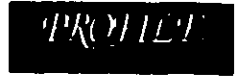




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Marjorie Fritsch
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Skateboard park ... a success story

Meetings, consultations, and construction -- Bradford's on-again, off-again skateboard park project culminated in a coordinated effort during the last week of September to construct a safe area for young people to skateboard and bike-ride.

Over the summer, skateboarding at Brown-Shattuck Field grew from a few skateboarders taking advantage of the tarmac to many skateboarders using a multitude of homemade ramps and jumps. In early September, a large half-pipe arrived on the scene. That's when the Selectmen stepped in -- asking the Parks and Recreation Committee to come discuss the situation.

At the September 15 meeting, Jane Lucas and Debra Spaulding discussed what could be done to address safety issues. Spaulding said State law expressly stated that skaters skated at their own risk and the town could not be held liable. Selectman Joe Conway responded that municipal insurance coverage required that towns demonstrate "due diligence" in addressing safety issues and also that the Selectmen were concerned about the safety of the skateboarders. Also, Dick Moore had reported that there were problems with trash and tire tracks on the ballfields. Selectman Dave Pickman said that the Parks and Recreation Committee needed to work through the town. He said that if the committee made a proposal, the Selectmen would support it. Lucas and Spaulding agreed to have a sign made and posted listing rules, including no skateboarding after dark, and to address safety concerns with the new half-pipe.

On September 22, Ken Ward, risk agent for the NH Municipal Association, came to town to inspect town facilities. When he saw the skateboard park, he asked Town Administrative Assistant Cheryl

Sewer/Water feasibility study will be conducted by Provan and Lorber

In early September, the engineering firm Provan and Lorber, of Contoocook, was selected by the Board of Selectmen from eleven applicants to conduct the sewer/water feasibility study. Representatives David Provan and Daren Coudriet met with Selectmen on September 8. They delivered an agreement to be signed and reviewed the procedure they will follow to complete the project by the end of the year. The agreed-upon areas to study are Main Street, Lake Todd, and Lake Massasecum.

Provan described the steps his firm will use to assess the need for public sewer and/or water and to determine cost-effective options. These include collecting data, conducting an environmental site assessment, reviewing remediation options and potential costs, and conducting public informational meetings. Provan asked that the Water Matters Committee be reactivated to support the project. A Water Matters meeting has been set up for Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. All interested residents are invited to attend. Selectman Joe Conway commented that emphasis is being placed, throughout this project, on communicating with the public and keeping them involved in the process.

The Selectmen's office received word that the Office of State Planning has approved a deadline extension on the feasibility study, from December 31 to April 30, 1998. The extension had been applied for prior to selection of Provan and Lorber. David Provan commented that he expected his firm to be able to complete work by the end of the year.



With the Selectmen's approval, the Police Dept. and Selectmen's Office traded rooms on Sunday, September 28. This move both improves public access to the Town Office and reduces safety concerns caused by the proximity of the police and kindergarten.

Police Dept. and Selectmen's Office ... Trading places at the Town Hall

On Sunday, September 28, Police Chief John Sims, his wife, several police officers and Town Administrative Assistant Cheryl Behr all worked to paint the former police office and move all the furniture and files from one office to the other. The move was the culmination of two weeks of discussion, initiated by Dick Keller, BEOC member. Keller attended the September 15 Selectmen's meeting to express concern over the planned construction of a handicapped ramp at the east side of the Town Hall. He said the BEOC anticipated using the front vestibule for handicapped access to the upstairs. So the committee requested that the contract to build a handicapped ramp be postponed until consideration could be given to building the ramp at the front of the building instead.

During the discussion, Keller showed them plans the BEOC had been working on that included moving the police to the Selectmen's office and moving the Selectmen's office nearer the front door. The BEOC made the sugges-

BBA proposes Bradford Community Events, Inc.

The Bradford Business Association has been discussing options for improving the conduct of events held in Bradford. The Fourth of July Celebration was the focal point for this discussion. With the decision by Mary Mitchell to no longer orchestrate the parade and other activities she had been developing, we are all left with a major void. The parade in particular requires action now to gain commitments from key bands, etc., because schedules are typically arranged within ninety days after each Fourth.

All Bradford organizations participating in the Fourth festivities are out to raise funds for their worthwhile causes. Collectively, however, we're not getting the best possible turnout because our efforts are not coordinated and events are not promoted to best advantage. Until event planning, promotion and support is focused, this potential cannot be realized.

With the thought that "a rising tide raises ALL boats," the BBA has the following proposal. A single, coordinated organization will be formed, comprised of dedicated

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Cast prepares for *A Christmas Carol*

Moon Mountain Arts is pleased to announce its next presentation, *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens. The cast includes: John Signorino, Greg Johnson, Fred Hubley, Carol Tonkin, Jill Pinard, Jessica Fillmore, John Harris, Ruth-Ann Harris, Tillie Wheeler, and Maggie Dayton. Two performances will be presented at the Town Hall, Nov. 30 at 4:00 and Dec. 14 at 7:00.

Andrew Pinard is directing the one-act Theatrical Reading, which also includes a magical and theatrical visual slide presentation. The one-hour play will be preceded by a musical interlude and carols. Children of all ages can enjoy the spirit of Christmas.

MMA has been funded, in part, by the N. H. State Council on the Arts. This funding is very limited. "We depend on ticket sales to meet expenses. We really need to increase our audiences in order for MMA to continue to bring theatre and entertainment to Bradford. In the past, we have presented jazz, country, chamber music, film, Pontine Movement, theatre, a country dance, and original plays. Although we have had community support, in order for us to continue our programs, we must increase that support," said committee member Lu Signorino.

Tickets will be on sale after November 1. Look for more about *A Christmas Carol* in the November issue of the *Bridge*. MMA is a community effort. The more people we can involve, the better the effort. Let us hear from you about our programs. Volunteer to plan a season with the committee. Volunteer to join the Christmas Carol production staff. Call Lu Signorino, 938-2608, or Nancy Hibbard, 938-2301.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

Due to a rain-out of our September date, members of the Bradford-Newbury Workshop will tour Canterbury Shaker Village on October 9. Meet at 9:30 am at Friendship House to carpool to Canterbury. Lunch will be served at the Museum. Any questions, call Pat Whiteside, 938-2876. --Clare Bensley

Friends talk on Ted Kennedy


The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will host a talk, *The Ted Kennedy Nobody Knows*, by biographer and historian Burton Hersh on Wednesday, October 15 at 7:30 in the Bradford library. Hersh will talk about Ted Kennedy and autograph his newest book, *The Shadow President: Ted Kennedy in Opposition*, published last spring.

Author of seven books, Bradford resident Hersh is a veteran writer on American politics, including *The Education of Edward Kennedy* (1972), a standard treatment of the senator's early career. Praise for *The Shadow President* comes from historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., "This vivid portrait of a figure much enmeshed in controversy explains why Edward M. Kennedy is a principled legislator--and one of the most formidable and effective senators of our age."

President of the Friends, Audrey Sylvester, said, "The Friends anticipates a lively evening. We celebrate the new book and Hersh's contributions in recording our country's history. We hope everyone will enjoy talking with our neighbor, Burton, who will give us an intimate glimpse into the larger political arena of the United States Senate. We might gain a new appreciation for the complexity of our government's decision making."

Hersh's books are part of the Brown Memorial Library's collection. Copies for signing will be available for sale at the talk.

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News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

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Steven Balch and Tracy Jordan were married on September 27.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

The office will be closed on October 13 for the Columbus Day holiday.

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Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

NOTICE

All groups wishing to hold meetings or events at the Town Hall are reminded that the space must be reserved by calling the town office, 938-5900.

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Judy Blood, Bradford teacher, attending National Teacher Forum

Judy Blood, third grade teacher at Bradford Elementary School, will join nearly 120 of the nation's top classroom teachers in Washington, D.C. from October 6-8 to explore the role teachers play in ensuring quality teachers -- and in making teaching a true profession. She was selected as a 1997 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year finalist.

During three days of discussions, teachers will share knowledge, experience and insight on how to improve teaching, raise academic achievement, and improve the quality of the teaching profession. The 1997 Teacher Forum is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education

Bradford Women's Club Update

To open our year, we held a "Mad Hatter's Tea" at Jane Lucas'. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the great food they provided for all of us.

All of the hats were unique. It was hard for the judges to make a decision, but they did! 1st prize, Ruth Page, Special Award; 2nd Prize, Lyn Betz, Most Original; 3rd prize, Jan Pickman, Way Out!!!

Our next Membership Meeting will be on October 21, at 7:30 pm, at the Baptist Church. Remember, this is Guest Night, bring your friends. Our program will be the Melody Makers from Magdalen College. The program is open to the public. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

Christmas Fair workshops will be held on Wednesday afternoons - 1:30 to 4:00. The Oct. 1 and 8 workshops will be held at Doris Tremblay's. The Oct. 15, 22, and 29 will be held at the Baptist Church Vestry. If you have ideas for projects or can help, please call me.

