



# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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## Library Addition Plan Announced

On July 8, the seven Trustees of the Brown Memorial Library voted unanimously to ask architect Peter Tennant to go back to the drawing board to draw up plans to enlarge the library on its present site. Trustees are co-chairmen Dick Keller and Marty Bunis, Carol Adams, Sue Bunis, Meg Fearnley, Rod Jones and Elinor Robie. On July 21, the trustees reviewed a new budget and drawings showing floor plans, handicapped access, building shape and an exterior that unites the new with the old brick while maximizing the potential floor space. The trustees were pleased with the preliminary plans, though the addition plan will continue to be a "work in progress" while it is prepared for public review, revised through public comment at open meetings, and analyzed to achieve the "best for the least."

A 1977 article in the *Concord Monitor* identified overcrowding as a problem at the Brown Memorial Library, and in the twenty years since the article was written, the square footage of the library has remained the same while the number of cardholders has more than doubled. Shelves are overflowing and books are stacked on the floor or stored, inaccessible, in the basement for lack of space. Space is needed for quiet reading, children's use, and expanded computer and research capacity. Handicapped access is also a necessity.

During those twenty years, dozens of library trustees and countless volunteers have worked to raise the funds for new library space. For the past five years, voters at Town Meeting have provided annual additions to a library addition capital reserve fund. Thanks to the generosity of the community, there is now nearly \$200,000 available for library construction.

Trustees have considered several alternatives for expanded space. In 1996, a Town Meeting warrant article to fund a 6,000 square foot library building on the Central School site was rejected by voters by a three-to-one margin. The Trustees then gave their support to the Bradford Community Center project at the Central School site, and seriously considered the option of building behind the Community Center. For several reasons, they came to the conclusion that it would be preferable to expand at the Library's present site, incorporating its historic building in a larger facility. One strong factor in their decision was the New Hampshire tradition of a town's library as a cornerstone of its Main Street. While other Main Street sites have been suggested and considered, none are readily available. With voter approval, construction at the present site could begin as soon as next spring.

Dick Keller said, "The trustees have heard the message from the town. We have scaled back more ambitious plans to create a solution that we think will satisfy the library need of our townspeople and include adequate services for many years to come. We are working towards a realistic budget. Our fundraising efforts have increased, with special thanks to the Friends of the Library and to Marty and Sue Bunis, the dynamic duo who manage the Library Thrift Shop." With funds currently available and additional money from grant sources or a capital campaign, the project could be completed without asking taxpayers for additional money at future town meetings.

—Lyn Betz



## A Loony Summer on Lake Todd

Lake Todd is fortunate to have been home to nesting loons for the last few years.

This has been a difficult summer for our loons. First, we lost a nest with two eggs because of high water. Then a visiting loon died, probably caused by ingesting a lead sinker (a grave danger for loons.) Another set back occurred over the July 18 weekend when a nest was tampered with and destroyed by either a two- or four-legged creature.

One drowned egg was found under water, and one was never found. No egg shells were found, even with the use of a snorkel. Normally, we return all damaged eggs and shells to the Loon Preservation Committee for testing. Loons are endangered and should never be handled or approached too closely by anyone. Their nests should never be disturbed. Loons are faced with many threats; too many boats, toxic material, well-meaning curious observers, shoreline development, and dangerous lead sinkers and hooks left in fish. As part of a nationwide study, biologists will be catching, handling, x-raying and taking blood samples from New Hampshire common loons this summer on up to 21 lakes. Lake Todd will be one of these lakes. Don't be alarmed if you see bright lights shining across the lake in the middle of the night this summer. It will probably be the biologists performing their safe procedures for the loons, al-

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## Moon Mountain Arts Gives Old Time Barn Dance

Moon Mountain Arts gives "An Old Time Barn Dance," featuring the Heath Band on Saturday, August 22 from 8 to 11pm at the Lake Massasecum Casino in Bradford. The Heath Band from Hillshoro features Walt Heath on piano and accordion; his wife, Lou Heath on violin (both of whom played for many years in Bradford at the Frank Fortune Square Dances); Wilfred French on drums; and Royce Riddle on banjo. Caller George Hodgson (a well-known area caller) will travel to Bradford from Phillipston, MA. Moon Mountain Arts Committee member, Marcia Strout looks forward to a festive evening, "Last year our dance was invigorated by a fast-moving thunder storm on the lake. We hope all the excitement this year will be in the lively music and the dancers' feet." Tickets (\$7 for adults; \$2 for children under 12) are available in advance from R.L. Dodge and the Merrimack Farm Store at the corner of Route 103 and Main Street, Bradford, and at the door. The Casino is located at the south end of Lake Massasecum off Route 114. For more information, call Marcia Strout at 938-2716.

*Living in Bradford*

**New KRSD  
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start Sept. 1  
see Calendar  
for times**

## A thank you from the Parade Committee

Wasn't the Fourth of July Celebration fun (and a lot of hard work for many people)? It was great seeing Jason Lalla again and a privilege to have him as our Grand Marshal this year. Our theme for the parade, Children: Our Future, brought out some fine entries for the parade, and lots of children! In the judging of the parade, The Community Center entry won first prize, Pickman Plumbing took second, Vicki's Country Florist took third, and the Rainbow Girls' entry was the most original.

There are many people that the Parade Committee would like to thank for their participation, but it would never do to try and name them all lest we forget someone. Special thanks, however, goes to our Police Department and the Explorers and especially to Isabelle Sheehan who put many hours and much energy into bringing Jason Lalla home to be the Grand Marshall and into decorating Main Street. Her enthusiasm was contagious!

From the Masons' breakfast in the morning and the haunting strains of "Chariots of Fire", all of the activities on Main Street, the Firemen's Barbeque to the "can you top this?" fireworks display and the raindrops that held off long enough to gently end the evening, it was a great day!

The Parade Committee will be meeting on September 23 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall and welcome anyone who would like to be a part of planning next year's Fourth of July Celebration to attend.

—Debbie Lamach

## A call to rally: Not just for seniors

The call has been, and still is, for all area residents to participate in discussions to seek ways to improve conditions for the senior population.

Chief organizer and researcher Lynne Smith has been leading the Rally meetings throughout the year. A small number of seniors and a few younger residents have worked together to pinpoint priority needs which, if resolved, could improve the quality of life for seniors.

Topping the list are three serious problems: lack of transportation, difficulty in accessing avenues to reach elder services, and a need for help to understand information concerning Medicare, supplementary insurance, HMO's and welfare.

Speakers from other communities have provided information on programs in their towns and how senior needs have been met.

At the most recent Rally, Ray Lucasse, Program Planner for the Division of Elderly and Adult Services, addressed a broad range of services available not only for the elderly but for the handicapped as well.

The Senior Rally group would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their assistance in the success of the July 18 rally: Hallahan Real Estate, Bradford Baptist Church, the Thistle and Shamrock Inn, the Police Departments of Bradford and Newbury, Margaret Bradford from the Council on Aging, the Nelson Perrons and Edna Herbert.

