



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

May 1997

Recreation Committee reorganizing by Debra Johnson

A group of people interested in reactivating the Bradford Recreation Committee met on April 14 at the First Baptist Church vestry to discuss the need for community activities for Bradford's youth, particularly those in the middle and high school age level. Various ideas were discussed, with the group deciding to investigate the possibility of a summer dance for middle school age students.

The group met with the Selectmen on April 21 in order to formalize the committee and discuss future plans. The Selectmen explained the steps necessary to become an official town committee, an important step to be covered by insurance. The group will meet again on April 29.

Kids ... please help us. We desperately need your suggestions so that Bradford can successfully provide the activities YOU want. ALL residents of Bradford ... young, old and all in between ... are welcome to join us in making our community a fun place to be. Any help you can provide, whether it be a good idea, committee work, a good strong back, or cookies for those with strong backs, will be warmly welcomed. We'll be grateful for one hour of your time, if that is what you can offer. If all can give a little, we can make this happen.

Please begin by calling one of our committee members or writing to: Town of Bradford Recreation Director, P.O. Box 346, Bradford.

We appeal especially to ALL teens for their ideas. If you have never been involved in a community

■ See RECREATION, page 16



Bradford/newbury Youth Sports receives contribution from St. Peter's Lodge. Discussing Field Clean-up Day and plans for the upcoming baseball season are Clark Phillips and Vernon Hall of St. Peter's Lodge; Brendan Shultz; Scott MacLean, President of BNYS, Mike Pozniak, and Mike Donoghue. In support of BNYS-announced plans to acquire land for additional playing fields, the [continued, pg 16] photo courtesy Intertown Record.

Public meeting on May 28 to review Rural Development Council report

On May 28, 7:00 at the Town Hall, members of the Rural Development Council will review their report on the February 27 Community Visit. The report consists of two elements. The first is a compilation of what was heard that day -- the community's words. The second is a list of recommendations for next steps. Kelly Goddard, RDC Executive Director, said she will give the Selectmen's office several copies of the report after May 14th so that residents will have a chance to review the material.

On the 28th, Goddard said they will use a formal process to solicit from the audience priorities for the action items. Then the group will determine who is responsible for the identified next steps. Selectman Joe Conway encourages as many residents as possible to attend this meeting. It's a very important step toward constructively planning for Bradford's future.

■ See RDC, page 18

Vandalism at Naughton garage exposes need for clean-up

Sunday evening, April 27, the Bradford Police, on their regular patrol, found a door open at the garage on the Naughton property off Main Street. They discovered that vandals had thrown paint and debris around, making "quite a mess." The presence of fumes led them to call in inspectors from Environmental Services. It was determined that the fumes were from paint and gas, posing a fire danger. Environmental Services recommended that building be vented to eliminate the fumes.

In response to this event, the Board of Selectmen is attempting to determine ownership of several 55-gallon drums and other cans of various materials remaining at the site. Joe Wilcox has already said they don't belong to him. If George Naughton does not accept responsibility, the town will have to remove the materials. The Dept. of Environmental Services has given the Selectmen a list of companies qualified to handle the clean-up.

Sewer/water feasibility study

During April, Selectman Joe Conway and Tom Clark, of Northeast Rural Community Assistance, completed the Scope of Services for the town's sewer/water feasibility study. This study will be funded by the \$12,000 grant received by the town from the Office of State Planning.

The public solicitation requests engineering firms to submit qualifications to conduct an engineering feasibility study to look at three alternatives: a water system in the village area, a sewer system in the village area, or both water and sewer systems in the village area. The deadline for their submissions is May 1. Selectman Conway anticipates that the winning firm could be working on the project before the end of May.

Professional administration of the grant is a requirement of the award. Bids are also being solicited for an administrator, who should be selected at the same time.

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EARTH DAY observed in Bradford May 3

In observance of Earth Day, the Bradford Conservation Commission will be holding its annual Spring Clean-up along the streets and roads of Bradford on Saturday, May 3. Specially marked cans will be placed along the roadways, so join in the fun and gather up as much trash as you can find. Bring it to the transfer station with those specially marked cans to claim your prize or prizes.

A bake sale and a raffle will also be held that day at the transfer station. Prizes for the raffle include:

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- 2nd prize - a cord of wood, also donated by Mike Carter
- 3rd prize - \$25 off the rental of a rug cleaning machine, donated by Lumber Barn
- 4th prize - A fruit tree, donated by Merrimack Farm Store
- 5th prize - a manicure and nail art, donated by Accommodating Beauty, with Lannie
- 6th prize = Dinner at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn
- 7th prize - A homemade pie, donated by Bradford Junction.

These sound like some really great prizes, so come join us in making Bradford a clean and attractive place to live and for a chance to win some exciting and fun prizes.

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OBITUARY

Ralph C. Messer

Ralph Messer, 77, of Pleasant View Road, died April 10 at New London Hospital

He was born in Bradford, the son of Roy and Marion (Cameron) Messer. He was a life-long resident of Bradford.

He graduated from Henniker High School in 1939 and from the Thompson School of Agriculture at the University of New Hampshire in 1941. He was a self-employed farmer and cattle dealer with R. A. Messer and Sons. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford; a 40-year member of St. Peter's Masonic Lodge #1 F&AM of Bradford, and a member of the Cattle Association. He was a great storyteller.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Oona (Edwards) Messer of Bradford; two daughters, Jane Grant of Portsmouth, Susan Powers of Arlington, Mass.; a brother, Robert Messer of Bradford; nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, NH Division, c/o Jenny Dodd, 34 Woodland Road, Sunapee 03782, or to the charity of one's choice.

RETIREMENT PARTY Police Chief Al Grindle

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News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

Births:

February 12. Mariah Jane Statunas to Heidi and Glenn Statunas
March 5. Joseph Ira Goodale to Laura Flanders
March 11. Kaytie Ann Torro to Joseph and Faye Torro
April 21. Hannah Siarti to SueAnn and Andrew Siarti

Marriages:

April 4. John and Mae Sorgi

Deaths:

April 10: Ralph Messer

Dog licenses are still available through May without penalty. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, we will be unable to participate in this year's Rabies Clinic.

OFFICE HOURS: Fri, May 2, 8:00-noon;
Mon, May 5, 2:00-7:00; Tues, May 6, noon-5:00; Fri, May 9, closed; Mon, May 12, 2:00-7:00; Tues, May 13, 8:00-5:00; Fri, May 16, 8:00-noon; Mon, May 19, 2:00-7:00; Tues, May 20, 8:00-5:00; Fri, May 23, 8:00-noon; Mon, May 26, closed for Memorial Day; Tues, May 27, 8:00-5:00; Fri, May 30, 8:00-noon. Phone: 938-2288, 938-2094.

Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

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Spring family concert presented by Moon Mountain Arts

Moon Mountain Arts presents *Infinities*, a woodwind chamber music ensemble in a concert, "Classical Favorites for All Ages," on Sunday afternoon, May 18 at 3:00 pm at the First Baptist Church. Concert organizer, Nancy Hibbard, said, "The performance is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy a Sunday afternoon concert by professional New Hampshire musicians, right here in Bradford at affordable prices." The *Infinities*' program will include music by Pachelbel, Mozart, J.S. Bach, and the famous classic, *Peter and the Wolf*, performed in costume.

Formed in 1988, *Infinities Chamber Music Ensemble* includes Judith Teehan (flute and piccolo), Margaret Herlehy (Oboe), Stephanie Ratte (clarinet), and Rebecca McCatty (bassoon). The group was selected for the NH State Council on the Arts' Touring Roster and has been featured on WGBH Radio's *Morning Pro Musica* program.

For this concert, tickets are adults, \$7.50; seniors and starving artists, \$5.00; and family of 4, \$20. Tickets are available at R.L. Dodge's or Brown Memorial Library. The First Baptist Church is wheelchair accessible. Refreshments will be served. For tickets or more information, call 938-2095.

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Co-op update

With the opening of Produce Plus, the Bradford Area Cooperative is a step closer to achieving the goal of establishing a community-owned grocery in Bradford. Opening a store within twelve months of the IGA's closing was a requirement to maintain the grandfathered status of the business. Because the Co-op is not yet ready to operate a store, Marge and George Cilley have agreed to manage the summer market. Thanks to the many people who have volunteered a myriad of talents to help get the store ready for opening day.