Our first luncheon trip was to Pickity Place. It was enjoyed by all those able to attend. --Doris Tremblay

Whist games postponed indefinitely

The Bradford Whist Society has had a long and successful series of seasons, offering entertainment and social opportunities to all town residents. Formed in 1991, the Society offered whist playing at the Town Hall, and, more recently, at the Church Vestry. Almost \$400 was collected each year from attendees and distributed to charities and community groups. Unfortunately, Whist games will be postponed until further notice. The Society wishes to express its appreciation to everyone who participated over the past years. It's been fun and a nice way to meet new people. Hopefully, the Society will be reorganized in the future. --Luanne Mayo

Christmas in the Country update

A meeting was held in September to begin preparations for the town-wide "Christmas in the Country" event. The theme for this year's celebration is "The Twelve Days of Christmas." A Christmas Stroll and Caroling, holiday craft fairs, historic home tour, workshops, and Moon Mountain Arts production of *A Christmas Carol* are only a few of the many events being planned by the town's organizations. We are hoping to make this a community event. We urge all organizations and anyone interested in helping in any way to attend our next meeting at the Rosewood Country Inn on Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 pm. We need a computer person to help design and set up our brochure and posters and an artsy-craftsy person to help us with our new button-maker. Also, if you have any photographs of the past years' events, we would love to see them! --Lesley Marquis

Priscilla Danforth celebrates 90th



On Sunday, September 21, an open house was held at the Applesseed Inn to honor Priscilla Danforth on her 90th birthday. Many townspeople turned out to wish Priscilla a happy birthday!

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Letters



To the editor:

In response to Mrs. Mayo's September article, I hardly think the demise of Bradford or "Creeping De-evolution" as she so cleverly put it, is caused exclusively by "auto entrepreneurs or garage sale...hawkers!" I found her choice of sinister-sounding words, i.e. "affronted, lurk and leer," highly inflammatory and more befitting a sex offender than cars and sales!

Her "Point of View" sounds condescending, exaggerated, over-reactionary and a bit highfalutin. The term "hawker" she uses, meaning "one who offers goods for sale by shouting in the street; a peddler; a huckster," is rather presumptuous sounding and perhaps a more appropriate word for a carnival.

She quotes our local Zoning Ordinance: "none of us...can have more than one unlicensed, unroadworthy motor vehicle stored on our property at any time..." Therefore, based on Mrs. Mayo's own quote, any person selling one vehicle (roadworthy or unroadworthy) is not doing anything illegal (or, I'd like to add, immoral or causing harm to others).

May I suggest that the demise of Bradford may more be caused by pickfaults: "those who look for faults in others." Perhaps our community would benefit more from supportive, positive, productive activities?

An open letter to the residents of Main Street:

Thank you for the enjoyment your lovely gardens have given me this year as I travel to and from work each day. What a way to start the day with all the different flowers blooming and changing from season to season! It's uplifting to say the least.

Debbie Lamach

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank everyone for making my 90th birthday a very special day -- one that I will remember for a long time.

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Hoping not to sound presumptuous, perhaps people in town would be willing to help organize a fund-raiser and support the youth (our next generation) skateboarders who hear virtually nothing but negative coming from us older folks. Just like all the wonderful volunteers of Bradford Newbury Youth Sports, we could try to support a lot of kids in the up-and-coming fairly new skateboarding craze in town. After all, these young people are getting fresh air and exercise--yea, they wear different-looking clothes from when we were kids, but what could look worse (now that we're older and wiser) than the mini skirts on seriously overweight women, polyester leisure suits, bell bottoms, and Nero jackets we were into in our generation? Not to mention gauze shirts and love beads...oh, boy!!

Since Mrs. Mayo is a prominent person in town, perhaps if she expressed more thoughtfulness and less judgment toward those *human beings* who *live* in Bradford, rather than apparently caring so much about what tourists think who fly through town (some of whom, by the way, only stop in Bradford because of a yard or car sale), I might be more compassionate toward her "Point of View."

Mrs. Mayo, et. al., since you have so much spare time on your hands to drive around town picking people apart, may I suggest you stop by the skateboard park? You'll see some rather talented athletes working hard at improving their skills and trying to learn to socialize appropriately within various age groups. A little verbal encouragement or \$20 or so for a piece of plywood for a ramp might be nice too! After all, "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Judy Paris

Notice to KRSD parents:

At their October 7th meeting, the Kearsarge Regional School Board will be considering an agenda item regarding the cancellation of the long-standing Winter Activities curriculum. For six afternoons each year, beginning in February, our students have been afforded the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of our geographical area by participating in skiing, tennis, ice skating, and other athletic pursuits at local recreational areas. This program has been in existence for longer than most people can remember, a tradition that is one of the fondest memories of former students' school lives. For many students, this affords them the only opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a New Hampshire Winter. Research shows that children involved in athletic endeavors are less likely to be involved in more negative pursuits. "A kid on ice is not in hot water." In addition to the benefits to the local recreational economies, the Winter Activities programs are an integral part of our children's educational and physical development.

Please register your sentiments about this proposal/discussion by attending the October 7 School Board meeting or by contacting your School Board Representative (in Bradford, call Mike Hague at 938-2722).

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Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee will hold fall meetings

The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC) is planning to meet with organizations and individuals in our town to review its progress on an action program for Bradford. The meetings will commence in late October.

The BEOC was chartered by the Board of Selectmen to "serve as a catalyst for timely, economical and effective implementation of Bradford's Goals and Objectives (the source for these is the revised Master Plan)." The town's Goals and Objectives evolved from surveys and meetings conducted over the past three years. At these earlier meetings and in the surveys, townspeople were asked to list their assessment of the town government's needs and requirements for improvements in areas affecting our town. The results have been compiled by the Master Plan Update Committee for use in its efforts. In addition, the Selectmen sponsored the Rural Development Council meetings in February and May of this year, which reinforced requirements identified in the prior efforts and added a few new items. The BEOC used this information to produce a comprehensive list of "Projects." These Projects, if implemented, would satisfy all the needs and requirements identified by Bradford's citizens.

During the past four months, the BEOC has been working with this comprehensive list of Projects. This set of "What Ifs" was agreed upon by the Committee after considering many alternative combinations of Projects. Projects include the library, town hall, sewer/water, business park, and Bradford Green, among other things of interest to all. The Committee has evolved a concept of Bradford's future after a period of improvements (i.e., completion of these Projects). This concept will be presented at meetings with organizations and interested townspeople to further refine just WHAT we should

undertake to do in Bradford, WHERE it should be done, and, in general terms, WHEN these improvements should be initiated (e.g., now vs some time in the future). In all instances, whether any individual Project should even be undertaken will also be addressed.

At this point, the Committee's objective is to (1) get reactions to the overall "big picture" approach; (2) identify any additional projects or alternatives that may have been overlooked; and (3) get participants at each meeting to identify their preferences for the various Projects in terms of priority and timing, and indeed, any which they feel should not be pursued.

After these meetings, the Committee will have obtained input from a broad cross section of residents. From this input, the BEOC will narrow its focus to those Projects which most participants want to see initiated now (within the framework of the long term action program). The next step will be to do feasibility analyses covering the high priority Projects--which will require expert assistance and funds.

The BEOC was also tasked to identify funding to support Bradford improvements. For one of the main sources, grant funding requests must be submitted in January. Consequently these meetings have to be conducted soon to ensure that a consensus exists to proceed with the highest priority Projects. A prime consideration for awarding grant funds is widespread support within the town for any proposed improvements.

The Committee asks that all townspeople attend and actively participate in these meetings...times and places to be announced.
--Don Johnsen

Bradford Historical Society news

The Bradford Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 7:30 pm, at the Old Post Office.

During October, the Historical Society's Saturday schedule will be erratic. Call 938-5386 or 938-5380 for schedule or mutually convenient appointment.

Let's connect the generations

October 22 is "Let's Make a Difference Day." It's a national campaign to focus on the positive innate nature of human beings. In a society plagued with negative images/events in our daily media, sometimes we lose sight of our common purpose. Focusing on the good deeds of individuals of all ages will be refreshing. The larger hope is to nurture and celebrate this core human virtue of "people helping people." Our town and the surrounding communities have a lot of wonderful people who are contributing and making a difference in the lives of others. We all can be thankful for their contributions.

It is time to continually celebrate our community connections and to cultivate more multi-age intergenerational activities and events that pass on the virtue of people helping people.

I do not know all the ways we can connect with each other, but one way to start is volunteering with children in the schools and asking the children to volunteer in our town's community civic activities. Simple things like coming into our schools and sharing your travel or life's experience, careers or hobbies. Or asking our school children to work with you on community events, conservation efforts, community planning, or practice their writing skills by having community pen pals. The opportunities are endless once you make the connections. Together we all can make a difference. --Carol Conforti-Adams

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Bradford is on the World Wide Web, by Debra Johnson

If you haven't as yet, be sure to get out on the Internet to visit Bradford's web site, sponsored by the Bradford Business Association. The site was created and is managed by Absolutely Magic's Andrew Pinard. The URL <http://www.conknet.com/bba/> will get you to the site.

The site is still in the works. We are trying to add all information of interest to locals and tourists. Currently, I am working on a calendar which will list events throughout the year. Please snail-mail (via the U.S. Postal Service) your event schedule, with a detailed description, to me: Debra Johnson, 175 Breezy Hill Road, Bradford. Or you can e-mail them to me at colonial@conknet.com. Submissions would be appreciated from any and all area organizations, including (but not limited to): little league, fund-raisers, arts and crafts groups, club meetings, contests, flea markets, awards ceremonies, special business events, grand openings, etc.

We have the capability to put photographs on the site and will accept submissions. Space for photos will be somewhat limited. If you would like a photo to be considered with your event, you can send it along with your event listing. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with the picture if you would like it returned. However, we will not be held responsible for photos, so please do not send rare originals.