The next Senior Rally will be held Saturday, September 12, from 1-3pm at Ann Hallahan Real Estate.

—Edna Herbert

## News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

July 18. Lawrence Partridge III and Amanda Perry were married.

Absentee ballots are available for the State Primary Election. Voting at the polls will be on September 8, 1998 starting at 8:00am at the Kearsarge Elementary School at Bradford.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 2:00-7:00pm; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00pm; Friday, 8:00-noon. Phone 938-2288, 938-2094.

—Sue Pehrson

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Chuck Johnsen of Warner presented the Community Center with a donation for \$200 from his winnings at Cow Flop Bingo. Left to right, Dan Saxby, Johnsen, John Harris and Marvin Rich.

## Bradford Community Center—Building a Public/Private Partnership

Do you remember former President Bush's "1000 Points of Light"? This was an effort to bring together government, business, nonprofit organizations and community volunteers to create positive social and economic change. The national model of joining these groups together to accomplish a collective vision has proven to be very successful. Many public and private grant funding sources are requiring this type of community structure to be established before awarding monies.

Bradford took an important step towards creating such a structure in June. Five private Bradford citizens took the initiative and personal liability of incorporating a nonprofit organization, the Bradford Community Corporation for the purpose of enhancing the social and economic wellbeing of the people of Bradford. The Bradford

Community Corporation will be able to apply for a diversity of grants and can accept tax deductible donations for its projects. The corporation will provide an organizational structure and a public/private partnership that holds all parties fiscally and socially accountable.

Bradford was fortunate to have received a grant for \$260,000 for the project of renovating the old central school to a Community Center. Some residents expressed concern about the legality of releasing monies from the Town's capital reserve fund because the full grant amount specified in a warrant article passed at Town Meeting was not awarded. Officials from two state departments, the Town's lawyer and the Selectmen have discussed this concern and all parties agree that releasing the \$20,000 out of the town's capital reserve fund to match the grant funds is legal and the \$260,000 may be used to start the project.

However, to complete the Community Center project, an additional \$75,000 must be raised. This money is to be raised by private donations and grants. A Capital Build-

ing Campaign has begun in hopes that we can complete the building renovation in one phase rather than two. The Community Center will be a Town-owned building, with anticipated annual operating costs of \$9,000.

The Board of Selectmen and the Bradford Community Corp. are establishing a 12-member Governance Committee and subcommittee structure to oversee the daily operational functions of the Center. The grant will pay for a consultant to help with this process and to carry out various administrative tasks. Members of the Governance Committee and subcommittees will be drawn from the organizations providing services and community members who use the Center. The Bradford Community Center group will become an official Town Committee in August, when the staff consultant is hired and the grant contract is returned from the Governor's Office.

Community Center organizers encourage everyone to get involved; by volunteering for some portion of the renovations, serving on new committees, by making a financial contribution of any amount, and by attending meetings. The next Community Center meeting will be held August 27 at Town Hall at 7:00pm. For more information, call the Selectmen's Office.

—Carol Conforti-Adams

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# Letters

To the editor:

Recently I returned from vacation, one where I shut myself off from the world of TV and newspapers. Within a few days of settling back into Bradford the tendrils of the local "grapevine" had crept forward with snatches of heresy. I wondered: was this the same Bradford that had created an atmosphere of positive energy during the Plan NII meeting in May? Or had I stumbled back in time—to mud season—where it seemed that squabbling-for-the-sake-of-squabbling permeated our air.

I was ready to take another vacation, or at least stick my head into my weed patch. But I took a deep breath and asked, "Just what are the issues?" Does it really matter whether a library comes before a community center, or a community center before a library? Or a ball field before water and sewer? Or a business park before a town green? Or the main course before the desert?

Each of us has a vision for the future. None of us will ever agree 100%. Our individual priorities are influenced by our needs, activities and lifestyles. We could argue until "mud season" swallows Bradford's positive energy forever OR we could begin the process.

Since our town does not have enough money to carry out all of our dreams at once, we must start small. Bradford does have resources: volunteer energy, grant money, creative minds, capital reserve funds, the process of town meeting, etc. Instead of being married to a specific project, each of us must think of the big

picture and realize that in order to move forward we must take that first step. Though this step cannot please everyone, it can head us in the right direction and act as a catalyst for other projects.

If individuals become mired in *my-idea-is-better-than-yours*, our town will get nowhere (except deeper into the muck). Instead, let us focus on our positive assets, while we graciously consider others' ideas, be patient with our own priorities, and thank those who have invested countless hours of their time and energy. Once the mud dries up we can begin to plant, and hope that those who spend their energy digging up others' gardens will turn to cultivate their own while lending a neighborly hand.

Debbie Bruss

To the editor:

On the 4th, Jane and I had the opportunity to sit in the shade and watch the parade go by. Sitting on the curb in front of us with his Dad was "Mitchell"; he was maybe two years old and a tad. Obviously his first parade. Mitchell's emotions ran the gamut of shock and tears when the huge fire trucks with their big sirens and horns approached (Daddy reassured and the ear to ear smile came back) to unbounded glee when the candy pitched out of a float landed at his feet. As he reacted to each of these new experiences, we were flooded ourselves with emotions of the past, our kids, and indeed our own childhood experiences of those first parades.

Jane and I reflected: What a glorious day . . . what a wonderful parade . . . isn't our Town great . . . and what a Country we live in! To all those people who put on the show; who decorated the poles with flags; who set the scene for Mitchell; THANK YOU . . . this to us is the essence of America. Keeping it alive is more than tradition . . . it is our responsibility for all the little Mitchells and Michelles to experience, as others before have done for us.

Don and Jane Johnsen

Linda Mazack

To the editor:

An open letter to the BEOC via the Bradford Bridge.

Congratulations on the open dialog on all phases of your project! As a summer resident, I have watched in amazement businesses close and the downfall of a charming small town. We have all experienced this coupled with a recent 17% increase in taxes, and as rumor has it we will see another increase later this year.

The community center group has provided residents with an up front approach to keeping everyone informed about the progress. This is so important, thank you.


I have a few questions regarding the costs involved and what responsibilities the taxpayers will have.

Maintenance and Utilities. What is your most realistic estimate for these expenses? With our electric rates being one of the highest in the country, this is a concern. What is your yearly estimate for heat, electric and insurance? Will the organizations using the building pay these expenses or will the taxpayers?

Operational Salary. Who will operate the building on a day to day basis? What is this estimated cost on a yearly basis? Do we the taxpayers bear this expense or do the various groups that have been allotted square footage pay this salary?

Cost of Grant. Was there a fee to write the grant? If so, how much was that? Is that fee included in the grant monies? Do the taxpayers absorb this cost?

Thank you for sharpening your pencils and providing amounts and answers that will clear up questions many of us have. Your organizational skills are very impressive and if a small town like Bradford is to move forward it is an asset for all of us to have a group so open and honest in informing residents. We are also most fortunate to have a publication, the Bradford Bridge, for its responsibility in covering all town activities.



