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Rodd to Run for NH House

Elizabeth (Beth) Rodd of Bradford has announced her intention to seek elective office as a Democratic candidate for the House Representative's seat, District 3, recently vacated by Bernie Lamach. Beth, who holds a Masters Degree in Social Work, has been actively involved in many community affairs for several years. As past president of the local PTC, a current officer of the Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports Board, scholarship chair for two organizations and a guardian ad litem with the CASA program, Beth brings a particular interest, knowledge and enthusiasm for children and family issues with her. Beth lives in Bradford with her husband, Carey and two sons, Will and Sam.

Plan NH Charette Final Report Presentation

Jeffrey Taylor, Director of the NH Office of State Planning and leader of the Plan NH Team which visited Bradford May 8 and 9, will present the Team's recommendations on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00pm. The presentation will be in the Town Hall, Second Floor. Everyone with an interest in Bradford's future is invited to attend.

-Don Johnsen

Bradford to Benefit from Ausbon Sargent Grant Award

A twin-state granting foundation has awarded \$2,000 to a Kearsarge-Sunapee area conservation group.

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) will use the money to install displays in Andover, Bradford, Goshen, Wilmot, Sutton and Newbury. The displays will feature local maps of conservation land and free literature on how landowners and town officials can protect valuable natural areas from unwanted development.

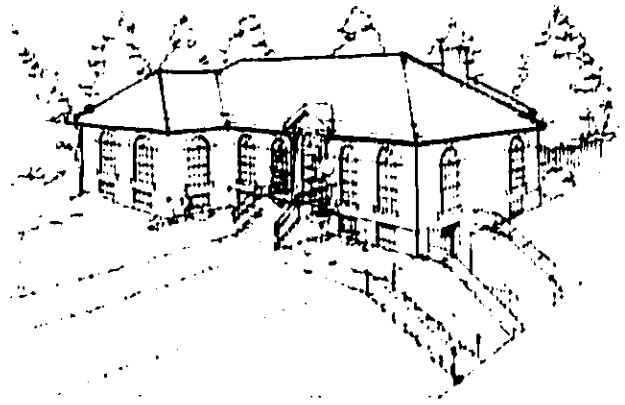
The ASLPT's "Outreach Project" has the qualities sought by the Upper Valley Community Foundation, which twice yearly distributes charitable donations to non-profit groups in the region. The foundation is a unique collaboration between New Hampshire and Vermont charitable foundations to serve communities on both sides of the Connecticut River.

The Upper Valley Community Foundation found merit in the ASLPT's proposal to provide information and maps in towns that it serves. The ASLPT covers 12 towns in the Kearsarge-Sunapee area and the grant will cover the cost of installing displays in five of those towns.

The ASLPT, founded in 1987, is a non-profit organization protecting the rural landscape of the region and preserving its natural heritage.

For more information, call the ASLPT at 526-6555.

CORRECTION:
KRSB opens for the 1998-99 school year on September 2. We apologize for the error in the August *Bridge*.



Library Expansion Plans Take Shape

The Brown Memorial Library Board of Trustees is proud to announce a plan for an expanded library on the present site. This plan is a result of nine years of research, including valued input from Bradford residents, consideration of several site locations and hundreds of hours of deliberation to determine the best and most practical solution for Bradford's library expansion. The plan meets all of the existing needs, allows for future expansion and assures the continuation of over 65 years of Bradford's library tradition as a part of Main Street, all within a reasonable and affordable budget.

The sketch above, provided by Tennant/Wallace Architects, shows the present building with the new 2,000 square foot addition to the left and wrapping around to the rear. The exterior finish of the addition will be brick face to match the existing building. The original front entrance will be preserved and enhanced to include an interior air-lock foyer. The handsome arched windows, one of the building's most attractive features, will be replicated in the new addition. Note the addition of the handicapped entrance on the right side of the building, providing, for the first time in over 65 years, access to the library for all. The plan is and will continue to be a "work-in-progress" as the board analyzes and fine tunes it to provide the "best for the least" without sacrificing the integrity of the basic plan or the special building requirements necessary for library construction.

