradford. The house had been owned by Janice Eisenman, Brackett Scheffy's aunt. The new owners are Sue Ann and Andrew Siarto, from Concord.

Deacon John Brown, born 1741, came to Bradford early enough to sign the petition for incorporation of Bradford in 1787. He died in 1818 and he and several descendants are buried in town. He was an active part of the beginnings of Bradford and his land extended from Ring Hill to the river. His son, John Brown Jr. (1777-1856), also held several town offices. He had six children, a daughter Nancy (1817-1862) married Ambrose S. Brackett. They lived a few houses up Old Warner Road, where John Q.A. Brackett was born in 1842. In 1848, Ambrose built the house on the corner, and moved his family there. (In the 1830's, the house site was a school.) In 1858, he had a shoe repair shop across the road, and eventually built an ell on the house, moving his repair shop to the back of his home. The gate to enter his shop is still in the picket fence on the Sutton Road side of the house.

John Q.A. Brackett lived in the corner house until he went away to school. Afterward, he set up a law practice in Boston. Among the many offices he held were Representative, the Massachusetts Judiciary Council, and in 1889, Governor of Massachusetts. His children, John G. born 1879, and Beatrice, born 1888, summered with the family at the house on the corner. John G., among his many offices, was a Representative, District Attorney, and Justice of the Municipal Court of Boston. His children, John, Janice (Eisenman), and June (Scheffy) continued the tradition of summer visits. For a short while, June's son, Brackett Scheffy, and his family

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# State House News

by Marcia Keller

The 1996 legislative session has ended, but already new bills are being introduced. In the brief interim, it is time to look at some of the newly enacted laws that will affect how our local government is carried out.

Chapter 36 (HB 1161) reduces from two to one the number of sessions that must be held by the Supervisors of the Checklist to make corrections or changes prior to an election. The new law specifies that one required session must be held on the Saturday ten days prior to the election unless that Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, in which case the session is to be held on Tuesday, seven days before the election.

Several new laws relate to planning and zoning issues.

Chapter 43 (HB 1268) provides that the process for repealing a zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance, or a building code, is the same method as that used for amending such regulations, i.e., by ballot as spelled out in RSA 675:3 & 4. Chapter 43 also makes it clear that the "person aggrieved" for purposes of appealing a zoning board decision to superior court under RSA 677:4 is the same party allowed by RSA 677:2 to request a rehearing before the board (any party to the action or anyone directly affected).

Chapter 42 (HB 1283) requires a vote by official ballot on a change from elected to appointed planning board or to reverse such a decision.

Chapter 217 (HB 1155) provides that the number of alternates allowed for elected planning and zoning boards be increased from three to five (bringing elected boards in line with those that are appointed) and the terms for alternates shall be on a staggered basis as it is for elected members.

Copies of individual laws are available from the NH State Library, 20 Park St., Concord 03301, 271-2239 at 20 cents per page or from NHMA, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, 224-7447 at \$1.00 per bill. Order by chapter number.

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## Blue News ... report from the Police Department

by Kathy Grindle

We would like to thank all of those who gave input into the Police Management Survey. Without your help, we could not have had an honest evaluation.

The Department is pleased to announce that part-time officer Robert Varley has passed all testing and has been appointed to replace Robbie MacLeod as the full-time officer. Officer Varley beat out a field of ten candidates for the position. Congratulations!

John Roberts of Bradford has been appointed as a part-time officer. John, his wife Deidra and their son Tyler, live in Fisherfield apartments. He is originally from Massachusetts and his wife is from Louisiana. We would like to welcome Officer Roberts aboard.

The number of incidents through the 26th of September was 109 with 1 assault, 2 alarm activations, 2 confiscations of marijuana, 3 reports of criminal mischief, 3 domestic incidents, 4 thefts/burglaries, 4 reports of harassment/threats, 4 juvenile complaints, 5 animal complaints, 6 reports of suspicious person/motor vehicle, 11 unsecured buildings, 20 assists to other departments, rescue, etc. The Dept. also issued 34 warnings, 1 summons, and made 4 arrests (2 were the same person). Two parking tickets were also issued.

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Representing Que Pasa along with Donna were John Bamber and Phil Richardson. This is the second International Chili Society cookoff that Que Pasa has entered, winning the People's Choice Award at both.

The combination of a chili cookoff and a brewfest proved to be a huge success. Two live bands played throughout the day and the weather was gorgeous. Loon Mountain had the gondola running, taking mountain bikers to the top for an unforgettable run down the ski slopes.

Located on Route 114 in the center of Henniker, Que Pasa is in the same building as Henniker Tan and Philip R. Richardson, CPA. Offering fine Mexican dining and take-out, Que Pasa is open daily and fresh seafood specials are offered every weekend.

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# In the Woods, by Chris Lincoln

Last spring I had the opportunity to develop an in-depth forest management plan for the property of a local couple. It was an unusual property: it had been extensively logged prior to the present owners buying it, so there was very little quality timber to manage. However, there were several excellent wetlands and a wide variety of wildlife habitats. The property was also home to a small stand of Atlantic white cedar, a relatively rare tree in this state. The stand was similar to that found on the Bradford Bog property. The plan was a challenge to write because there was little I could recommend for timber management except to let it grow. However, there was a wealth of things to say about the wildlife, wetlands, and unusual plants.

The landowners were very interested in wildlife and in protecting the wetlands. A non-typical management plan was needed to address these priorities. In addition to collecting the usual information on forest conditions, I also contracted with two specialists, a botanist and an avid bird-watcher. The botanist classified the wetland areas and identified most of the wetland plants found in each, while the other naturalist did an informal study of birds occupying the property this spring. All information was compiled and included in the management plan.

This experience confirms that all properties and landowners are different and each situation may require a different approach to management. I am often asked by prospective clients if they really need a formal written management plan at all. The answer to this question depends on a number of factors.

1. Perhaps the most important question is: What are the landowners' goals and objectives for managing the property? Are they strictly interested in managing their forest as a timber investment? Are they interested in hunting or viewing wildlife on their property? Do they cross-country ski or hike? If there are a variety of interests to be met in

the management of the property, a management plan is a useful tool.