I will try to have the calendar ready for loading on our site by November 1. Please try to get your listing to me six weeks in advance. If they come in with less notice, I will try to get them in as best I can.



Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

COMPUTER CLUB. Topics for the October 1 meeting will be "How to load software onto the computer" and "Computer games." The club will meet from 7:00-9:00 pm in the church vestry.

BIBLE STUDY. Anyone is welcome to come to the parsonage on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30 pm to study the book of Proverbs. Coffee and goodies are always served.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD. The women will meet at the home of Tillie Wheeler for the October meeting on Friday, October 3 at 1:00 pm.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY. On Tuesday, October 7, Bernie Lamach, our State Representative, will present some of the new legislation that will be coming up in the next session, as well as other concerns. The meeting is open to everyone. Business meeting at 7:00 pm, program at 7:30, followed by refreshments.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY/SUPPORT GROUP. These women are using a resource called "Discovering Your Gifts" and are doing a study on how to use the spiritual gifts in service to God. They meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:30 in the Fiske House.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Clark Phillips will host the October meeting of the Men's Fellowship on Wednesday, October 15, at 7:30.

FOOD PANTRY. The pantry will be open Wednesday, October 15, from 6:00-7:00 pm. Look for the red door at the Fiske House (white house next to the church). Food is also available at other times for emergencies.

ANNUAL MEETING. The church's annual meeting will be held Sunday, October 19, immediately following the worship service.

YOUTH GROUPS. Both youth groups (grades 4-12) will meet on Sunday, October 19, from 4:00-5:00 pm for an Active Scavenger Hunt all over the town of Bradford.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER. On Friday, October 24, our church will enjoy a progressive dinner. Beginning at 6:30 pm, we will travel to someone's house for salad, continue to another home for soup, move on to another for the main dish (lasagna) and end up at someone else's home for dessert and coffee.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY. On Sunday, October 26, the ABWM will conduct the morning worship service. This year's theme is "You Can Do It: Practicing Christian Love."

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Bradford Center School alumni, left to rear: Richard Stevens, Frances Barstow Ward, Helen Bagley Lynam, Norman Brown, Beatrice Brown Fletcher, Robert Brown, Louie Ansart, Clara Heselton Digilio, Eva Ingalls Brown, Nelson Spaulding. photo by Allene Hamilton

Historical Society's Center School Reunion

by Allene Hamilton

September 28th was a fun day for Bradford Center School Alumni! Many stories were exchanged among the ten alumni and nine relatives and friends as they ate their lunches and passed around pictures and memorabilia. Beatrice Brown Fletcher brought papers and report cards signed and corrected by Doris Williams. Richard Stevens recited a poem he had written as an assignment: "I'm small now but wait and see, When I am big what I will be. I'll be a farmer happy and gay, And work in the fields most every day." (Richard said he never did become a farmer.)

Louie Ansart and Eva Brown won the honors for being the eldest, each one a wonderful 92! When Louie walked into the school, he said "82 years ago I was a student in this school."

Norman Brown and Helen Lynam remembered when nourishing vegetable soups were prepared on a kerosene stove by Frances Ward and Elwin Bagley for the noon lunch.

Frances said she remembers making chocolate cakes on the same stove.

An 1892 School Board Report was read: "Your committee have called the attention of parents as to what are their duties toward our schools. Have you given them a thought? Have you visited the school even once during the year? Have you a kind word for the teacher? Have you instructed that boy or girl to be a young gentleman or young lady toward their teacher and school mates? Have you insisted on their studying out of school hours? Or have you let them pass from your mind without a thought?" Alumni suggested that the above questions could be applied in today's world.

Long-distance travelers were Norman C. Brown, Safety Harbor, Florida, and Beatrice Brown Fletcher, Sumter, South Carolina. Allene and Ray Hamilton hosted the reunion.



STATE HOUSE NEWS

By Marcia Keller

Before the Legislature convenes for its next session, it's time to look back at some of the laws enacted in 1997 that will affect the Town and its citizens. For copies of the actual laws, contact your local Legislator, the State Library, or the NH Municipal Association.

Ch. 52, effective 7/18/97, deals with the planning board's role in granting driveway permits or other forms of access to town roads. Regulations adopted by the planning board may contain provisions dealing with breach, removal or reconstruction of stone walls or fences within the public right of way, and may delegate administrative duties, including issuance of the permits, to the road agent or the selectmen. The law also places continuing responsibility on the landowner for private driveway connections, including culverts. If the integrity of the highway is threatened by plugged culverts, siltation, flooding, vegetative growth, etc., the planning board can order the owner to repair it or, failing action by the owner, the municipality can do the work and charge the costs to the owner.

Ch. 249, effective 8/18/97, effectively shortens the planning board's time for acting on applications by deleting the word "submission" from RSA 676:4, I(c)(1) and replacing it with "receipt" (of the application) by the board or its designee. If the board determines that an application is not complete, it must provide the applicant with written reasons within the 90-day time period for its decision in accordance with RSA 676:3.

Legislation one-liners: Effective 6/27/97, Ch. 31 makes it clear that all members of a conservation commission must be residents of the town they represent.

Ch. 200, effective 8/17/97, allows a health officer, with approval from selectmen and the commissioner of Health and Human Services, to appoint a deputy to assist with enforcement of public health laws and regulations.

An editorial aside: Looking at legislation passed in the last session to "correct" flaws in SB2, the official ballot law, that affect how towns and school districts must handle that approach this coming year, gives reason to be grateful that KRSD chose the charter approach to provide an official ballot designed to address the specific needs of this district.

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Grades 3-4 at 3:00 pm, Bradford Elementary field. The skill development of our players at this age is awesome. Their teamwork, passing up the field, and their control of the ball is amazing to see.

Grades 5-6, noon & 1:30, at either field. Watch them go! With their professional uniforms and their skillful team playing on a full 100-yard field. You would think you were watching the PROs. They did win the Boys and Girls 1996 State Championship titles.

Hope to see you at our hometown fields!!
--Carol Conforti-Adams



Legislative Report

by Representative
Bernie Lamach

The coming of fall and our foliage season is typically a time when we have incentive to plan ahead. So it is also with the Legislature. Even though we have been out of session since July and the next session isn't until January, much work goes on during this time to prepare for the heavy schedule of session days.

We have been under great pressure the past six or seven years to balance the state budget. Often we have "lucked out" and depended on Federal Medicaid money to achieve a balance. This has derisively been named "medi-scam" money by the press and others who have been pushing for a better budget process.

Recently, with better economic times returning to New Hampshire, and tax revenues showing a growth, people are beginning to push for expansion of social programs or increased spending due to expectations of increased revenue. Many of these incentives, while sounding good, and projected revenues look good, involve us in entitlement programs that continue, whether times are good or bad. It is extremely difficult to curtail spending when revenue is unexpectedly short and Federal match money requires the ongoing or continuation of the program.

Not to say that there isn't justifiable benefit to most proposals, but once started, they are very hard to reduce because they create constituent affected groups who lobby to apply pressure to consider their specific needs. This process is exactly how we got into budget difficulty over the past ten years and why we should learn from past mistakes.

Much of our revenue comes from Rooms and Meals Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax, lottery, liquor, and other so-called sin taxes, the exact things that families can easily reduce if their disposable income dries up. So with a downshift in the economy, state revenue decreases greatly. If we are tied to entitle-

ment programs, labor contracts, or other commitment devices, then we are unable to shift with the times.

Our total tax load is now close to a third of the average working person's income for all levels of government. In the past ten years, the tax load has increased from a quarter to a third of our income. It is not hard to see that the tax growth is faster than any increase in income. The resultant decrease in spendable personal income has a severe detrimental effect on our local economies and our ability to plan for the future, such as retire or send our kids to college. Of the totals, state taxes take 6-8%, local property 30%, leaving roughly 42-44% for Federal. Of the local property taxes, the schools take near 65%.

What is essential is to adopt methods so that we are not spending optimistically projected revenue that may not be there if conditions change. Even at this time, we have not yet solved our current state budget deficit (about \$40 million) and are borrowing money to match our expenditures. We have not fully funded our promises of school finance or prison overcrowding. To initiate new programs without prioritizing or discontinuing old programs would be foolish.

An example of entitlement programs that are being proposed are measures to finance child day care centers, establish a homeless prevention fund to be paid by a temporary state property tax, and dental care for uninsured or underinsured persons.

Budgetary measures currently proposed are studies of alternatives to property tax funding of education, full funding of catastrophic aid for special education, and a proposal to prohibit budget preparation in excess of prior years' actual revenue received.

During this time, I will be studying any new proposed legislation that deals with this subject and will be prepared to support any that encourages fiscal restraint mechanisms. I will use this column to report more fully on these subjects as they shape up. Let me know your opinions as well.

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Kindergarten news

Monday, September 8th, came and went like most. Work beckoned and traffic jams renewed without special fanfare unless, of course, you're five year old was one of the children waking up to their first day of school. A special day it was for ten kids who made their way to the Bradford Town Hall for their first taste of kindergarten. They were joined a week later by their preschool colleagues. The BNKP faculty greeted parents and kids alike with cheer and excitement as our year kicked off. Thanks to all those who made it possible.

The students took their first field trip to Gould Hill Apple Orchard on Friday, September 26. They worked hard to harvest a peck of apples. When asked, one student said the best part of the day was "eating the apples."