This on-site expansion will provide a wealth of much needed library benefits to the Bradford community. There will be space for a roomy and inviting children's area, as well as quiet and comfortable reading areas for adults. Handicapped parking will be available with a convenient entrance and lift. Computer stations with free internet access will bring a world of information to all library users. There will be expanded space for books, magazines and reference materials and an expanded selection of audio and video tapes and CDs. Other benefits will include study areas for young adults, space for book discussion groups and cultural programs with guest speakers, a community bulletin board and a showcase for collections and hobbies. The plan also includes improvements to the original Brown Memorial Library building and, of course, one of the best benefits will

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Obituaries



ROBERT P. BELL

Robert P. Bell, 80, died Thursday, August 20 at Havenwood Heritage Heights in Concord.

He was born March 13, 1918 in Steubenville, OH.

He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, and he retired as a lieutenant commander. He was Navy chaplain on the Atlantic and Pacific runs of the Military Sea Transport Service.

He was a minister for the United Church of Christ and had parishes in Saundersville, RI. and Bennington, VT. He was chaplain for the state hospital in Traverse City, MI for more than 13 years before retiring to Bradford in 1978.

While living in Bradford, Mr. Bell officiated at the marriage ceremonies of many local couples. He served as a trustee for the Brown Memorial Library, and was active in several community organizations. He helped organize Bradford schoolchildren to plant trees in front of the Center Meeting House.

He is survived by his wife, Beth Bell of Concord; two sons, Eric Bell of Sutton's Bay, MI, and Stewart Bell of Sandwich, MA; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held September 1 at 2:00pm in the Havenwood Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 803638, Chicago, IL 60680, or to the Havenwood Heritage Heights Contingency Fund, 33 Christian Ave., Concord 03301.

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STANLEY M. BROWN

Stanley M. Brown, 82, died Friday, August 21 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Derry in 1916 and grew up in Bradford. He graduated from Simonds High School in Warner and attended Dartmouth College, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1939. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Cornell Law School in 1942. He graduated with distinction and served as the business manager and associate editor of the school's law quarterly. He was admitted to practice law in New York that year, and in New Hampshire in 1945.

He served as a naval aviator in the Pacific Theater during World War II and returned to Washington, D.C. at the close of the war as a member of the Army and Navy Staff College.

He entered into private law practice in Manchester in 1945, and was a senior trial attorney at the McLane law firm when he left in 1975 to found the Stanley M. Brown Professional Association. It became the Brown and Nixon Professional Association in 1976. He joined his son in 1987 and practiced with Abramsom, Reis, Brown and Dugan until his death. During his career, he received numerous awards from the New Hampshire Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the New Hampshire Trial Lawyers Association.

Besides working as a lawyer, Mr. Brown was a residential builder and developer. He designed, built and managed the Loch Lyndon Country Club in Bradford. He also served as a Boy Scout Leader and Little League coach.

He was a political activist throughout his life, serving the Republican Party in numerous positions. He was a State Senator from the 9th district from 1951 to 1953. In later years, he served on various committees and boards in Bradford, and was a Selectman from 1986 to 1988.

Mr. Brown married Thalia May Ryder of Hillsboro in 1942. They lived in Manchester for many years before moving to Bradford. They enjoyed gardening, farming and golf. In recent years the couple traveled extensively when they were not spending time with their grandchildren.

Besides his wife of 56 years, Mr. Brown is survived by a son, Kenneth C. Brown of Manchester; four grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Murtzolf of Seattle; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, Main Street, Bradford, NH 03221, and to the New Hampshire Bar Foundation for the support of pro bono legal services, 112 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301.

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

August 10. Mark Foss and Judy Pewitt were married.

August 15. John O'Keefe and Maureen Buxton were married.

August 16. Dorothy Eachus died.

August 20. Robert Bell died.

August 21. Stanley Brown died.

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office will be closed Labor Day, Sept. 7 and Election Day, Sept. 8.

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Advertising

The Bradford Bridge is a free community newspaper supported by advertisers. To place an ad, call Denise Fairbank at 938-2973. Ad deadline is Sept. 20.

Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by Sept. 20.

Community Center addresses cost questions

In the August issue of the *Bridge*, Linda Mazack thanked the BEOC and Community Center organizers for their open communication throughout the Community Center project, and posed several questions about the costs and taxpayer responsibilities. Carol Conforti-Adams supplied the *Bridge* with answers.

The Bradford Community Center will be a Town-owned building with estimated yearly building expenses of between \$9,000 and \$12,000 dollars. The operating budget will cover heat (\$3,600-\$4,800), electricity (\$2,400), maintenance including cleaning of common areas and trash removal (\$1,800), capital improvements and repairs (\$1,200) and a contingency fund (\$1,800). Insurance and snow removal are expenses already covered by the town. These expenses will appear as a line item in the Town's regular operating budget at the 1999 Town Meeting. There are plans in the draft of the Community Center's business plan to generate income through rental fees for use of the Center by private groups and cooperative fundraising with groups who use the building.