The deadline for the Co-op's charter member campaign is June 1. To date, we have 88 members, 20% of our goal of 400-450 members by June 1. That gives us a challenging objective to reach in just four weeks. The weather has so far conspired to keep area campaigners from their neighborhood canvassing. The Co-op Steering Committee hopes that May's spring weather and the opening of Produce Plus will encourage area residents to join the Bradford Area Cooperative. Remember, your support is essential to the successful establishment of our cooperative grocery. Shares are \$25 each and a \$50 purchase of two shares qualifies you to be a charter member and participate in the June prize drawing. If you haven't a brochure with a membership application, just stop in at Produce Plus and fill one out. -- Nancy Scribner, President, Bradford Area Cooperative

Wildcat Youth Football and Cheerleading sign-ups on May 3

All area youth, grades 2 - 6, are invited to participate in the Wildcat Youth Football and Cheerleading activities for the 1997-98 school year.

Football activities include Division 1, grades 2-4, no age or weight limit and everyone plays. Division 2 is a new 11-man football league, formed with the Sunapee League for the fifth and sixth grade level. Registration cost is \$65.

Cheerleading also has two divisions, Division 1 for grades 2-4 (this level needs volunteers to get started) and Division 2 for grades 5&6. Registration cost is \$45.

Financial aid is available and no one is refused due to finances. Registration will be held on Saturday, May 3, 1:30-4:30 at Warner Town Hall. The home field will be Riverside Park in Warner.

For information, contact Drew Serell, 456-3178; Steve Main, 456-2251; Sam Cavalario, 456-2559; or Teri Bocash, 456-3487.



You are cordially invited to attend the Bradford Business Association annual meeting on Monday, May 19, 7pm at The Rosewood Country Inn 67 Pleasant View Road. The event is an hors d'oeuvre and dessert pot luck.

BAKE SALE

Benefit Brooke Willis's brother

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Letters

To the editor:


At this time of year, when students are looking for educational assistance, I want to alert those going on to higher education of a little-known program.

New Hampshire, along with the other New England states, has a reciprocal agreement that allows out-of-state students to get the same rate as in-state students if the course of study is not offered in their state's university, but is in the participating state's. This possibility offers considerable savings if the study and the choice of school is compatible to the student.

Additional information is available through high school counselors; just ask for the "APPLE" book.

If I can be of any assistance, please give me a call at 938-2095.

Rep. Bernie Lamach



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To the editor:

I would like to respond to April's "Blue News" by Kathy Grindle. It was so one-sided, it left me wondering the purpose. Why NOT release information about alleged crimes committed in Bradford? If a person is arrested for a crime, seeing his or her name in the press may serve to stop it from happening again. I understand the courts establish guilt, but you could stop a "rumor mill" by giving us the facts as they occur.

Concerning the public's need to know about a sex offender, especially one who preys on children, I believe everyone in Bradford should know if such a person lives here. It would be helpful if the Police Department would ask the Selectmen to petition the State to change the law so you can release names!

The end of the article was a list of happenings and you did not give us any real crimes except a child abuse case and a missing person. Animal complaints, unsecured buildings, alarm activations are not crimes. You mentioned 87 incidents. What are the other incidents?

Your article indicated "extreme" disappointment because you did not get the computers, etc. you wanted at Town Meeting. The problem is that other needs have to be supplied in town. We all have to consider the total needs of the town. The tax base prohibits us from giving everyone everything they want. We have got to stop thinking only of our own individual requirements and broaden our vision to consider every requirement. We must work on this town as a whole.

Jane Johnsen

Bradford Women's Club Update

After the BWC meeting with Bradford Youth Sports in April, a group of people met to discuss how to support the youth of our town. We concluded that one way to help would be to expand the Recreation Commission. Debra Johnson, Robby MacLeod, Judy Magee, and I met with the Selectmen on April 21. We were warmly received and told to form an official committee. Anyone interested in joining this committee or just wanting to volunteer, please call Debra Johnson at 938-2837 or me at 938-2570

We need volunteers to sell our raffle tickets at the Post Office and Market Basket on Saturday mornings, May 10 and 17. We really need help. I find it hard asking the same people over and over. So if you haven't volunteered your hour or two for the BWC this year, now is the time to do it. Every member should have received three books to sell on her own. If you haven't, please call me. The TV will be displayed at R.L. Dodge, thanks to Deb and Bernie.

May 2nd, bring your rake and bag lunch and join us at French's Park for clean up. Any questions, call Lyn Betz.

The BWC Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held on May 20, 11:00 am at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn. A delicious meal is planned by Lynn and Jim. Call Clare Bensley or Alma Clinton for reservations.

Another reminder ... the annual Memorial Day bake sale, this year at the Post Office on Saturday, May 24, 9:00-noon.

As I step down as President, I would like to thank everyone for their help the last two years. We have done some good things and had some good times. I know Doris will carry on the goods works of the BWC.

--Jane Lucas

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Bradford Historical Society notes ...

The regular May meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 pm, at the Old Post Office Headquarters. Jean Bennett, author of *Sutton Homes*, will talk about her research and writing of this important annal which records the history of her town. Membership should note this date is the third Wednesday.

On two Saturdays, May 24 and May 31, look for the Historical Society's Famous Yard Sale. It will be held at the Headquarters building (on your way to or from the dump); stop and pick up what may be another man's trash and your treasure. It will be almost your last chance to buy a BHS mug at a special price. The Society is seeking donations of saleable items. Please drop items at the building on any Saturday afternoon until the 24th.

Mark your calendars for June 25th! George Washington will make an appearance at the Society's June meeting to be held at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. Save the date and read the June *Bridge* for details.

High School presents *The Mikado*

On May 16 and 17, *The Mikado* will be playing in the KRHS auditorium at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased at the door. The production is being presented by the KRSD High School Drama Club.

The Mikado's son, Nanki-Poo comes to the town of Titipu disguised as a traveling minstrel. Nanki-Poo has come in search of his love, Yum Yum. He has come hearing that Ko Ko, the man to whom Yum Yum was betrothed, was to be put to death for flirting. However, soon after Nanki-Poo arrives in Titipu, he finds out that not only is Ko Ko not being put to death, but that he has been raised to the rank of lord high executioner. Ko Ko of course still intends to marry Yum Yum, and nothing can persuade him to change his mind. Nanki-Poo, however, is determined to have Yum Yum and is not deterred by the fact that she is already engaged.

Come watch this witty, funny musical and find out what happens in the story of *The Mikado*. --Bree Johnson


Soccer camp returns!

Reserve August 11-15 for the return to Bradford of the Major League Soccer Camp. Children 5 and up are welcome to attend.

Last year 98 campers enjoyed the week-long camp, given by five extremely talented coaches from Great Britain. Kids not only picked up new soccer skills, they also practiced their British, Scottish and Welsh accents. The philosophy of the Major League Soccer Camp emphasizes that a child's best motivating force comes through having fun, *not* through competition.

Sessions will run 9:00 to noon for younger children, and 2:30 to 5:30 for the older children. An all-day session will be offered for children 11 and older, if there is enough interest. Children from any town may attend.

Registration packets will be sent home with elementary school children after their spring break, and will also be available at Dodge's Store by mid May. For more information, please call Betty Hague, 938-2722.



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Library Annual Meeting Features Furniture Masters

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will elect officers at their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, beginning at 7:00 pm in the library. At 7:30, a slide show and talk, "New Hampshire Furniture Masters," will be presented by Bradford cabinetmaker, woodworker and furniture designer, Conrad Szymkowiec, and Newbury furnituremaker, Terry Moore.

The illustrated talk will show the work of twelve New Hampshire craftsmen who were featured in last year's *Three Centuries of New Hampshire Furniture Making* exhibition at the New Hampshire Historical Society. The exhibit showed how contemporary furniture-makers are continuing the tradition of fine furniture-making that has existed in New Hampshire for nearly three hundred years.

Nominations for office are: President, Audrey V. Sylvester; Vice-President, Pauline Dishmon; Secretary, Christopher Lincoln; Treasurer, John Forgiel; and Grants Coordinator, Laurie Buchar. A brief update on the new library will be given during a short business meeting.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 938-5948.

Writer's World ... pieces written by Bradford Elementary students

Friends, by Jacqui Nelson

Friends are tight
Never fight
Truly close
Never gross
Very nice
Unlike ice
Not like a lion
Never crying
Always together
Forever

Just like me and Heather

Seasons, by Dan Cronin and Elizabeth Wolf

Summer, Summer, heat and sun.
Swimming, swimming cool and fun.
Spring, Spring flowers bloom.
Snow is melting all by noon.
Fall, Fall in the cool sun.
Winter, Winter white snowballs.
Winter, Winter blue jays all.

Forests, by Lillian Coolidge

Forests are sweet cool places.
Forest animals make funny faces.
Dark in day, Darker at night.
Look around, there is no fright.
Birds that sing, Squirrels that chirp.
Little unknown creatures always lurk.
Forests.



Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

Women's Christian Guild. On Friday, May 2, members will meet in the vestry at 11:30 am to discuss arrangements for the annual meeting in June, following a brief luncheon. Those interested will then carpool to the May Fellowship Day Service at 1:00 pm at the Kearsarge Ragged Chapter of the Church Women United at the South Danbury Christian Church on Route 4.

Church Meeting/Potluck Luncheon and Spring Cleaning. On Sunday, May 4, there will be a special meeting immediately following the worship service to vote on the deacons' recommendation to affirm membership and to discuss the Camps and Conference Campaign. A potluck luncheon will be held right after the meeting. Folks are invited to bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Also, folks are invited to bring a change of clothes because we will be doing a "spring cleaning" of the church right after lunch.

American Baptist Women's Ministry. The annual Mother Daughter Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at 6:00 pm. The menu for the evening will be ham, potato salad, hot vegetable, cake and ice cream. Adults, \$5.00; children under 12, \$3.00. Program is entitled "A Mother/Daughter Celebration."

Computer Club. On Wednesday, May 7, 7:00-9:00 pm, the Computer Club will meet in the vestry. The program will be "On Line with David Blaisdell." Come and learn all

about the Internet. The club is open to everyone in the community.

Wednesday Night Study/Support Group. Beginning Wednesday, May 7, this group will be studying Harriet Lerner's book, *The Dance of Deception*. They meet in the Fiske House, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Annual Meeting of American Baptist Churches of NH and VT. Several of our members will travel to Burlington, Vermont May 8-10 for the annual meeting of the denomination. The weekend will be full of workshops, worship and opportunities to see what other congregations are doing in the region.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting. All of our teachers will meet Sunday, May 18 at 8:00 am to share ideas and talk about Children's Day, which is coming up in June.

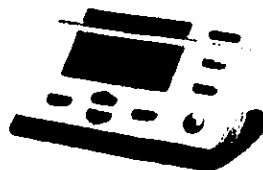
Food Pantry. As always, the pantry is open the third Wednesday of the month, so on May 21, anyone who is a resident of Bradford and qualifies may come to the Fiske House and receive a box of food with approximately six meals in it. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 938-5313. A great big thank you to all the people in our community who faithfully support this ministry. We deeply appreciate it.

Men's Fellowship. This group will meet Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 pm, at the home of Dick and Phyllis Whall for refreshments, fellowship and games.

Youth Groups. On Sunday, May 25, both of our youth groups will meet at the church. Grades 7-12 will meet 1:00-2:30 and grades 4-6, 2:30-4:00. (Please note the switch.) The theme is "Games, Games and More Games." We will be playing obstacle olympics, basketball squat, and musical hats. Also, we will be making a youth yearbook with photos and pictures from the past year's activities.

Bible Study. On Thursday evenings 7:30-8:30, at the parsonage, we meet to study the Book of Acts. The Bible study is open to everyone in our community.

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Legislative Report

by Representative
Barbara French

As you know, the Governor's plan to make kindergarten accessible to all New Hampshire five-year-olds has passed the House of Representatives and is now in the Senate. I was very pleased that the Shaheen kindergarten plan passed the House, not just because it provides kindergarten funding for our children, but also because it provides the cities and towns of New Hampshire with some much-needed property tax relief.

On the subject of property tax relief, HCR-9, my resolution urging the Governor and the New Hampshire General Court to take action to bring about property tax relief has passed the House and has been heard by the Senate Committee on Internal Affairs. Property tax relief is something that concerns all of us. This resolution, while only a small step, sends a clear message that we in Concord are focusing on providing property tax relief. The Governor's budget, which also passed the House since my last column, does just that. It provides unprecedented aid to cities and towns, which can be used for direct property tax relief. For example, Bradford, in addition to being eligible to receive kindergarten aid, will also see an increase of nearly \$14,000 in its share of the state's rooms and meals tax alone.

With summer just around the corner and our thoughts turning to enjoying our lakes, it is appropriate that my bill to protect New Hampshire's waters from infestation by milfoil and zebra mussels is currently being studied. Also, the Governor and the Executive Council have approved funding for treating and hopefully eradicating milfoil from Lake Massasecum. Our lake is a treasure that needs and deserves our protection. I will keep you informed on my bill and on other legislation that may affect the lake.

Another piece of legislation very important to me is the osteoporosis prevention bill I

wrote about in my last column. The bill has passed the House and is now waiting to be heard in the Senate Public Institutions, Health and Human Services committee. I am very optimistic that this bill will soon pass the Senate and be on its way to the Governor's desk.

Much of the news lately has been dominated by the topic of campaign finance reform. The House has been holding public hearings on this very important topic. I believe campaign finance reform is critical to effective representation in government. Please let me know what ideas you have to help us make campaign financing fair, ethical and responsible. You can reach me at home at 428-3366 to discuss this or any other issue or concern you may have. I truly enjoy hearing from my constituents. I look forward to updating you again in two months.

Robin Steiner awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Robin Steiner, of Bradford, is a recipient of the first scholarship award of a new Fulbright program. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Scholarships, the Japanese government is funding a 5-year program, called the Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship, for educators. Scholarship winners are sent to Japan for three weeks to study Japanese government and education. Two educators from each state have been selected for the first trip, which leaves June 13.

After teaching at the Kearsarge Regional High School for six years, Robin has spent this year administering the set-up of Bow High School, including establishing procedures, hiring staff, and developing curricula. Next fall, she will teach in the Humanities Dept. at the new Bow High School.

HENNIKER VETERINARY CLINIC

Leo R. Dube, D.V.M.

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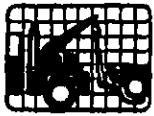
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The Kidz Corner

by Maggie Dayton

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Maggie Dayton
P.O. Box 155
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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

On Saturday, May 3, Bob Vernon will lead the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter hike up the Great Brook Trail to the spectacular Upper Cascades and Devil's Half Acre Beaver Pond. This four-mile round-trip hike will begin at 8:00 am. Participants should meet Bob, 526-6216, at the foot of Pleasant St., by the Great Brook Bridge parking area. Come prepared for wet walking and bring insect repellent.

Paul Hodgdon will present his slide program, entitled "Safari Africa," at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting, Friday, May 9, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. The slides will depict wildlife seen while traveling and hiking in several Kenyan national parks and on a 16,000 foot climb up Mt. Kenya. Included in the program will be slides of Paul's whale watching tours, which he conducts during the summer months out of Newburyport, Mass. For more information, call Gary Stansfield, 863-8737.

The spring migrant bird walk will take place Saturday, May 10, 8:00 am. Veteran birders Fred Sladen and Bob Vernon specify that this is a trip for, but not limited to, beginners to see species not seen later in the season. Participants should meet at Four Corners Grille, New London. Bring insect repellent, binoculars, and bird guides if you have them. Trip ends at noon. Call Fred Sladen, 526-4321, for more information.

To raise funds for the Audubon Society of New Hampshire Wildlife and Wetlands Department, which monitors and manages threatened bird species, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will again participate in the "Birdathon Bloomathon" project. Peter Newberg, 763-4308, and Bob Vernon, 526-6216, will lead the Birdathon half-day trips Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. Birders may elect to participate one or both days. Please meet at Cricenti's Market parking lot in New London at 7:00 am. Bring binoculars and insect repellent. Jim and Kathy Green, 526-2834, will lead the half-day Bloomathon walk on Saturday, May 17, with a rain date of Sunday, May 18. Please meet the Greens at Cricenti's Market parking lot at 8:00 am. Bring insect repellent. Those unable to participate in this event, but still wishing to make a donation, may do so by contacting the trip leaders.

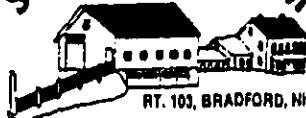
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In the Woods, by Chris Lincoln

Every year, the last Friday in April is designated as Arbor Day ... a day to recognize the value of trees and the contribution they make to all of our lives. Traditionally it is a day when trees are ceremoniously planted in public places and seedlings are distributed to school children. I'd like to plant more trees; it's a good thing to do. "If you wish to be happy for a year, plant a garden; if you wish to be happy for a lifetime, plant a tree." I don't know who said this, but they had the right idea.

Despite my enthusiasm for tree planting, I don't get to do much of it in New Hampshire. We are blessed with forests that can perpetuate themselves by naturally re-seeding. This is not the case in all parts of the world. Often due to soil types, weather conditions, and other factors, both natural and man-made, a forest may take many years to reestablish itself after it is cut. Sometimes the land will revert to an open scrub and grass environment rather than quickly seeding in with trees. In these situations, it is often necessary to plant nursery-grown tree seedlings to re-establish a productive forest.