BNKP is sincerely grateful to all those who ordered flower bulbs during our fall fundraiser. During October, BNKP will start a raffle of a hand-stitched quilt made by a BNKP grandmother. This warm burgundy quilt will be delivered to the lucky winner just in time to bundle up for Christmas. The quilt will be on display at the BNKP bake sale, scheduled for the weekend of October 11 and 12 at Market Basket in Warner. Tickets are \$1.00 or six for \$5.00.

Watch out for the Halloween Parade on the morning (10:00ish) of October 31. The little witches, goblins, ghosts, and other characters will march from the post office down East Main Street to the Town Hall, where they'll enjoy a Halloween party.

Finding lost treasure at the flea market, by Jack Rivers

I found it! The lost treasure of the Incas, the wisdom of the oracle, the accumulated wealth of the seven cities of gold and the aggregate knowledge of the great minds of antiquity. ... Well, not exactly, but pretty close.

But how? By leaping the yawning chasm, tip-toeing through the terrifying snake pit, eluding the thundering avalanche, dodging the whistling daggers and decoding the treacherous floor patterns? ... Well, not exactly.

I went to the Sunday morning flea market in Contoocook. Oh, it took courage and determination all right. The route was beset with the seductive sirens of colorful mini-golf courses, a state fair, scenic mountain views, fall foliage festivals, crystal lakes, the Sunday newspaper, and pro football on TV.

Dogged perseverance paid off. A vast assemblage of tents and stands bespread the verdant fields. Gold and silver tools and artifacts gleamed in the morning sunlight. The few American dollars I had brought to barter could easily be exchanged for priceless heirlooms or ten Manhattan Islands under the right circumstances.

But I went for true value ... fodder for the mind. One guileless merchant was offering the bound literary masterpieces of the greatest writers ever and the works of renowned world philosophers and historians for fifty cents or a dollar with those prices soon to be reduced by half!

Did the poor woman realize the treasure she was all but giving away? Alas, yes, but it is all the market will bear. Books are heavy to carry around and the competition at church fairs, yard sales and library book sales is intense. In fact, most of this literary production is available free in our beautiful town libraries. Can better value be found anywhere?

For the most part, I eschewed the tools, kitchenware and invaluable trinkets on displays and collected a few books. Recently, for me, the headless horseman threw his head through the pitch-black night and struck the already-terrified Ichabod Crane, who urged his obstinate horse, Gunpowder, to gunshot speed and the rejected suitor and sometime

pedagogue of Washington Irving's "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" was ne'er seen again for years though rumor has it he became a prospering lawyer in California.

This evening I hope to discover the true significance and value, if any, of Mr. William Legrand's frightening dead beetle (Will they find the treasure they're digging for?) in Edgar Allen Poe's "The Gold Bug."

These short stories, as well as selections from Longfellow, Kipling, Browning, Whittier, Tennyson, Dickenson, etc., are all included in a 1935 edition of *Prose and Poetry*, which you may have used in high school. I think I did, But, later in life, one appreciates so much more, good literature and history, than when we raced through it as teenagers or even as college students, when the mind is otherwise so preoccupied.


Contoocook or wherever, just don't miss those church fairs and library book sales coming up everywhere this fall. Without doubt, there'll be some priceless treasures to be had for little more than a cheery "hello" and a smile ... and you'll have plenty of them. I guarantee it.

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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

The kindergarten is back and we are happy to have them at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings. Ann Paine joins us as a volunteer, reading stories each week. We appreciate her time and talent. Elsa Weir, Assistant Librarian, reads to the preschoolers on Wednesdays at 1:00.

Thanks to everyone for another successful year at the Thrift Shop. Incredible volunteers, donations, and shoppers brought in more than \$8,000 again this year. Sue and Marty Bunis are our spark plugs. They look forward to Spring, when we'll reopen.

My dynamic duo, Barbara McCartney and Elsa Weir, and I attended an InterLibrary Loan workshop in New London to learn the latest techniques. This statewide service is an important factor in public libraries. We request titles we need from other libraries and we fill about a dozen titles each week for libraries all around the state.

Our next fund-raiser will be an "All You Can Eat" Lasagna Night at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn on Tuesday, November 11.

The Friends of BML present Burton Hersh, author of *Shadow President*, on Wednesday, October 15 at 7:30 at the library.

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Blue News ... report from the Bradford Police Department

The Police Dept. is pleased to announce that a new secretary has been hired and began work on September 29. Her name is Deborah Blaisdell. She's a resident of Bradford and a part-time student. Her strengths include computer skills, filing experience, and strong "people skills." Her hours with the police dept. will be all day Mondays and Tuesdays and half-day on Wednesdays.

We are very pleased that Deborah will be starting work in our new police office. After much consideration among Town Hall staff and the Selectmen concerning the safety issue of police business taking place within proximity of the town's kindergarten, the decision was reached to move the police department into the Selectmen's office. Because the Selectmen's office has a separate entrance, police business can be kept entirely separate from other town business. On Sunday, September 28th, the officers volunteered their time to paint the walls of the police office and move the Selectmen's office equipment into the police quarters and the police to the rear of the building in the Selectmen's office. Please feel free to come in and visit our new quarters.

Statistics as of September 26. There were 44 calls, which included: 2 motor vehicle accidents; 5 civil complaints; 6 departmental assists; 7 juvenile complaints; 2 open doors; 1 unwanted person; 2 domestic-related complaints; 1 criminal threatening; 3 motor vehicle complaints; 3 criminal trespass; 1 animal complaint; 1 illegal dumping; 4 citizens assist; 1 burglary (felony); 1 suspicious vehicle; 2 harassment; 2 thefts (misdemeanor, violation or felony, depending on value); 3 arrests; 17 warnings, motor vehicles; 2 summonses; 2 defective equipment tags.

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The Kidz Corner By: Maggie Dayton and Aryn Conway

This month we did a survey of what kind of candy people like most in the Halloween Season. Here is the survey of the 20 people we asked. Tootsie Rolls got 1 vote, M&M's got 2 votes, Lollie Pops (assorted) got 1 vote, Gum (assorted) got 1 vote, Skittles got 4 votes, Snickers got 6 votes, Kit-Kat got 2 votes, Hershey's got 1 vote and last but not least Milky Way got 2 votes.

Now here's a Halloween puzzle for you to solve:

1. What is orange that people like to carve?

2. What do people like to do on Halloween night?

3. What is sweet that people like to eat?

4. What do people like to dress up in on Halloween night?

5. What is scary and flies through the night on a broomstick?

That's it for now. We'll see you next month!!!!

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Irish Immigration and Bradford's Irish roots, by Ruth-Ann Harris

A common misconception is that all Irish-American came to North America as a result of the Irish Famine in the 1840s, when in actuality, large numbers were leaving Ireland all through the 18th century. The majority of these early immigrants were Presbyterian Scots-Irish from the province of Ulster in northern Ireland. Catholic Irish from the south did come, but they tended to come as single men. With no Irish girls to keep them on the narrow path or churches to keep them faithful, they were soon absorbed into the host population.

The story of the Irish in New England begins around 1715, when considerable numbers began arriving in Boston, mostly in family groups. The ancestors of many of these persons had only fairly recently moved to Ireland. They had left Scotland between 1640 and 1695, attracted by offers of long leases of 15 to 30 or more years and low rents by landlords who wished to plant (thus the term for them "planters") their lands with good tenants who would be loyal to the crown. These newcomers were mostly small yeoman farmers of the Presbyterian faith. Once settled in Ulster, they had two enemies to contend with. The first was a hostile native population of Gaelic Irish who resented the newcomers and preyed upon them from their hillside strongholds. The second group were the English planters who had granted their leases, but who mistrusted their loyalty and so kept up a constant pressure to persuade them to abandon their Presbyterian religion and conform to the Anglican religion.

Many of the original leases were up for renewal after 1710, and landlords were less willing to continue the low rents and long leases because now the native Irish were in competition and eager for land on any terms possible. This led the Scots-Irish to think of moving on, which many did ... to Philadelphia and the southern states, and some few to New England.

Coming into Boston, the newcomers were met warily by the city fathers, whose were responsible for ensuring that there was sufficient food for all inhabitants. Alarmed by the size of the influx, estimated at four to five thousand persons between 1715 and 1720, they sought to disperse them to the northern and western frontiers of the colony. Knowing that they were familiar with living among a hostile population in Ireland, they dispatched them west to what is now Springfield, Mass., and north what is now Derry and Londonderry, New Hampshire.

It is believed that a thousand Scots-Irish arrived in New Hampshire in 1718 alone, led by four clergymen, James McGregor, William Cornwell, William Boyd, and one named Holmes. They had gathered their flocks in Ireland, in Londonderry, Coleraine, Antrim, and Kilrea, and arrived in

Boston in five shiploads on August 4, 1718. The story is told that the descendants of those arriving from the city of Londonderry (the inhabitants of which had demonstrated their loyalty to the crown during the siege of Londonderry in 1689) were exempted from taxation because of their heroism. Therein may lie the peculiar attitude of the inhabitants of New Hampshire toward taxation!

These Scots-Irish were not assimilated easily. One historian says that the thirty families of English settlers and the incoming Scots-Irish settlers were "two combative elements of human life--New Hampshire's inhabitants were two distinct races."