The Community Center's operating plan does not include any Town funding for staffing. The grant award includes money to hire a staff person to assist in developing a governance board and an operational manual that will include policies and procedures for the building. The various organizations and agencies using the building will provide their own staffing to conduct their programs, and the staff member hired with the grant money will devote a portion of his/her time to seeking additional grant sources to fund staffing program development. Volunteers will also be an important part of the Community Center's organizational structure.

Carol Conforti-Adams Associates, a community planning and education busi-

ness, prepared the grant proposal under a contract with the Board of Selectmen. CCA Associates provided all the necessary professional work between the Office of State Planning and the Town between January and June of 1998. The contract stipulated that the reimbursement to CCA Associates would not exceed \$4,000, the amount allowed in the Community Development Block Grant, and that payment was contingent on the grant being awarded. CCA Associates absorbed all overhead expenses, and donated many hours of work time so that the number of hours would not exceed the grant allowance. Adams also donated volunteer time for writing articles and holding community meetings related to the project.

In addition to her response to the questions raised in the *Bridge*, Adams also addressed the problem of the budget shortfall that resulted from the reduced grant award. To satisfy grant conditions, organizers created a reworked renovation plan that would complete the work in two phases and scale back some aspects of the project. However, they are engaged in an energetic capital campaign to raise \$75,000 so that the project can be completed as originally planned.

Adams pointed out that it is ultimately more expensive to do the work in phases, and it will save money and volunteer time to finish the project completely. Campaign organizers hope to raise at least half of the money by the close of 1998. Adams said, "We want to finish the renovation project correctly, open our doors and start providing programs, activities and services to our community. This approach will allow our community to finish one project, feel good about it, and then move on to another valuable building project."

Anyone with questions or who would like to help is encouraged to attend the next BCC meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00pm in Town Hall, or to call the Selectmen's Office.

—Lyn Betz

NOTICE: West Road Bridge at Box Corner will be closed for replacement beginning in September.

Soo-Nipi Audubon News

Travel with freelance photographer and author Lucy Wendell-Thorpe to Alaska to see the magnificent brown bears fishing for salmon on the Brooks River at Katmai National Park, then continue on to Denali National Park to experience a tundra habitat in all of its Fall glory, at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter program, Friday, September 11, 7:30pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, on Gould Road in New London. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information call Ruth White at 763-4893.

On Saturday, September 12, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will lead a field trip to Little Round Top Mountain in Bristol to observe the Fall migration of the various high soaring hawk species catching the thermals over the Pemigewasset River valley. Parking is available near the summit with a short uphill walk to the observation area. Participants should meet leader Gary Stansfield at Cricenti's Market parking lot on Route 104 in Bristol at 9:30am. Bring lunch and binoculars. For details call Gary at 863-8737.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

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Letters

To the editor:

A hearty "thank you" to the selectmen for having the stop sign installed at the W. Main Street/Fairgrounds Road intersection. For many of us residents who enter that intersection from Water Street, this stop sign is a big safety factor. I know it will take people time to get used to this new addition but, if observed as intended, will make this part of town much safer.

My observations are that many residents ignore stop and yield signs in many parts of our town, driving through them as if they were not there. This is not only dangerous, but what kind of example are we setting for our children if we do not, as residents of Bradford, obey our traffic laws?

While I'm on the subject of safety, I'd like to ask everyone to obey the pedestrian rules of the road. As a small child, I was taught to walk facing traffic on roads that do not have sidewalks. This was drilled into me by my parents and school teachers as I and my classmates walked to school each day. The road was for cars and we were to be very careful in keeping out of their way, and to give them all the room that was needed for traffic to maneuver safely. This meant being very visible to drivers as well as keeping the cars visible to us. To do this, I was taught to walk facing on-coming cars, not have my back to them. We never know who is behind the wheel of the vehicle approaching or if he/she is in good control of all the senses.

So, as neighbors, friends, and parents, let's be good examples to our children and

drive and walk safely around our town and wherever we travel.

Alma Clinton

To the editor:

On August 12, the Governor and the Executive Council approved the disbursement of the \$260,000 grant money to the Town of Bradford for the Bradford Community Center.