2. How diverse is the property? If the forest types are very consistent, a management plan may not be as crucial as when there are a wide variety of forest types or non-forested areas, such as wetlands, fields, or rocky inaccessible areas.

3. How large is the property? On a small property, it is fairly easy to get familiar with the forest; however, on a larger property, a management plan helps clarify the condition of each part of the forest and organize the timing of management activities.

4. When was the property bought? If it was purchased within the past year or so, the owners may want a plan which includes an assessment of the timber value. This value may be an important number when it comes time to figure income taxes after a timber sale.

Most consulting foresters offer a variety of management plans to suit the needs of clients. For a relatively small property, perhaps all that is needed is a woodlot exam. This is a brief plan based on informal observations while walking through the property. It describes each area of the forest and gives recommendations regarding scheduling and types of harvest that would be beneficial.

For a larger property where the owners are interested in managing a variety of resources, a more detailed plan is needed. Most plans of this nature start out with a list of the landowners' goals and objectives. This requires that the owners really think about why they own the property and what they expect to accomplish through management.


Detailed plans usually include a scientific timber inventory based on sample plots taken throughout the forest. This information is used to estimate the total timber volume and value of the forest, and to evaluate the grow-

ing conditions in each area. General information is also collected on wildlife habitat features, recreational opportunities, cultural features (cellar holes, etc.) and unusual plant communities.

Generally, a forest type map is included, which illustrates the location of different types of trees, as well as trails, wetlands, wildlife habitats, and other information. Detailed plans also make suggestions for protecting water and soil resources and maintaining the aesthetics of the forest.

Management plans can be tailored both to the interests and needs of the landowners and the conditions of the forest. They are a useful tool in planning and implementing management activities, but more importantly, they are a tool for the landowners to prioritize their goals and a means to more fully understand their forest.

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



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# A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

This little town of ours is certainly a busy place. There seem to be three meetings on any given evening. Now, with a population of just over 1400, either every man, woman and child attends at least one gathering every week, or the same 100 folks are out three or four times every week. We need a coordinator!

I am serious about a Town coordinator or a central calendar, where the numerous groups and committees can check to see whose pet project they are about to obliterate when they schedule a meeting for a particular day. The *Bridge* certainly recognizes this need and tries to fill the gap by publishing all the information that is given to them about meetings, gatherings and events that are already scheduled.

To illustrate this point, let me list some of the standing weekly, bi-monthly or monthly gatherings: Conservation, Cemetery, Square Dancing, Library Trustees, Bradford Food Pantry, Friends of the Library, Master Plan Update, Planning Board, Selectmen, Kindergarten, AA, Historical Society, Water & Sewer, Union Congregational Society, Fire Dept., BVC, BBA, Rescue, Road, Fish & Game, Whist, three or four Baptist Church groups, Masons, Youth Sports, PTO, Grange, ZBA, Woman's Club, Moon Mtn Arts, etc., etc. (Sorry if your favorite project is missing from the above list).

It would take the population of a small city to flesh out all of these endeavors without using the same people over and over again. It is remarkable to have so many active organizations in one tiny town. It is a shame that so many of these groups have tunnel vision and are only interested in and are only concerned with their own agenda. There is, of course, only so much time and energy for any one of us to contribute.

Last month, at the all day Town Forum on the future of Bradford, the clearest fact was that we need to plan and pull together, if what is left in Bradford isn't to go the way of the Bradford IGA, The Village Mart and The Marketplace.

A case in point ... the need for a Town Calendar ... hit my desk via the Bradford Jungle Drums (lately known as WIGA). The second and fourth Friday evenings of each month have been set aside for Whist. These evenings were started four years ago as a way to bring people from different groups together, to have fun, relax, and to raise funds. At least six of the organizations mentioned above benefit directly from The Whist Society. At the end of each year all funds are divided amongst the organizations who have sponsored an evening. One session each month is set aside for the Food Pantry; the balance goes out to the other sponsoring organizations. Whist funds have bought fish for the annual Fishing Derby, contributed to the Woman's Club swim program, helped *The Bradford Bridge* with overhead expenses.

You do realize that Whist is one of my favorite babies. When I heard that there has been a request to reserve Town Hall for Friday Night Bingo, I flipped. Burdette's Auction draws lots of people away from Whist; Bingo would sound its death knell.

If we, as a town, knew what our left hand was doing, while watching our favorite right hand, we might just end up with water and sewer, a grocery store and some harmony among our dozens of endeavors. Tunnel vision can become a fatal disease.

## News from the Bradford Building Dept.

It has been a very busy summer and there has been a lot of building in town. There were numerous additions, decks, remodeling and new housing starts.

I have recently been involved with the town's compliance with Phase II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.). In order to comply with Phase II, we need to establish a committee to study existing problems regarding issues such as availability of services and employment. The town is looking for volunteers for this committee. We would appreciate any help in this search, including individuals with a vested interest. Interested individuals may contact either the Selectmen's office (938-5900) or myself (938-2055). I will hope to hear from those interested in the near future.

Concerns have also been raised with regard to building without a permit. This is a subject which we will be addressing in the future, as well as possible regulations for multi-residential commercial property.

It is not necessary to obtain a building permit to paint your house. I also believe that paint and yard work will not bring about a tax increase. --Chip Meany, Bradford Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer

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Imagine a grocery in Bradford selling quality merchandise to members and non-members, staffed by paid employees, with guidance from voting members. That's a vision we can work toward -- IF there is enough support and energy among area residents. This survey is designed to gauge that support.

If you would like the convenience of shopping in town and the opportunity to be part of the decision-making process, please take a few minutes to thoughtfully answer these questions. Then, if your interest is piqued, come to a meeting on Thursday, October 10, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Topics will include presenting the survey results and discussing what's involved in setting up a grocery co-op. Remember -- co-ops are guided by member decisions. Your input and interest are valuable. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!**

The deadline to return surveys is October 6. Surveys may be mailed to Survey, P.O. Box 516, Bradford, or dropped at Dodge's or in the box at the post office. This survey is not limited to Bradford residents. If you know of others who'd like a copy, additional survey can be picked up at Dodge's. For more information, call Nancy Scribner, 938-2286.

