



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROJECT

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Nestle, a Romney sheep from Snow Hill Farm, sporting the fleece that will soon become a shawl in a timed spinning and weaving contest. Story, page 3.

Bradford Community Center recommended to receive grant money

On April 16, the Office of State Planning (OSP) recommended Bradford to receive \$260,000 of the \$350,000 requested for rehabilitation of the old Central School to a Bradford Community Center. Unfortunately we were the last of ten grants to be recommended for funding and OSP only had \$260,000 left to award.

So now what do we do?

The Office of State Planning process has just begun. Here is the timetable:

1) Any town or city can appeal the OSP recommendation and request a review of its proposal until May 1. On May 15, OSP makes a final decision based on the appeals submitted.

2) On April 16, a sixty-day period started during which the OSP allows individual towns/cities time to meet certain conditions before the final awards will be made. Once the grant proposal's conditions are met in

writing and approved by OSP, the OSP paperwork is submitted to the Governor and Council for their signatures.

3) The CDBG monies become available in July 1998.

What does this mean for the Town of Bradford?

Bradford's proposal was the lowest-scoring proposal to receive funding. We have submitted an appeal as a safeguard measure in the event of an appeal by any towns or cities that did not receive funding. Our goal is to keep our rank above the unsuccessful proposals. Bradford scored lower than other proposals because it's designation of need, based on state data of low- and moderate-income population, was much lower than that of other towns/cities. OSP commented that Bradford's proposal and site visit were very professionally done. This is a reflection of the expertise offered by residents of our Town.

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Plan NH wants your input on May 8 & 9

In an article in April's *Bridge*, an overview of the Plan NH "Charrette" was presented. Bradford won an award for this visit as a result of a proposal submitted in February (we were one of 3 winners out of 24 proposals.) Now the time has arrived for the Charrette to take place. On Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, a team of professionals (architects, engineers, designers and developers) will focus on the Town's winning proposal to help us plan for the development of the "Bradford Green."

The Bradford Green, as discussed in public sessions last Fall, involves the conversion of the so-called "Naughton property" into an area which will serve the Town's needs for a larger site on which to hold events such as the 4th of July celebration, antique/art shows, horse or auto shows and band concerts. It will be a landscaped and safe area which all residents, including the elderly and our children, could use for walking, biking, picnicking and play; in general, a centerpiece which Bradford residents will find useful, and a source of Town pride as well. This would give Bradford a unique site, in terms of its area size. None of the surrounding towns have a similar area.

The specific goals of the Plan NH project, as requested in Bradford's proposal, are to determine the following: how best to lay out the area of the Green; how to integrate it into the Village Area; locations for entry and exit ways, pathways, landscaping and parking areas; and potential siting for future Town facilities. Desired features of interest to the Town such as a

playground, handstand, areas for vendors and displays at events, restrooms, lighting for safety and convenience at night may all be considered. Of particular interest is a plan which could produce a usable "Bradford Green" in a short time with the least expense, with suggestions on how subsequent improvements might be incorporated over time as funding permits.

The Plan NH "win" notification to Bradford was accompanied by a suggestion that the team expand the scope of the charrette effort to look at the Village Area as well. The Selectmen quickly accepted this offer. Just how much can be covered during their intensive two-day visit remains to be seen, but according to Jeff Taylor, Director

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Living in Bradford

Town Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 2
Bring your rake and trash bags to French's Park or Brown Shattuck Field.

Festivities kick off at 8:00am

Birth Announcement Jordyn Renee Marmol

A daughter was born to Stephanie Greene and Richard Marmol on March 14, 1998 at the Family Place at Concord Hospital. Jordyn Renee Marmol was born at 2:28am weighing six pounds, six ounces and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Stephanie had the support of Richard, her mother, Renee Hardy and her sister, Aimee Bedard during her delivery. Congratulations to Stephanie and Richard and a loving welcome to Jordyn Renee from family and friends.

Fish & Game Club sponsors children's fishing events

The Bradford Fish & Game Club will hold a "Let's Go Fishing" program from 7:00-9:00pm on May 7 and 8 at their clubhouse on Gillingham Drive in Bradford. This program is open to children under 16 years of age. For further information or to register, call Dick Wright at 938-5393 before May 5th.

The Bradford Fish and Game Club is also sponsoring its annual Trout Fishing Derby, for children 15 and under, on May 9th. Prizes will be awarded. Registration is from 8:00-9:00am at the rearing pond next to the Bradford fire station. The derby is from 9:00 to noon.

Moon Mountain Arts presents the Concord Coachmen

Moon Mountain Arts presents a performance by the Concord Coachmen, a barber-shop singing group, on Saturday, May 16 at 7:30pm at the Bradford Town Hall. The Coachmen are members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. They will perform many favorites in close-knit, four-part harmony. Advance tickets are available at \$5.00 from members of the Moon Mountain Arts Committee and at Dodge's Store, Main St., Bradford. Tickets at the door will be \$6.00. For more information, call 938-2095.

Bradford Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool News

The close of the school year is fast approaching. The kindergarten students look forward to entering elementary school and the preschoolers get ready for their next step into kindergarten. This month the upperclassmen of BNKP rode the school bus to Bradford Elementary School for a tour of the first grade classrooms and to meet with their new teachers. Everyone felt "very big" according to one source close to the tour group.

Preparations are underway for the BNKP graduation ceremony to be held the evening of May 29th, at Town Hall. The community is welcome and encouraged to attend this most auspicious occasion.

Despite a week off for Spring vacation, the class tackled four more letters in April. Those were P, Q, R, and S. The students mastered these letters by crafting various colorful items to bring home to their parents. Although this is not a financial advice column, stock purchases in Elmer's Glue, construction paper, and refrigerator magnets are probably sound investments.

The troops are in full gear for the BNKP Annual Spring Raffle fund-raiser. Prizes include gift certificates for dinner at area restaurants, gifts and seasonal items from Bradford merchants, and cash prizes! Be on the lookout for any BNKP parent to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held at the graduation ceremony on May 29th.

There are still openings in next year's preschool and kindergarten classes. Call Denise Fairbank at 938-2973 for a registration package.

There will be a meeting for next year's class parents, on Tuesday, May 19th, at 7:00pm, upstairs in Town Hall. Information on this meeting will be sent by mail to those who've registered.

—Mark Fairbank

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

April 7. Christine McKim died at New London Hospital

April 20. Catherine Anne born to Sarah and Thomas Harvey in Concord.

Please make sure that you register your dog in a timely way. As of May 30th, you will start gaining penalties and/or forfeitures for any unregistered animals.

Due to vacation scheduling, there will be a slight change of hours during the first two weeks of May. The office will be open the following hours:

Monday, May 4 2:00-7:00pm

Tuesday May 5 12 Noon-5:00pm

Monday, May 11 2:00-7:00pm

As of May 18, we will resume our regular schedule. We are very sorry for any inconvenience that these hours may cause.

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

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Bob Verity at his loom.

Bradford residents to compete in Sheep-to-Shawl contest

Caroline and Bob Verity, their daughter Laurie Brown and Nestle, a Romney sheep, are Bradford members of a team traveling to the 22nd Annual Sheep and Wool Festival in New Boston, NH on May 10. Nestle will contribute her fleece, which Caroline, Laurie, Caroline Dulaney of Goshen and Karen Cook of Springfield will spin, and Bob will weave into a shawl in a timed contest. Laurie Brown has recently had surgery, and Dulaney's daughter Carrie will be on standby as an alternate spinner. Shearing starts at 9:00am, and the team has three hours to complete their shawl. The shawl is judged as it comes off the loom and again after it is washed.

The team met for a rehearsal on April 26, and will be raffling the practice shawl to cover their expenses and to make a donation to the 4-H summer camp scholarship program. The shawl made at the festival will be given to Nestle's owners, Janet and Allan Clark.

The Sheep and Wool Festival is a two-day event featuring commercial exhibits,

educational programs and demonstrations. Sheepdog herding demonstrations are offered both days. The festival is held at the 4-H Youth Center on Route 13 in New Boston. Activities begin at 9:00am, and there is a \$2.00 donation requested for adults. For more information, call the UNH Cooperative Extension at 352-4550.

BWC Update

We had an informative Membership Meeting with the Bradford Conservation Commission on April 21. Paul Susca was the speaker.

Isabel Sheehan also spoke to us about our Grand Marshal for the July 4th Parade. Jason Lalla, who is from Bradford, won two Gold Medals in Japan. Contributions are needed to fly Jason in from Colorado. The BWC encourages individual contributions to the "Jason Lalla Fund."

On May 2nd, there will be a joint clean-up as part of Earth Day. The BWC, Parks and Recreation and the Conservation Commission are sponsoring the event. The clean-up will be at Brown Shattuck Park and French's Park. This will be a family and Town affair. There will be free hot dogs and hamburgers for volunteers. We'd like to see everyone there. Bring your rake etc.