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To the editor:

It has come to my attention that my name came up at the Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee meeting on July 9th, and that it was suggested that I had lodged a challenge with DRA intended to sabotage the Bradford Community Center project. That suggestion is completely and utterly false. I have no interest in sabotaging the project; I certainly never made any challenge.

I am not opposed to the Community Center; I think it has a lot of merit, and that it could be a great addition to the town. That doesn't mean that I have no questions about the project.

If Article 7 of this year's town meeting warrant is taken literally, then we have no authority to use the \$20,000 from the capital reserve, since the CDBG grant didn't come through in the amount specified. This has worried me.

How would the Department of Revenue Administration interpret Article 7? Since this town has been burned by unexpected interpretations from DRA in the past, I thought it prudent to ask them. If there is no problem, fine, but if there is one, wouldn't it be better for us to know about it ahead of time so that we can deal with it? DRA might even be able to suggest a simple way to resolve the question so we can move forward.

It is not unusual or necessarily wrong for supporters of a project to become partisan in their enthusiasm. But it does their cause no good if its supporters treat anyone who asks questions as an obstructionist, an enemy, or worse.

We need to discuss issues openly, with critical information presented as completely as we can. Questions, and even criticism, should be welcomed. None of us have all the answers, we all make mistakes, and sometimes the other guy can help point out a better way. Just because I strongly agree or disagree with any one of you about any particular issue doesn't mean that we can't work together towards our common goals, as long as we treat each other, and each other's opinions, with respect.

In a democracy it is our obligation to keep asking questions and expressing our opinions. I trust you to let me know when you think I am wrong; I will be happy to do the same for you. I would, however, be grateful if you'd take the time to get your facts straight before making accusations. Please don't jump to conclusions about what I think; just ask me.

Disclaimer: The opinions I express in this letter are my own, and not those of any other individual, corporation, group, affiliation, denomination, association, party, confederation, faction, coalition, friend or connection.

*Brooks McCandlish*

To the editor:

The Bradford Fire Department wishes to thank all the organizations and individuals who helped make the Fourth of July a huge success.

*Mark Goldberg, Chief*

To the editor:

I would like to thank the students, staff, and parents of the K.R.E.S. at Bradford and friends.

Your celebrations of joy and praise for me during the month of June will never be forgotten. I'm still overwhelmed by the honors bestowed on me. Your support and understanding have brought so much happiness to me over the ten years I have been the secretary at the school. You are my sunshine and not a day will go by without a special memory of those wonderful years you gave me. Love you all...

*Dawn Rich*

To the editor,

On behalf of the Selectmen of the Town of Bradford, I want to thank all of the people that helped make the Fourth of July celebration a great day for all!

This is the first time that a citizens committee was formed to organize the parade and street events. We thank you all for your

time and effort. The Fire Department did its usual outstanding job with the events within Brown-Shattuck Field. The fire works were spectacular!

This was also the first year that our newly formed Police Explorers were seen in public. These young men and women assisted the Bradford Police in controlling traffic and patrolling the town during the festivities. We are proud of you all.

Those who arranged for Jason Lalla to be our Grand Marshal, thank you. It was a pleasure meeting him and to be able to present a commendation from the State Legislature to him.

It was fun and a privilege for me to lead the parade driving the Rescue Squad Ambulance. For those that don't know, some of those squad members that marched never got to see the wonderful floats that were part of the parade. Just as we arrived at the Appleseed, we received a call for help on Main Street and off we went. Everything turned out fine.

We look forward to a bigger and even better Fourth of July next year!

*Dick Vitale, Selectman*

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## Church News From Lynne E. Hubley

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Baptism classes will be held in the Fiske House on August 12 and August 18. A Baptism by immersion will take place immediately following the worship service on Sunday, August 23 at Lake Todd behind the home of John and Ruth-Ann Harris.

Both youth groups (grades 4-6 and grades 7-12) will enjoy a summer barbecue at the home of Fred and Lynne Hubley on Saturday, August 15 from 1 to 3pm. Youth are invited to bring a salad to share. Meat, dessert and beverages will be provided. Croquet, badminton and volley ball games are just a few of the activities we will enjoy.

There will be a Fellowship night at the Hampton Playhouse on Sunday evening, August 16. Meet in the church parking lot

at 5:30pm to travel to Hampton to enjoy the musical "Annie Warbucks." The cost is \$17. If you are interested in joining us, please call the church office by August 2.

The Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, August 19 from 6 to 7pm. The Pantry is low on the following items: cans/jars of juice, cans of soup, rice, and cold cereal. We are grateful to the people of Bradford who continually support this ministry.

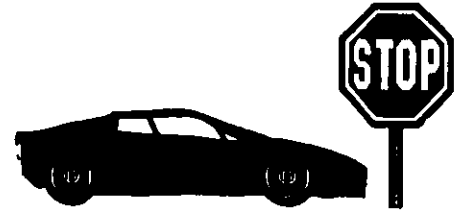
## Vendors Wanted for Flea Market

The Union Congregational Society will hold its annual Flea Market on September 19 at the Center Meeting House, Bradford Center. Follow Center Road from the Bement Bridge, left at Rowe Mountain Road. Set-up fee is \$10. Hours are 9:00am - 3:00pm on the lawn. There will be a food tent serving drinks, hotdogs and sausage. Clean out your attic and garage, meet friends and have a good time. Call Alma Clinton at 938-2252 for reservations.

## Young widows bereavement group

The Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurses Association is sponsoring a support group for young widows (age 60 and under). Rev. Lynne Hubley, Hospice Spiritual Counselor and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bradford, will facilitate the group. The death of a spouse can be overwhelming, and the group offers support from others who are experiencing the same pain.

The group will meet Mondays, August 17, 24, 31 and September 14, 21 and 28, from 10:00-11:00am at the Lake Sunapee VNA, 290 County Road in New London. Please call the office at 1-800-310-4077 to register.



## Police Report

Please note that a new stop sign has been installed on West Main Street at the Fairgrounds Road intersection per order of the Selectmen. The new sign will make the intersection safer for traffic entering from or turning onto Marshall Hill Road.

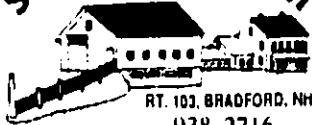
The Bradford Police Department reminds part-time residents that anyone leaving for the winter who would like their homes checked regularly while they are away should contact the department with any pertinent information.

The Police Department handled 131 calls for service between June 19 and July 17, with the breakdown as follows: two accidents, five assists to the ambulance, one arrest, 14 assists to other police departments, one attempted suicide, 11 citations, three criminal trespass, one damage to property, one disturbance of the peace, one driving while intoxicated, three false alarms, three family offenses, one fire, one found property, one harassment, two health/safety checks, one juvenile complaint, two larcenies, two lost property, one missing person, one noise complaint, one parking violation, two property checks, one protective order served, 13 public assists, one stolen property, two stray pets, two stray livestock, two suspicious persons, three traffic stops, 37 warnings, one vehicle burglary, one weapon fired and seven miscellaneous.