Fortunately, most tree species found in New Hampshire's forests produce a tremendous amount of seed each year. Some trees, like white pine and red oak, will produce more seeds some years than others, but you can be assured of at least some seed every year. Other trees, such as aspen, red maple, beech and red oak, also regenerate themselves by sprouting, either off a cut stump or off the root system. Through natural seeding and sprouting, a New Hampshire forest will generally be more than adequately reforested within just a few years after a harvest.

Forestry takes advantage of the forest's ability to regenerate itself. The strategy of a harvest, dictated by such factors as which trees are cut, which are left to grow, and the time of year the harvest takes place, will influence how the forest will respond. If you want to encourage white pine and red oak, you may treat a forest one way, but if you want to grow a vigorous forest of aspen for ruffed grouse, you would treat the same stand quite differently.

Even though most reforestation depends on reseedling from surrounding trees, there are still a few occasions when planting trees is an option that should be considered, even in New Hampshire. Due to past cutting treatments or other land use patterns, some forests have very limited potential to produce quality timber, and desirable natural regeneration may just not be adequate. Usually the most logical and economical approach to managing forests for timber is to work with what's there ... to gradually cut out the poorest quality trees and cultivate the best available. However, if there really is not much to work with, planting may be the way to go.

While the practice is not common, one strategy that has been used successfully is to clear narrow strips or patches of forest and replant these areas. Sometimes the forest is cleared and planted in this way over a number of years in stages. In other situations, forests have been "under planted" to supplement natural regeneration by planting seedlings in even smaller openings made during a harvest. This system of planting has some advantages over clearing large areas and replanting, as is done on some industrial forest land. Surrounding trees give protection from direct sun to tender young seedlings, improv-

ing their chances of survival. In plantings of white pine, partial shade may also discourage the pine weevil, a common insect pest, from infecting and damaging the seedlings. Clearing and planting small areas also provide less of a stark visual impact, compared to large plantations.

The decision of whether or not to plant often comes down to economics. Planting must be viewed as a long-term investment. There are costs to establish and maintain a plantation: buying seedlings, labor to plant them, labor to clear competing brush, and the cost of intermediate thinnings to keep the growth of young trees vigorous. In many cases, the people who incur these costs do not live long enough to see their trees or investment mature. While some coniferous trees can grow fairly rapidly, it is not likely that a money-producing harvest could take place much sooner than about 40 to 50 years after planting, and a final harvest of mature trees, at their peak in value, sooner than 70 to 80 years. There are also unpredictable and volatile aspects to consider: trees may blow over, burn down, or be killed by insects and disease before they are big enough to harvest.

Despite the risks involved, the long-term nature of the investment can also be an advantage. For example, if someone planted white pine in 1920, it probably would have cost them one or two dollars an acre to plant (in 1920 dollars). Today, with the growing value of white pine, those trees would be worth perhaps \$2,500 per acre or more. That's not too bad a gain, even compared to today's stock market. It's hard to say if we could expect the same kind of pay-off in the next eighty years. Planting costs today range upwards of \$200 per acre. However, there are federal tax credits and cost-sharing programs available to the landowner that can substantially reduce these costs. It's anybody's guess what the value of high quality timber will be in the future, but it will assuredly continue to rise.

Despite the uncertainties of planting trees, you can't overlook the less tangible dividends of the investment - especially when compared to more traditional investments. Can you look out your window and see your mutual funds growing? Can you take an afternoon stroll through your stock portfolio? Is your granddaughter more impressed by a savings bond you bought for her future or the grove of pine trees you planted for her before she was born? Planting trees can bring the satisfaction of improving the long-term potential and productivity of the forest, not to mention an improvement to your soul. Trees do truly enrich all of our lives.

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

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Jeff Woodburn, State Democratic Party Chairman, will speak in Bradford on May 5

The Bradford/ Henniker/ Hillsborough Democrats will hold a meeting at the new Produce Plus market in Bradford on Monday, May 5, at 7:30 pm. The guest speaker will be the newly elected State Democratic Chairman, Jeffrey Woodburn. Bradford's economic development efforts will also be discussed. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Peter Bakke at 428-6334.

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

We signed all the papers on our beloved Barn and its lovely woods and meadows this morning and are now packing all of our leftover belongings into boxes. What hasn't gone already will go with us to a cottage for the summer.

This has been a fascinating month. It has, in a lot of ways, reflected the recent gyrations of the stock market, or at least the way our emotions have been plunging up and down. By selling our home and moving under our own steam and volition, we have had the opportunity of parceling out our own things as we saw fit. We have given our children, relatives and friends things that we thought they would love and enjoy, and we will be around to see them used. We did put a little bitty stipulation on some of the things ... they are on "probably permanent loan." That way, if we find we have made a horrendous mistake and can't live without something, we will be able to go reclaim it.

This move has come as a serious blow to some of our friends. It has, however, been part of our long-term plan for ourselves. We make plans for our children before they are born for, among other things, their health and their schooling. We try to plan for the financial stresses as well as the everyday expenses. We have great hopes for their futures, no matter whether they plan to be a doctor, a lawyer, an Indian chief. So it shouldn't be alien for us to plan for our own futures.

We wanted to know how we would be cared for in our old, older, and oldest years. We wanted to plan our own futures, not to have to count on crisis measures or having our children try and figure out "what to do" with us. When you have six very different daughters, you don't necessarily want any of them taking charge of you and have the other five fussing that they wouldn't want it done that way. We hope that our plans for ourselves will be good for us as well as for all of them.

At least this way, there can't be a lot of finger-pointing about our health care, nor can anyone be very far out of joint as to who get what or does what.

We put our names on a waiting list for a life care community more than ten years ago and have been trying to plan financially and emotionally accordingly. Some days neither of these has been easy.

This is the sort of long-range planning I have been harping about as far as our town is concerned. We should have a Plan that says in five years, we will need a new heating system for building X, and in ten years we will need to repave road Z and change road Y from class 6 to class 5 because the town is growing and houses need access. We should never again have to put a new septic system in the town hall on a crisis basis or rush out and do major repairs on a long-term problem that has finally become a disaster because no one had made a plan. This town has needed a sewer system for years. Everyone who lives on Main or High Streets and a few other roads that feed into the center of town has known that someday the septic systems would start to break down, but the problem has been blinked away. It's like having six daughters make plans for you the day something goes seriously wrong. Even the best of intentions can go awry without some forethought.



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**BLUE NEWS ... Report of the
Bradford Police Department**

by Kathy Grindle

April 10th saw the retirement of Chief Al Grindle from the Bradford Police Department. "Chief Al" retired several weeks early upon the advice of his physician. His orders were to relax, rest, and attempt to set more of a normal routine in his life. The Selectmen were very understanding of the circumstances and supportive of his decision, in spite of the short notice.

Upon the Chief's retirement, Officer Robert Varley was appointed as Officer in Charge and is responsible for the police activities. Administrative Secretary Kathleen Grindle will be handling the administrative end of the work. These two have agreed to work closely to keep the department running status quo until a new Chief has been appointed.

The Selectmen have recently begun advertising for the position, but it is unknown when a new Chief will be hired. What is known, however, is that the hiring process can take several months due to the extensive background checks and testing.

Onto other things ... The Department has recently received a Highway Safety Grant that will again provide bicycle safety helmets to local children. The helmets will be available through the Department. Also, the new video system and radar unit has been installed in the 1992 cruiser, so it is now fully equipped.

The Department logged 48 incidents through the 27th of April, including 6 animal calls, 3 assists to rescue, 2 reports of suspicious persons, 2 unsecured buildings, 2 reports of harassment, 2 burglary reports, 1 assault, 1 alarm activation, and 1 DWI. There were also 39 warnings issued, as well as 8 summonses. The Department made 2 arrests.



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Then & Then

by Milly Kittredge

The Unsinkable (Ubiquitous?) Ice Cream Parlor



Block, which burned in the 1918 fire. (lower photo) While the businesses were reshuffling after that tragedy, he set up his ice cream business in a Corrigan building, site of the former Jiffy Mart.

At the corner of Main Street West and the drive to Pleasant Hill cemetery, Del W. Nelson had a store and post office, selling dry goods, housewares, and having an ice cream parlor. (left photo) This was in operation from at least 1907 to 1926, when the building and the three-story Buswell Block on the other side of the drive burned.

On Main Street near the train depot, he had a branch ice cream parlor in the Colby

Soon after, the D. W. Nelson Store appeared in a small building between the railroad station and the rearing pool. There was a porch with the metal ice cream parlor chairs and tables

which overlooked the rearing pool. The scales for weighing coal, etc., are seen on the left. Stan Brown remembers shoveling coal, which came in the railroad cars, Mr. Nelson being the town dealership. The building became a rental home and eventually was torn down for the rerouting of Route 103 in 1967. The Baptist Church is shown before the porch was added in 1928. The Fiske House has changed little, although the Sawtelle Harness Shop, later rebuilt into a diner, is gone.