On May 8th and 9th, there will be a Plan NH Charrette Program. Hopefully, all Town organizations will be involved. The BWC will be responsible for the Friday night "Potluck Dinner" at 6:00pm. We would like to see all of you there. If you can make a dish for the supper, please contact Sue Vitale.

It's time for our Spring Raffle . . . Raffle tickets (2 books) will be given out to each member. You will be responsible for selling these books. Please return all tickets at the luncheon on May 19.

Don't forget to make your Luncheon reservations with Barbara McCartney or Alma Clinton by May 12. The Annual Meeting and Luncheon is on May 19, at the Rosewood Country Inn.

—Doris Tremblay

A Tribute to Warren Brook
By Becca Kordas, student and friend

Determined, caring, and patient: these are the words that friends and family use to describe Warren Brook. On Monday, March 30, Warren died of a heart attack at Kearsarge High School while teaching class. At the celebration of Warren's life that was held at the high school, over 1,000 people attended to express their love for Brook. Many remembered funny stories centered around Warren, while others talked about the funny little quirks in his personality. Friend and co-worker Marc Bryer described how Warren had his own time zone. Marc's strategy was to tell Warren to be at his house by 10:15 if he wanted him there by 11:00, and then he would show up around 11:30. Numerous students, past and present, remembered his patience and unforgettable kindness. Faculty members commented on his magnetic personality, explaining how students in the classroom and out on hiking trips admired him and were driven to earn his respect and friendship.

Warren lead an organization called Project C.L.I.M.B. (Challenging Limitations In Mind and Body) along with friends and fellow teachers, Marc Bryer and Joanne Tulonen (however, both say that Warren was the heart of the group). Project C.L.I.M.B. gives students the opportunity to go hiking and camping in the White Mountains, rock climbing up hundred-foot cliffs, biking through Vermont, white water canoeing in class four rivers, and sea kayaking off the coast of Maine. Whether a student shared a canoe with him, played Kill the Carrier with him, was read a Dr. Seuss book by him before bed, or stayed up late to have a heart-to-heart, it was on these trips that students really had a chance to get to know Warren. He took the time to get to know every student and to make sure that he or she was having the time of his or her life.

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To the editor:

The upcoming Plan NH Charrette Program is being asked to analyze the Marshall Lot as part of the long range planning for Bradford. As part of that process, the trustees of Brown Memorial Library would like to outline our objectives for your consideration.

The basic purpose of a library is to provide an adequate and convenient facility for the use and enjoyment of inhabitants within the community it serves. This relates not only to a book depository, but to a place of learning and cultural respite for the extended age range of its users.

Pressure to expand or relocate the library in Bradford has been a concern of the Board of Trustees for the past decade. Considerations have included expansion of the facility on its present site, renovation of the Central School building and then of the Central School site itself. With the availability of the Marshall Lot for town use, the most recent proposal to locate the library on the Main Street portion of that lot offers the greatest potential to meet present as well as future needs and provides a prominent location. Each approach considered, you will note, keeps the library on, and serving us an active part of, Main Street.

Historically, libraries along with churches have been the focal point of New England

communities. Public pride in such a facility is in its location and the visible impression it makes as well as its effective use.

*Trustees of the
Brown Memorial Library*

To the editor:

It was a busy first month in my new role as one of seven Library Trustees. Between March 2 and April 15, the trustees had four meetings and worked one night at a fundraiser dinner. The Trustees and Friends of the Library have worked hard to expand the library facility in town. They researched building needs and put together a professional capital building proposal. I do respect their dedication. I became a Trustee because I felt that "all" groups needed to work together to design an integrated town plan for the village area that is cost effective and maximizes financial and human resources.

In attending these meetings, I felt we need clarification from the townspeople about their priorities. Therefore, I would like to ask the people of Bradford to help. Do the people of Bradford want: a) a larger library facility that meets the operational space and program needs—a plan that could minimize building costs and ongoing yearly operating expenses by combining efforts with the Bradford Community Center and Bradford Green area, or b) an expanded Library building located on Main Street? It seems to me that many people in town do want an expanded library but the financial concerns seem to override their decision.

We all have needs and dreams that we would like to accomplish both personally and in our town. I am a firm believer that we can only reach our collective vision of

Bradford by working together. Building these town partnerships takes time, but it can happen. With honest dialogue and common respect "WE" can create a town that meets a cross section of needs and desires of the people. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of townspeople "WE" will have the opportunity to utilize the PLAN NH Professional Expertise to give us the Bradford Village blueprints. Please let the Library Trustees and the PLAN NH Professional Expertise know how you feel about site location of the library.

Another issue that I would like to address is the concern that folks have expressed about the Selectmen giving away town property. The fact is that the Selectmen can only approve the use or management to any town group or investigate themselves potential uses of any town-owned property. BUT it is the people at town meeting that have to VOTE yes or no to the transfer or conveyance of any town property. In 1996 the Selectmen gave the Library Trustees use of the Central School site, and in 1997 the Library presented their plans for that site and the townspeople said "no." In January 1998 the Selectmen agreed to submit a CDBG grant to utilize the Central School Site for a Community Center. The Selectmen had to bring this plan to town meeting and the people voted "yes." The Main Street section of the Marshall property cannot be sold by the Selectmen without a town vote. The power to create a vibrant Bradford Village is in our hands; building partnerships will provide "US" the consensus we need to move forward in a productive and positive way. The opportunity is here, let's work together as a town with the PLAN NH Professional Expertise on May 8 and 9 and create our Bradford Village. Maybe by July 4th, 2000 we could

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Carol Conforti-Adams

To the editor:

As long as there's all this lovely planning going on, here's an idea.

Why not move the town sheds to vacant land at the transfer station, with access through the existing road and gate on Route 103, and put some effort into improving our much loved and used Brown-Shattuck Park?

Children and heavy equipment would no longer cross paths daily, and our Town Park would be that much bigger—more room for sports, picnics, fireworks.

Oh hoy!

Janet Glover Sillars

To the editor:

I was pleased to see the Selectmen and others come to a recent meeting of the Library Trustees to discuss options and plans for the community. I am excited about the possibility for continued cooperation.

Separation of powers, at the town as well as the federal level, provides checks and balances that ensure that multiple viewpoints are considered. It works best when different branches work together to solve problems. If they don't, you have stalemate.

The trustees are directly responsible to

the people of Bradford, charged with providing the best library within our means. The library is part of the town, and is a charitable trust under NH law. The trustees of the library are obligated to take diligent care of its assets. Other groups who wish to coordinate projects with the library must recognize this, and work with the trustees.

Cooperation is the only way we are going to get good things done as a community. If we succumb to the temptation to view everything as a competition, between reasonable us and unreasonable them, we will get nowhere. It is too easy to brood on past misunderstandings. It is hard to step back from our emotions, to truly understand the other person's interests, and to find ways to work together. But it is the only way—let's keep it up.

Brooks McCandlish

Amoskeag Fishways open to visitors

The Fish Are Coming!! To the Amoskeag Fishways Visitor and Learning Center. From May 4—June 13, general public hours are Monday—Friday, Noon—6:00pm, Saturday and Sunday, 9:00am—6:00pm

Admission is free. Visitors can look through their "window on the river" to see migrating fish. Volunteers will be available to answer questions. Guided tours are available for groups of 12—30 participants; pre-registration is required. Call 626-FISH for details.

New rescue sled for Bradford

Bradford residents will be pleased to know that the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad have shared the cost of purchasing a rescue sled which can be used for ice and water rescues. The sled, a pontoon device, allows a rescuer to reach a victim much more quickly than older equipment, and can operate on ice as well as in open water so that it is useful for rescue situations year-round.

The Fire Department and Rescue Squad had training sessions with the sled this winter and all personnel agree that this is a truly worthwhile addition to the town's rescue equipment.

Of course, we hope we never need to use it, and we urge people to use good safety practices around water. Never swim alone, and always wear a life preserver when in a canoe or boat. Be careful when jumping or diving off floats or rocks, and never play games of "I'm drowning." Calling for help should be treated seriously, lest a true cry for help be ignored by onlookers who think the victim is kidding.

The Rescue Squad and the Fire Department are made up of volunteers—your neighbors. We try to keep you and your property safe. We are looking for more members. There is no greater satisfaction than helping your neighbor. Won't you join us?

—Suzanne C. Vitale

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Carr's Store Project explores life in 19th-century Bradford

By Clare Bensley

Listening to Dr. Linebaugh explain to the Historical Society how an archaeologist assembles information from many different sources in order to compile a picture of Bradford in the late 1800's was reminiscent of the complexity of building a three dimensional puzzle.

Dr. Donald Linebaugh was back in Bradford on April 15th to update the Historical Society on his research into the old Carr's Store. His interest in the store began a few years ago when, as Co-Director of the Center for Archaeological Research at William and Mary College in Virginia, he happened to attend a book sale at Williamsburg. He picked up two copies of ledgers from the Carr's Store dating back to the late 1800's.

The ledgers piqued his interest because they contained detailed daily entries of each item purchased at the store, the name of the customer, and an indication of whether the item was paid for or charged. Such detailed information led him to look up a map of Bradford, New Hampshire, in the College's historic map collection. Finding one furthered his interest in visiting the town to learn more about the store.