## SHOPPING HABITS

1. How many people live in your residence?  one  two  three  four  five or more
2. How often do you purchase groceries?  every few days  once a week  every two weeks  monthly
3. Is it more convenient to purchase groceries near your:  workplace  home
4. Do you normally complete your grocery shopping at one store or do you shop at multiple stores?  
 one store  multiple stores If you shop at multiple stores, why? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Rate your selection criteria by numbering the boxes 1-4, with 1 being the most important.  
 brand  quality  cost  health factors
6. With regard to health factors, your selection criteria is based on (check all that apply):  
 organic  no preservatives  reduced fat  reduced sodium  none of these  other \_\_\_\_\_
7. How often do you purchase prepared deli items (sandwiches, salads, entrees)?  
 frequently  occasionally  never
8. Have you ever special-ordered grocery items?  yes  no  
If yes, what items? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What grocery items do you have the most difficulty finding now? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you sometimes purchase food items in bulk?  yes  no  
If yes, what items? \_\_\_\_\_  
Purchased at:  food co-op  wholesale club (like Sam's Club)

## FEATURES OF A BRADFORD CO-OP

11. Would "quality" be important enough that you would be willing to pay slightly more at a Bradford co-op?  yes  no
12. Would "convenience" be important enough to you that you would be willing to pay slightly more at a Bradford co-op?  yes  no
13. Is the convenience of having Lake Sunapee Bank open when you grocery shop a factor for you?  
 yes  no
14. Are there any special features or items that you would like to see at a Bradford co-op?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please turn over to complete survey

## FEATURES OF ABRADFORD CO-OP, cont.

15. If the co-op initially could be open only limited hours, what hours would be more useful to you?  
(select approximately 20 hours)

- Monday 7:00-noon     Monday 4:00-8:00     Saturday 7:00-noon     Saturday 8:00-8:00  
 Tuesday 7:00-noon     Tuesday 4:00-8:00     Sunday 9:00-1:00  
 Wednesday 7:00-noon     Wednesday 4:00-8:00     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thursday 7:00-noon     Thursday 4:00-8:00  
 Friday 7:00-noon     Friday 4:00-8:00

16. Place a checkmark in the column that describes how frequently you purchase each of these items:  
weekly      monthly      occasionally      never

fresh produce  
fresh fish  
meat & chicken  
bakery items  
deli items, prepared foods  
wine  
beer  
cheeses  
local products  
fruit juices  
health food bulk items  
fresh pasta  
frozen prepared foods  
organic products  
baby food, kids' snacks  
health & beauty aids  
other

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. If the co-op selection initially must be limited, what items would you most likely want to purchase in Bradford? To the left of the items in the preceding list, write numbers 1-5 next to the top five items.

## INTEREST

18. Does a cooperative grocery seem like a good idea to you?  yes  no  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Would you be likely to patronize such a store regularly?  yes  no  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Do you shop at a food co-op now?  yes  no  
If you answered yes, why do you use it? (Check all that apply)  freshness  organic  selection  
 cost savings from bulk purchases  social aspects of co-op  other \_\_\_\_\_

21. Would you like to participate in the establishment of this co-op?  yes  no

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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(optional)

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**Habitat for Humanity is 20;  
Kearsarge/Sunapee is 8**

Habitat for Humanity International celebrated its twentieth anniversary this month by doing what it was founded to do: build more houses. The first week was marked in the headquarters town of Americus, GA, by what is called a "blitz build," hundreds of people building 20 houses in five days. Later in the month, the 50,000th house built worldwide was constructed in Pensacola, FL.

Habitat for Humanity of the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area, one of some 1200 affiliates in the United States, was organized in 1988 and completed its first house in 1989. It started its eighth home in August, maintaining its schedule of building one house a year. The family who will own the house must devote several hundred hours to building their own and future homes. This "sweat equity" is part of the commitment the family makes, because Habitat for Humanity doesn't build houses for people in need, but with people in need as equal partners.

In addition to building new houses, Habitat for Humanity affiliates renovate existing houses to improve living conditions for the owner-residents. Such renovations include adding bedrooms, rejuvenating plumbing, repairing roofs, and installing insulation.

Since its was organized, Habitat for Humanity of the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area has renovated seven houses. With the new homes built, a total of 52 area people have been beneficiaries of improved living conditions in these renovated and new homes. Nationwide, at the end of 1995, there were more than 48,000 people living in houses built and improved by Habitat.

This year, HFHK/SA modified its administration by establishing the position of Executive Director. That position is filled by Ed Johnson, one of its organizers and a past president. Dr. John Ohler is the current president, heading a fifteen-member Board of Directors. HFHK/SA builds and renovates homes in Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. Anyone wishing more information about volunteering to work, contributing money or land, or applying for a new home or renovation in this area can call 526-8464.

**Planning Board actions in September**

**September 10.** A public hearing was held for the Library Thrift Shop, both to accept and approve the application. In response to questions, Library Trustee Sandy Wadlington said the shop would probably close around Columbus Day because the building had no heat. If the library bond is not approved at town meeting, she said they would plan to reopen the thrift shop next summer. The board felt the major problem was the lack of water and septic. Wadlington said they could rent a port-a-potty, but felt it was unnecessary because of the proximity of other toilet options. She said the Trustees feel this has been a very successful fundraiser, receiving no negative comments. The Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the Library Thrift Shop site plan.

The matter of the ongoing yard sale at the Marketplace building was discussed. Jim Hume reported that he had notified Building Inspector Chip Meany. The Board agreed that the owner should apply to the Planning Board for a modified site plan. A letter will be sent to Karl Salathe asking him to either apply for the modified site plan or close the business.

The Board discussed the Sanborns' antiques business further up Main Street and agreed to send a similar letter, requesting a site plan application.

The upcoming town forum was discussed, with the Board agreeing that a record of the meeting would be useful as Master Plan input.

**September 24.** The first part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the master plan. The scope of the plan was debated, whether it should provide general guidelines or a more detailed plan for the town over the next five years.