Our sympathy to the families of two nice people, Ralph Messer and Pearle Wood. Ralph was a hard worker who quietly went about his life. He was an important and respected part of the farm community and the type of person needed to make towns work. Pearle taught rug hooking with a class of almost 20 once a week, 9:00 to 4:00, with shared lunches. Her group had a Saturday craft and goods store at the Town Hall for several years. They remembered a time of great differences. They will be missed.

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Bradford's economic development, by Don Johnsen

Change happens whether we like it or not ... in our personal lives, our work, and our environment. Very little that changes is something we have any control over. We can't slow down the clock and stop the ravages of time; we can't stop the rains and end the floods. But we can paint our houses, eat healthy foods, press for better schools, and participate in town activities.

What we can change requires some thought because each of us, in our own way, subscribes to the idea of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." In general, we like to be left alone to do what we want with our house, land, family. Without interference from our neighbors or the people across town or our government (at any level). Of course, though, it is nice to have our street free of potholes. And maybe good schools for our kids. And someone to put out the fires. And a nice church. And someone to put a stop to those who seem determined to not let the rest of us go about our business without try to steal from us or polluting our drinking water. So it seems that, like it or not, we have to compromise our freedoms a bit by working together to set up, maintain and monitor the rules and institutions we all need to go about our daily lives. The days are long gone when we could live our lives independently. Today we are tied together in an invisible network. We need each other ... and each other's ideas ... and each other's help.

An example close to home is Bradford's needs. In a series of surveys and meetings, townspeople provided ideas for improving Bradford. This process contributed to Bradford's soon-to-be-completed revised Master Plan. In addition, other groups in town have worked long and hard to develop plans for improvements in Bradford ... water and sewer service in our Village area; better/safer playgrounds for our children; a new library; a remodeled/new Town Hall; a home for the kindergarten; and preservation of our natural beauty and resources ... for the benefit of all of us.

Each of these magnificent VOLUNTEER efforts, when brought forth for funding and implementation by Bradford's residents produces yet another question. Whose idea gets to be first?

Who gets to go first is something we DO have some control over. We can decide to never agree and effectively do nothing. "Doing nothing won't cost us anything." We can leave it to the group who puts together the best "get out the vote" effort and wins simply by overpowering the process. Or we can try and do everything at once. We won't get far with that approach because increasing taxes is simply unthinkable by just about everyone. A more moderate approach is to be all the "needs" together and then get majority agree-

ment by the townspeople to prioritize those needs. Putting the needs together into a multi-year plan comes next.

Last Fall, Bradford's Selectmen recognized the challenge that faced the town of sorting out its needs and the various proposed changes. They realized they didn't have the time both to deal with the town's day-to-day problems and resolve these issues affecting Bradford's future. So they asked for volunteers to form a committee to advise them. Thus was born the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, or BEOC. The committee's purpose, published in the January *Bridge*, is to "support and promote sound community economic development and to serve as the Selectmen's liaison for economic development within the Town of Bradford." The committee's initial task was to support the Rural Development Council's community visit on February 27.

As part of the committee's organization, a Charter was agreed upon:

BRADFORD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE CHARTER

Function as a catalyst for timely, economical and effective implementation of *Bradford Residents' Goals & Objectives*, from Master Plan, s(see page 13)

1. Integrate Bradford's government, business, cultural, environmental, educational, recreational, and social needs into a coherent and compatible statement of requirements.
2. Identify and assist in obtaining available federal, state, regional, governmental, and local resources.
3. Develop and promote a manageable, effective, financially achievable and economically sound Bradford Economic Opportunities Action Program.
4. Establish and maintain an information

program for the Town's citizens, landowners and businesses:

- a) to keep them aware of current activities;
- b) to fully understand the benefits of the Action Program's various projects;
- c) to be informed as to the cost, sources of funds, and procedures necessary to implement the Action Program's projects;
- d) the downside of not taking action now.

BEOC members do not see their role as identifying NEW needs--our task is to work with the needs already defined by townspeople. To put those needs together into a practical and effective plan will require working with both townspeople and outside experts. Compromises will be necessary ... we cannot afford to do everything at once. The BEOC believes the key to success in developing the Economic Opportunities Action Program is that residents love their town and want to see it healthy, attractive, and vibrant ... a place where their children can grow up ... and want to return to. We ask that everyone in Bradford participate in the process when opinions are sought, compromises discussed, and meetings held. Each of us can help to produce positive change in Bradford.

The current membership of the BEOC is: Carol Conforti-Adams, Amy Blitzer, Joe Conway (Selectmen's rep), Diane Gadoury (secretary), Don Johnsen (chair), Tom Scribner, Audrey Sylvester, and Gary Wall. Thanks to Tammara Van Ryn, who has recently resigned, but not before making a significant contribution to our efforts to date.

Each month, the BEOC will have an article in the *Bridge* describing the committee's activities and status of projects. We look forward to working with you to develop a plan for Bradford's future.



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BRADFORD RESIDENTS' GOALS & OBJECTIVES
(Source: revised Master Plan)

ACTION OBJECTIVES

1. IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE

Objectives:

- Improve Bradford's tax base and job opportunities
- Provide infrastructure for present community needs and future growth
- Develop programs for working cooperatively with contiguous and regional communities
- Develop comprehensive plan
- Develop a more efficient approach for "operating" Bradford

2. IMPROVE THE VILLAGE AREA

Objectives:

- Revitalize Main Street, etc.
- Evaluate water and sewer issue
- Utilize potential of access highways
- Consider public/private utilization or protection of land areas adjacent to access highways

GUIDELINE OBJECTIVES

1. MAINTAIN SMALL-TOWN CHARACTER AND RURAL LIFESTYLE

Objectives:

- Maintain adequate rules and regulations to control
- Appropriate conservation policy
- Provide recreational opportunity
- Preserve historic features

2. PRESERVE THE RURAL LANDSCAPE

Objectives:

- Maintain fields, farms and forests
- Support a viable current use program
- Consider class VI road for Class A conservation trails
- Appropriate rules and regulations to promote rural landscape.

3. PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND ENCOURAGE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Objectives:

- Promote cohesive actions within community and surrounding towns
- Maintain town-supported vital services
- Provide adequate facilities for town service organizations
- Actively support community programs

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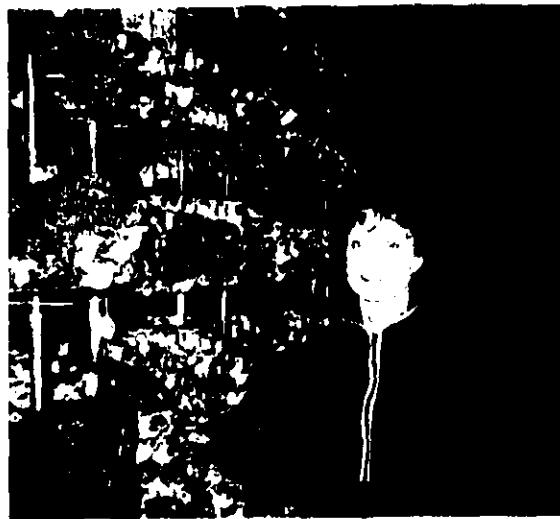
Main Street Denis Dumont, Owner

At Work, At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Watching mushrooms grow is Lynn Cook's passion. Owners of Bifrost Farm, she and her Merchant Marine husband, Captain Richard Cook, are farmers--growing Shiitake mushrooms as a business. The name, *Bifrost* (pronounced Beefrost) derives from Norse mythology--the rainbow bridge that crosses over from the heavens to earth. The Cooks moved to their little parcel of heaven, a huge 1850's farmhouse and land in East Washington, fifteen years ago.

In Japan, Shiitake mushrooms traditionally grow outdoors on the Shii Tree. At Bifrost Farm, they are cultivated in a warm, moist, spotlessly clean 21' x 38' mushroom house on "logs" (extra-large upside-down mixing-bowl-shaped forms). The "logs" are threaded like beads onto long poles hung vertically in rows. The arrangement maximizes space, provides air circulation, gives sufficient hours of light and darkness, and makes it easy to pick the weekly 400 pound harvest. Each numbered, dated pole is tracked in the computer throughout the two-month growing cycle.



As certified organic gardeners, cleanliness is essential. Molds are eliminated through careful procedures, not chemicals. "Mushrooms are fungi," Lynn said, "We have to maintain an environment free from competing molds." Before entering the mushroom house, she wades through a disinfecting bucket. Radiant-heated floors are hosed daily with bleach. Spaces where harvested mushroom stems had been attached must be hand-scraped daily. With 1800 logs and thousands of mushrooms, these precautions are time-consuming. Lynn's attention to minute details gives her the satisfaction of knowing that their mushroom

rooms are the highest quality ... a locally-grown fresh product prized by 50 chefs and groceries within a 70-mile radius of East Washington. *Produce Plus*, the new summer grocery in Bradford (at the corner of Route 103 and Main Street), will be one of their customers.