—Deborah A.B. Blaisdell

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## BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

### THE STREET LAWYER

by John Grisham  
Doubleday, 1998

The law firm of Drake & Sweeney employs 800 lawyers in offices around the world. Half of them work in Washington, D.C. Michael Brock, narrator of this story, is one of them.

One morning as Mike enters an elevator to his office, he is aware of another passenger behind him. The stranger is wearing rubber boots and bulky clothing, including a frayed and tattered trench coat. The fellow, an aged black man with a half-grey beard, also rides all the way to the eighth floor.

Mike anticipates a day of non-stop meetings and checks in with his secretary. Suddenly, he hears a gun shot behind him. The gunman is his elevator companion, carrying a long handgun.

"Don't shoot," shouts Mike, his hands in the air.

The gunman replies, "Shut up."

Soon others appear and attempt to induce the man to give up his weapon, but the gunman (who wants to be called "Mister") lines up eight litigators against a wall and threatens them. Mister orders Mike to tie up the men and bind their wrists with rope.

A SWAT team arrives just as Mister begins to ask Mike detailed questions about the law firm's finances. The intruder ends up dead.

This Grisham novel is quite different from *The Client*, *A Time to Kill*, and his other books, yet there are still elements of

mystery and suspense, plus humor. As this exciting novel progresses, Mike, a likeable character, becomes a street lawyer. Although his pay is less, the job is more rewarding. As Mike delves into problems of the homeless, he discovers former co-workers are behind a racket that preys on people on the edge of poverty and caused the death of a mother and her young children.

In an Author's Note, Grisham admits before writing this book he knew little about homeless people. He then cites names of people in the Washington D.C. area who introduced him to "the world of the homeless."

(*The Street Lawyer* is available at the Brown Memorial Library.)

### Son Born to Sutton Couple

Silas Jack Allard was born to Rachel de Thomas and Don Allard of Meetinghouse Hill Road, South Sutton on Tuesday, July 7, at 11:16am. He weighed in at nine pounds, eight ounces, 22 inches long and arrived after 27 hours of labor. Grandparents are Edward and JoAnne Allard of Northwood, Sherry Thomas Chomitz of Bradford and Ralph de Thomas of Lawrence Township, NJ. Aunts and uncles include Dawn Allard Tonkin and Phil Allard of Northwood and Dylan de Thomas of Memphis TN. Great-grandparents include Elmer Allard of Salem, MA and Anna Peterson of Georgetown, MA and Florence Cole of Seabrook, NH; Carol de Thomas of Mount Marion, NY and great-great aunt Ann Marie Thomas of Warner.

### Parks and Recreation News

The new half pipe has been installed at the skateboard park. A special thanks to Larry Hall and others for a fine job constructing the equipment. Helmets and pads are required for skateboarding at the park, and this regulation will be enforced immediately once signs are posted. Skateboarders are taking a stronger interest in keeping the park safe and clean. The fence around the ball park has been repaired. A new sign listing park rules is being constructed.

The archery program is going well. The swim program at French's Park was a splashing success again this year. A new "No Boating" sign was posted to ensure the safety of children swimming in the beach area. We are in the process of scheduling additional clean-up days at French's Park. It is a beautiful park with much potential, but it is in need of attention. We are asking everyone to help by attending one of these sessions. If there are groups or individuals who would like to schedule their own time to clean at the park, please contact David Blake and he will be glad to review the clean-up plan.

—David Blake

### Moon Mountain Players 2nd Organizational Meeting

On Monday, August 3rd at 7:00pm, the Moon Mountain Players will hold a second organizational meeting in the Town Hall. This meeting is to finalize plans for a show to be performed in November. If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to be included, please call 938-2608.

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## Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

July 18 turned into a beautiful day, with wonderfully dry air, for the Brown Memorial Library's very successful book, bake and plant sale. Upon arrival that morning, we found our lawn decorated with glorious plants from geraniums to giant rubber plants! We thank the unknown, generous donor. We raised over \$1,000 to add to our Library Building Fund. We are indebted to all the trustees, Friends, volunteers and everyone who helped. A few of our own books may have been in the sale by mistake. If anyone purchased a book with a pocket and card inside the cover, please bring it to us.

Monday night Bedtime Stories for children read by Carol Belliveau continue at 6:30pm through August 3. A devoted supporter has donated 34 books on tape to our audio collection. This extraordinary gesture will give hours of pleasure to all who listen while commuting, gardening, etc. They can be used in so many ways.

Thank you, Tommy for your great lawn and yard work. You always make us look so good!

August 11 is the date for the second annual Texas Barbecue at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn from 5:00-8:00pm. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children

under 10. Proceeds will benefit the library building fund.

The Thrift Shop will be closing its doors for good at the end of the summer when renovations for the new Community Center begin. Because the shop will be closing Labor Day weekend, as of August 1 donations will no longer be accepted. Many thanks to all of you who have made donations, purchases and volunteered your time for the past three summers. Thanks to you, this project was a great success both as a fundraiser and as a community service. The Trustees would like to donate any remaining merchandise to another nonprofit group for fundraising purposes, so if you know of a group that could use household goods and clothing, please call Marty Bunis at 938-5051.

### Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Join birder Bob Vernon on Saturday, August 15, for a trip to the New Hampshire seacoast to look for migrating shore birds and waders. Participants will visit Seabrook, Hampton and Rye salt marshes, tidal pools and beaches at low tide to see such early migrants as whimbrels, godwits, egrets and red knots. Please meet Bob at exit 9, I-89, Park and Ride at 8:00am. Bring binoculars and lunch. Also, come prepared for some wet walking. For more information call 526-6216.

### Simonds Free High School reunion planned for July 1999

Before the formation of the Kearsarge Regional School District in 1970, high school students from Bradford, Warner and parts of Newbury, Salisbury, Sutton and Webster attended the Simonds Free High School in Warner.

William Fortune, a 1961 graduate of the school, had the idea that a reunion for all those who attended the school between 1917 and 1970. A committee has been formed to plan the event, and the dates of July 23-25, 1999 were chosen. Activities being organized are a teachers' reception, chicken barbecue, golf tournament, class displays, breakfast and video of days gone by at Simonds. Of course, getting reacquainted with former classmates and friends will be the main focus of the event.

A newsletter has been sent to approximately 800 addressees. If you attended the Simonds Free High School and did not receive a newsletter, please contact Doug Brown at 746-4304 or [d\\_brownsr@conknet.com](mailto:d_brownsr@conknet.com).

—Marge Dockham

### Historical Society News

Our next meeting will be August 26 at the Old Post Office at 7:30pm. We will have a presentation of glass slides of Old Bradford developed by Steve Hansen. Everyone is welcome!

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# The Bradford Community Center What Can It Offer You ?



**1. Medical Services:** The Center will have a community health room. A variety of medical screening will be offered such as skin cancer checks, dental/fluoride exams for preschoolers, flu shots, visions and hearing testing and much more. In partnership with New London Hospital, Lake Sunapee Home Health, Personal Touch Home Care and five medical providers, these type of services will be scheduled on a regular basis.