A flyer went out in the pages of the *Bradford Bridge* last month specifically stating how the center was to be used to benefit the citizens of Bradford and surrounding areas. On the other side of the flyer was a request for funds to allow all of us to participate in making this a first rate community center.

Posters have been placed at the entrance of the future center to show our progress in achieving our town goal.

This is our chance to show the surrounding communities what a great town Bradford is; to see us pull together for the common good. Take another look at the flyer and you will see why this is a top priority for Bradford. We need this community center.

A full fledge campaign is in progress at this time. We have personally pledged money to the project and hope that you, our neighbors, will do the same. Will you join us?

Dick Vitale, Selectman

To the editor:

I have been a resident of the town of Bradford for the past thirteen years. It is a beautiful town with many delightful people. However, the need for human resources is great. Many of our residents do not have proper health care. Medical care in town is non-existent. The one dentist has limited facilities, is only open for half a day, and is not open after-school hours. There are times in our lives when we find ourselves in need of help adjusting to life's changes. The availability of good mental health counseling can help to accomplish smooth transitions. Traveling out of town for these services can be costly and inconve-

nient. For some, transportation is not available, and so they go without.

It would be great if the State of New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services could set up a satellite office in our town to bring our residents their much needed resources. Many of their clients find it difficult, if not impossible, to travel nearly an hour and then to wait for several hours more, to file paperwork that could be done here in town if a facility were available.

Many other types of assistance can be made available to the members of our community: prophylactic health care screenings, meals-on-wheels, well-child clinics, parenting-skills programs, prenatal care, health education, support groups for families and caregivers of Alzheimer's patients and those of us who are grieving. It is my hope that the Bradford Community Center will facilitate the establishment of these services to enhance the essence of life in our town.

Eileen Kelly

Letters to the editor should be no more than 400 words and may be edited for clarity and content. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification.


BWC Update

The BWC Yearbooks are out, thanks to Jane Johnsen. If you have not received your copy, call 938-5260.

The September Membership meeting, "Bridal Memories Tea Party" will be held on September 15 at 1pm at the Candlelite Inn. Bring your wedding pictures, gowns, veils etc. This meeting should be a lot of fun.


The Christmas workshops for the month of September will be held at the Baptist Church Vestry. The dates are September 9, 16, 23 and 30, all Wednesdays, from 1-3pm. Call Jean Gaito for information.

-Doris Tremblay


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Author Bill Bryson to speak at Danforth Library on Sept. 15

The Friends of H. Raymond Danforth Library at New England College present an evening with noted author Bill Bryson on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30pm in the Great Room of the Simon Center on the New England College campus in Henniker. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Following Bryson's talk, there will be a book sale and signing.

Bryson's books include travel memoirs *Neither Here Nor There* (1993); *The Lost Continent* (1990) and two books on language, *Made in America* (1995) and *Mother Tongue* (1990), a best seller in the United States and a Main Choice of the Book of the Month Club. His book *Notes from a Small Island* (1996), an affectionate farewell to England, was a runaway best seller in the United Kingdom. At last count, it had been on the *Sunday Times* (UK) paperback non-fiction best-seller list for 104 weeks, much of it at number one, making it one of the best-selling travel books ever published in the United Kingdom.

The author will read from his newest book, *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail*, a very funny personal memoir of his hike of the entire 2,100 miles of the Appalachian Trail with his equally out-of-shape college friend Stephen Katz. *A Walk in the Woods* is an entertaining, laugh out loud chronicle of the trail, its creators and the places it passes through.

Bryson, who now lives in Hanover, New Hampshire, was born in Iowa in 1951, but went to England as a young man and stayed for nearly 20 years. In 1987, he left his career in journalism to become a full-time writer.

He contributes regularly to *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler*, and writes a weekly column on American affairs for the *London Mail on Sunday* newspaper. He has also written for *Esquire*, *GQ*, *Granta*, *Outside*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Travel & Leisure*, *Bon Appetit*, *Sports Illustrated*, the *New York Times Magazine*, and many other publications.

Lettvin and Friends Concert Encore

On Saturday, September 26 at 2:00pm there will be a matinee Lettvin and Friends concert at the Bradford Center Meeting House. Musicians will include Carol Wong on piano and Sydney Chen on violin. Tickets will be \$6.