With a small research grant from The College of William and Mary, Dr. Linebaugh was able to spend several days in town last summer researching the store. Mike Bauer, the store's present owner, gave Linebaugh permission to explore the old building from top to bottom. Mike also made available photographs of the Carr family and additional store records.

Using his skills in archaeology, Linebaugh worked through the entire structure taking photos and diagramming the store to get a better sense of how the building was constructed and modified over its more than 150 year history. In the process he uncovered old beams and walls, noticed the trap door leading to the attic where he found leftover packaging materials such as wooden egg cartons; and uncovered a crawl area used for storing potatoes and root vegetables. Linebaugh will piece this research together with information from census records, photos and records provided by Mike Bauer, and help from Milly Kittredge, Steve Hansen and Perry Teele in an ongoing study which is evolving much like a detective story.

Linebaugh hopes the study will contribute to an understanding of the rapid changes taking place all over New England in the late nineteenth century. Using the ledgers as a framework, he hopes to show how the community was being introduced at that time to foreign and domestic products very different from those previously provided mainly by subsistence farming. He will also document the importance of the General Store in the 19th and early 20th century as a community social institution; one which served as social gathering place, supplier of needs and post office.

Since many of the names in the ledgers are those of ancestors of people living in town, Dr. Linebaugh hopes to obtain information at a future visit that will enable him to piece together more of the many dimensional parts of the puzzle he has undertaken to solve. The information he is compiling will all be computerized and used to create a picture of the community of the past.

We are indeed fortunate to have Dr. Linebaugh conducting this research in our town.

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You may select a boy or girl between the ages of 6-12. All it takes to be a host family is an extra bed and a plate at the dinner table. For information, contact Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

Warner workshop: Herbal tea blending

On Wednesday, May 6, the Alternative Health and Personal Growth Workshops will present the topic "Creativi-Tea." Barbara E. Scott, herbalist and nurse, will teach participants to blend herbal teas that nurture body and spirit. Bring your own mug. The Workshop will be held in Warner at the Pillsbury Public Library, 7:00-9:00pm, with a suggested \$5.00 donation at the door.

Legislative Report
By Representative
Barbara Conner French



It may seem to some casual observers of the State House that the only issue of any import this session is education. While our children and their future are of the utmost importance, there are other critical issues before the legislature. One such critical issue is long-term health care for our state's seniors. During the 1997 session, the legislature directed the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare and submit a long-term care plan. In January of this year, the Department submitted its plan, titled "Shaping Tomorrow's Choices." Out of this plan, we now have a piece of legislation, Senate Bill 409, which has passed the Senate and is in a House subcommittee. This bill, sponsored by Senator Fred King, would do several things. It would allow counties to establish reserve accounts to fund long-term care services; establish an adult family care program to provide services to elderly and disabled persons, and would benefit counties by changing the ratio of reimbursement funds required by the counties and state for nursing home care. The bill would also create a non-lapsing long-term care assistance fund to be used by the Department of Health and Human Services for persons requiring long-term care services. SB409, which would apply to the Medicaid program, also includes residential care as part of the continuum of care. This is a much-needed piece of legislation and I am hopeful that it will pass the House.

Another issue of importance being discussed in the legislature is the issue of campaign finance reform. In New Hampshire, 23 communities have passed warrant articles directing their elected representatives at both the state and federal levels to promote campaign finance reform. Campaign finance bills have been heard in both the House and

the Senate, with some being defeated, some winning passage and some still in the process. I am pleased to report that two of the bills that are still in the process and have the potential to pass are House Bill 1520, which deals with petitions and political expenditures, and House Bill 1430, which deals with political expenditure limitations. Unfortunately, House Bill 1218 didn't pass. This bill would have required the Secretary of State to print a question to the voters relative to the public financing of political campaigns on the 1998 general election ballot. I felt, and still do feel, that this is an issue that should be put before the voters.

On the education front, I regret that there are still people saying the Claremont decision will cause us to lose local control, that we don't need to change the system, and that it will be too costly to make the changes, when everyone knows that our children, our schools and our taxpayers need relief. I feel we should responsibly address the court's decision, ensuring that children and their education remain at the heart of any solution implemented. I am downright offended by people who want to derail efforts to improve education by playing politics with this issue.

I would also like to bring you up to date on the child and family resource bill that I have been writing about in my last few columns. The bill has passed the Senate and has had a hearing in my committee, the Health and Human Services Committee. I think the bill has a good possibility of passing both the committee and the House, and with any luck it will be headed to the Governor's desk for her signature before the end of the session.

As always, feel free to call me with any questions or concerns you may have as we head into the closing months of this session.

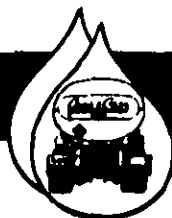
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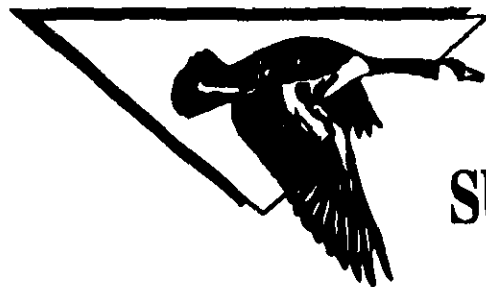
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Peg Leighton by Audrey V. Sylvester

Peg Leighton has opened a new business, The Gathering Place, a spiritual healing center, in a most unlikely location—in a former home located inside an active gravel mining operation on Pleasant Valley Road. In Peg's belief system, Mother Earth is sacred. Everything in this world is connected—people, plants, animals, rocks, trees and microorganisms. In a unique circumstance, the ever-changing earthscape outside The Gathering Place connects Peg's everyday life intensely to Mother Earth, reinforcing her belief that "we are all in this together. Part of what we are seeking is to connect to spirit and to each other." She believes that our life's journey is taking us back to that oneness.

Since her teen years, Peg has been on a spiritual quest. Thirtysomething years ago, she was warned by her revered inspiration, a parapsychologist uncle, never to express these thoughts openly. He admonished her, "They'll drag you away in white coats." In today's world, Peg feels accepted in the mainstream. She has witnessed that ideas once considered unbeliev-

able and kooky are now suitable subjects for television programs, public discussions, college courses, movies, and even hospital medical training programs.

The Gathering Place has spaces for meditation, Reiki treatment, a lending library of spiritual books, teas and candles. There is space for group sessions called "Circles," where non-traditional healing



techniques of drumming, chanting or talking in the safe surround of the Center encourage the transformation of energy fields surrounding each individual. The circle may begin with an opening prayer to invite each person's spirit god—that guiding force which is greater than ourselves, which Peg said some may call "spirit, angel or god." The Gathering Place offers people a different path to connect.

Peg offers Reiki, sometimes called healing, but which she prefers to call treatment.

Reiki is an ancient, hands-on, non-invasive treatment rediscovered in the 1800's by Dr. Mikao Usui. "Rei," the universal life force, supports and nourishes us. "Ki" is the energy that flows through us. This energy field is called "aura." In Reiki, energy is channeled through the body via the body's main energy centers (seven chakras, such as the crown, the third eye, the throat and the heart) to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual part of the body that needs help. There is no body massage. Reiki is a non-invasive laying on of the practitioner's hands. The client absorbs the energy on whatever level is needed.

Although the word "Reiki" is not included in the third Edition of the American Heritage College Dictionary of 1993, it is a subject offered in the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital's curriculum for medical students.

For Peg, life is full of lessons. She noted that some of them are gentle. If lessons are not learned the first, or second, or third time, they will become more intense. Peg hopes that the healing circles and Reiki treatment can help people bring balance into their lives and help them find expression for feelings locked inside.

During the 29 years since Peg moved to Bradford, she has found herself dissatisfied with the town from time to time. She was reacting angrily to the political "stuff" that she neither liked nor understood. After she started Reiki, she kept getting a little message, "Work on Bradford." Arguing with the little voice, she would counter, "Bradford's had it. I'm outta here." The inner voice kept urging, "Work on Bradford." "Okay," she answered, "I'll work on Bradford." The Gathering Place is Peg's way to work on Bradford by giving people a safe, secure place, where they can connect to their spiritual guide.

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Obituaries

WARREN S. BROOK

Warren S. Brook, 40, of Foxchase road, South Sutton, died on March 30, 1998 at New London Hospital after a sudden illness.

He was born in Rochester, NY, the son of George and Elsie (Bachmann) Brook. He graduated in 1975 from the Fairport High School in Fairport, NY and in 1980 from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. He later earned a master's degree at Antioch College.

He taught at Moravia High School in Moravia, NY, for a year and taught math at Concord High School from 1982 to 1984. In 1984 he joined the faculty at Kearsarge Regional High School, where he continued to teach until his death. His subject areas were math and computers.

He moved to South Sutton in 1986, after living in New London and Concord.

He attended the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Concord.