Robin Sanborn met to discuss her site plan application for a "seasonal retail shop" for

the antiques business now open in a former restaurant building in front of her home on Main Street. The Board agreed that parking was adequate, the site was non-conforming, and solid waste disposal was not applicable. A public hearing was set for October 8.

Beth Thompson, who manages the indoor flea market at the Marketplace, met as Karl Salathe's representative to discuss modifying the property's existing site plan. The Board agreed that a simple modification was all that was required; Thompson completed the necessary paperwork and the application was accepted.

After Thompson left, the Board reviewed correspondence, which included a letter from Family & Friends Garage expressing concern about the ongoing flea market at the Marketplace. Of particular concern was changes in the parking pattern and children running in the area used by the garage. The Board agreed to send copies of the letter to Thompson and Salathe.

The Board approved a motion made by Jim Hume that the Planning Board should not rule on any site plan presented by a tenant without the written approval of the property owner.

Temporary signage was discussed, with Chair Perry Teele commenting that the Zoning Ordinance basically says "People can put up signs anywhere unless the Selectmen say you can't." He commented that this has been a problem for years, with policing any decision being a concern. Applying any decision evenly could affect the temporary signs of town organizations, such as for Fourth of July events. No action was taken.

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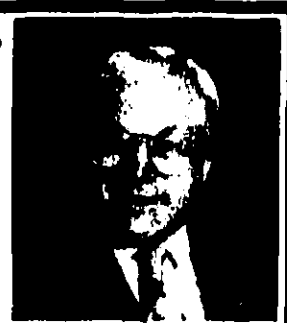
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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - October 1896

There will be an auction at the parsonage on Tuesday, October 20, at one o'clock. Household goods and appurtenances of almost every kind and description will be for sale; also, a horse, buggy, harness and sleigh.

Many of our citizens are taking advantage of the excursion rates to Boston this week.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - September 1946

The tennis court at the Bradford Inn will be lighted and flooded this winter and used for a hockey rink. There is a Canadian wood-chopper that will play on the Bradford Sutton hockey team.

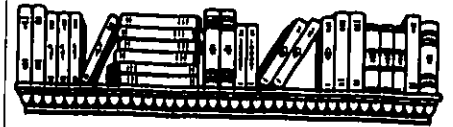
**... and from Bradford Historical  
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*selected by Milly Kittredge*

October 1897. The Gillis Hotel, or old Raymond House, in Lafayette Square burned, displacing four boarders, burning a nearby house, the livery stable, the King's Daughters meeting room, and records. Three days later another fire burned the Withington Farm on Cheney Hill.

October 1898. Rand and Cheney have placed a dynamo in their mill and have their own lighting.

October 1899. The local newspaper carries excerpts from "The Bounding Billow," an account of the battle of Manila Bay.



**BOOK REVIEW  
by Pauline Dishmon**

TRYING TO SAVE PIGGY SNEED

by John Irving

Arcade Publishing, NY 1996

Available at Brown Memorial Library

This book offers a selection of short stories, some fiction, others non-fiction. The first is about Piggy Sneed, a retarded garbage collector who is teased and taunted by kids living on Front Street in a fictitious town. Piggy smelled worse than a dead man. He lived on a pig farm, raised and slaughtered pigs and, when tormented by the kids, squealed back in terror. Apparently the story came from real life. Irving's grandmother was kind to a real Piggy character, but no matter how much she talked to him, he never answered back. When the kids grew up, they became aware of Piggy's retardation and frequent drinking. In the story, Piggy's pigsty home burns down. His body is missing. You'll have to read the rest. (Irving attributes his becoming a writer to his grandmother's good manners and kindness to a fellow like Piggy.)

*My Dinner at the White House* had me laughing out loud. Irving's humor took Dan Quayle to task for some of his famous quotes: "I have made good judgments in the future." Another lasting quote which appeared during the Murphy Brown critique of 1991 was even funnier: "Republicans understand the importance of bondage between mother and child," said the former vice president. Irving says, "And we thought Henry Kissinger spoke English as a second language."

*Almost in Iowa* is about a man and his Volvo automobile. This unnamed fellow leaves his wife at a party without letting her know his whereabouts until he arrives in Illinois. In the end, Irving sympathizes with the Volvo which, in the story, is vandalized at a motel and later, back on the highway, is hit by a cement mixer.

All the book's pieces first appeared in other sources. Some titles include *The Imaginary Girlfriend*, *Inner Space*, *Brennbar's Rant*, *Other People's Dreams*, and *Weary Kingdom*. Author notes appear after each story.

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What goes around, comes around. This old adage is most fitting for the first hike of the '96 Walkabout of the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition. Louise Jacewicz and Deborah Coffin, Springfield selectmen, gave Natalie Davis, SRKG Coalition's publicity chairman, a coin commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town, which will be carried by hikers on the entire Walkabout. This ceremony marked the opening of a new segment of the Greenway in Springfield, which will be called the Proctorworth Trail, coming from Springfield's original name. Cynthia Bruss, co-chair of the SRK Greenway Coalition and representative from Springfield, erected a new sign indicating the trail's name.

September 7, seventeen people began the SRKG Coalition's third annual Walkabout, which will continue with weekend hikes through October 19. All hikes begin at 9:30 am. It is advisable to call the contact person for information on where the meeting place is.

Saturday, October 5. Winslow State Park, Wilmot to Proctor Academy, Andover. Contact Cynthia Bruss, 763-4570.

Sunday, October 6. Proctor Academy, Andover to New Canada Rd., Wilmot. Contact Bill Hoffman, 735-5827.

Saturday, October 12. New Canada Road, Wilmot to Wilmot Center. Contact George Howe, 526-4559.

Sunday, October 13. Wilmot Center to Pleasant Lake. Contact Bill Best, 526-9367.

Saturday, October 19. Pleasant Lake to Springfield/New London Road. Contact Ruth White, 763-4893. An additional hike on Ragged Mountain is scheduled for October 6.