Shortly after their arrival, they renamed towns. Milfield became Londonderry, and soon after split into Derry (northeast) and Londonderry (west). Controversy arose and the strife caused many to move away to the north and further west. What is now Manchester they named Derryfield. Unfortunately for the inhabitants of Londonderry, the loss of population caused their tax revenues to fall -- from 106 shillings in 1757 to 40 shillings in 1760 -- which presumably brought them to their senses.

Tillie Wheeler is descended from a Robert Gilmore, who arrived with his brother, James, under the leadership of the Rev. William Boyd from near Coleraine in 1718. They were part of the group dispatched to found Londonderry, New Hampshire. Robert Gilmore's wife was Mary Ann Kennedy and they arrived with their son, Robert, aged 19. Robert's son, James, fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill and also at the Battle of Ticonderoga. Tillie says that members of her family have remained fairly rooted and few of them joined the westward movement. James's son, Asa Gilmore, however, did go as far as Weston, Vermont, where he established a cloth manufacturing mill. The Gilmores went on to distinguish themselves. In the seventh generation, Joseph Gilmore became the governor of New Hampshire during the Civil War.

The group who founded Londonderry also brought the potato with them, thus making its introduction to North America. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the worst year of the Great Famine, 1847, when the potato crop, which had failed for the two previous years, failed again, leaving devastation in its wake.

Derryfield was renamed Manchester by a manufacturer who admired the mills in Manchester, England. This introduces the next phase of the Irish in New Hampshire because the mills required large numbers of willing workers, more than could be supplied locally. And if nothing else, the Irish have always had a reputation for being willing workers. In addition, the railroads were

pushing through to the west, which again needed a large labor force. Perry Teele said the 1860 census for Bradford shows ___ persons listed as Irish living in one house; undoubtedly these were railroad workers.

The story of Edythe Craig's ancestor, Sarah Wilson, illustrates another aspect of New Hampshire history ... that of a state which supplied large numbers of young women to work in the Lowell, Mass., mills. Sarah Wilson was a little different, however, because she emigrated from Omagh in county Tyrone to Lowell in 1859, eventually reaching New Hampshire. Edythe has a document that her great grandmother carried with her to America -- what my grandmother used to call a girl's character, a letter written by her clergyman attesting to her good character. Such a document would have been valuable to a young woman seeking work in the mills. A University of Lowell professor, Thomas Dublin, has studied young women from Sutton who worked in the Lowell mills. What we know is that the mill girls who were willing workers in the 1820s and 30s had become very militant by the 1840s, demanding better conditions for workers. This had the effect of opening up opportunities for the millowners to seek a more docile labor force.

In 1859, the Boston Pilot, the Irish community's newspaper, reported a story involving Dick Whall's great grandfather, Thomas Whall, at the time a nine-year-old boy. Tommy Whall, whose father was a laborer on the Boston docks, was a student at the Eliot School in the North End. During scripture reading in school, Tommy Whall asserted his right under the American Constitution to read the Ten Commandments from his Catholic Bible rather than the teacher's King James version. The teacher was outraged, but Tommy was obdurate. That evening the parish priest and Tommy's father visited the school's headmaster, who agreed that freedom of religion in America meant the freedom to read from one's own version of the Bible. Nevertheless, when a few days later Tommy Whall was once again asked to read from the teacher's Bible, he refused. The assistant headmaster came into the room and told him that his father wished him to give in. Tommy Whall continued to refuse, whereupon he was whipped on the hands for 35 minutes until he had to be revived from almost fainting. The incident outraged the Catholic community. Tommy and most of the Catholic children were removed from the school and soon after the parish set up its own school. The legal precedent which grew out of this incident, confirmed by the Supreme Court, was the Catholic community's right to establish its own school system.

Editor's note: This is an abridged version of the talk Ruth-Ann gave at the August Historical Society meeting.

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

Editor's note: Since April 1992, Luanne has been writing for the Bridge about Bradford ... its strengths and weaknesses ... from her point of view. Her columns have made people occasionally "stop and think" about something they'd taken for granted. Thank you, Luanne, for sharing your vision with all of us. We wish you and Glenn Godspeed as you undertake your next "adventure."

This has been a year of mixed emotions for us.

You do know the definition of Mixed Emotions? It's when your mother-in-law drives over the edge of a cliff in your new Cadillac! First, we put our beloved Barn and property up for sale. Then we worried that no one would come along and make us an offer ... maybe even worse, they would come and buy, then make an awful hash out of all our years of loving work. Well, they came and they understood what we had been trying to accomplish over the last 24 years. The whole place is getting better. Their youth, energy and imagination is making wonderful changes, some that we had envisioned, some that are quite their own and inspired. We were running out of steam; it really was time to turn a corner and start a new chapter.

After we sold, we moved into a marvelous historic cottage just beyond French's Park beach. Then we started to worry that someone would come along and buy the cottage! For the life of me, I can't figure out why this property hasn't sold! There are five bedrooms, a wonderful great room, all furnished and welcoming. It's been a perfect transition for us while we waited for our new home to become available. We've been lucky to have all of our children and grandchildren here during the summer. There's a woods separating and buffering us from the Town beach noises, giving the children a rustic place of their own to play. It has been a perfect summer.

We are now on the brink of a new adventure. Our number has come up. We will move to Hanover by the end of this month. Our Mixed Emotions at this moment are the ever present pull of Bradford, our emotional home town. If we stayed here forever, we would still be

leaving things we would like to try and finish, leaving when we still might have been able to make a difference. It's saying "Good-bye" to dear friends and neighbors. It is the tearing up of roots. We know that forty-five minutes up the highway isn't far in distance, but we won't be going home to Bradford at the end of the day.

For years I have walked in the Big Meadow, out on East Washington Road, and wondered how we "white men" could possibly ever have thought that we could own a piece of land. That meadow has been a gift that we have been privileged to steward for many years. It will change over the years, perhaps turn back into a field of birch, then a forest, but certainly it will be there long after all of us are gone.

My hope is that good shepherding will come to This Town, that the younger generations will pool their talents and brain power and pull together to make Bradford a viable, cohesive town, not a fractured, unstructured hodgepodge of differing factions doing what They think is best, not taking into consideration a Big Picture, not starting at A and working through a plan one step at a time. Thomas Jefferson said that "opinion is power." Bradford is full of opinions ... they need to be pulled together, for the good of the greater whole.

I also hope, selfishly, that Indian Head Cottage is still available next summer, so that we can come back to this lovely spot and spend yet another summer in Bradford.

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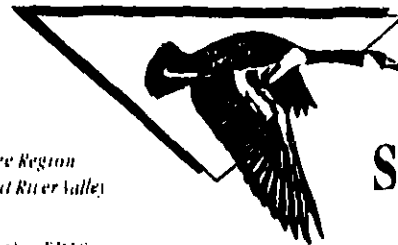
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Bradford Springs dedication

On Sunday, September 14, the Bradford Conservation Commission and the Bradford Historical Society joined together to host a dedication of a bronze plaque at Bradford Springs. The plaque commemorated the site of the old resort hotel that once dominated the landscape in the southwest corner of Bradford.

The hotel site and the surrounding twenty-plus acres of wetland were donated to the Bradford Conservation Commission by Robert T. Keating of West Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. Keating's great-grandfather Henry Kezar moved to the area and ran the hotel in the early part of this century. The hotel was demolished in 1917 and parts removed to Antrim for the Maplehurst Inn.

Mr. Kezar's family remained at the farm across the road that had provided hotel guests with milk and vegetables. Mr. Keating has fond memories of visiting his grandmother there.

The hotel boasted a bowling alley, tennis court, and a small lake. However, the main attraction was a mineral spring thought to have curative powers. All that remains of the spring is the red brick well out in the swamp. The Conservation Commission is planning to rebuild a boardwalk out to the spring, with the help of KRHS students. The Historical Society and Conservation Commission are exploring the possibility of building a replica of the original octagon springhouse, which is now at Muster Field Farm in North Sutton. A picnic table is near the plaque for everyone's enjoyment.

About 80 guests attended the celebration. Although Mr. Keating could not come, two of his cousins, Mrs. Patricia Macaurelle and Mrs. Priscilla Murtagh were able to come and share some memories with the group.
--Mary Hopwood

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

Rhode Island native, world-traveler and self-taught artist, Marjorie Fritsch invents art and life on two continents--North America and Europe. During her travels she photographs landscapes, buildings, flowers, animals and artifacts which become subject or detail in her oil and watercolor paintings. She paints on any surface: canvas, paper, walls, furniture, eggs, and even rocks. Her love and specialty is "reverse painting on glass." She developed her own artistic signature using transparent and opaque paints, foils, and iridescent ribbons. Although she wants to concentrate on glass painting, she is in a business where the wholesale and retail customers set sales. Painted rocks are hot.



Hoping to establish a market in Bradford, she plans to hold art and craft shows at her East Main Street location--events with a special twist--as fund raisers for a children's skating rink. In October, she will teach painting on glass. As a first-time exhibitor in the Bradford Art Show, she believes the art show could go far; that Bradford could be known as a real arts community. "Why not?" she said. "There are so many talented people here. A lot of people think of Sunapee, but it doesn't have to be. It could be Bradford." These confident, visionary words come from a former executive in the entertainment and advertising business.

With zest and energy, Marjorie adapts to new situations. She is a survivor. When her children (daughters Donna Marr in Bradford and Marla in New York) were small, she stayed at home with the children. At night, she became a supermarket bookkeeper. She had the knack for selling. Soon, she was creating the supermarket's television commercials.