While at Kearsarge Regional High School, he was involved in Project CLIMB (Challenging Limitations in Mind and Body) and helped with numerous fund-raisers for that group, as well as at the school's Snack Shack.

He was part of the negotiating team at KRHS and was also on the school's extra-curricular activities committee.

He enjoyed basketball and coached the junior varsity boys' team and was a referee. He liked to hike, bike, camp, fish, kayak, watch birds and play the piano.

His parents died earlier.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Nancy (German) Brook of South Sutton; three daughters, Kelsie Marie Brook, Lindsay Jean Brook and Haley Anna Brook, all of south Sutton; a sister, Laurie Brook of Tinton Fall, NJ, and four nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service was held April 3rd at Kearsarge Regional High School.

Memorial contributions may be made to Project CLIMB, in care of Kearsarge Re-

gional High School, North Road, North Sutton, NH 03260.

DONALD HAMBRECHT

Donald Hambrecht, 83, of Fairgrounds Road died March 16, 1998, at Woodlawn Nursing Home in Newport.

He was born Oct. 15, 1914.

Mr. Hambrecht lived in Valley Stream, Long Island, NY for many years before retiring to Bradford in 1972.

He was a member of the Masons and worked for Ciba-Geigy Corp. until his retirement.

Mr. Hambrecht was predeceased by his wife, Inez Hambrecht. They had been married for 59 years.

Members of the surviving family include a son, Robert Hambrecht of Long Island, NY; a daughter, Holly Hunt of Jersey City, NJ; two brothers, Robert Hambrecht of Newbury and Lawrence Hambrecht of Medford, MA; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 13 in Long Island.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad.

INEZ HAMBRECHT

Inez Hambrecht, 81, of Fairgrounds Road died Thursday, March 12, 1998, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.

She was born Aug. 13, 1916.

Mrs. Hambrecht lived in Valley Stream, Long Island for many years before retiring to Bradford in 1972.

Members of the surviving family include a son, Robert Hambrecht of Long Island, a daughter, Holly Hunt of Jersey City, NJ; three sisters, Vera Blume of Long Island, Wilma White of Connecticut, and Ruth Lovering of Texas; and four grandchildren.

She was also survived by her husband of 59 years, Donald Hambrecht, who died on March 16, 1998.

Funeral services were held March 13 in Long Island.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad.

CHRISTINE MCKIM

Christine McKim, 75, of Center Road, died Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at New London Hospital.

She was born in Lebanon, PA and spent her early years there, but had lived in Bradford for many years.

She served in the U.S. Navy Waves from 1944 to 1946. She enjoyed bingo.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles McKim. She will be missed by family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Henniker on April 13. Burial was at the Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford.

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter is sponsoring a half-day hike up the Great Brook Trail in New London on Saturday, May 2 at 9:00am. This Conservation Commission trail ascends gradually for two miles, passing the spectacular "Upper Cascades" and ending at Devil's Half Acre Beaver Pond. Meet leader Bob Vernon at Great Brook Bridge Trailhead at the foot of Pleasant St. and come prepared for wet walking. For more information, call Bob at 526-6216.

On Friday, May 8, at 7:30pm, the chapter will present a program entitled "Bears" at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Gould Rd., New London. Bill Kilham of Lyme will show slides documenting his experiences raising orphaned black bear cubs to be reintroduced to the wild. This heart-warming program will help to dispel the many myths and half-truths surrounding this intelligent animal. The program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Gary Stansfield, 863-8737.

A half-day "Beginning Birding" field trip is scheduled for May 9 at 8:00am. Please meet birder Bob Vernon at the Four Corners Grille parking lot in New London, at the intersection of NH Routes 11 and 114. Attendance is not limited to beginners, but is also open to more experienced birders. Participants should bring binoculars and insect repellent. For details, call Bob at 526-6216.

The Soo-Nipi Chapter is once again participating in the Audubon Society of NH annual "Birdathon/Bloomathon" to raise money for its Wildlife and Wetlands programs. Birder Peter Newbern will lead two half-day trips, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, from Cricenti's Market parking lot in New London. Participants may attend one or both days, and should bring binoculars and insect repellent. Veteran birders are encouraged to attend. Call Peter at 763-4038 for details. Leading the "Bloomathon" walk will be wildflower enthusiasts Jim and Kathy Green. The half-day outing will begin at Cricenti's Market parking lot, at 8:00am, Sunday, May 17. Participants should bring insect repellent. Call the Greens at 526-2834 for more information.

—Phyllis Curtiss

Historical Society news

The Old Post Office is open now that the weather is nicer, Saturdays 1:30-3:00pm and by request, 938-5386. *Two Hundred Plus*, the history of Bradford, is available for \$20 and *Merrimack County Telephone: First 100 years* for \$25. A collection of Town Reports from 1870 to the present, and albums assembled by the History Committee in the 1970's are just waiting for your perusal. Discover your town as it was and is—you are encouraged to drop in for a look.

At the April meeting, Dr. Donald Linebaugh of the University of Kentucky made a presentation on his project using Carr's Store ledgers and other historical documents from the 1870's. He was interested to find the same family names over a long span of time, and would welcome any memories anyone could share with him of the old Carr's store.



From the kitchen of Lesley Marquis

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- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 cup cubed ham
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons minced onion
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard

In a saucepan, cover asparagus with water and cook until tender, but crisp. Drain and set aside. Lightly brush butter on one side of the bread slices. Place enough bread slices, butter side up, to cover the bottom of a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with ½ cup cheese. Layer with asparagus and ham. Cover with remaining bread slices, butter side up.

In a bowl, beat eggs; stir in milk, onion, salt and mustard. Pour over bread. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight.

Bake uncovered, in a preheated 325-degree oven, for 50 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup cheese. Return to oven until cheese is melted and knife inserted in center comes out clean. Sprinkle with parsley and paprika. Serve with a fruit garnish of sliced melon and strawberries.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE MOTHER'S SOUL

Edited by Jack Canfield et al.
Health Communications, Inc.
Deerfield Beach, FL 1997

This best-selling book contains 101 short stories collected by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Read Hawthorne and Marci Shimoff. These stories are bound to awaken hearts and rekindle the spirits of mothers. Many of the contributors are famous, including comedian Joan Rivers, singer Reba McEntire, inspirational writer Edith M. Dean, former First Lady Barbara Bush and the late humorist Erma Bombeck.

In addition to 101 stories, the editors offer several cartoons. Picture this: Two teenage girls stand before a clerk in a store, one asking, "If my parents like it, can I exchange it?" (This humor comes from Peggy Andy Wyatt, an editorial cartoonist for a Florida newspaper.)

Since space in this column is short, I have condensed one of my favorite stories, "The Bobby Pins" by Linda Goodman, to give a glimpse into the book's offerings. At the age of seven, Linda Goodman overheard her mother telling a friend that she would be celebrating her thirtieth birthday the next day. Linda had no memory of her mother ever receiving a birthday gift, and decided it was time she got one. She fled to her piggy bank, removed its total con-

tents—five cents—and went shopping. Though she found several gifts her mother would like, she was upset because they were all too expensive. She finally settled for a package of hobby pins. Mother could use them when she washed and pin-curled her beautiful, long black hair.

Years later, on Mother's fiftieth birthday, her grown children pooled their resources and presented her with a ring featuring a cluster of diamonds. After the party guests departed, Linda's father suggested to his wife that the ring must be the best gift she had ever received. Linda's eyes filled with tears when she heard her mother's response: "The best birthday present I ever got was the package of hobby pins from Linda."

Happy Mother's Day!

Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul is available at Brown Memorial Library

Best Friends by Jessikah Hopwood

You never know

If you have a best friend
because they come and go,
Always coming
always going.

You think you have a best friend
And then out the door they go

This poem was submitted by the Writer's World Council at Bradford-Newbury Elementary School. The council, comprised of teachers, students and a parent, aims to advance students' writing. Students submit their work to the council to be reviewed and commented on. The council then finds ways to spotlight students' writing within the school and in publications.

Thrift Shop to open May 21st

The Brown Memorial Library Thrift Shop will open for the summer on Thursday, May 21. Hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00am—1:00pm. All proceeds will benefit the Brown Memorial Library Building Fund.

Donations of clean clothing in good condition, dishes, knickknacks, working small appliances, tools, collectibles, jewelry, toys, etc. are welcome. (Please leave book donations at the Library for the summer book sale.) Donations may be dropped off at the Library or, after May 21, at the Central School. Especially needed are book-cases, paper and plastic bags and store clothing racks.

Volunteers are welcome. If you would like to be part of the volunteer staff at the Thrift Shop, please call Marty or Sue at 938-5051.

Cemetery Commission news

The gate at the Baptist Church Cemetery needs repairs or complete rebuilding. Interested persons should contact one of the Cemetery Commissioners with a cost estimate at 938-5386, 938-2263 or 938-5260.