**2. Counseling Services:** Child and Family Services of NH will be providing individual and family counseling. The fee for services will be based on one's ability to pay. In addition, there will be ongoing parenting education and support groups.

**3. Youth Center:** A safe place where our area children can go and get involved in age-appropriate activities and programs throughout the year. Programs like art/craft classes, 4-H, drama club, hands on educational programs in a variety of areas (science, environmental, geography, etc...) building bird houses, bike maintenance, afterschool and summer programs, possibly Ping-Pong or pool table, and evening social events. There has been talk of organizing a job bank to get youth involved in helping older adults in town with chores. We already have received computer donations from a corporation. The creative possibilities are unlimited once we have a facility.

**4. Senior Center:** A place where our area citizens can go to enjoy each other's company, possibly share a meal, get involved in a craft or attend educational programs. This area will be organized by the older adults in our community.

**5. Bradford/Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool:** A school that meets building safety code requirements and provides outdoor play space. If the KRSD votes to finance the support of kindergarten, then this space could be subcontracted by the KRSD to provide a public kindergarten.

**6. Community Room and Kitchen area:** The townspeople have expressed the need for this type of area. It will be handicapped accessible and can be reserved for community or private functions. Remember the "ice storm of 1998" where we had to send our residents to Warner? This Center would be the town's emergency shelter.

**7. Educational Programs:** Many programs will be available from cooking classes, adult tutorial, health promotion/wellness classes, Youth Leadership Training, arts/crafts classes, financial planning and much more. What would you like to see? The potential is here.

**The Bradford Community Center is the beginning of creating a "centralized hub" where people will come to socialize and connect with neighbors. It will be a town-owned building and governed by community members who participate in programs, activities and services. This inter-generational focus is the beginning of a vibrant downtown area. There is also more land in back which has potential for developing other cultural/educational possibilities.**

**The Center will be a reflection of our Community pride and spirit.**

**Please support this effort by:**

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Dear Community Member,

As with most endeavors, in particular with community projects, it is not uncommon to incur certain hurdles or unexpected challenges on your way to achieving the ultimate goal.

The Town of Bradford is gratified to have been able to receive a Community Development Block Grant for the renovation and development of a community center for our "Central School" site.

Out of 22 towns that applied for grants, Bradford was 1 of the 10 towns awarded a grant. \$260,000.00 was awarded towards the recommended \$350,000.00 project due to a shortfall in State funds. This amount, although less than originally budgeted, can accommodate a scaled- back project.

Our goal as a Town is to raise \$75,000 by October 31,1998 so as to coincide with the ground breaking for the originally planned project. Additional funds are being sought from other sources. We ask that you consider the appropriate level at which you can support this worthwhile project.

Only through the support and financial generosity of the compassionate segment of our community can an undertaking such as the Community Center be realized and benefit all. The following is a model guide for support contributions: (a commemorative bronze plaque will be tastefully mounted in the building's entrance recognizing in perpetuity all donors and gifts to the Community Center)

### Contribution guide:

*Leadership - \$5,000 + up*

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*Corporate - \$ 2,500 +*

*Friend - \$ Any amount*

All firm pledges or contributions (Tax Deductible) should be made payable to the Bradford Community Center Fund c/o Bradford Community Corporation, Town of Bradford, Main St., Bradford, NH 03221.

We ask for your help, your support and financial assistance.

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## Road Committee news

The Road Committee met on July 22 following the Board of Selectmen's award of the contract for the West Road bridge replacement. The low bid of \$129,489.75 was reviewed and recommended by the Town's engineering firm, BACKillam. The Selectmen and the Road Agent were present to discuss the process of coordinating work by the town crew and the contractor to assure that the project runs smoothly. A meeting to set the schedule will be held once the contract is signed.

The Committee discussed other projects scheduled for this summer, agreeing that West Road paving and the roadway work for the bridge replacement are top priorities. Gravel has been placed on West Meadow and County Roads; repairs must be completed on the bridges on Blaisdell Lake Road; Rowe Mountain Road paving is on the list, weather and time permitting.

Selectmen requested comments from the Committee on issues related to road bonds for logging operations. The need for treating all long-term heavy hauling operations consistently was stressed. Bonds should be required to ensure protection of the town's roads. For major projects such as the logging on County Road, bonding six months at a time was suggested so that the road can be evaluated periodically.

Bill and Jane Lucas asked about the process for reclassifying a section of Old Mountain Road from Class VI to Class V. They were given a copy of the Town Standards that must be met before a change can be made. The Road Agent will review work that has been done to see if it complies with the standards. Selectmen informed the Lucas's that a Town Meeting vote would be required to approve the reclassification.

—Maricla Keller

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## Bradford Women's Club News

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July. The weather was great. I think our float was one of the best in the parade. I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard on the float, especially Jean Gaito, Martha vonRedlich and Jane Lucas. Many thanks to all the little flowers and bugs who rode on the float. Once again, I'd like to thank Caroline and Bob Verity for the hard work they put into getting all the food, drinks and supplies for the BWC booth at Brown-Shattuck Field. It was a lot of preparation, but as usual, a success. Also thanks to Sophie Burke, Barbara Vannata and Jean Gaito for helping in the booth.

The BWC Swim Program started on July 13. Seventy-one children enrolled this year. It is still administered by the Women's Club, but comes under Parks and Recreation. On the last day, July 24, everyone enrolled received a Certificate, ice pops and cookies.

Once again, we are in the process of working on the new Yearbook. If any one has any corrections to be made, please contact Jane Johnsen as soon as possible.

Christmas Fair workshops will probably start around the middle of August. Watch for posters announcing the dates and places.

—Doris Tremblay



## From the kitchen of Lesley Marquis

It wouldn't be summer without a trip to Warner to pick fresh New Hampshire blueberries! Start off early in the morning and you can enjoy this summer dessert that very evening.

### FRESH BLUEBERRY PIE

- 1 9-inch pie shell, cooked
- 1 quart blueberries, washed and drained thoroughly
- Mix together:
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup blueberries
  - 3 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 1 cup water

Mix sugar and cornstarch in a medium saucepan. Add water, salt and berries. Cook until thickened and clear. Cool to room temperature then fold in the remaining blueberries and 1 tablespoon butter. Pour into pie shell and refrigerate. Garnish with sweetened whipped cream and a few more blueberries.

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## BEOC activities in July

At the July 9 meeting, Carol Adams reported on the status of the funding subcommittee's efforts and specifically on the Bradford Community Center (BCC) project. She will continue to submit applications to private sources for grants. Carol is also working with others in the BEOC on a BCC fundraising campaign. A suggestion was made to "sell bricks" as a fund raising technique. Bowie's Market has provided a large coke bottle available for display to attract donations for the new Community Center project. The bottle is starting to fill up nicely too! It was also noted that Chuck Johnsen of Warner gave the first donation for the building fund, a check for \$200.