Hawk Migration Programs in September

On Friday and Saturday, September 11 (7:00-9:00pm) and 12 (8:30am to afternoon) the Silk Farm Audubon Center will sponsor an adult education Hawk Watch Workshop and Field Trip. Every fall, thousands of hawks migrate south for the winter over New Hampshire. Spend Friday night learning about hawk migration and the basics of identification, and Saturday, meet at Paek Monadnock to practice hawk identification skills. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members, plus the state park entrance fee.

"It's Time to Hawk Watch" will be a Saturday Family Fun program sponsored by the Silk Farm Audubon Center on September 12 from 8:00-11:00am. Learn about the habits of migrating raptors and the secrets of identifying them as they soar overhead. Meet at Gould Hill orchards in Hopkinton for a wonderful morning of hawk watching on a beautiful hillside. This program is appropriate for ages 6-12. Children five and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members, child or adult.

A nature class for preschoolers, "Hawks are Soaring," will take place at the Silk Farm Audubon Center in Concord on Thursday, September 24 from 9:30-11am. Look up, and at this time of year, you may see lots of hawks circling around in the sky. Find out what they are doing, why they fly in circles, and try sprouting some hawk wings of your own. This program is appropriate for ages four to five. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required for all activities. Call 224-9909, ext. 333.

Trail Clean-Up Day September 5

The Bradford Conservation Commission will be cleaning up ice storm damage and making trail repairs to Dunfield Road on Saturday, September 5 starting at 9:00am. Rain date will be Sunday, September 6. Interested volunteers should contact Charlie Betz at 938-5029 for more information.



Police Report

Anyone who is leaving for the winter and would like the police to regularly check their homes while they are away can contact the Bradford Police Department with any pertinent information.

The Police Department handled 128 calls for service between July 19 and August 16 with the breakdown as follows: two accidents (one fatal), four assists to the ambulance, four animal complaints, five arrests, 14 assists to other police departments, three property checks (two residence and one business with two open doors/windows found and secured), 16 citations, 12 citizen assists, two criminal trespasses, one false alarm, two family offenses, four found properties, two juvenile complaints, two reckless driving, three suspicious persons/vehicles, three traffic stops, 31 warnings and six miscellaneous.

—Deborah A.B. Blaisdell

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Church News From Lynne E. Hubley

The American Baptist Women's Ministries will hold a business meeting at the Fiske House on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00pm to discuss the budget and the program for the coming year. The ladies are meeting in the Fiske House because the floors in the vestry, kitchen and bathroom over at the church are being redone thanks to the proceeds from the Fourth of July fair.

On Sunday, September 6, we will celebrate communion in a special Labor Day service. Parishioners are invited to bring an object that symbolizes the job that they do. We will dedicate all of our "work/jobs" during the service.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet at the church on Wednesday, September 9 at 8:45am and travel to the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen to provide cookies and entertainment for the residents. Louis Rule will be playing his accordion and the Guild would welcome anyone who would be willing to make some cookies to take along.

On Saturday, September 12 at 6:00 pm the ABWM and Board of Christian Education and Missions are co-sponsoring a Chinese Potluck Dinner and have invited Margaret Burches to speak. Margaret was a missionary in Singapore for a year and participated in other missionary tours as well. The title of her talk will be "Being a Christian in China."

Immediately following the worship service on September 13, we will be washing,

dusting, painting and sprucing up the Sunday school rooms. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Beginning Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00pm and running every Wednesday through October 8, the Rev. Harry Woodley will be leading a spirituality Workshop. A couple of topics to be covered are practical ways to strengthen our spiritual lives and how to be more spiritual, while leading a busy life. Rev. Woodley is an American Baptist pastor and a Pastoral Counselor.

The food pantry will be open Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00-7:00pm. A large box of food is given to client families at this time. Food can always be picked up at other times by calling the church office to make other arrangements (938-5313). If anyone would like to make a donation, the office to the Fiske House is usually open Monday through Thursday from 9:00-12:00noon. However, so you don't have to make an extra trip, it's best to call the office first to make sure someone is around. Macaroni and cheese, canned juices, cans of fruits and vegetables, rice, cold cereal, hot cereal, spaghetti sauce, cans of soup, and peanut butter are some of the staples. We are more than happy to pick up donations, as well.