During the summer, gravestones will be repaired and repositioned. The older stones in need of the most care, within our ability to mend or straighten, will be worked on first. If there are descendants who do not want their ancestral stones touched, they should call one of the commissioners at the above numbers. There will be an attempt made to contact someone in a known family before work is done on any stone, but this may not be wholly successful. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

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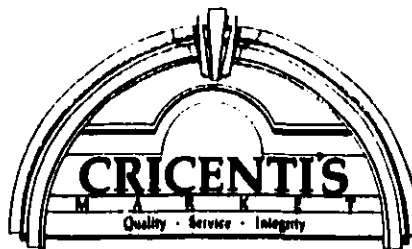
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Report on Kearsarge Regional School District
By Mike Hague, Bradford School Board Representative

Survey Says: The last day of school will be June 22. The School Board has been granted approval by the State to waive five school days due to the official State of Emergency in four towns caused by the January ice storm. The results of the survey mailed to parents showed an overwhelming preference to waive all five days. Your Board chose to follow the parents' vote. Parents who wanted to waive 0 days—42, 1 day—105, 2 days—26, 3 days—9, 4 days—10, all 5 days—707.

ABC PLAN UPDATE

Under the Governor's ABC Plan for school funding, the current leading plan, Bradford would get \$229,560 to equalize property taxes and Warner would get \$404,388. No other town in our district would receive funding. Your School Board will be trying to arrange, with other community organizations, a public symposium to fully discuss all the plans and options before the legislature now so that we can all be better informed. More on that as the symposium develops. Please contact me with any input you have, 938-2722, lovmts@aol.com.

TRIPS

The high school Spanish 3 class is traveling to New York City to experience a little of Spanish America and the French 5 class is traveling to Montreal to experience a little of French America. The entire middle school eighth grade class will also be traveling to Montreal for a cultural experience, with a lot of help from their friends. Stu-

dents will be raising much of the money needed for these trips, so if you see a curwash in the next few weeks. . . .

NEW PRINCIPAL

Sharon Knapp will be moving to Warner as the full time principal. She has been the principal of both the Warner and the Bradford elementary schools. With the expanding population, each school will now have its own administrator. Carey Rodd and Seddon Savage have been on the selection committee to hire the new Bradford principal, and the committee has made its recommendations to the Superintendent.

EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE

The goal for next year is to have science classes composed of students with differing abilities (heterogeneous grouping). For the last ten years, students have been grouped according to their abilities (homogeneous grouping) in advanced science or general science classes. Research has shown quite clearly that middle school students actually learn better in heterogeneous situations that minimize the "social strata" effect where students feel they are better or worse than their peers. This is a developmental phenomenon that disappears in high school, where students are more successful when they are grouped by their ability levels. I have access to that research; if you are interested contact me. Of course, this means there will be more creative work for the science teachers who will now have to engage students in their classes who have very different abilities. Teachers are presently studying various techniques, referred to as "differentiated teaching strategies", that will allow them to teach science to all levels of students. There will be parent information sessions

announced this month for all interested parents.

WARREN BROOK


Kearsarge Regional School District lost a consummate educator and human being on March 30. Warren was taken from us way too early and the tribute at the high school that followed confirmed our loss. More than 1100 people filled the gymnasium with tears and laughter as students, former students, friends and family openly celebrated his life and shared their love of the man through stories of their experiences with him. I have never been so proud of our district. Want to affect people? Be a teacher.

Zoning Board grants special exception

At the April 7th meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, William Morris applied for a Special Exception under Article V, Section 2B (nonconforming road setback) to add a porch to his home.

Board members also discussed an information sheet that would let homeowners know when construction permission is needed. The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee is working to put together a packet of such information.

At a public hearing on April 21st, a Special Exception for William Morris was granted.



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Church News From Lynne E. Hubley

May 1 is "World Fellowship Day." The Women's Christian Guild will meet at the church at noon with a bag lunch, have a brief business meeting and then travel to Our Lady of Fatima Church in New London for an inspiring service.

A church clean-up day is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, immediately following the worship service and coffee hour. Folks are encouraged to bring a change of clothes.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will host its annual Mother-Daughter banquet on Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30pm. This year's menu: chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and rainbow-roll dessert. For those who cannot eat chicken, there will be a meat lasagna. The program for the evening is entitled "Line Dancing with Grace Nelson." Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

The Women's Support group meets every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm in the pastor's study at the Fiske House.

Our Bible Study group meets at the parsonage every Thursday from 7:30-8:30pm. We have just finished a Lenten study and will be selecting a new book to study. Everyone is welcome.

An informational meeting about the 4th of July Fair will be held on Sunday, May 17 immediately following the worship service and coffee hour. All church people who are involved in the fair, or who would

like to be, are invited to attend this meeting.

On May 17, youth group will be held in the church vestry. Grades 4-6 will meet from 2:00-3:30pm. Grades 7-12 will meet from 3:30-5:00pm. Agenda: Inner Tube Relay, Balloon But Relay, Mad Relay and Grab Bag Relay. We will also be making ice cream sundaes.

On May 31, grades 4-12 will meet in the vestry from 1:00-5:00pm for a "Rocker-a-thon." Youth are asked to bring a rocking chair and their favorite board game. This event is to raise money for tornado victims. Sponsor sheets will be mailed to each youth.

Our food pantry will be open Wednesday, May 20 from 6:00-7:00pm. The pantry is very low on macaroni and cheese, soups and canned fruit.

Men's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30pm. The location will be announced closer to the date.

Pastor Lynne will be starting a series of Baptism classes during the month of May. Anyone interested should contact her.

Library Friends invite participation

The Friends of the Brown Memorial Library will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30pm at the library. Whether or not you are a dues-paying member, you are welcome to join in planning library fund-raising and children's programs.

Friends are reminded to come to the Plan NH Design Charrette on May 8 and 9 to give the planners ideas for the future of Bradford. (For schedule, see page 19.) The Friends, Library Trustees and Moon Mountain Arts will be providing refreshments for the public session at 7:30pm on Friday.

—Audrey Sylvester, Friends President



Marian Tebaldi, former owner of the Odds and Ends Shop on Lake Massawesett, celebrated her 85th birthday at the Appleseed Inn with more than fifty friends.

Bradford Business Association news

The membership committee urges people to send in their membership applications so that they will be included in the brochure. Business Day is coming on June 7, so don't forget to send in your sign-up sheets and a check for \$15 if you plan to participate. The BBA will be sponsoring several events on July 4, including two rides, crafts, a blood drive and Cow Flop Bingo. Parade plans are coming along. Isabel Sheehan attended the meeting to ask if each business could donate money to bring Jason Lalla, the Grand Marshal, home for the parade. There are also gold cans at area businesses for anyone who would like to contribute.

Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting, on May 20 at 7:00pm, at the Rosewood Country Inn. It will be pot-luck finger foods and hors d'oeuvres.

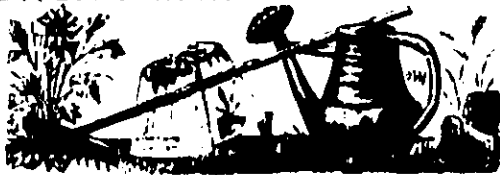
Senior Rally

Are you interested in senior issues? Please attend the next area Senior Rally on Saturday, May 16 from 1-3pm at Hallahan's Real Estate, Route 103 and Center Road, Bradford.

The Rally will include discussions on a service directory for area seniors, composing a roster of area seniors, rural transportation options and other elder concerns. We will have a guest speaker who will share one solution to seniors' transportation needs in rural communities.

Please come and join us as we begin to brainstorm and to take action on these identified senior issues. For more information, call Lynne at 938-2664.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Poking around in my garden and field, I find many evidences of the El Nino winter. El Nino is responsible, it is said, for the ice storm we had in the area and the terrible damage to trees we see as we go up in elevation. We can be thankful our damage is light. We can, however, take advantage of the tremendous volume of chips generated by the cleanup if a pickup or light truck is available to haul them. Those of us who have raspberries or other brambles can use chips to mulch the rows. Chips will keep weeds down for an extended time. The addition of humus and a light application of nitrogen will encourage fruiting by holding moisture in the soil. Such a chip mulch can also be piled out of the way for future use, getting better yearly.

My asparagus is peeping through now. There is evidence the moles and field mice have made their tunnels in the garden; fortunately, no damage done. Now is a good time to mulch the bed with well-rotted manure or compost. The grapevine fence where last year I had tiger lilies six or seven feet tall now has holes four to six inches deep where the lily bulbs used to be—no gigantic lily plants this summer, thanks to the moles and mice.

One of the results of clean cultivation over past years is the elimination of native milkweeds. Those of us who, in the past, enjoyed Monarch butterflies in our gardens may encourage them again by planting milkweed in spots of rich soil, possibly where garden debris has been piled. Milkweed is a host plant for the Monarch butterfly, supplying most of the food for the caterpillars in the form of leaves and nectar for the butterflies. The latter are also attracted to other garden flowers, such as asters and other fall-flowering plants. Dig up milkweed plants along roads and plant the fleshy roots in out of the way spots. As a native plant, it will settle in. If you wait until Fall and collect milkweed pods for seeds, those seeds may be scattered in fresh-dug soil out of the garden area. During World War II, I can remember encouraging 4-H clubs to collect the pods for down for life jackets for aviators!