When the Cooks started their business a year and a half ago, they knew little about mushrooms. Off to the "Mushroom Capital of the World" ... Kennett Square, Pennsylvania ... they researched agricultural procedures, marketing, supplies and storage requirements. When they were ready to sell mushrooms, they invited a neighborhood computer whiz to design the labels, then adapted packaging to provide the best storage (moisture-free with air circulation) and best appearance (a see-through container).

Shiitake mushrooms are high in protein, carbohydrates, fiber, amino acids, B-vitamins, and low in fat and cholesterol. A *Bifrost* recipe mentions that Shiitakes are known to lower cholesterol levels and build the immune system. In Asia, an extract from Shiitake is known as a potent anticancer drug. In addition to their good-for-you-nutritional value, Lynn stands by their superb flavor, "distinctive, rich, woodsey or smokey," and their character, "they keep their texture when cooked." When she has time to cook, one of her favorite recipes is a simple baked potato made elegant with sour cream, butter, and sliced shiitake mushrooms sauteed in a little butter and soy sauce. Another dynamite combination is Lynn's "Cream of Shiitake Mushroom Soup," a soup one gourmet non-mushroom-eating tester claimed "was the best soup she had ever eaten" ... guaranteed to raise and lower cholesterol at the same time.

As mushroom farmers, the Cooks have no time to take vacations, go to the movies, or eat dinner at their clients' restaurants. If mushrooms are picked at 5:00 a.m., they must be picked on schedule 12 hours later at 5:00 p.m. Farming, business, delivery, and marketing chores fill the hours in between and after dark. As she reluctantly left the mushroom house at 9:00 p.m., Lynn said, "Go to sleep, mushrooms. I'm out of here for the night."

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

School District Community Survey Results, cont.

The results of the survey, which was mailed to the residents of the school district several months ago, have been tabulated. There were 325 responses. Most people responded that they didn't know if the academic curriculum is strong or if the district provides adequate computer training. The second most chosen response was "yes" to those two questions. Comments about information on student achievement focused on more parent involvement and better teacher/parent communications, among others. Report cards could be made more informative, with more teacher comments and more parent/teacher conferences. The clear majority of responses favored using public monies to fund kindergarten, elementary foreign language, expanded fine arts, interactive learning between buildings, and technology upgrades. "User fees" was chosen to pay for summer school, adult education, and parent education. The average teacher salary, \$38,043, is above the state average, but in line with area schools, Sunapee and Lebanon, and below Hanover. A heavy majority chose to remain competitive with the districts in the area. More results next month.

"What Parents Want" Award

Kearsarge Regional School District, along with 19 other NH school districts, has been chosen to receive national recognition for its successes in meeting family needs. The "What Parents Want" Award is a result of the compilation of 48,000 parent questionnaires completed by clients of Ohio-based SchoolMatch. Only 10% of the nation's school districts consistently provide what parents want in public education, including: competitive test scores, competitive teacher salaries, small class size, and above average expenditures in instructional and library/media services. We are part of that 10%.

Status of Children in the 90's

Reports of abuse and neglect have almost tripled since 1980 (Children's Defense Fund). One out of every five children is living in poverty (US Census Bureau). Since 1981, the percentage of children not living with both parents increased from 33% to 43% (Child Trends Inc.). Americans are earning less. During the first half of the 1990s, real median household income fell from \$33,685 to \$31,241 (US Census Bureau). More than 8 million children have no health insurance (US Census Bureau). Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death of 15 to 24 year olds, homicide is

second, and suicide is third (US Census Bureau).

According to A.C. Nielsen Co. (1996), the average American watches more than four hours of television each day, or nine years in a 65-year life span. There are about 4,000 studies on the effects of TV on children. According to *TV-Free America*, parents spend 38.5 minutes per week in meaningful conversation with their children, while the average child spends 1,680 minutes per week watching television. Chances that an American parent requires that children do their homework before watching TV is 1 in 12. 73% of American parents would like to limit their children's TV watching.

Calendar

School ends this year on June 18 and graduation is on June 14 at 6:00 pm at the Bradford Elementary School, due to construction at the high school. School begins next year on September 2; teachers will start the week before.

District Goals for next year in progress

Your School Board, having received input from the community survey, two board/teacher meetings, and the strategic plans, is in the process of setting goals for next year. Some areas of concern that may be addressed are: student behavior standards at school; student at-risk behavior, such as drug use; academic goals in reading, writing and math; kindergarten study; improved communications between school and parents; the middle school facility; extra-curricular activities; and some type of evaluation of the school district from a systems-operation point of view. If you have subjects that you feel are important or that we should improve or focus upon, please feel free to contact me at 938-2722 or e-mail, LOVMTS@AOL.com.

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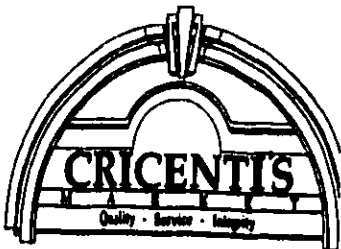
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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

The answer to the question we're asked most frequently is ... the Thrift Shop will open for business on Thursday, May 29 at 10:00 am!

On April 15, our "rescheduled" fund-raising buffet was held at the Appleseed Inn. The Library Trustees and staff thank all who came out to support us. Everyone had a great time. Door prize winners were Frank Cullinan, Bobby Ann Paine, and Caroline Verity.

On a recent trip, I visited Chincoteague and Assateague, barrier islands in Virginia. It was here 50 years ago that *Misty of Chincoteague* was written by Marguerite Henry. I grew up with these books and it was a dream come true to visit there.

We received \$240, given in memory of Marjorie Montgomery for the purchase of large print books. This lasting tribute to a great lady is most appreciated.

Thanks to Laurie Buchar and Audrey Sylvester of the Friends for the wonderful programs held at the library in February and March on American Short Stories. The Friends of BML will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 pm at the library.

In April, we registered our 1,000th borrower!!!

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent

selected by Sandy Wadlington

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - May 1897

Messrs. Bagley and Smith have completed their new bakery and are now ready to serve the public at short notice. Mr. Bagley is a practiced baker, having had quite an extensive experience. We understand they will run a cart in this and adjoining towns.

Hugh Corrigan has built a new blacksmith shop, 30 x 40 ft., 2 stories high. The top story will be used for a paint shop.

Dr. Jordan has left New Mexico, where he has been for several weeks, and gone to Colorado.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - May 1947

Clayton Nutter, road agent, who is having trouble in gathering truck drivers, believes that he has settled a most vexing problem by the acquisition of two women drivers, both of whom are known for their skill in handling four-wheeled gas buggies. Brother Nutter is not disclosing the identities of his fair workers, but Florence is advised to take up driving lessons. The husband of one of the "drivers" also is said to be on the uneasy seat, fearing that he may be forced to take walking lessons.

... and from Bradford Historical Society materials

selected by Milly Kittredge

1899, May 1, the mercury registered 92 in the shade at southwest Newbury.

Will M. Cressy has just finished an engagement in Chicago, and from there he will star in Kansas City, Omaha, and other important cities.

On Lake Sunapee. By May 11, 1899, ice was out, and the familiar whistle of the Lake Woodsum was heard on her daily trip going to meet the trains.

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members of St. Peter's Lodge, F. & A.M., together with the NH Masonic Charitable Foundation, made a \$300 contribution to the program.

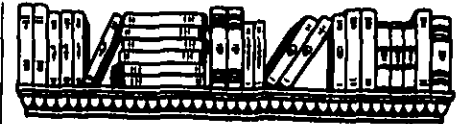
With 160 youth from Bradford, Newbury and Sutton playing baseball or softball, and almost 200 in the soccer program, there is an urgent need for more field space. BNYS has the opportunity to purchase an ideal lot across from the present field in Bradford. The new land would provide space for a lighted Babe Ruth field, a Little League field, and two soccer fields. Fund-raising is under way. For information, call Scott MacLean, 938-2302.

RECREATION, from page 1

activity, sports program, or extra curricular school program ... WE MOST DEFINITELY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU ... your input is vitally important.

Listed below are names and telephone numbers of committee members, who are available for you to call with your ideas and questions.

Robbie MacLeod	938-2679
Scott MacLean	938-2302
Jane Lucas	938-2570
Deborah Spaulding	938-5955
Debra Johnson	938-2837



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

PATRIOT ROYAL
by Russ Pottle
Chestnut Hill Publishing
Williamsburg, VA 1996

In this, his first novel, Russ Pottle promises and delivers villains as well as heroes, war battles in blistering cold, and starvation and loneliness by Patriots seeking a new nation independent of England.