# At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

Booksellers and owners of *Books by the Lake*, Carol and Frank Cullinan, started their business in a new 28' x 36' barn with a few shelves "around the edges" on the first floor. In just three years, they have nearly filled their well-lighted two-story space with an orderly display of 40,000 books. The business has consumed their lives. No longer do trips to Maine mean leisurely lobster dinners by the shore or time to sit on the beach and read--they travel to buy books.

Their location (on Route 114 with a view of Lake Massasacum) is part of an area booksellers' trail, a popular day trip for New England and Boston book collectors, readers, and dealers--a meander from Henniker to Bradford, Goshen and Warner. The Cullinans are one of 76 book dealer members of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Booksellers Association, who own bookstores from Lancaster to Fitzwilliam to Portsmouth to Gorham.



Anticipating her husband Frank's retirement from New England College, Carol (who learned the business working for a Henniker bookseller) was the spark behind the business.

They built their Bradford house in 1983. Before adding the barn, Carol weighed the merits of opening a business in a rental property against opening a business at

home. She chose home, believing that when there were no customers, she would have time to do yard work or "throw a few potatoes in the oven." She said: "That period when you are trying to get established and trying to earn an income and still pay rent is difficult." She decided that paying taxes was easier than paying rent ... "even in Bradford." The yard work awaits.

The couple divides their interest in books. Although Carol concentrates on children's, gardening and cooking and Frank specializes in Irish studies, history, literature, and sports, their inventory includes a wide range of topics: mystery, science fiction, Westerns, international intrigue (Clancy and Company), religion, and even transportation.

Frank is occasionally a reluctant bookseller. He recalled one day when Carol proudly reported the sale of *The History of Charles II*. "Oh, no," he said, with disappointment. Carol reassured him, "There would always be another *History of Charles II*." Carol may share a similar feeling when her prized first edition of *Out of Africa* sells.

Being an antiquarian bookstore does not mean precious, although some customers come into the store talking softly as if they were in a library. At *Books by the Lake*, prices range from fifty cents to several hundred dollars. Pricing is a challenge and Carol admits they probably have made mistakes along the way. She said, "I hope it all averages out. You can't take it very seriously or you'd have a heart attack."

Customers come from New England, Pennsylvania, California, and even Europe. Carol said that usually when a couple comes in, one person is the patient "tagger along;" the other, the interested buyer.

The Cullinans like their new adventure. Frank looks forward to the day when he can simply hold a first edition of *Ulysses* by his favorite Irish author, James Joyce. Carol said, "Buying and selling books is a demanding and satisfying way to retire."

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

### Enrollment

District enrollment of students is up this year, as it is over most of the state and country. As of September 12, there were 51 additional students in the district for a total of 1965. Bradford Elementary has 231, New London Elementary 300, Simonds 203, Sutton 84, middle school 516 (up 13), high school 572 (up 59), and 59 students are home-schooled. This high school thus seems very crowded this year, due to both this increase in students and less space due to the on-going construction. This population spurt is expected to last for the foreseeable future.

### Mindstretch Program

The mindstretch program, run by Kitty Wilson, involves all schools grades 3, 4 and 5. Its goals are to create excitement, challenge and opportunities for students. This is done through classroom lessons which focus on critical and creative thinking skills (100% student participation), through the opportunity to become published in the Mindstretch Magazine (50% student participation), and a "pull out" program, where students must be motivated to participate in above-grade-level activities (20% student participation). An evaluation last year received high marks from parents, teachers and students, as well as this parent, and there is talk about expanding this successful program to the middle

school. But that would mean hiring another half-time teacher (Mrs. Wilson is half time). What do you think?

### CAT Test Results

This is not a review of feline IQ, but of the nationally given California Achievement Test. Results of grades 2-11 were given at the September 12 School Board meeting and compared with results from the last several years. Significant growth and success were noted at Bradford Elementary and at both grade 5 and grade 8. These results will be one way that the district builds accountability and measures both performance of our students and effectiveness of the schools. If you would like a more complete picture of the results, contact me.

### SAT Test Results

Scholastic Achievement Tests or "College Boards" are the tests high school students take to measure the verbal and mathematical skills that are important for success in college. Much has been debated about the predictive powers of the test and it is certainly not fair to use this as a single measure to rate teachers, schools, districts, or states, since not all students take the SATs. In fact, the most important factor in interpreting the test is the participation rate. Generally the more students who take the test, the lower the

score. In some areas, a very small number of well prepared students take the test. In these instances, the scores would be higher than in areas where more students with a wider range of academic backgrounds took the test. Having said that, we can still use the results to compare our district with itself over the years and come up with another measure of our effectiveness. About 80% of the graduating class last year took the SATs, which is a high percentage. Our scores for 1996, though higher than the USA average, have declined in the area of mathematics so that we are 8 points below the NH average (508). Verbal scores have bounced around and are still 6 points above the state average (526). Action is being taken at the high school in terms of curriculum and course revision to address this trend. This is another way your district is attempting to provide continued improvement and excellence in education for our children. For an in-depth look at the SATs, contact me.

### Special School District Meeting

A special school district meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19 to vote on the agreement reached between the teachers and the school board. The meeting will be held at the high school, beginning at 9:00 am.

As your representative and a member of the negotiating team, I believe this is a good contract that moves us in the direction of an incentive-based pay schedule, one that pays teachers based on measurable performance instead of seniority. Under this contract, we will also set up dispute resolution mechanisms and ways to enhance communication and drop on-going litigation. We did this the old-fashioned way, face to face talks between board members and teacher organization representatives, without lawyers. I also believe we are very fortunate in this district to have such an excellent educational staff that is so dedicated and professional and willing to take the chance with us to develop a new model for teacher accountability. The overall percentage raise is about 2.3%, with an overall increase to the budget of approximately \$175,000, which is less than last year's increase. The effect on Bradford's tax rate will be 24 cents/\$1,000 assessed valuation.

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## Selectmen's meetings in September

**September 2.** No meeting, Labor Day.

**September 9.** Ken Anderson, transfer station manager, reported that the transfer station tractor required substantial repairs to fix a broken axle and housing. Selectmen recommended that he investigate renting a larger tractor for the repair period.