One of the native plants of the Great Plains has become a sought-after garden beauty in the last few years. I have had difficulty growing it for very long in my garden, but plants are generally available from mail order nurseries and sometimes from local plant growers. It is the Purple Cone-

flower, a relative of our Black-eyed Susan and the cultivated Rudbeckias, which are golden yellow or yellow with bronze reds in the petals. This plant is a light purplish pink. It withstands heat well, is not demanding of soil or water, but is sensitive, I believe, to our fluctuating winter temperatures. It is, however, a desirable plant and one of these years, I may find some that will adapt to my climate.

This year promises to be a great year for fruit tree blooms—mild winter weather after a reasonably good summer. My pear and peach trees are heavily budded. My apricot trees are in bloom, but they never set fruit (no bees at these cold temperatures). It should be a great year for a great "fruit tree," the Bradford Pear. It blooms early, grows in a pyramidal shape, is sterile, sets no fruit which must be raked up (as must crab apples), and has excellent foliage, which turns purplish red in Autumn. Concord has planted many for these reasons—try one.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

Note: the above mentioned group from now on will be known as "The Works!" Just ask any member of the group who was privileged to attend the Currier Art Gallery in April for an explanation.

"The Works!" will hold a plant exchange at their meeting May 14th; meeting and set-up time is 11:00am; bag lunch with beverage and dessert provided at 12:00. After the plant exchange, we will travel to Blake's Nursery in Bradford where David will tour us through his greenhouses and introduce us to some of this season's exciting new plants.

--Clare Bensley

Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Arthur is missing! He was our Christmas gift and everyone just loved him. He is an aardvark, a stuffed toy version of the main character in many of the children's books written by Marc Brown. He is dressed in light blue jeans, a red striped shirt and yellow sweater. We believe he was taken by mistake. If anyone knows where he is, please just bring him back, no questions asked.

Several former members of the Bradford Area Cooperative have forwarded the money from their returned shares to the Library Building Fund. We thank them for their generosity and support.

The 2nd Annual Spring Buffet at the Appleseed Inn was a huge success. Mary Beth and Peter Fenton, their staff and the library trustees, staff and volunteers worked together to make it a memorable evening. Many thanks to the kitchen crew, the dining room crew and the superb dessert-makers.

Just a reminder—the Thrift Shop, located in the former Central School building on Main Street, opens Thursday, May 21 at 10:00am

Books recently purchased:
Blind Descent, Nevada Barr
Brunswick Gardens, Anne Perry
Half Life of Happiness, John Casey
Only Way I Know, Cal Ripken Jr.
Practical Gardener, Roger Swain
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Encyclopedia of Fishing
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BEOC April activities

The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC) held its monthly meeting on April 9. The membership of the Committee has increased to 16 with the addition of Nancy Hibbard, who is welcome indeed with her wealth of knowledge from participating in the updating of the Master Plan. Funding Subcommittee Chair Carol Adams reported that form letters have gone out seeking guidelines for obtaining funds from several sources. Chair John Harris agreed to incorporate the Business Park Project within the scope of the Business Development Subcommittee. John brought along three guests from African countries to observe our procedures; their comments regarding the contrasting styles of their countries were very interesting.

Diane Gadoury, "Friendly Town Procedures" Task Manager, reported on her meeting with the ZBA and scheduled meeting with the Planning Board. Nancy Hibbard is joining Diane on developing this set of procedures. Their objective is to produce a set of procedures/guidelines which prospective and existing businesses in Bradford can use to simplify the process of "what, where, when, how, how much and who-to-see" when considering expansion, relocation or modifications to buildings, sites or businesses. In a recent series of seminars sponsored by the State, the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and others, it was noted that one of the problems most NH towns have in attracting and keeping businesses is that they are not helpful to business. In particular, their procedures are either inaccurately explained to applicants or the written procedures are so confusing as to lead to unneeded and expensive delays. In some instances, their personnel were also antagonistic toward businesses in their dealings; this trait, unless conscious efforts are made to change it, can extend to include the Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, the various town inspectors and staffs located in the town hall.

At the other end of the spectrum, towns which have been successful in attracting and helping existing businesses to grow (and thus benefit the town's tax base), have prepared simple-to-follow guidelines and procedures. In addition, it was noted that personnel in those town governments were trained so they understood either the technical procedures or where to refer applicants for assistance. In their words, the successful towns were business-friendly, and it could be seen from the moment one walked into their town halls. They noted the natural tendency for people to be helpful to

applicants. If they weren't trained in the technical requirements, it was better for them not to offer uninformed answers but instead to direct the applicants to a knowledgeable source. The BEOC's objective is to achieve the "successful town" status by helping with the development of the procedures/guidelines. Pembroke was noted as one town that has been extremely successful, and we are using copies of their procedures as a general guideline.

Audrey Sylvester and Barbara Vannata are jointly conducting the "Marketing Bradford" task. Their objective is to produce a set of information that describes the traits and features of our town which prospective businesses would need to help them select Bradford as their location. Here again, we are leaning on the lessons learned and information handouts used by Pembroke and other successful towns.

David Blake reported that the Parks & Recreation Department is working on policies and procedures which will make for smoother operations for everyone using Town facilities.

The Bradford Community Center grant proposal was discussed. An article concerning Bradford's "win" is found elsewhere in this issue.

At a second BEOC meeting on April 16, The Plan NH visit scheduled for May 8 and 9 was discussed at length. Assignments for refreshments and meals during the Design Team's visit were reviewed. The following organizations have agreed to help make these two days run smoothly: Bradford Business Association (refreshments for Fri afternoon/Dian Darruh of MCT Telecom coordinator), Bradford Women's Club (Pot Luck dinner Fri—call Sue Vitale at 938-2852), Friends of the Library/Library Trustees & Moon Mountain Arts Committee (refreshments for Fri evening/Audrey Sylvester), Historical Society/First Baptist Church/Union Congregational Society (Design Team lunch Sat & refreshments Sat afternoon/John Harris looking for help here) and BEOC members (Design Team lunch Fri and Sat morn "continental"). A special thanks to all of these folks, and to all those who help us put away the chairs and tables and clean up after the 4pm conclusion Saturday! Public is welcome to help here also.

—Don Johnson



Meghan Raymond (center) and Crystal Farricy (right) give Kathryn Raymond a ride on a Parks and Recreation outing to the Great View Roller Rink.

Parks and Recreation update

The roller-skating trip to Great View Skating Rink in Enfield was enjoyed by all who went, and we recommend the rink as a great destination for a family outing. We would like to thank Debbie Bruss for all her help with this trip.

The Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone to participate in the first annual Town Spring Clean-Up on May 2. For a number of years, the Conservation Commission has sponsored an Earth Day roadside clean-up. This year, Parks and Recreation, the Bradford Women's Club and other town organizations are joining them and adding Brown Shattuck and French's Parks to the list of areas to be cleaned. We encourage anyone who uses these areas or who would like to help to join us. Members of Parks and Recreation will be at French's Park starting at 9:00am, and area youth groups will be working at Brown Shattuck. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda will be available for volunteers at French's Park at noon.

Parks and Recreation is looking for new members. Anyone interested should contact David Blake, 938-2386 or Jane Lucas, 938-2570.

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Planning Board approves revised site plan for tank replacement at Cobble Pond Farms

In response to a cease and desist letter from the Selectmen, Robert Metz, representing Peterson Petroleum of NH, owners of Cobble Pond Farms, and Robert Stewart, Jr., RCS Designs, met with the Planning Board at its April 14 meeting to discuss the gas tank replacement project at Cobble Pond Farms, Route 103. Stewart noted that all State permits were in place and "guidance from town departments had been requested and received concerning the project." He said "misinformation" appeared to be the reason for the letter requesting their appearance. Teele responded that there had been no input to the Planning Board on the project and that a site plan revision appeared to be required.

Stewart described the project and the Board discussed the changes that would trigger the various levels of site plan review. Essentially, the project involves "no change of use or expansion" . . . simply replacing five aging tanks with five new, state-of-the-art tanks which are much more environmentally friendly. The configuration will involve four gas tanks under one canopy and a diesel tank in a second area. The kerosene tank is being eliminated, with kerosene now sold in containers. Concern was expressed over the larger canopy and whether there was a signage issue. Stewart stated that if additional signs were needed, Peterson Petroleum would return to the Planning Board. Meanwhile, he agreed to apply for a building permit immediately for the canopy and electrical work.

The Board agreed that only a simple site plan revision was needed and then accepted the site plan revision, with the requirement that "as was" and "as is" be identified on the plans.