In 1976, she and her husband participated in the nation's Bicentennial Celebration. He played the part of British redcoat officer and she launched a wig business (borrowing wigs from a friend to learn how to make them). Within four months, she had five hairdressers working for her and a salon in the cellar where they produced thousands of wigs for Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island regiments. She became known as "Marj, the Wig Lady." Wigs were the rage, but they were also cosmetic for cancer patients. She and her fleet of hair dressers made home visits, fitting and styling wigs to customer's desires. She sold everything under the sun: wigs, hair brushes, spray and heads. Always with an eye on marketing, she originated wig shows as charity fund-raisers.

After the Bicentennial, she worked for the North American Broadcasting Company, a talk-radio show in Fall River, MA. She became Vice President (in a company with few women) and supervised and trained 38 salesmen around New England and Long Island. As VP, the buck stopped with her. On call 24 hours, she was the replacement should an announcer call in sick. The 17-hour days were exhausting.

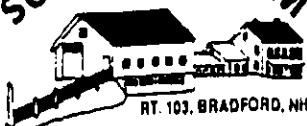
In 1988, Marj took a new path. She retired, married a retired German businessman and settled in Germany. Her fairy-tale marriage in a castle on the River Main with trips around Europe, became a test of the marriage vows "in sickness and in health." After six stressful, but happy caretaking years, Marj was freed to stay in Germany or return to America. She chose the country of seven little angels--her beloved grandchildren.

At home on either side of the Atlantic, Marj keeps inventing scenarios. With business on hold, she flew to Germany to celebrate her birthday--a gift from her German friends. Returned to Bradford, she is producing orders and planning new projects. Although her daughters advise her to stay retired, she dreams of making a television show with children, "Talk to Oma" (grandmother in German). She is busy teaching the next generation. Oma's grandchildren's 4th of July lemonade stand was a big success. She said, "The children were shy this year. They won't be next."

Oma Fritsch is adjusting to life in a very small town. She laughed, "Living in a small town is interesting. It's almost fun to start a rumor and see how it comes back." She has no time for rumor-making; life is fulfilling. She said, "You're only going this way once. You might as well have a good time."

Happy Birthday, Marj. *Glicklicher Geburtstag, Marj.*

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Report on Kearsarge Regional School District

by Mike Hague, Bradford School Board Rep

School Enrollment

As of September 8, enrollment is up in the district by 95 students (14%), most of whom are enrolled in the high school. We have 85 students being home-schooled. The projection for next year is for elementary enrollment to increase by 2%, middle school by 3%, and high school by another 8%. This has made for large class sizes at some of the elementary schools and at the high school. The middle school class size has remained about the same 25 or 26 students on average. Some language classes at the high school are at 30 students or more and some of the lab sciences are above the state limit of 24 students, which makes the labs very difficult. Like other parts of the state and country, our schools are experiencing growth problems, which means, of course, we will be faced in the near future with more economic choices.

High School Parking Problems

We are now experiencing a problem which is, at least partially, a result of the increased number of students. There is a shortage of student parking spaces at the renovated high school. When the plans were made for parking back in 1994, the car counts were in the vicinity of 120-135. When the school was renovated, 150 student parking spaces were constructed. However, the high school enrollment has jumped by 150 students and now there are 225 students who need parking spaces. Complicating the matter, it appears that more parents are letting their kids drive to school. Add to this the increased capacity of the auditorium and the fact that no parking is allowed on the road into school.

So our planning was off and many students and parents are frustrated. The School Board will be wrestling with that issue at its next meeting on October 7. (We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month; the agenda is posted at the Town Hall and Post Office a few days ahead of the meeting.) In the interim, 150 permits or stickers have been handed out, first to driving seniors, then to only about half of the driving juniors before all 150 permits were gone. But if there is a

strong need to drive on a certain day, no student is being turned down by administrators. Temporary permits are issued on a case by case basis. Thanks to those who have put up with the hassle. We will try to come up with a rapid and inexpensive solution.

School Budget Process

The School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee are meeting together in the process of hammering out a common budget to present to voters. Because of the new Charter, starting this year, voters will decide the final budget at the polls on the second Tuesday of March (10th) instead of at the Annual School District Meeting (which now becomes an informational/deliberative meeting). The time frame has, by law, been advanced so that the budget will be completed by December 2, 1997 and public hearings will follow, with the School District Meeting scheduled for January 10, 1998. It is important that we become informed voters and attend informational sessions before we use the ballot box to decide the school budget. I will keep you updated on the budget process and the Charter requirements as we move through it. If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact me.

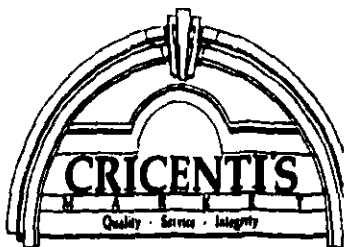
Kearsarge Athletics

A comprehensive athletic plan for the next three years has been developed by a committee of teachers and coaches. Priorities were established and some of the programming will be changed to include more students. I have copies if you are interested. Last year 987 slots were occupied by students, grades 7-12, who participated in district athletics, some obviously participated in more than one activity. More than 60% of the participants were on the quarterly honor role through the year. There are 24 varsity interscholastic (play other schools) teams, 9 JV interscholastic teams, 4 reserve level interscholastic teams, 21 middle school interscholastic teams, 2 middle school intramural programs, and 1 club sport. Under this three-year plan, coaches will now be evaluated on many aspects of their ability to work with students

on the athletic fields, including coaching ability, administrative skills, knowledge of their sport, etc. It is the purpose of your school district to educate the total child, not just the part that does the thinking. Athletics is a wonderful teacher of maturity and other socially important lessons. It is also the purpose of your district to continually improve itself and athletics is no exception.

Early Release Days and Winter Activities

Your school district is using five early release days this year so that teachers may work together to improve instruction, curriculum, and annual school objectives. This is part of the process of continual improvement and it requires time to meet as faculty and staff groups. The days will be rotated through the week so that students will not miss one class more than others and dismissal time will vary according to school. Dates are: Monday, October 27; Tuesday, November 18; Wednesday, December 10; Thursday, January 15, and Friday, February 20. This has brought up the question in some people's minds of the continuing value of winter activities (early release on Friday for skiing, skating, etc. at the elementary and middle school levels). We are set to discuss this at our next board meeting on October 7. If you have an opinion you want voiced, contact me or show up at the meeting. (I remain in favor of the winter activities.) My phone is 938-2722, email is lovmts@aol.com.



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Road Committee report

At its regular monthly meeting on September 16, the issue of logging trucks using town roads and bridges was discussed. Of particular concern is the current project on County Road near the Hillsborough line. The Selectmen, with input from the Committee and Road Agent, determined that the bridge on Jones Road can be used for such travel, provided that the trucks meet state weight limits. Any issues dealing with weight and speed will be handled by state and local law enforcement personnel.

The Committee then addressed the two pending bridge projects and agreed to meet with the consulting engineers to resolve any questions so the projects can move forward. The meeting was held on site on September 23 with Matthew Severson, P.E. of BACKillam, in charge of designing the replacement bridges authorized by Town Meeting warrant in March 1996. The first bridge is on Fairgrounds Road, the second bridge to the east from West Road. The second bridge is on West Road north of Box Corner (just before the Newbury town line).

Several questions of road width and approaches were discussed, as well as a possible timetable for design and construction. Preliminary designs and alternate construction methods will be prepared for review by the Selectmen, Road Agent, and Committee prior to the Committee's next meeting on October 15. Final plans will be completed before the end of the year with construction scheduled for the spring of 1998.

Then & Now

by Milly Kittredge

Merrimack Farm and Country Store

In 1980, Blue Seal absorbed the Merrimack Farmer's Exchange business, which, for years, had specialized in farm feed and building supplies throughout New Hampshire.

The Blue Seal dealers in Warner were Liz and Ted Young, who operated the store out of their Highlawn Farm, now the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. From 1945, Liz and her family had run a registered Shetland pony business, and she and Ted built and operated a riding and horsemanship school at Highlawn.



Caption on original 1948 picture: Horace Bagley picks the most comfortable spot in our Bradford store on a zero day. The bookkeeper, as our Bradford customers know, is Mrs. Freda Bunker.

They decided they'd try an expansion when the opportunity came up in Bradford.

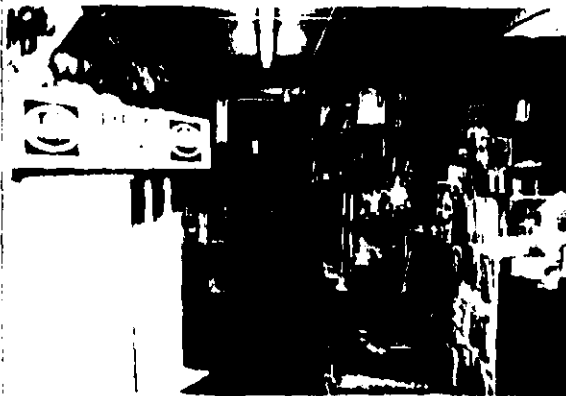
The Farm and Country Store is the old railroad freight house, one of the few buildings of the railroad yard complex still existing, and in the same place. An inside section has a charred ceiling from the engine being run in there. The separate feed and grain storage building was built for storing and sorting apples for shipment ... permission given in 1912 to William M. Carr to build a 30x36 building to be erected near the site of the old round house.