Pam Wall and a hard-working crew of builders created a prize-winning model of the Community Center for a Fourth of July parade float. The Community Center mock-up has been placed in front of the Central School building to draw attention to the project.

John Harris reported that the Business Development subcommittee is looking for ways to work with the Bradford Business Association on improving members' business and to increase communication on topics of mutual interest such as financing using the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund.

Jane Johnsen reported that she, Diane Gadoury, and Nancy Hibbard have been working on developing Friendly Town procedures, borrowing from those used in other towns. Their efforts are ready for review. They will submit their draft to the Planning

Board to get its suggestions, and then submit it to the BEOC. They would also like to have ten "uninformed" review the procedures to see if they would understand how to approach a project of their own.

The Bradford Green project has been on hold temporarily until the Plan NH report is received. Don Johnsen said that according to Jeff Taylor, Director of NH's Office of State Planning, completion of the Plan NH Charrette report was overtaken by additional unforeseen work in his office. They are working to have it released in early August. David Blake will be undertaking layout planning for the Bradford Green along with an integrated total program for upgrading the Village Area. The Green project needs to get underway soon.

In other activities this month, the Bradford Community Corporation has been formed. This is the name given to the non-profit organization whose purpose is to pursue grants and projects beneficial to Bradford. Many grants cannot be sought by the Town; an independent non-profit corporation is required. The corporation's first project will be to oversee the conversion of the Central School to the Bradford Community Center.

The relationship between the BEOC and the Bradford Community Corporation is one of long term economic opportunities project planning and implementation. The BEOC will seek project funding on behalf of the corporation. The "action" phase of the project (that is, when funds are available and plan implementation is to begin) will be managed by the corporation.

An interim Board of Directors has been established and elections for a permanent Board and corporate officers will be held late in this year. The interim Board and Officers are: John Harris, Board Chairman; Bliss Dayton, Treasurer; Nancy Hibbard,

Recorder; Carol Adams, Member; Joe Conway, Member (Ex-Officio); Don Johnsen, Member; and Everett Kittredge, Member. The Board is currently developing by-laws and plans for its operation.

A letter is being prepared requesting donations for the Community Center. A goal of \$75,000 has been set; this will enable completion of all planned features for the renovation of the Central School into the Bradford Community Center. Joe Conway stated that everyone in Bradford should be aware that the Selectmen have no intention of seeking additional funds from our taxpayers to cover the shortfall in the CDBG Grant.

--Don Johnsen

## South Newbury fair to be held August 15

The South Newbury Union Church will hold their annual summer fair on Saturday, August 15. The fair opens at 9:00am and will go on all day. Lots of flea market and tag sale items will be for sale, as well as food, plants, produce, books and more. Vendors will offer their wares. There is still time to rent space; call Jim Tinker at 763-4276 if interested.

Attractions for children include games, face painting and a parade at 1:00pm. New this year is Project Kidcare, a program designed to raise awareness of child safety and provide parents with a photo ID kit for their children.

There will be music all day, with a surprise celebrity appearing at 11:00am. The day will end with a chicken barbecue starting at 5:00pm.

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## Legislative Report

By Representative  
Bernie Lamach



With the exception of the educational funding issue, the Legislature has finished its regular 1998 session. There will continue to be activity on bills referred to interim study with the possibility of recommendations for related legislation in 1999. I will continue to report on the progress of those study bills and on the progress (or lack thereof) of educational funding in this column. I prefer to consider the educational funding issue as property tax relief, as I do not believe we have a funding problem in this area.

Currently, the ball is in the Senate's court as they wrestle with the concepts after the Supreme Court's advisory which struck down the Governor's ABC plan. If a majority of Senators can agree on a plan, it will need to come back to the House for concurrence or be subject to a committee of conference agreement before it can move ahead.

The reality of a Constitutional amendment being passed which could appear on the November ballot is slim. A 60% majority vote must result in both the House and Senate and then be adopted by the voters by a 66% majority. I believe we can expect to see modification of the Compromise Agreement to distribute

more funds to the less able towns for one year and try to buy time for more legislative action next year.

We are now serving under what is called the "Speaker's Call," which means that at any time an agreement is reached, we can be immediately called back into session. This is interesting because we will truly be volunteers as our funds ran out the first of July. Therefore, we won't even get a mileage allowance for our service. Compare that to Massachusetts!

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those of you who give of your time to participate in the legislative process by taking time to call or write, visiting with your rep-

resentative, attending hearings, or serving as a sounding board in clarifying positions. You are the ones who help us do the job you expect. It is not an easy job when you realize that 386 bills were passed from a total of 846 bills filed, and 162 bills were re-referred from the 1997 session.

Didn't we have a marvelous July Fourth celebration and parade? I wish to express my appreciation to all of you for the encouragement you showed us that day. Thanks, and I'll continue to do my best with your support.

### Vacation time square dance

The Bradford Country Squares will host a mainstream/plus level square dance on Saturday, August 22 at the Town Hall from 8:00-10:30pm. Yikes Cameron is the caller and Jo Yakimowski the cuer. Dress is casual; admission is \$4 per person. For more information, call Virginia Johnson at 927-4956. Spectators are welcome!

## Bowie's Market Newsletter

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### • Calendar of Events for August •

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# GARDENING

by Fred Winch



July was a continuation of the unusual weather that has prevailed, beginning with the very damaging ice storm on higher elevations. June's rains were enough for two months (eight inches). The heat of July dried up much of that moisture and gave us high humidity but low rainfall.

These conditions have certainly given us a green countryside (and lots of grass to mow), with some of the most spectacular flower gardens any of us can remember. Some of the field flowers such as the Black-eyed Susans have outdone themselves, white clover has "grown like a weed," and the native coreopsis, which has been planted along the Interstate, is also exceeding itself.

Two imports which have been seeded along the highways are painting formerly Brown rights-of-way. The yellow-flowered Bird's foot Trefoil and the lightly lavender Crown Vetch, both of European origin and both legumes and thus soil builders, will undoubtedly have a permanent effect on the appearance of our countryside. I can remember starting experimental plots of the trefoil on forest logging landings 35 years ago and five years later, finding the yellow-flowered plant a mile away. It was a plant seeded by deer who liked it, but was not a favorite of dairy cows.

I believe that 1998 will also be one of the most colorful in the home gardens. Many besides myself have remarked on how vigorously some of the garden plants have grown. It seems, too, that homeowners have improved their yards with colorful borders and extended plantings of annual flowers. Many have used plant boxes and tubs for accent plantings. The many plant sources-farm stores, greenhouses and seed sellers-have made it easy for us to make a colorful summer.

On the dark side for some gardeners, one condition has not been the greatest. Unless you or a neighbor has a hive of bees, you may have a problem with summer squash. Crookneck and zucchini produce male and female flowers, and require bees to pollinate and produce fruit. A mite has decimated both domestic and wild bee populations. You can remedy the problem by taking a male flower and dabbing it on the female flower so that fruit will result. Fortunately, pepper and tomato plants can be pollinated by ants, wasps or wind, although the clusters of fruit are never as full as when there is bee activity.