The central figure is Charles Royal, a wild young man acquainted with men like Samuel Adams. The story opens with Charles (who favors the Patriots) saying good-bye to his Loyalist family.

This novel, a mixture of truth and fiction, begins with Charles acquiring a job as a barman at a Boston tavern where the Sons of Liberty hold secret meetings. Shortly afterward, he joins a provincial regiment formed in Boston under Col. William Prescott.

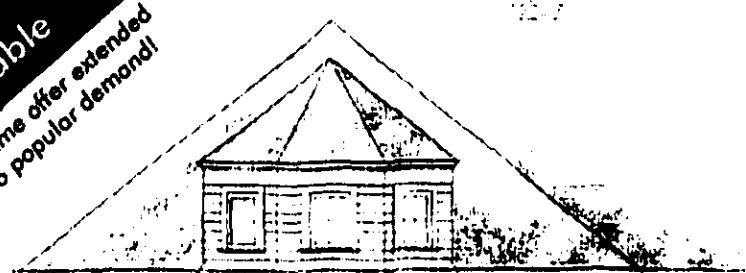
Many years an editor, Pottle grew up in Reading, MA, and is familiar with Boston and Lexington sites. He now resides with his family in Williamsburg, VA. To assist readers, he provides fictional and non-fictional character lists, which serve as reference for non-experts of the American Revolution.

Fictional characters, such as Rainbow Samuels, interject life into the soldiers' winters of discontent, when food is scarce and bark from trees becomes a food source. Charles accuses Rainbow of being the greatest liar since the serpent in Eden.

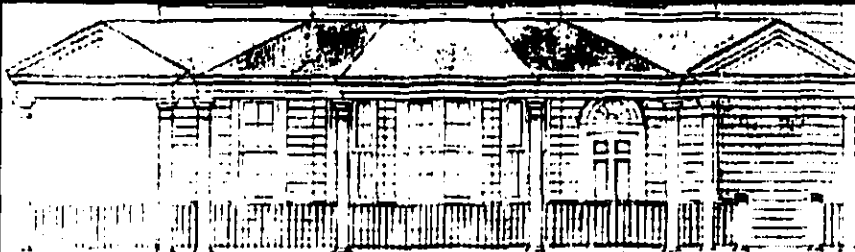
As might be expected, the plot includes a romance between Charles and Caitlin Serling, a Loyalist nurse who is also a Patriot spy. There is one poignant scene I enjoyed when Henry Fowler, jealous of Charles for gaining the heart of Caitlin, stirs up trouble, hoping Charles will be arrested by the Loyalists. With Caitlin's help, Charles is directed through a secret passageway and escapes as Loyalist soldiers arrive at the Serling estate. With no sign of Charles, the soldiers consider Fowler drunk and depart. Fowler pulls out a gun and aims at Caitlin's father, a judge. Hearing a shot, Charles returns to find the judge safe; Junius, a young slave, had jumped in front of the man and saved him.

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Selectmen's meetings in April

April 7. Selectmen approved the renewal of Valley Transportation's license to operate a motor vehicle junkyard.

Cemetery Trustee Milly Kittredge asked whether, to reduce the cost of the project, the Commission can request help from town department to chip and remove the dead tree at the church cemetery once it has been taken down. Selectmen responded that work requests should come through their office and suggested that the Commission solicit bids first, then see what help could be provided.

Bob Stewart, Jr., representing Larry McDonald, Fortune Rd., met to discuss McDonald's junkyard permit application. A neighbor, Bill Cyr, had inquired why McDonald was able to have a junkyard without a permit. Stewart said McDonald understood he needed to apply for the permit. He wants to be considered an existing junkyard because applying as a new junkyard would require complying with new standards, which could be a problem. Selectmen said he should make his request to the ZBA, which approves junkyard applications.

Bill Cyr then expressed his frustration that he had been "complaining for a year that he was breaking the law" and nothing was done about it. Cyr said the junkyard has grown in the last year, so that now sometimes his road is blocked for up to thirty minutes while material is delivered. He also expressed concern that some of the material might be environmentally hazardous. Selectmen responded that action was now being taken. Code Enforcement Officer Chip Meany will send a letter notifying McDonald that he has 60 days to comply with the law. Meanwhile, Stewart will inform McDonald that he needs to go to the ZBA.

Selectman Pickman asked Meany to quickly complete his list of fines for code violations and submit it to the Board, commenting that the building season will arrive soon.

After non-public session, Selectmen reported they had accepted the resignation of Police Chief Al Grindle, effective April 10. The date of Grindle's earlier announced retirement was moved up on the recommendation of his physician.

April 14. Administrative Assistant Cheryl Behr reported that she had received several applications for elderly exemptions. Selectmen recommended notifying applicants by letter that the exemptions will not take effect until the December tax bill because the application deadline was March 1, while the town's vote to approve the exemptions took place at town meeting on March 12.

Barbara French reported that she has received eight applications for the part-time summer monitor position for the milfoil prevention effort at Lake Massasecum.

Behr reported that she has placed ads for the police chief position in local newspapers, with a deadline of May 1. The area mutual aid has been notified of the absence of a Bradford police chief. The officers are currently reporting to the Selectmen.

April 21. Dedication to duty was exemplified at this meeting when Selectman Dick Vitale arrived at 7:30, directly from a flight from Rome, Italy, without even going home first!

Road Agent Andy Anderson expressed the need for short-term additional help for spring cleanup tasks, such as sweeping walks and traffic flagging. Request will be made for help from individuals assigned community service work.

Selectmen reviewed a letter written by Perry Teele to the state E911 Office concerning completing the area map revisions. Puzzlement was expressed over the inability of the state office to correctly identify certain driveways as "fire lanes." Selectman Pickman agreed to telephone the office to try to determine what the problem was.

Selectmen approved Bradford's participation in a household hazardous waste day, to be held in Henniker on October 18.

ZBA Chair Erin DiBello requested that the Selectmen clarify the status of the Zoning Ordinance changes approved at town meeting prior to the next ZBA public hearing. Selectman Joe Conway will request town counsel Tim Bates to provide a report. By telephone, Bates had stated that the errors were not of a substantial nature that would negate the town's vote.

It was announced that the Governor had signed an approval to appropriate monies (approximately \$9,000) for the application

and treatment of milfoil at Lake Massasecum. The treatment will be applied by the state in late May.

Selectman Joe Conway reported that he and Tom Clark, of Northeast Rural Community Assistance, had completed the Scope of Services for the sewer feasibility study.

Several residents met to discuss "reactivating" the Recreation Committee. Selectmen directed the group to elect officers, establish and post a meeting date, and present meeting minutes to the Selectmen, to formalize the organization.

April 28. Selectmen approved the appointment of Mildred Kittredge as an alternate to the ZBA.

Road Agent Andy Anderson's plans for spring and fall road work were discussed. On targeted roads, the pavement will be ground up in the spring and the new pavement will be laid in the fall. To avoid road work during the busiest traffic season, the roads will remain dirt-covered over the summer months.

Administrative Assistant Cheryl Behr reported that she has required quite a number of inquiries concerning the sewer/ water feasibility study. Selectmen Joe Conway said his plan was to hold a single informational meeting for all interested engineering firms.



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The RDC report includes eight actions steps, some of which contain resources and recommendations. They include:

1. Clearly define, communicate, and act upon the plans to move forward with the sewer feasibility study in the downtown area.
2. Improve communication and coordination of activities at the organizational level and with the citizenry of Bradford.
3. Work with key town boards, department heads, and local organizations to establish the Capital Improvements Plan.
4. Available properties for commercial use could be listed for Bradford on the Department of Resources and Economic Developments Database.
5. The grocery Cooperative effort presents a tremendous opportunity for the Town of Bradford. Beyond meeting the grocery needs of the community, the Cooperative presents a strategy to begin to re-create a town center and gathering place for the citizens of the community. It will also create traffic patterns into the downtown that will help the overall business and social climate of Bradford. The Board of Selectmen ought to formally resolve to support the efforts of the Cooperative as an overall good initiative for the Town.
6. Efforts should be made to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer groups and to gain clarity amongst the Board of Selectmen and the volunteers on the liability coverage concerns.
7. Establish an overall strategy for attracting winter and summer visitors and tourist-related businesses to Bradford.
8. Review the current zoning ordinance in light of the changes to the master plan and the needs of cottage industries and home businesses in Bradford.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



I'm sure you're all wishing, along with me, that the arrival of May will bring with it beautiful warm spring days. We're all ready to go strolling and/or tackle that long-overdue yard work.