From mainly grain and farm supplies, the Youngs have added the green house (1982), the sap house (1985) and this year expanded the display area, which has a selection of clothing and footwear, as well as pottery and gifts.

They employ seven full-time and five part-time people, including son and daughter, Gary and Lorna, both here and in their Henniker store. They deliver in the surrounding towns in all directions. The Farm and Country Store buys much of its produce from customers and throughout the local area; berries, maple syrup, honey, eggs, hay, apples. Even their electric fences are repaired locally.

Two of their people are involved in directing therapeutic riding programs. One of their employees is a grandson of Freda Gillingham Bunker of the Then picture, taken February 1948.

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Selectmen's meeting in September

September 1. No Selectmen's meeting, Labor Day.

September 8. Amy Blitzer, Conservation Commission Chair, submitted a proposed disclaimer to indemnify landowners who allow trails through their properties. Selectmen agreed to have the document reviewed by Town Counsel.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg requested approval to purchase cellular phones for both the ambulance and the lead fire truck. He said the NKC fire demonstrated the need for confidential communications during an emergency. Selectmen expressed concern over the potential for escalating costs, but Goldberg assured them it wouldn't be a problem and he would monitor the bills. Selectmen agreed to his request.

Police Chief John Sims informed the Selectmen that he was looking for storage space and ways to reduce clutter in the police area. Selectman Pickman suggested cutting a door in place of one of the windows to provide private access and avoid using the same entrance as the kindergarten.

September 15. In addition to a meeting with Dick Keller, BEOC representative, to discuss the handicapped ramp and possible move of the police and selectmen's offices, and a skateboard park discussion with representatives of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Selectmen met with Code Enforce-

ment Officer Chip Meany. They discussed a letter of complaint concerning whether Joe Wilcox, Autocraft, was in compliance with his site plan. Meany asked the Selectmen to send him a letter requesting that the dead trees be replaced. Responding to complaints concerning the fence and sales area, Wilcox had said he intended to replace the fence and no timeframe had been determined for establishing the auto sales area.

Meany also reported that David Darin, owner of Bradford Motors on West Main Street, had asked about the process required to put a studio apartment upstairs above his business. Meany said he was "asking for direction" concerning what he should do. Meany felt sending Darin to the planning board was "just a waste of time." Selectman Joe Conway responded that the site plan was approved for a commercial use, so Darin must return to request the addition of a "domicile." Selectman Dave Pickman commented that Meany must develop a fine schedule so the consequences of ignoring the zoning ordinance are obvious.

Responding to Amy Blitzer's request, the NH Municipal Association said the Selectmen do not have the authority to indemnify landowners who allow public trails through their property. State RSAs provide sufficient protection.

Word was received from the Office of State Planning that the deadline for the block grant

for the Water/Sewer Feasibility Study was extended to April 30, 1998.

September 22. Dick Keller, BEOC representative, returned to "campaign for the ramp at the front of the Town Hall." He reported that a contractor said the additional cost would be approximately \$300 over the cost of the ramp proposed at the rear of the building. Keller then, as a library trustee, brought up the issue of the location of the library, reporting that the trustees were anxious to move ahead. After some discussion, the library trustees were invited to attend the next Selectmen's meeting.

Selectmen discussed damage to Davis Road documented in photographs by Road Agent Andy Anderson. Scott Kent responded that he had caused the damage, but felt it was "incidental" because the road was still soft two weeks after resurfacing. He commented that soft roads should be posted to warn drivers. Selectman Pickman said the mix being used takes longer to harden because it is a flexible mix, designed to "give" during cold weather, rather than crack. Kent and his wife asked that the Selectmen determine whether the material had been mixed correctly and reconsider billing them if it had not been. The Selectmen agreed.

After substantial discussion of alternatives and long-range plans, Selectmen approved the proposal for the police department and the Selectmen's offices to switch rooms.

September 29. Selectmen opened the meeting by commending Senior Patrol Officer Robert Varley for his service to the town as Officer in Charge when Bradford had no police chief between April 11 and September 5, noting his initiative in arranging a mutual aid agreement with Newbury.

Don Johnsen solicited the Selectmen's support for the establishment of the Business Association's idea for Bradford Community Events, Inc., a non-profit corporation to coordinate the Fourth of July activities. All agreed it was a good idea, with Selectman Conway commenting it was "long overdue."

The Library Trustees met to discuss the possibility of locating the new library on the Naughton property. Selectmen responded that such a decision could not be made until the various town projects had been prioritized. They noted the BEOC's effort to encourage communication concerning town projects with a "What ifs" list. They said that many town offices have overcrowding issues; that's why prioritizing the projects is critical. When asked what their next step should be, Selectmen said they should submit another capital reserve warrant article to Town Meeting and participate in the BEOC discussions.

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Bradford skateboarders enjoy newly renovated and reopened park.

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Behr and Police Chief John Sims to tour the skateboard park with him and discuss the town's insurance coverage. Behr reported to the Selectmen that Ward found the home-made ramps unsafe. He asked that they be removed until they could be made safe. He also asked to meet with the Parks and Recreation Committee and have them view a video produced by the Municipal Association that discusses how to develop a skateboard park. Included in the recommendations is that all equipment be professionally constructed to meet safety specifications. In response to Ward's recommendations, Selectmen asked Police Chief Sims to close the park and have the unsafe equipment removed. They agreed that the park could reopen as soon as equipment that meets safety standards was installed. Selectman Joe Conway emphasized, "The Board of Selectmen is supportive of a skateboard park, but safety and liability issues must be addressed."

About forty parents attended the September 24th meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the problems with the

skateboard park. Selectmen were contacted about the meeting on Thursday and agreed to ask the Municipal Association for all the help they could provide. On Friday, a meeting was held with parents, Selectman Dick Vitale, and the Municipal Association's Ken Ward. They viewed a video and toured the park to discuss what problems existed that could be corrected. On Saturday, a crew of parents and young people held a work-day to correct the problems.

A professional skater from 50-50 Sports equipment store in Concord is coming to Brown Shattuck Field on Thursday, October 2, at 6:00 pm to demonstrate safe skateboard-ing and the use of proper equipment.

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BOOK REVIEW
by Pauline Dishmon

WHAT FALLS AWAY
by Mia Farrow
Doubleday, NY 1997

In this memoir, Maria Villiers Farrow, better known as actress Mia Farrow, writes about her parents, siblings, two husbands, and her unmarried relationship with writer-producer Woody Allen. Prominent in her story are her children, some she bore herself and others are handicapped adoptees. Interspersed are descriptions of celebrities who enter her life.

As a child of nine, Mia was fragile. She suffered with polio and recalls the day her father carried her out of the hospital. She waved at photographers and today still has the news clipping she saved.

At nineteen she married Frank Sinatra. His friend, Yul Brynner, became a kind of surrogate father to her, and Salvador Dali and his wife were among her good friends. Her wedding ceremony to Sinatra was "brief," with a cake nobody touched. Among their guests were Ruth Gordon and Garson Kanin. At this time, Mia, an actress, was busy with the film *Rosemary's Baby*. When her marriage ended, Mia and a sister journeyed to India and lived in an ashram.

Noted musician Andre Previn became husband number two. He fathered Mia's first children, twin boys Matthew and Sascha. Reading newspapers about human suffering around the world, the couple adopted a Vietnamese war orphan. The child, an asthmatic, was named Lark Song, and even after their divorce, Andre kept in touch with their three biological and three adopted children. (The book has many photos.)

A major part of Mia's story revolves around litigation between herself and Woody Allen. The pair carried on a love affair for many years until Mia discovered Allen's affair with her teen-aged daughter, as well as improper behavior with another very young daughter. An appendix of her children's testimony is provided. After reading those by the children, one might be inclined to boycott Allen's films. Sinatra offered to break the man's legs.

Mia's story is one of hope and courage. Her mothering instincts are admirable.

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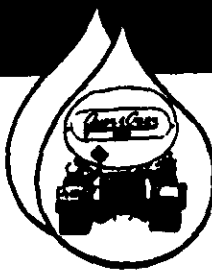
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| 1/2 tsp salt | 1/4 tsp pepper |
| 1 lb boneless lean pork, cut into 1-inch cubes | 4 tsp olive oil |
| 1/2 C sour cream, room temp | 2 cans (14.5 oz) stewed tomatoes |
| OPTIONAL: 1/2 lb sliced mushrooms | 16 oz bag of egg noodles |

Combine flour, paprika, salt and pepper. Toss with meat. In a skillet, brown meat in hot oil. Stir in tomatoes, cover and simmer for 30 minutes until meat is tender. Remove from heat and stir in the sour cream. **DO NOT BOIL!** Serve over hot cooked noodles.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

"Tundra Transit: A Trip to the Arctic Circle on Baffin island," a slide presentation by Ralph Kirchner will document the people, wildlife, and flora of the island at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting on Friday, October 10, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road, New London. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call John Robie at 938-2057.

On Saturday, October 18, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will lead a hike up Mt. Sunapee on a new trail. This moderate, four-hour, five-mile round trip hike will begin at 10:00 am. Call leader Clare Bensley at 938-5482 for trailhead directions. Bring a lunch.
--Phyllis Curtiss

Planning Board activities in September

September 9. There was no agenda, no appointments. Chair Perry Teele brought up the site plan requirements for David Darin's Bradford Motors, which required fences within thirty days. Teele agreed to inform Darin that action would be taken if he didn't comply.