It has been seven months of conditions not normal for New England, but make the best of it and enjoy the unusual beauty.

## Glimpses

August 1958. Old Home Day church service at the Center. Rhodora Buckle Smith was organist . . . greeters were Laura Sanborn, Louise Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rand, and flowers by Arthur Gardner. It was followed by a picnic lunch on the church lawn, set up by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Fearing and Bea Patterson.

August 1898. A friend of the Eatons who is visiting has a very fine gramophone with him. He has very kindly offered to give an entertainment for the church. Let's show our appreciation of this favor and give him a large audience.

At a meeting of the Temperance League, Rev. Hinkley of Maine gave an illustrated lecture vividly portraying the evils of intoxicating drinks. Singing by Mrs. A. Bagley added to the interest and impressiveness of the meeting.

## Deering summer fair August 8

The Deerfield Women's Guild will hold their Summer Fair at the Deering Church on Route 149 from 10am-2pm. The fair will feature attic treasures, books, arts and crafts, plants, jewelry and collectibles. There will also be baked goods, sandwiches, hot dogs, and beverages. Raffle tickets for a Double/Queen-size "Snow Ball" quilt will be on sale.



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

### BUDGET MANAGEMENT PLAN

More belt tightening for your district. In May, I explained how the district is coping with the \$92,000 reduction in the budget voted last March; this month I will explain how the district will pay for the Health Insurance overrun of \$257,000 this year. The district is self-insured and the company managing the program underestimated the number of insurance claims, so the district must pay the difference. The good news is we had saved up \$131,000 in a reserve fund, the bad news is that it still leaves \$126,000 to be made up. The district budget was frozen during January of last school year, which saved \$65,000. The rest, as well as a projected overrun for next year, will be saved through more cuts (20%) on all instructional/supply accounts except maintenance, as well as cutbacks in substitute teachers, assessment tools, overtime, legal work, strategic planning, performance based pay and school volunteer coordinator stipends. The district also hopes to gain from possible grants (about \$50,000) and from the hiring of new staff to replace retiring staff (about \$20,000).

### SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM SAVES MONEY

In an attempt to save money and provide services for neurologically impaired students in-district, Director of Special Education Marie Wolfe, with School Board approval, is establishing a middle school program that is comparable to an expensive out-of-district placement. The cost for those placements is such that the district is able to save money by building a small addition at the middle school, purchasing supplies and hiring new staff for two students

instead of sending the students to Spaulding Youth Center. This type of program is also better for students as it is less isolating and provides more access to regular education experiences than specialized settings. The program will eventually be used by other impaired students, typically a very small number, as they move into the middle school.

### KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

Board members and the Superintendent have held public meetings and have met with all the Selectman about establishing public kindergarten, and the most favored option appears to be contracting with the existing private kindergartens to provide the services. It would be a tuition free half-day program with some allowance for a full day program of some type to benefit working parents. All teachers would be certified and use the same district approved curriculum. Parents could choose the location based upon availability, and the parents would provide transportation as it is now. There is still more work to be done to prepare a final proposal for presentation to the voters. If you have any questions or input about this (or other topics), please feel free to contact me, lovmts@aol.com, 938-2722, 121 Marshall Hill Rd.

### BRADFORD ELEMENTARY

Bradford's new principal, Scott Bouranis, comes from Claremont where he was principal of Maple Avenue School for eleven years. He is currently working on his Ph.D., is a marathon runner and is involved with the Boy Scouts. On top of that he is a nice guy who really cares about kids. Stop in and say "hi" this summer. This past year Melody Brown's entry level class and Katie Perkins fifth grade class got together with the older kids helping the younger ones with projects that benefited everyone. The program was called Children Artistically

Reaching Everywhere (CARE) and they did such things as writing poetry, caroling area seniors, sketch journal writing, creating school "Tree Gardens" and cleaning the playground. My son was so positively affected by the program that he became a tutor for an entry-level student, as did other fifth graders.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

The middle school teachers believe that reading improvement (one of our district goals) is so important that they have added another period to their schedule three days a week to teach reading and comprehension. Taking advantage of a small time change for next year and refashioning advisory time, the teachers came up with the idea to add the extra class to help students with reading skills.

### BBA News

The Bradford Business Association held its July meeting at the Masonic Hall. A big thanks to those who showed up in the hot weather. We had a very successful Fourth of July.

Many thanks to Don and Jane Johnsen for manning the Cow Flop Bingo and to Julie Saxby for manning the Yard Sale table. Dick MacLeod and Perley Strout did a fantastic job with the Parade, and a good time was had by all.

Hope you can join us for our next meeting. Many new ideas and things are happening. The next meeting will be held on August 17 at 7:00pm at the Church Vestry.

—Marlene Freyler

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### Selectmen's meetings in July

Topics addressed by Selectmen in July included:

**Fourth of July.** While the Fourth of July celebration was a huge success by most accounts, Selectmen received some complaints about the closure of Main Street. One resident pointed out that it made access difficult for the elderly and handicapped. There was general agreement that having Main Street closed to automobile traffic made the day much safer, and Selectmen suggested the possibility of providing golf carts next year for those who need them. Selectmen and Chief Sims agreed that there had been no serious problems enforcing the town's no-alcohol policy. It was noted that the July 5 edition of the *Boston Globe* ran a very positive article about Bradford's celebration.

**Community Center.** At the July 6 meeting, Carol Adams told Selectmen that the Community Center float won first prize in the parade, and that Bowie's Market offered the use of a giant Coke bottle for a coin collection to benefit the Center. Representatives from the Community Center plan to meet with abutters.

At the July 20 meeting, Selectmen voted to assign stewardship of the Bradford Community Center to the Bradford Community Corporation. They will report to the Selectmen. At the July 20 meeting, Joe Conway stated that he would like to put to rest the

rumors that there will be a warrant article to raise additional funds for the Community Center. He said, "It won't happen. The project will proceed with no additional impact on the tax rate."

**Road bonds.** William and Sherry Gould met with Selectmen to discuss a road bond that they were requested to post for a logging operation in Warner that uses Davis Road in Bradford for access. They expressed concern that the town's ordinance regarding overweight vehicles unfairly targets logging operations over other hauling operations. They expressed surprise that they were required to post a bond for driving through the town, and asked why roads were not posted with weight limits. Sherry Gould mentioned a new RSA that recognizes the need to extract natural resources, and suggested that the Selectmen review the new RSA and consult Town Counsel before requiring the bond. William Gould also said he was upset that he has worked with Bradford for 25 years and is being treated the same as everyone else because of problems caused by others. He asked how the town knows which trucks have caused damage to a road, and said "I just get nervous about other people damaging the road and I'm the one with the road bond."

Selectmen responded that the bonds are required to protect the town from the expense of repairing roads damaged by overweight vehicles. Davis Road was repaired last year. Marcia Keller of the Road Committee added that in recent years the town has tried to be consistent in requiring a bond for all logging operations and for other haulers as necessary. She said that to her knowledge, no bonds have ever been called

and only one was held until damage was repaired.