Our kick-off to a brand new Sunday school year will be Rally Day, Sunday, September 20 at 9:00am, with our traditional Brunch after the worship service. We have an exciting year planned which will involve our entire congregation as well as people from our community. The curriculum is entitled "Market Place 29A.D." It's an intergenerational program that will run from September 20 through Easter Sunday. We will be learning about what it was like to live during Jesus' day. The following are some of the marketplace workshops to be offered:

bakery, basket weaving, confectioner's shop, carpenter's shop, leather shop, pottery and spices and herbs. If you would like to be involved, please give us a call.

Our "kick-off" to youth group will be Sunday, September 27. Grades 4-6 will meet from 1:00-2:30pm and grades 7-12 will meet from 2:30-4:00pm. We will be welcoming new members, making our own pizzas and playing get-acquainted games. We will also spend some time brainstorming ideas for the coming year.

The E. Warren Smith Fund

What is the E. Warren Smith Fund, you may ask? You've seen it mentioned several times this year on posters, advertisements, and tickets.

In 1933 John B. Smith established a fund in memory of his father to provide free entertainment for the residents of Bradford. The First Baptist Church manages the fund and a committee of four members of the Church oversees the Fund. Some stipulations of the Fund are that the talent be from out of town (i.e., cannot be a Bradford resident), that the entertainment be free, and that the E. Warren Smith Fund be mentioned in all publicity as funding the performance.

The funds should be applied for by the sponsoring organization, and this is done by obtaining an application from the Church office or through any one of the committee members: Alene Hamilton, Debbie Lamach, Judy Marshall, and Mabel Parsons.

This year, the Smith Fund provided funding for the Little Red Wagon Caravan at the First Baptist Church Fair, the Hopkinton Town Band for the Bradford Historical Society Berry Festival, the Kearsarge Community Band for the First Baptist Church Box Supper, and Pete Merrigan, folksinger, for the Union Congregational Society Pig Roast.

-Debbie Lamach

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by Pauline Dishmon

A VERY PROPER DEATH

Alex Juniper
Chas. Scribner's Sons,
New York, 1990

The setting is Boston, Massachusetts. Mami Verstak, a realtor, is awakened in the night by the telephone. Her caller, with a male-sounding voice, brisk and businesslike, asks to speak to Matthew.

"Sorry, wrong number," groans Marni.

A short while later, the phone rings again. "Could I speak to Matthew, please?" Figuring the calls prankish, Marni turns on her answering machine. If the caller tries again, she will have his voice, with a slight lisp, on tape.

We soon discover that there is a Matthew in Marni's life, a young son, who lives in Vermont with friends. Only a few trusted people know about him. Even the boy's father, Marni's ex-husband Anderson Thorpe, is unaware of his existence.

Marni is working on a project to rejuvenate a decayed neighborhood in Jamaica Plain, her childhood home, providing jobs and housing for people like Joseph Lueyk, a friend of her late father. When Lueyk is found dead, the Boston police contact Marni and question her about the murder. Detective Jake Murphy is in charge of the case. A divorced father of two, Jake and Marni become friends and develop a mutual attraction that adds an element of romance to the mystery.

As the story unfolds, we learn that Marni is seeing a psychologist, and that her marriage to Anderson was annulled after she

learned that he was gay. We meet some of Anderson's friends, including Gerraint Finnbar, and Marni's mother-in-law, Abigail Thorpe, a wealthy widow.

Marni finds herself caught in a tangled web, and the reader is drawn in as she struggles to protect herself and her son from an unknown menace.

Alex Juniper is a prize-winning author of works published in the U.S., Canada, Britain and Australia. While living in Boston, she taught creative writing at M.I.T. Juniper is a very proper writer of suspense.

A Very Proper Death is available at the Brown Memorial Library.

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ORANGE CHICKEN

- 2 whole chicken breasts (4 halves), skinned and boned
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
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- 1/4 teaspoon finely minced onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary, crumpled
- Pinch of black pepper
- 1 cup orange juice
- Grated rind of one orange

Preheat oven to 350°. Arrange chicken in a 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Drizzle the breasts with melted butter and sprinkle with paprika.

In a small bowl, combine the onion, salt, rosemary, pepper, orange juice and orange rind. Pour over the breasts. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes or until fork tender, basting the breasts occasionally with the pan juices. Serve with rice pilaf, or buttered egg noodles and raspberry glazed baby carrots.