The Master Plan Summary draft was distributed to members for their comments.

September 23. No quorum was present. David Darin attended to inquire about the procedure for constructing an apartment above Bradford Motors. Teele informed him that he must modify his site plan, which requires a public hearing. He gave Darin the necessary paperwork.

Alternative health and personal growth workshops in Warner

This year a series of workshops are being offered at Warner's Pillsbury Public Library on the first Wednesday of each month. Topics as diverse as Traditional Chinese Medicine, Dowsing, Self-Hypnosis, and Drumming will be offered by professionals in each field.

The workshop series kicks off on October 1 with a presentation on "Unleashing Your Inner Healer" by Bob Swantak. Bob has appeared at the Dowser's Convention in Vermont and specializes in empowering people to access their unlimited power to heal themselves and those around them.

First Wednesday discussions are known to be lively, enjoyable, and for encouraging an involved audience. Presenters have a relaxed style and given practical tips on how to further pursue information in each area. Gatherings are from 7:00-9:00 pm, with a suggested \$5 donation. Call Maureen at 456-2178 for additional information.

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GLIMPSES, selected by Milly Kittredge from Bradford Historical Society materials

1977 ... a mutual aid drill is scheduled for the Battles Farm, the siren atop the IGA store will signal the start of the drill.

1977 ... Ruth Moore received a national award for her 39 years of weather observations. The rains continued for the third weekend in October, and by the 19th of the month, Mrs. Moore measured the rainfall at 7.03 inches, this added to the 6.24 inches in September. The West Branch, Warner River, Hoyt Brooks are at flood stage, roads in the Massasecum and Box Corner areas are under water, and the Loch Lyndon golf course is flooded.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Two ZBA meetings held in September were devoted to an application from Karen Losik for a variance to construct a garage on her property on Woodview Heights that does not meet the setback from the abutting property line required by the Zoning Ordinance. At the public hearing on the 19th, Losik described the location of ledge on the property in relation to the house, well and septic system that makes it impossible to locate the proposed garage within the required setback. Abutters spoke in favor of the application. In discussion following the hearing, board members determined that the hardship in the land provided a valid basis for a variance and voted unanimously to grant the appeal.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



Fall is here ... it arrived the 21st of September and we had our first frost the next day. Now is the time the leaves start to turn in earnest. The greatest factor in leaves turning color is really not frost, though that is what everyone thinks; rather, it is the length of daylight that triggers the mechanism in the tree. Color intensity also depends to a large degree on the moisture conditions which precede the autumnal equinox. Generally, we can expect good color following a reasonably dry August and September. After this dry summer, followed by a period of moisture, and now into a dry period again, it is anyone's guess as to the color for the Warner Fall Foliage Festival.

With the color season upon us, it makes us well aware of the color associated with our native trees. By and large, the native forest trees are the big attractions for the myriads of tourists we welcome to New Hampshire and the other New England states. Several northern states from Maine to Minnesota boast of the color of their native Sugar Maple tree population, with its orange red or flame color. Our predecessors who lived in this area, when planting "yard trees" picked the sugar maple, often influenced by the production of sap for a spring taste of maple syrup, as well as the fall foliage. Often there were wild seedlings which could be easily dug, both fall and spring.

Nowadays we are more likely to depend on the local nursery shops for our ornamental trees. I would strongly urge that sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) be chosen. Nurseries often suggest Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), a native of Europe which turns color late, if at all, and which has developed into a weed tree as it seeds prolifically and crowds out native

species. We have a native tree, white ash, which grows rapidly and produces purple or yellow foliage and is seldom found in nurseries. The green ash, which is found in nurseries, changes to a pronounced yellow. For a smaller yard tree, our namesake, the Bradford pear, available in some nurseries, turns a pronounced purple and in spring produces quantities of white flowers which are sterile and do not require raking up fruits for disposal. Others not so commonly planted are red and white oaks. Red oak turns red in fall; white oak turns purple. Both produce acorns; the red oak acorn is bitter, while the white oak is "sweet" and edible (if you have to!).

Both the oaks and sugar maples are capable of living 200 years if one is looking to the future. Once established, they will grow rather rapidly.

Fall is an excellent time to plant most varieties of trees and shrubs. Ground moisture conditions favor the establishment of the young trees, as roots have six to eight months to grow before leaves demand undue supplies of moisture. It is also a time that many nurseries are looking to clear inventories out before cold weather sets in. You, as a planter, may also enjoy the brisk sunny weather to get out and upgrade your yard for the coming year.

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individuals, to manage and promote better celebrations, bring in more people, generate more funds, and grow Bradford's into the best Fourth in New Hampshire, as well as other annual events, if we so choose.

A charter meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 7:30 at the Town Hall and representatives of all town organizations have been invited. Interested members of the public are invited to attend, as well. At this meeting, we will discuss the formation of a non-profit corporation, "Bradford Community Events, Inc., which will serve to coordinate, plan, promote, and support major annual Bradford events. The BBA is not aiming to lead the proposed organization. That is a decision to be made by the representatives of the charter group of organizations.

Working together in such an organization will enable us all to get the most marketing "bang for the buck," as well as promote better communication and cooperation among all organizations concerned with the betterment of Bradford. Please join us in considering this potentially significant step forward for our Town's future events.

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tion as a short-term solution for the liability issues arising from the kindergarten being located in the same building as the police department. Moving the police department to an area with its own entrance eliminates contact between police officers with people in custody and kindergarten parents and students. Both Behr and Police Chief John Sims supported the idea. Sims commented that with no money likely to be available soon to build a new police facility, this move would at least separate them from the kindergarten -- at minimal cost. He reminded them that this was a recommendation of the Police Management Study.

At the September 22 Selectmen's meeting, Chief Sims reported that the costs involved to switch the offices were minimal. Selectman Joe Conway said the liability was a major issue and taking no action would be negligent. After a discussion of other alternatives, Selectmen voted to approve the move. A decision on the ramp was postponed until detailed specs have been prepared and approved.

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Wed-Sun 10:00-5:30

October Calendar

Wednesday, October 1

PTC, Bradford Elementary, 7:00

Alternative Health Workshop, Pillsbury Public Library, Warner, 7:00-9:00

Thursday, October 2

Bradford Community Events, Inc., formation meeting, Town Hall, 7:30

Monday, October 6

Cemetery Trustees, 9:00 am
call 938-5386 for meeting place.

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, October 7

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

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Wednesday, October 8

Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, October 9

Bradford-Newbury Workshop, Friendship House, 9:30 am

Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Friday, October 10

NO Whist.

Monday, October 13

NO Selectmen's meeting, Columbus Day holiday

Tuesday, October 14

Water Matters, Town Hall, 7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, October 15

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Burton Hersh at Friends of Brown Memorial Library meeting, library, 7:30

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

Thursday, October 16

St. Peter's Lodge, regular meeting, 7:30

Friday, October 17

Flu shots given by Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses Assn., Town Hall, 1:30-3:30

Monday, October 20

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00

Tuesday, October 21

Kindergarten Parents meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Bradford Republicans, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 7:30-9:00; speaker, Michael Johnson, County Attorney

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Bradford Women's Club Guest Night, Baptist Church, 7:30

Wednesday, October 22

Historical Society Annual Meeting, Old Post Office, 7:30

Thursday, October 23

St. Peter Lodge visitation, dinner, 6:30; visitation, 7:30

Friday, October 24

NO Whist.

Monday, October 27

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, October 28

Christmas in the Country meeting, Rosewood Country Inn, 7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Friday, October 31

Halloween!

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

Classified Ads

GREAT PUMPKIN SALE on Pleasant View Road, Fairview Farm. 2 sizes, large \$4; Xlarge \$4.50. Call 938-2944.

1985 Winnebago Class A Motorhome; 22' Chieftain, 20,775 mi; 454 C1 Chevy; auto, PB, PS, AC, generator, AC, micro, CG, TV antenna, 2 awnings. \$14,000. 938-5260.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. On October 23, Bradford Elementary School will be conducting vision and hearing health screenings. We need volunteers to help us that day. If you're interested, please call Carol Conforti-Adams at 938-2562 or Bradford Elementary at 938-5959.

FOR SALE. 1975 Ford Caroline raised roof camping van with toilet, sink, stove. No rust. 185,000 mi. \$999 or B.O. call 938-5199 or 938-5907.

FOR SALE. 2 Columbia 10-speed boys' bikes. \$20 each. Call 938-2754.

MISSING. Extra-long grey/tan tiger cat, 3-year-old male; vicinity of Pierce/Breezy Hill Roads. Much missed. Call 938-2877.

FOR SALE. Warming shed for kids to wait for school bus. Approximately 3x3x6'. Can be moved with pick-up truck. \$100 or B.O. Call 938-2996.

FOR SALE. Like new 30" Hardwick electric kitchen range; white with black oven door. \$100 or B.O. Call 938-5334.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS. Do you enjoy looking at ART? Please volunteer half an hour per month helping children to develop a love for art. No special knowledge or skills needed. For details, please call Seddon at 938-2844.

FOR SALE. Reddy heater, 100 K BTU, asking \$200; sold new for \$270. Antique porcelain stove, asking \$50. Will help to transport. Call 938-2482.

FOR SALE. Treadmill Lifestyler 1100 series with pulse monitor. Will deliver in Bradford if purchased before 10/20/97. \$225. Call 938-2253.

To place a FREE classified ad, please call Beth Rodd at 938-2692.