Mark Goldberg, fire chief, discussed the results of the liability inspection conducted by the town's insurance carrier regarding Brown Shattuck Field. He discussed changes in the law which make unacceptable the temporary "carnival wire" strung for Fourth of July events. Volunteers have offered to install proper underground wiring, but who should pay for the necessary electric panels needs to be determined.

The discussion turned to the fire department's participation in the town's Independence Day events. Goldberg reported that the department's level of involvement would be discussed at their next meeting. Under consideration was withdrawing from conducting the fireworks display, but continuing with the chicken barbecue. He asked whether a meeting could be set up with the Selectmen and the fire dept. to discuss the fireworks issue. He said producing the fireworks at that site was dangerous, though the fire department did receive a permit each year. However, he said a professional fireworks company probably couldn't get a permit to use Brown Shattuck field. Selectman Dave Pickman commented that he thought the motivation for holding the event was to have a good time, not to make money. Goldberg questioned the "growth potential" for the event, and the authority of the centralized committee which has been meeting to plan the 1997 event. Selectman Joe Conway responded that the committee was established with representatives from all participating organizations to collect feedback, determine how best to allocate manpower, and discuss how to manage "growth." Goldberg responded that there was no space to support growth.

Goldberg was asked to participate in the upcoming Town Forum. He refused, saying it was a "dumb idea" and questioned the value of open discussions. He said, "We don't need new buildings; we can't afford water and sewer; and new residents don't care where they register their dogs."

Selectmen asked Goldberg how the closing of the IGA was affecting the fire department's response capability. Goldberg answered that day coverage has always been a problem, and is a problem in other communities. He is not particularly worried, says they have sufficient manpower for an "initial attack," and mutual aid response is very reliable. He expressed more concern about the long-term problem of not recruiting new members sufficient to support the manpower needs of the department.

Secretary Kathy Russell reported that Bill Sargent has completed the Town Hall's roofing and siding repairs.

Selectmen received a letter from Family & Friends Garage expressing concern over the "ongoing flea market" in the Bradford Marketplace building. The concern was forwarded to the Planning Board, ZBA, and building inspector for action.

**September 16.** Police Chief Al Grindle reported that part-time officer, Robert Varley, had been selected as the new full-time officer, replacing Robbie MacLeod. The part-time position will be filled by John Roberts.

Marie Cayer discussed her concerns over the condition of the upper portion of Forest Street near her property. She asked that the road be paved, citing damage to family vehicles. Selectmen responded that paving that portion was not likely, but they would ask the Road Agent to investigate and perhaps grade the road.

Building Inspector Chip Meany reported on his attendance at an Americans with Disabilities Act seminar. Phase II of the Act requires that towns "make handicapped lives as easy as possible without a major burden to the towns." For the town to be in compliance with Phase II, he recommended that the town set up a committee to make recommendations concerning accessibility. Selectmen agreed and asked him to follow up. He also recommended that the Town Hall ramp be replaced immediately; because it has no landing, it is unacceptable. Selectmen responded that there was no money for such a project this year, but perhaps volunteers, with donated lumber, could undertake the project.

Selectmen anticipate taking possession of the Naughton property on September 30. They discussed John Mock's offer to dismantle the barn and erect it on another site.

Selectmen discussed the proliferation of "temporary" signs throughout the village area, commenting that many are becoming permanent. A state law forbids signs in the state's right of way. Selectman Joe Conway agreed to bring the matter up at the next Planning Board meeting.

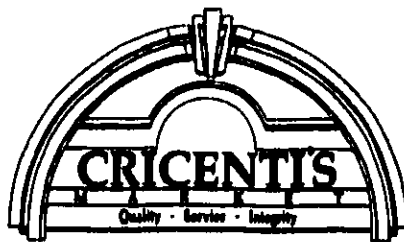
The issue of unacceptable wiring at Brown Shattuck Field was discussed. Mark Goldberg refuses to handle the matter. Selectman Dave Pickman agreed to discuss the problem with Bill Lucas.

**September 23.** Members of the Lake Massasecum Association met to discuss their problems with the milfoil contamination. They offered three suggestions: a sticker system like French's Park, with a fee, for the boat ramp; a town ordinance requiring boat inspections before launching; and a warrant article authorizing \$1,500 to be spent for a part-time attendant (\$500 to be donated by the Association). They reported that the contamination appears to be spreading. The State will pay for an application of the necessary herbicide next spring; should a second application be required, the Town will have to pay half of the cost. Selectmen complimented the group for its efforts at education and monitoring. In a later discussion of the issue, Selectmen agreed that permit/fee system should be tried, with a \$5 annual cost to "non-residents." Fee collections will subsidize the educational process.

Library Trustee Sandy Wadlington and Fundraising Chair Martin Bunis met to discuss their plans for a "massive fundraising effort." One idea under consideration is a weekly bingo game. They asked about the availability of the upstairs at the Town Hall and what permits would be required.

Gary Wall, president of the Bradford Business Association, met to discuss the October visit of the Governor's Council. He asked whether the town would like to "do something," such as string a banner across Main Street. He also requested that the town clean up Main Street.

Selectmen met on September 20 with representatives of Sugar River Savings Bank, owners of the Village Mart property, to discuss the feasibility of the bank's acquiring ownership of the building's leach field property. Currently, the field is located on the Naughton property, with a 33-year lease. Selectmen asked them to submit a proposal for consideration.



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# THEN & NOW

*by Steve Hansen and Milly Kittredge*

## VIEWS FROM RING HILL



In the early 1900s, Bradford was still farm land and the views were extensive. From the top of Ring Hill looking south, the Center Church steeple could be seen. The Center Road, starting at the Corners (Route 114 and Old Warner Road) went past the Candlelite Inn, down what is now Greenhouse Lane, across the railroad tracks (now Route 103), past the old blacksmith shop, now Ann Hallahan's real estate office, through Bement Bridge, by Morse/Trow/Snow Hill (lately Spafford, now Clark), and up Cheney Hill on the River Road to the Center. The fringe of fir trees is on Burial Hill and the twin peaks are called that, as well as South Hills. From the same location today, the buildings on the corners of Jones and Center Road can barely be seen.