Diane Gadoury, representing the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, met to request cooperation with a BEOC project to compile a booklet of guidelines for property owners wishing to build or remodel in Bradford. The Board agreed that the project was worthwhile and identified material to contribute. However, they also discussed the importance of applicants appearing before the appropriate town board early in the process of determining the scope of their projects. Chair Perry Teele commented that the board can sometimes save applicants money by identifying what is and is not required for a

particular project. Gadoury noted that the purpose of the booklet is to eliminate problems with applicants being given misinformation and having to appear before boards unnecessarily.

A letter was received from the Sutton Planning Board noting that, in January, it had denied a subdivision request from David Brown concerning land at Simmons Pond which the NH Fish and Game Dept. wished to improve for public access. The various approvals for the project were complicated by the fact that three municipalities were involved (Sutton, Bradford and Warner). Bradford's responsibility had been to approve a driveway access, which it did with the proviso that the road be upgraded. Fish and Game agreed to provide the material, with Bradford's Highway Dept. to complete the work. Teele expressed outrage that the work had not been done, saying residents should be able to count on the town to maintain town roads to Class V minimum standards. Members agreed that no action was required by the Planning Board on this matter.

In other business, the Board reelected Perry Teele to serve as chairman and Tom Riley as vice chair.

At the April 28 meeting, Ted Young, owner of Merrimack Farm & Country Store, appeared to discuss modifying his site plan to "transform the sugar house," adding windows and a door to extend the period when it can be used for retail space. Young said it would remain a sugar house, but that it would be managed by Wendy Benedict as the "Sugar House Market." Benedict intends to open the Market on weekends, featuring specialty foods and fresh produce, as well as maple syrup and candy. The Planning Board voted unanimously to accept the site plan modification.

Larry Beagle, owner of Top Hat Auctions in Hillsborough, met to discuss what would be required to approve a site plan to open an auction hall and antiques store in the former IGA building. Chair Perry

Teele explained that the Planning Board's areas of responsibility involve signs, parking, and wastewater matters . . . external factors. Internal structure issues are the responsibility of the Building Inspector and the Fire Chief. Beagle explained that he would like to lease the building for a year to determine whether the location is suitable for his business. Because of the temporary situation, he explained that installing a new septic system would be prohibitive. His plans are to hold between two and five auctions a month, most in the evening when nearby businesses are closed, with probably between 100 and 150 in attendance. He would also like to open a retail antique shop, probably open about four days a week. Teele commented that he would need to work with Ted Young, an abutter, to have sufficient parking spaces. The biggest concern of Planning Board members was the lack of information concerning the septic system. All finally agreed that the site plan should include a document that Beagle takes responsibility for the adequate functioning of the wastewater disposal system and that if any signs of failure should appear, the business will be shut down immediately. When Beagle asked how quickly the site plan process could be handled because he wishes to open his business on June 1, Teele responded that this application should not be rushed because it affects the town. It was agreed that if he presents a completed site plan at the May 12th meeting, a dual public hearing to accept and approve the application could be scheduled for May 26.

—Nancy Scribner

Convert trash to ice cream!

The Bradford Conservation Commission will give coupons for a free ice cream cone to each child who brings a bag of roadside trash to the Transfer Station between 10am and 4pm on Town Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 2.



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Selectmen's meetings in April

April 6. Lois Kilnap and Larry Hall, representing the Skateboard Park Committee, told the Selectmen that they propose to construct a half pipe at Brown Shattuck Memorial Field. Their goal is a May installation. Selectmen said that while they support the concept, they need to see a written proposal and plans before they can approve the project. Selectman Vitale gave Hall a copy of guidelines recommended by the Town's liability insurance provider. Perry Teele suggested that final plans be reviewed for compliance with town regulations for lighting and signage, and that a copy of the plans be placed in the Planning Board files.

Lois Kilnap requested that the Selectmen waive the Town Hall use fee for two fund-raising events sponsored by the committee in April. Selectmen expressed their concerns resulting from the teen dance on April 3, when the hall was left in poor condition. They agreed to take her request under advisement and to respond prior to the Indoor Flea Market on April 18.

Chip Meany discussed the status of repairs to some homes on Main Street that were damaged by winter weather. He also commented on security at the garage on the former Naughton property. Following a fire apparently set by a trespasser, the building has been more securely boarded and posted. The road crew has also made it accessible for the police cruiser to patrol the area regularly.

Chip Meany and Perry Teele discussed the lack of a building permit or site plan review for work underway at Cobble Pond Farms. Selectmen issued a cease and desist letter to the business pending a site plan review.

Cheryl Behr reported that Dick Moore requested to have Brown Shattuck Field removed from his responsibilities. Due to increased use of the field, he has not been able to keep up with the maintenance needed at various locations around town. Selectmen agreed to work with Moore to find an appropriate solution.

A request from the Bradford Business Association to use the front yard of the Central School site for a ride concession on the 4th of July was discussed. Selectmen suggested meeting with the parade committee to coordinate use of town facilities.

The Women's Club is hoping to hold a public forum as requested at the March "Meet the Candidates" night. A mid to late May date was suggested, and Milly Kittredge suggested considering a later date that would allow summer residents to attend. It was further suggested that a series of forums would be helpful. Cheryl Behr was asked to contact the Women's Club for more information.

Selectman Conway reported in response to residents' concerns about an orange-colored material on the ground surface at the site of the old Naughton barn, he had contacted officials at the NH Dept. of Environmental Services. An inspection revealed that it was a normal and harmless iron bacteria that often appears on the surface over soils with high iron content when water levels are high.

April 13. Selectmen approved two projects presented by Milly Kittredge on behalf of the Cemetery Committee. The gate on the Baptist Church cemetery will be repaired or replaced, and work will be done this summer to straighten and repair stones.

Don Johnsen updated the Selectmen on preparations for the Plan NH Design Charrette on May 8 and 9. He presented a draft of the weekend's agenda and outlined plans to contact businesses by letter and residents by telephone. The BEOC is hoping for a large turnout to participate in the public meetings.

The Bradford Women's Club requested that the Selectmen review a notice about the Swim Program for compliance with town regulations. They will continue to sponsor the program, but it will operate under the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize the Town's liability insurance.

Cheryl Behr was instructed to contact Dave Pickman to make arrangements to paint two crosswalks, one from the Elementary School to the playing fields across Old Warner Road, and one between Town Hall and the Library on Main Street.

Selectmen will research concerns of the Town of Sutton regarding the Simmons Pond parking lot to be constructed by NH Fish and Game. Joe Conway requested that Cheryl Behr copy information from the Planning Board files on this issue. He commented that it was complicated because the site involves three towns, and suggested that officials from all three towns should meet to discuss the situation.

Larry Hall submitted a building plan and a proposal from the Skateboard Committee. Selectmen will review the proposal and respond at their next meeting.

Don Johnsen reported on the need to fill two positions on the Revolving Loan Committee. There will be revisions to policies for the Loan Committee, with the establishment of a smaller incubator loan pool. The committee requested that the Selectmen attend their next meeting on May 13.

Johnsen also urged the Selectmen to appoint a Bradford representative to the Concord Regional Development Council.

Selectmen then withdrew to a non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91:3-

A, to discuss ongoing and impending legal matters.

April 20. Marlene Freyler, on behalf of the Bradford Business Association, requested the Selectmen's approval for rides and concessions to be placed on the front of the Central School site for the 4th of July celebration. The company providing the rides will submit documentation of liability insurance and other information. Joe Conway asked her to consider the need to maintain access to the Library Thrift Shop in the Central School building, and suggested contacting the Highway Department to borrow snow fencing to keep the path clear. He asked that the Business Association submit a written proposal for the Selectmen to sign for final approval.

Peter Isham requested information on upgrading a Class Six road. He wants to make improvements at his own expense so that he can access property on Carter Hill Road. Selectman Conway will research the matter and respond.

Carol Adams presented an update on the Community Center grant. She provided a time line and major deadlines to be met in the next sixty days. Adams will meet with Selectmen again on May 11.

April 27. David Blake submitted a revised charter for the Parks and Recreation Department. Selectmen approved the charter with the stipulation that the department submit a mission statement and goals and objectives in the next two weeks. Blake and Larry Hall also submitted rules for the skate park. After discussion about rules pertaining to the use of safety equipment, the rules were amended and approved by the Selectmen. Helmets, knee and elbow pads will be mandatory, with the use of gloves and wrist protectors strongly recommended.

Corey Noble expressed concern that the safety rules at the park will lead kids to skate elsewhere in town without helmets, and asked if the Selectmen were considering an ordinance that would restrict skateboarding in other areas. Selectmen agreed to review the issue with Chief Sims. Concerns about the condition of Brown Shattuck Park were also discussed. Joe Conway said that on recent visits, he had found it "a pig sty." Blake responded that proper receptacles and signs stating the rules and regulations of the park are needed. He emphasized the need for someone to be responsible for emptying the receptacles regularly. Children from the Skate Park Committee and from Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports will be helping to clean the area on Town Clean-Up Day on May 2. Hall expressed the hope that this would help the kids start to feel more responsible for the park's maintenance.

Selectmen received a letter from Barbara Raymond informing them that her water is still being tested and is still affected by contamination, though it is correctable with filtration.