A retired Gloucester fisherman, Scott MacNeil, will be selling fresh fish at Produce Plus, beginning on May 1. He lent me a wonderful cookbook, *The Taste of Gloucester*, to try some of the recipes. This one takes some time, but is well worth it ... I received oo's and ah's! Serve it with a nice french bread and fresh salad.

Seafood Lasagna

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| 1 1/2 lb haddock, cusk or pollock | 1 1/2 cups shredded provolone |
| 1 lb peeled shrimp | 1 lb. ricotta cheese |
| 1 lb, 12oz can tomatoes | 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan |
| 1/2 C diced onion | 3 eggs |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | 1 lb cooked lasagna noodles |
| 1/4 C olive oil | 1 6-oz can tomato paste |

Put tomatoes in blender. Blend and then strain to take out the seeds.

In a large saucepan, saute onions and garlic in 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Add fish (not shrimp) and salt and pepper to taste. Put cover on pan and simmer until fish flakes easily, about 7 to 10 minutes. Stir as it simmers. Add the blended tomatoes. After it comes to a boil, let is cook for 5 minutes. Add tomato paste and simmer 10 minutes longer with lid off to thicken sauce.

Meanwhile, in a small frying pan, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Add shrimp and cook lightly until they curl. Strain and add shrimp to fish sauce. If sauce is too thick, add some of the shrimp juice and cook 5 minutes more.

Beat the eggs. Add the ricotta and Parmesan with a little pepper to taste and mix well. Scoop about a quarter of the fish sauce and cover the bottom of a 15 x 11 x 2-inch lasagna pan. Cover with one third of the lasagna. Dot with about a third of the cheese mixture and then sprinkle with a third of the shredded provolone. Continue with layers of fish sauce, lasagna, and cheeses until you have three layers of each. Top with remaining quarter of sauce. Cover pan with aluminum foil and bake 30 minutes at 350°.

Ragged Mountain hike on May 3

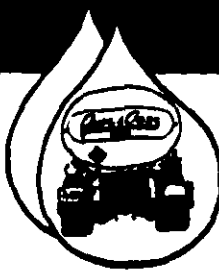
The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition is jointly sponsoring a hike on Ragged Mountain with the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Coalition in the morning on Saturday, May 3. The 6-mile hike will be from Danbury up to the ridgeline, on to the peak, and ending at Proctor Academy. For meeting place details, call Bill Hoffman at 735-5827.

Square dance on May 3

CAPS AND GOWNS, a Mainstream-level square dance, will be held on Saturday, May 3, 8:00-10:30, at the Bradford Town Hall.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



More than a year ago, I mentioned in this column that sunflowers had gone through many changes. I predicted that sunflowers would be widely planted as annual flowers now that there were several interesting types available. It happened.

The sunflower had been an important crop worldwide, grown in Russia, U.S. and Canada. It has been a source of vegetable oils, bird food, and the nutlike kernel has been used in "multi-grain" breads and other cookery. The acreage of this food crop is growing in importance. But the real revolution occurred when a Japanese seed company found a variety which produced little pollen and that pollen was not easily spread. Pollen of the usual sunflowers is bright yellow and sticks to fabrics, causing hard to remove stains. For this reason, the blooms were avoided for home decoration. This discovery, in 1988, led to rapid development of the "floristy" types that are now being sought by home gardeners, greenhouses, and field growers for commercial uses. (The blooms of sunflowers as cut flowers last for long periods.) Plant breeders everywhere hopped on the bandwagon and developed many varieties. You can buy packets of 20-25 more seeds for up to several dollars per pack. Remember, you have been buying 5 lb. bags of seed for birds for \$2.50!

The seeds on the market now will produce everything from miniature window-box types of 12-in height to 12-foot plants producing giant heads or with many branched stems of bouquet-sized blooms. Colors are available from sunflower yellows, white or bright reds and some which vary in color from the center to the outer edge of the bloom. You name what you desire and you can probably find seed. The flowering times are also options. Some varieties will bloom

in 60 days from seed. Others planted in May probably will bloom until frost. In fact, sunflowers are now available in florists bouquets, greenhouse grown, or shipped north from the southern states.

All this started by the discovery of a new breed, maybe a sport, in 1988 -- the revolution is less than ten years old and going strong! The good thing is that anyone in this area can grow these new varieties by planting the seed outside at the end of the month. Soil requirements are minimal. Normal garden soil will do. Fertility is not usually a limitation and as the parent plants come from areas where summer droughts occur, they will produce even where corn will be hurt by lack of rainfall. Insects are not usually a problem. The only thing I have found that may be a problem is that deer browse off the lower leaves, as occurred where I planted them on the edges of the garden.

The more than 80 inches of snow and sleet we received was slow to melt, but is now gone without really high water or rapid runoff. As usual, the repair of lawns caused by the slow snow disappearance has been held up, but raking, loosening soil in bare spots, application of fertilizer and seed, and then awaiting the gentle May rains, will bring back the green we desire in New England.

Those plants started in the house under growlights need now to go to the greenhouse if you have one, or to the hot bed to get the benefit of the strengthening sun. The target date -- historically -- is Memorial Day to have them in the ground. While my record book tends to indicate that spring flowers are about ten days late this year, there can be a rapid change in the daily temperature upwards. We may also still be dusting snow off the tulips, as well.

Planning Board activities in April

April 8. A public hearing was held to review the application of Peter Isham for the Good Night Sand & Gravel Co. on Pleasant Valley Road. The board examined his reclamation plans, reviewed the travel route of gravel trucks entering at the south end of Pleasant Valley and exiting at the north end, and confirmed the standard reclamation bond of \$2,000 per acre. Chairman Perry Teele expressed concern about the reclamation schedule, commenting that some pits had never been closed properly. The Board agreed that the two-year term of the gravel permit enables them to review the project in two years.

Bob Stewart, Jr. discussed site plan review for an auto reconditioning business to be run by David Darin in Ed Regan's cinder-block building on West Main Street. The Board agreed that because there is a change of use (from abandoned to auto reconditioning), the applicant should apply to the ZBA for a special exception prior to site plan review.

April 22. The Board discussed the Good Night Sand & Gravel application and voted unanimously to approve the application.

Bob Stewart, Jr. met to discuss applying the zoning ordinance changes to David Darin's request for a site plan review. They agreed that because all lots are considered two acres, the lot is no longer non-conforming. Previously, the use was considered non-conforming because the lot was substandard. Now that the use is no longer non-conforming, the Planning Board can deal with a change of use without ZBA review for a special exception. Once this had been determined, the Board voted to accept the implementation of the zoning amendments, per town counsel's advice. Then they voted to reverse their previous decision to send the applicant, David Darin, to the ZBA.

A discussion followed concerning the heavier responsibility placed on the Planning Board for site plan review now that the ZBA will no longer review some applications. They agreed that a detailed and uniform review procedure must be put in place.

Teele reported that Joe Wilcox, owner of Autocraft, was in violation of his site plan. Wilcox has parked cars for sale on Route 114 instead of limiting car sales to the rear area specified on the site plan. In addition, he has removed trees within the 25' buffer designed to protect the abutting property. The Board discussed its options, then agreed to ask the Selectmen to request the Code Enforcement Officer to take immediate action.

Teele reported receiving a letter complaining about U-haul trailers at R.L. Dodge's on Main Street. The Board agreed that this constituted an expansion of use, which requires modifying the existing site plan. Teele suggested that he speak to the owner, Bernie Lamach, and see if the matter can be resolved within the next two weeks.

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Historical Society open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Monday, May 5

Cemetery Commission, 9:00 am
call 938-5386 for location

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Democratic Party meeting, Produce Plus, 7:30

Tuesday, May 6

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

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

Library Trustees, Library, 7:15

Wednesday, May 7

PTC, Bradford Elementary, 7:00

Thursday, May 8

Bradford-Newbury Workshop, Friendship House, 11:00 am

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, May 9

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Prize, refreshments. Sponsored by Bradford Women's Club

Saturday, May 10

Historical Society open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Monday, May 12

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, May 13

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, May 14

Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Saturday, May 17

Historical Society open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Sunday, May 18

Infinites Concert, First Baptist Church, 3:00 (see article, page 3)

Monday, May 19

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, May 20

BWC Annual Luncheon, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 11:00 am

BNKP meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, May 21

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Friends of the Library, Library, 7:00

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

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

Thursday, May 22

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, May 23

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Food Pantry.

Saturday, May 24

Annual BWC Bake Sale, Post Office, 9:00-12:00

Historical Society Yard Sale, Old Post Office

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day, NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, May 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, May 28

Public meeting on Rural Development Council report, Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, May 29

Family/School Assembly, Bradford Elementary, 2:00 pm

Saturday, May 31

Historical Society Yard Sale, Old Post Office

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

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