From Ring Hill looking southwest, the old photo shows Route 114, Sutton Gulf Road, and High Street. In today's photo, the Baptist Church steeple, Town Hall and Sejkouskys' house are visible.

Thanks to the Pfeifles for permission to photograph from their property on Ring Hill. Does anyone have pictures of the Ring Hill ski tow? the World War II observation post?



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# Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

The Brown Memorial Library Thrift Shop will close on Saturday, October 12. This has been an incredible experience for all of us since its opening on June 22. Many thanks to Marty and Sue Bunis, managers, for their commitment to this great project. To them and to all the volunteers, donors and customers, we thank you from our hearts for making the summer of '96 a memorable one.

We have an ongoing fund-raising raffle at the library. An Irish afghan, made by Isabel Sheehan, and a print by Sandy Wadlington are our items. Tickets available at the library are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00.

On Friday, October 18, the Jacobsen Fund will present An Evening of Traditional Irish Music with Cliff Moses. Come enjoy this free concert at the library.

18 kindergartners come every Wednesday at 10:30 for stories. We use the children's corner, our last available space, for this purpose. Their smiles and sunshine make our day special.

Family Days are offered one Sunday each month, October through April, at the Hood Museum of Art in Hanover. Activities are ongoing from noon until 5:00. For more information about programs and fees, pick up a brochure at BML or call 646-2814.

Fund-raising will continue into the fall. A meeting on October 14 will be held at 7:00 at the library to discuss future ideas, etc. Hope to see you there .....

Library hours: Monday, 9:30-8:00; Wednesday, 9:30-5:00; Saturday, 9:30-1:30. Telephone: 938-5562.

## Police Management Study, continued from page 1

Each area was addressed and recommendations as well as commendations were given.

So, what was found? Of course the main recommendation was for increased space for the Department. Various alternatives were recommended, from switching areas with the Selectmen's Office to relocating to a new facility. Solutions will depend on whether we want to just "make do" for a while or whether we want to bring the facility into compliance and eliminate the liabilities which the current office now carries. The report emphasized that any move should remove the Police Department from proximity with the kindergarten, which, as we all know, is a great liability. There were also miscellaneous recommendations regarding increasing storage space and rearranging the office set-up.

Several recommendations concerned records-keeping and separation of various types of files. These recommendations will be feasible to undertake only when the Department increases the space available for storage. The report commended the book-keeping and organization of the Department and such things as the Business Information Book, which all officers carry in their cruisers.

As for the management of the Department itself, the Survey reported several comments from Bradford residents. Approximately 11 responses, both good and bad, were received by the committee. Some people commented on the "sternness" of the Chief and the fact that he can be somewhat intimidating due to his size and demeanor. Since there is very little that the Chief can do about his size, no recommendations were given in that area. As far as his demeanor, the recommendation was for him to try and ease a bit of his

sternness and reserve it for only those times which warrant it. On the other hand, several comments were made in which residents thought that the Chief was very approachable regarding problems and they felt that he could be trusted and talked to. The positive image of "family values" which the Department tries to encourage was also noted.

Some minor recommendations included increasing the secretary's hours, increasing the number of computers, redoing how the files are categorized (numbers instead of names), and mileage limits per shift. It was also stated that the Selectmen should be informed of what is going on in the Police Dept. without attempting to "micromanage" it. All of these recommendations will be looked at, some by the Chief and others by the Selectmen. Not all of the recommendations will be implemented; some are just not feasible for such a small department and others are monetarily prohibitive. It is also important to remember that these are also just suggestions. What happens now will be based on what we can realistically accomplish.

Overall, the Survey was pretty middle of the road: some good, some bad, nothing awful. Again, the major recommendations involved space needs or were dependent on the Department getting more space or money. Many of the recommendations, if or when implemented, will not be noticeably different to the general public.

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## THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



I've seen a very good crop of pumpkins along the roadsides for the children's trick or treating on Halloween. Have great fun with your children! It only comes once a year!

Attending the Concord Hospital's exercise program three times a week has given me many new friends who enjoy sharing their recipes. This one is from Ellie. It is a winner -- quick and easy to make, great taste! It is so good I usually bake two loaves at a time.

### Ellie's Banana Bread

1/4 cup butter	1 cup sugar
2 eggs	4 small bananas, mashed

Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and bananas and beat together well.

1 1/2 cups flour	1 tsp soda
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Would you like to be part of this project? Volunteers will be needed if this effort is approved. Call Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948 for more information.

# GARDENING

by Fred Winch



Fall descended on us quickly. The days grew shorter visibly as the sun retreated south of our usual September equinox portal. When the sun sets south of the giant pine west of the house, there is no denying it, fall is here.

1996's gardens were different. My tomatoes were late, but yielded better with more blemish-free fruit (except where the voracious hornworms gnawed green and red fruits). Peppers were later and much fewer than normal, and eggplant was nearly nonexistent. Corn was irregular, late due to crow damage and infestation of corn borers. It all came to a halt when a light, unexpected frost nipped tender annual flowers and the southern vegetables we hope to grow here in New Hampshire. I noticed that the superabundance of hornworms attacking tomatoes, peppers and eggplant were free of the usual parasites found as white eggs attached to the body of the worm. When the eggs hatch, the small insects bore into the worm and the worm then shrivels up.

My good tomatoes were due, I believe, to the use of porous hose and mulch. Water was continuously applied during August and all seven of the varieties planted produced abundantly.

After the dry August, the lawns stopped growing. In places of excessively drained soil, grass became crisp straw. Most lawns now need treatment so that they go into winter in reasonable shape. In some spots, reseeding may be needed. Everywhere grass needs a generous application of a "fall type" lawn fertilizer. Nitrogen is less needed, phosphate and potash definitely needed for root growth. A 10-15-15 ratio of the elements is about right.

Clean up raspberry patches now. Clip out the dying canes of the spring/summer bearers and thin out the weaker new canes. Ever-bearers should be left to be cut to the ground in the spring.