Household Hazardous Waste Day has been set for October 10, 1998 in Henniker.

Diane Gadoury was recommended for appointment to the Revolving Loan Committee. There were no nominations for the other position that remains to be filled.

A resident asked about the process for collecting timber taxes. Cheryl Behr explained that when an Intent to Cut is filed, the town must send it to the State. A Report of Wood Cut form is sent to the landowner or logger, who must file that report by April 1. Yield taxes are then assessed based on the value of the timber harvested, and the landowner is responsible for paying the tax. Behr noted that in practice, the logger may pay the tax out of the landowner's profits. Conway said that last year Bradford collected approximately \$8,000 in yield taxes, which was low compared to an average of \$12,000-\$20,000. He expects revenues to be much higher this year due to a great increase in logging activity.

Square dance on May 2

You are invited to join the Bradford Country Squares to celebrate the graduation of the Class of '98 with a Mainstream dance on Saturday, May 2 at the Bradford Town Hall, 8:00-10:00pm. Don Bachelder will call the dance and Ed Phillips will cue. Admission is \$4.00/person. For more information, call 763-4792.

4th of July Parade Committee

The Parade Committee is pleased to announce that Jason Lalla has been selected to be the Grand Marshal of this year's 4th of July Parade. (See a related article on Jason's homecoming in this issue.) The theme of the parade is "Children: Our Future."

The Kearsarge Community Band will once again play stirring music for the parade, and the U.S. Marine Corps will provide the Color Guard.

Now that a theme has been announced, let's inundate Perley Strout with registrations for the Floats section of the parade. He's waiting to hear from organizations, families, individuals—you name it! His phone number is 938-2716.

The next meeting of the Parade Committee will be on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00am at Town Hall. If you can help in any way, we have many volunteer positions that need to be filled.

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For the Town of Bradford to receive the \$260,000 grant, we need to revise our budget and/or raise additional funds. The original budget was \$350,000 and the OSP requested us to 1) resubmit a possible phase-in project to keep the cost down, 2) demonstrate a development plan that could raise the additional monies needed; and 3) work on an organizational Business Plan that could support the operational cost of this facility. I met with the selectmen on April 20 to discuss the time line to accomplish these tasks. On May 7 at 7pm in the Town Hall, our first public meeting will be held to discuss how to meet these conditions. Please come to this meeting to learn more and to help us in the discussion of an organizational structure. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please call Carol Adams at 938-2562 or contact one of the selectmen.

This is great news for Bradford and we are lucky to receive this \$260,000, because in the next two funding cycles, the OSP will have 3 million dollars fewer to give to communities. Therefore we were very fortunate to get 80% of our funding now. Working together, with help from Plan NH, we can revitalize our community within a fiscally sound budget. Please come and get involved. It's important to our future.

—Carol Conforti-Adams

Glimpses, selected by Milly Kittredge from Bradford Historical Society materials

May, 1898 . . . Once again the New Bradford Hotel has reopened under the management of J. Albert Peaslee, H.M. Perkins Proprietor, with first-class livery connected.

The county commissioner was in town looking after the county poor.

The executive committee for the Village Improvement Society adopted rules including planting trees, cleaning and repairing sidewalks, employing laborers, making contracts and contracting no debt beyond the amount of available means.

Help!

Jason Lalla, winner of two gold medals at the 1998 Paralympics in Nagano, has agreed to be the Grand Marshal for the 4th of July Parade, and we need financial help to pay for his trip home to Bradford from Colorado. Donations may be made at the Lake Sunapee Savings Bank or mailed to Isabel Sheehan, P.O. Box 375, Bradford, NH 03221. Checks should be made out to The Jason Lalla Fund. For more information, call Isabel Sheehan at 938-5544.

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of the NH Office of State Planning and coordinator of the charrette team's visit, they will give us their best efforts and a useful product. It will then be up to Bradford's residents to decide what to do next.

A good turnout is critical to the project's success. Taylor emphasized that the diversity and scope of the ideas that they received from the townspeople attending the public sessions have directly affected the quality of the plans produced in prior charrettes. At one of their recent charrettes, a 10-year-old boy offered a suggestion and produced a sketch at a public session. Jeff said the idea was very original and it contributed to the degree that they included the youth's drawing in their final report.

Folks, this is an unusual opportunity we have here. Please do your very best to come to one of the two public discussion sessions on Friday, May 8. The first will be at 2pm, and the second at 7:30pm. On Saturday afternoon, May 9, the team will present their plan at another public session at 2:30pm. The proceedings should wrap up by 4pm. The Town will receive the final written report within 6 to 8 weeks. See complete schedule below.

—Don Johnsen

BRADFORD, NH DESIGN CHARRETTE sponsored by PLAN NH

FRIDAY, MAY 8

2:00pm

Public Discussion—Design team & public interaction—discussion of ideas, concepts, objectives for Village Area & Bradford Green

4:00pm

Design team commences design sessions—
Open to public

6:00pm

Design team has pot luck dinner,
followed by more design work

Open to public—bring a dish for pot luck
(contact Sue Vitale at 938-2852)

7:30pm

Public Discussion—Design team & public interaction—discussion of ideas, concepts, objectives for Village Area & Bradford Green

SATURDAY, MAY 9

9:00am

Design sessions resume—Open to public

Noon

Design team lunch,
followed by additional design work
Open to public (bring lunch)

2:30pm

Design team presentation
of recommendations to public

May Calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Town Spring Clean-Up Day, 8:00am
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, 938-5386

MONDAY, MAY 4

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Cemetery Commission, for location call 938-5386, 9:00am

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

PTC, Bradford Elementary, 7:00pm
Alternative Health "Herbal Tea Blending," Pillsbury Public Library, Warner, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Bradford Community Center meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Plan NH Design Charrette, see schedule page 19

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Plan NH Design Charrette, see schedule page 19

Trout Fishing Derby, Bradford Fire Station, 9-Noon.

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, 938-5386

MONDAY, MAY 11

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm
Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Country Capitalists, call 938-2787, 7:30
Friends of the Brown Memorial Library, at BML, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 14

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15pm

Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30pm

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16

4th of July Parade Committee, Town Hall, 10:00am

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, 938-5386

Moon Mountain Arts presents Concord Coachmen Barbershop Quartet, Town Hall, 7:30pm

Senior Rally, Hallahan Real Estate, Center Road, 1:00-3:00pm

MONDAY, MAY 18

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Bradford Women's Club Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Rosewood Country Inn. Meeting at 11:00am. Reservations to A. Clinton or B. McCartney by May 12.

Kindergarten Parents, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, 938-5386

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 7:30pm
Historical Society meeting, Old Post Office, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 28

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15pm

FRIDAY, MAY 29

BNKP Graduation, Town Hall, 6:00pm

To list events for the next issue, call Lyn Betz, 938-5029.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE. Unscreened loam. Delivery available. 938-2623.

FOR SALE. Shredder-chipper. Great for Spring clean-up. 5 HP Electric Simplicity—Like New, \$200. Call 938-2876.

FOR SALE. Cap for 6' pickup, \$50.00. Gasoline storage tanks, 1 with hand pump, \$300.00 or best offer. 938-2570.

MOVING SALE. May 9&10, 9:00-3:00. 33 W. Main Street. Household miscellany and assorted tools. 938-2286.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED. Any Bradford businesses wishing to donate raffle prizes for the Bradford Fire Department's annual 4th of July raffle please contact the fire department at 938-2496.

FREE. All the 4-ft. pine logs you want. We'll help load. Stock up for next year's sugaring season. 938-2979.

NEEDED. Bradford Newbury Youth Sports needs a donation of a refrigerator for the snack shop. Call 938-2692.

FOR SALE Jetel woodstove #4, airtight, heats whole house, \$100. Rowing machine, good condition, \$25 or B.O. Storm glass panels, 4'x8', standard double thickness, \$40 each. Also Tropical Fish—Rare African cichlids, many varieties and prices. Excellent for hard water tanks, artesian wells. Also varied houseplants, large & small, 30 cents to \$3. Sunday, May 3 and May 10, 1:30-4:30pm., call for directions. 938-2843.

LAWN AND FIELD MOWING needed. Bladeless DR Trimmer-mower available. 938-5182 leave message.

FOR SALE. Treadmill, Lifeatylor Expanse #800. Like new, used 4x. Folds up with

incline and speed controls, calorie, time and pulse display. 938-2029.

NEEDED. Volunteers to help BNYS clean up athletic fields. Meet at Brown Shattuck Park, Sat. May 2, 8:00am. For more info call 938-5122.

FOR SALE. Nintendo 64 game, "Golden Eye," retail \$60, used very little, selling for \$40 or best offer. 938-2661.

FREE LESSONS. Anyone interested in learning how to use a spinning wheel? Stop in at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn on Mondays at 1:00pm.

HELPWANTED. Now taking applications for all areas of sawmill operations. Apply in person at Contoocook River Lumber, Henniker, (old HHP site), or mail resume to P.O. Box 2089, Henniker, NH 03242.

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