Selectmen acknowledged their concern about the language of the town's ordinance, and said they would discuss the Goulds' comments with the Road Committee at their July 22 meeting.


Perry Teele raised concerns about an Intent to Cut application that involves approximately two million board feet of lumber to be hauled through Bradford. Selectmen will review the road bond for that operation and talk with the logging company about other concerns.

**Traffic issues.** Selectmen voted to approve a stop sign at the end of West Main Street at the intersection with Fairgrounds Road. Chief Sims requested the stop sign after investigating complaints from residents about poor visibility at the intersection.

The town has been requested to install temporary speed bumps on Oakdale Road. A resident has offered to donate removable speed bumps for that purpose. Selectmen will consult with the Road Agent before making a decision.

Chief Sims told Selectmen that at the request of a resident, he had contacted the Department of Transportation about parking on Route 114 across from the boat ramp on Lake Massusecum. A representative from DOT will look at the situation with Chief Sims and a representative from the Selectmen.

**Other business.** Selectmen awarded the construction contract for the West Road bridge repairs to Hansen Construction LTD. of New London. Six firms submitted bids, with a high of \$207,000 and a low, from Hansen Construction, of \$129,489.75.

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Selectmen returned a motion from the table to adopt a policy allowing a building permit for a lot on the Class VI portion of County Road. The motion passed, with Dick Vitale and Marvin Rich voting in favor and Joe Conway opposed.

Chief Sims reported that the Police Department has been enforcing the 9:00pm closing time at French's Park, and as a result, problems with beer bottles and debris littering the park have been almost entirely eliminated.

Joe Conway noted that the Fish and Game Department has installed a new parking lot on Blaisdell Lake Road. Approval for the parking lot was contingent on several conditions being met, including a buffer zone at the edge of the lot and materials to be supplied to the town for the road, and Conway wants to be sure those conditions are met.

Perry Teele asked Selectmen to request that the Fish and Game Department install a new beaver tube on Alder Plains Road because there is water over the road. An old beaver tube has rotted and no longer functions.

Cheryl Behr told Selectmen that \$800 will be needed to upgrade the computer in the Tax Office so it can run software to meet Year 2000 requirements. Although she was advised at a seminar to make the changes as soon as possible, she felt it could wait until the new fiscal year. Selectmen will include the amount in the 1999 budget plans.

Because of multiple complaints about overcrowding at the Lake Massasecum Campground, Selectmen will meet with the Planning Board, with health and code enforcement officers in attendance, on July 28.

—Lyn Betz

**Friends of the Brown Memorial Library News**

"Wheel of Fiction," for children ages seven through twelve, continues in the library on Wednesdays, August 5 and August 12 at 2pm. Leader Sue Rayno said, "Reading a book each week, playing games, and winning prizes (so far, super balls and metal yo-yos) is a lot of summer fun. The kids are having a ball." Friends President Audrey Sylvester said, "We thank our wonderful volunteers, Donna Marr, Susan Morse, Susan Farber, and Jan Riley, for helping more than 80 young readers enjoy the program. Thanks also to the businesses who participated by being the collection point for prizes (Merrimack Farm Store, Video Pursuit, Blake's Garden Center, Lake Sunapee Bank, the U.S. Post Office, and Bowie's Market), and to our children's specialist, Sue Rayno, for making the Friends' first summer reading program a success."

Tickets are still available for the ongoing Friends "Fifty/Fifty Building Fund Raffle," to be drawn at 8pm on August 11 following the library's Texas Barbecue Benefit Dinner at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn.

The Friends membership drive is under way. New members are welcome. Memberships (\$10 family, \$6 individual, \$3 senior/student) make it possible to offer free library programs. The next Friends meeting will be Wednesday, August 19 at 7pm. For more information, call 938-5948.

—Audrey Sylvester

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ways trying to increase their knowledge of these beautiful birds.

The people around Lake Todd feel very protective of these loons and always worry about their safety and the successful hatching of the chicks. We ask for your help in protecting and taking care of them and always being alert for their protection both on and off their nests. If you have any questions, you may contact: Loon Preservation Committee, 476-5666; Audubon Society of New Hampshire, 224-9909; New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept., 271-3211; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 225-1411; Volunteer Allene S. Hamilton, 938-2318.

—Allene Hamilton

**Potluck Supper August 15**

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association will have a potluck supper at the Lake Massasecum Casino on August 15 at 6:00pm. A free-will donation is requested. Bring a salad, main dish or dessert for eight to ten people. Beverages will be provided.

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# August Calendar

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Lettvin and Friends in Concert, Meeting House, 7:30pm  
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:30pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

## MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Cemetery Commission, 9:00am, call 938-5386 for location  
Archery, 6:30 pm, Marshall property, 7 and older, sponsored by Parks and Recreation, call Jane Lucas for questions 938-2570  
P.J. Bedtime Tales, Brown Memorial Library, 6:30pm  
Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Moon Mountain Players, Organizational Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Library Trustees, Brown Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wheel of Fiction, Library, 2:00pm

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:30pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

## MONDAY, AUGUST 10

MLS Soccer Camp starts, Elementary School/Brown Shattuck, 9:00am  
Archery, Marshall property, 6:30pm

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm  
Texas BBQ Library Benefit, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 5:00-8:00pm.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Wheel of Fiction, Library, 2:00pm  
Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for time and location.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

BEOC, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:30pm or by appointment, call 938-5386  
Pot Luck Supper, Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, at the Casino, 6:00pm

## MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
BBA meeting, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

School Board meeting, Simonds School, Warner, 7:00pm  
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Library Trustees, Brown Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Friends of Library, Brown Memorial Library, 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Olde Time Barn Dance, Lake Massasecum Casino, 8:00-11:00pm

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Planning Board meeting, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Historical Society meeting, Steve Hansen's collection of photos he developed from glass plates, Old Post Office, 7:30pm

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Community Center meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

School Starts! **New school hours:** Bradford Elementary, 8:30am-2:30pm; Middle School, 7:45am-2:15pm; High School, 8:05am-2:50pm.

To list events for the next issue, call Betty Hague at 938-2722.

### Bradford Bridge Deadlines for September issue

Display ads	August 20
Classified ads	August 26
Articles	August 20*

\*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after August 20, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029.

# Classified Ads

**HANDIMAN WANTED.** Also need brush cutting. 938-5182, leave message.

**FOR SALE.** Chrysler New Yorker, brown, 1982. Tip-top with lots of extras. Has catalytic converter problem. Drive it away or use for parts. \$250 or b.o. 938-5182, leave message.

**FOUND.** Declawed female Himalayan cat, Breezy Hill Road. Call 938-5869.

**WANTED/FOR SALE.** Looking for old post cards of Lake Massasecum, particularly views of cottages. I will sell my duplicate cards of Massasecum and scenes of town of Bradford. 938-2667, leave message.

**WANTED.** Oars and oarlocks for use in Lake Massasecum milfoil control project. Call 938-2877.

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