A crop that is highly visible - if you look up - is the pine cone crop on white pines, so common in our area. In the next few weeks, those cones will be ripening and the seeds cast to the fall winds. If you wish a good supply of cones for seasonal decoration, note where such trees are and gather such cones (with owner's permission) later this month. For the owners of forest land, the abundance of cones on mature trees indicates that this is a good time to harvest. When trees are harvested, the logging will expose mineral-laden soil. When the seed germinates in that mineral soil next summer, a new generation of

the white pines so typical of the northeast will be regenerated.

Everything has now shown new vigor after the nearly three inches of rain received in September. The gardener has the opportunity now to rework the perennial beds after a summer's growth. Many perennials need to be curtailed if they are invading the garden; others will benefit from lifting, loosening the roots of old material. Once lifted, the soil should be deeply loosened and amended with humus and fertilizer and replanted after removing the lightly interwoven roots. The two months following such treatment will see vigorous subsurface growth and the plants will respond next spring.

Even though there has been adequate rains for lawns and garden plants this past month, it is essential to augment such moisture around the shrubs and young trees with additional water until freeze-up, because the soil below a six inch depth is still quite dry. Some shallow wells are still not yielding adequate water.

It's time to break out the rakes to gather the leaf fall to be added to the compost pile. The smell of burning autumn leaves, now forbidden in many places, is a thing of the past.



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## FORUM, continued from page 1

Water and sewer were frequently mentioned, to which Conway responded that the sewer survey was just being completed and the next step was an engineering study, for which the town had already received a grant. Many discussed developing the village center, both in terms of businesses and recreational opportunities. But the most-repeated comment was the need for a long-range comprehensive plan for town facilities, which, when agreed to, would give the town focus for growth and a clear sense of the financial commitments involved. Gary Wall called for a community development committee with representation from town organizations. The idea was supported by many, who expressed the importance of community involvement in the planning process. Selectman Conway closed the meeting by agreeing to write a follow-up letter summarizing the meeting and to have the Board of Selectmen discuss the forum and use the suggestions.

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# October Calendar

## Tuesday, October 1

Library trustees, Library, 7:00  
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ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse,  
7:00

## Wednesday, October 2

PTC, Winter Sports program, KRES, 7:00

## Saturday, October 5

Bradford Historical Society building open,  
1:30-3:00.

## Monday, October 7

Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Charter Commission, high school, 7:00

## Tuesday, October 8

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, October 9

Governor's Council Reception, open to the  
public, Thistle and Shamrock Inn,  
9:15-10:00 am

Bradford Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

## Thursday, October 10

Bradford-Newbury Workshop, Friendship  
House, S. Newbury, noon

Food Co-op organizational meeting, Town  
Hall, 7:30

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

## Friday, October 11

Whist, church vestry, 7:30  
Prizes, refreshments, Sponsored by Food  
Pantry

## Saturday, October 12

Bradford Historical Society building open,  
1:30-3:00.

David Tonkin Jazz Group, sponsored by  
Moon Mountain Arts, First Baptist Church,  
7:30

## Monday, October 14

NO Selectmen's meeting

Library Fundraising meeting, Library, 7:00

Charter Commission, high school, 7:00

## Tuesday, October 15

Bradford Women's Club Guest Night, Bap-  
tist Church, 7:30. see article, page 2

## Wednesday, October 16

Candidates' Night, KRES, 7:30  
Sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Friends of the Library, Library, 7:30

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

## Thursday, October 17

Conservation Commission, Town Hall,  
7:30

## Friday, October 18

An Evening of Traditional Irish Music with  
Cliff Moses on hammered dulcimer, free  
event sponsored by Brown Memorial Li-  
brary's Jacobsen Fund, Library, 7:00

## Saturday, October 19

Bradford Historical Society building open,  
1:30-3:00.

## Monday, October 21

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Church  
Vestry, 7:00

Charter Commission, Simonds Elementary  
School, Warner, 7:00

## Tuesday, October 22

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, October 23

Historical Society Annual Meeting, Old  
P.O., 7:30

## Thursday, October 24

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

## Friday, October 25

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30  
Sponsored by Fish & Game

## Saturday, October 26

Bradford Historical Society building open,  
1:30-3:00.

## Monday, October 28

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Charter Commission, middle school, 7:00

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

## Classified Ads

FOR SALE. Himalayan flamepoint cat, female, 5 yrs old, all shots and  
CFA papers. \$150 or B.O. 938-2825.

FOR RENT. Waterfront home on Blaisdell Lake; available October 15 -  
June 15. \$550/month + utilities. Call 938-5357. If no answer, call 508-374-  
7575.

FOR SALE. 7 pint-size canning jars, 10 cents each; 23 quart-size canning  
jars, 25 cents each; Diaper Genie, \$15; walker with toys, \$5; bath seat,  
\$3; Fisher Price car seat, \$25; Quard Pod with Sesame Street characters,  
\$10. FREE: 2 bathlubs (infant & toddler) and green & yellow mobile. All  
items in good condition. Call 938-2482.

FOR SALE. Rowing machine, good condition, \$25. House plants, \$1 and  
up. All size. Call 938-2843.

KIDS ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT - Stop by the Bradford/Newbury Kinder-  
garten (town hall) and enter a children's raffle - \$1 per ticket. Drawing will  
be at 8:00 pm on Halloween!

FOR SALE. 1989 Mercury Grand Marquis LS Colony Park station wagon,  
9 pass., leather interior, loaded. 97,500 mi. \$5500 or B.O. Call 938-2787.

NEEDED. I am a 200 year old schoolhouse. I desperately need a new ex-  
terior panel door 32 1/8" wide, 79" high, 1 3/4" thick. If you can help me,  
call my BHS keeper at 938-5425.

WANTED. One or two sets of twin bedspreads, polyester/cotton, no  
woven material. Also looking for dishes (set or individual pieces) in Mem-  
ory Lane line (pink with scenic views). Call 938-2944.

FOR SALE. Upright piano, nice tone. \$150. Call 938-2282.

FOR SALE. Like new 30" Hardwick electric kitchen range, white with  
black oven door. \$175. Call 938-2157.

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Beth Rodd at 938-2692.