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ZBA News

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held two meetings in August. On the 4th, the Board discussed a request to build a garage on Davis Road where the side line setback does not meet zoning requirements. The applicants filled out the required forms for a Special Exception and a public hearing was scheduled for August 18. At the hearing, it was noted that the pre-existing house does not meet zoning setback requirements, but that to retain the style of the 1850's farmhouse, rebuilding the garage in the original location was appropriate. The Special Exception was approved unanimously.

At the meeting on August 18, the Board received a letter from the Planning Board dealing with a manufactured house on the property of New Kearsarge Corporation. There was no representation from the company, but the Board reviewed the sections of the Zoning Ordinance that would be involved in an appeal. It was determined that, since the building is the only structure in the Rural Residential portion of the lot, it could not be considered an "accessory dwelling unit" as defined in the Ordinance. A Special Exception would not be an appropriate appeal. This was explained to Planning Board members, and a letter was sent to the Planning Board for the record.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will hold its first meeting this fall at the home of Shirley Markie on Thursday, September 10. Kindly try to carpool from the Friendship House parking lot at 10:50am if you plan to work on the service project at 11:00am as parking at Shirley's is limited. All work materials will be provided. A cold pot luck will be served at noon. If you have questions, please call Shirley Markie at 938-5023.

—Clare Bensley

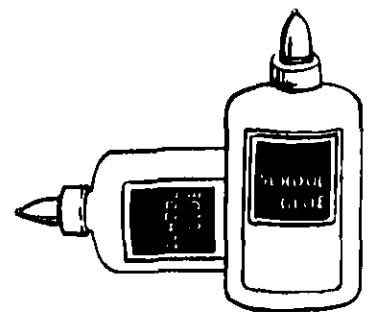
Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool News by Claire Martin


The BNKP will start classes on Tuesday, September 8 with 12 kindergartners meeting in the morning Monday through Friday, and 11 preschoolers meeting Tuesday through Thursday in the afternoon.

Enthusiastic students and siblings thoroughly enjoyed themselves making and flying paper airplanes in the kindergarten area, while parents and teacher Susan Kingsbury met on August 18 to discuss details for the coming school year. Items discussed included juice, scheduling, and fundraising efforts.

Thanks to all who purchased pies and pie slices at the Fourth of July celebration. The school is a private, non-profit organization relying on various fundraising strategies in order to provide our children with a qualified teacher and to keep the classroom supplied with up-to-date materials. Tuition is kept reasonable in the hope that all children in our communities will be able to afford to attend.

Look for more baked goods at the Warner Fall Foliage Festival and at the Bradford Elementary School during November elections. Also, *Holland* flower bulbs are being sold now as a fundraiser. Contact Claire Martin at 763-3082 before September 21 if you would like to purchase some bulbs to benefit the BNKP.





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Selectmen's meetings in August

Topics addressed by the Selectmen in August included:

Lake Massasecum Campground. Robert Laurendeau, owner of Lake Massasecum Casino and Campground, appeared before Selectmen at their August 3 meeting after receiving a letter notifying him that the campground is operating in violation of planning and zoning ordinances. Laurendeau told the Selectmen about measures he has taken to deal with sewage and protect the lake, and informed them that an engineering firm is presently working to design a solution that will meet state standards. Selectmen pointed out that the most recent permit, issued in 1978, allowed 24 sites and the campground is being operated beyond that capacity. Perry Teele of the Planning Board was present, and told him that while it is the state that makes any determination about the number of sites in relation to the septic system, any expansion requires him to come before the Planning Board for a site plan review. Laurendeau agreed to appear before the Planning Board on August 11 with the engineer preparing his septic plan.

At the August 17 meeting, Joe Conway stated for the record that the Selectmen have sent a letter to the Water Supply and Pollution Control Division of DES. The letter established that in their determination, the campground is being operated in violation of permits, and they requested that the state review the situation and take enforcement action.

Senior Issues. Lynne Smith met with Selectmen to update them on activities of the Senior Rally group. The group is preparing a roster of area seniors and asked the Selectmen for guidance about the legal issues involved in providing this list to emergency agencies. Selectmen will research the matter.

Smith told Selectmen that the group is preparing a Resource Guide for seniors, and asked for their suggestions about distribution. She also told them that the group wants to do a survey, and would like to coordinate their efforts with other town groups to keep the number of surveys being circulated to a minimum.

Appointments. Selectmen approved several appointments in August. Charlie Betz and

Meg Fearnley were appointed to the Conservation Commission. Les Gordon and Ron Tremblay were appointed to the Revolving Loan Committee. Sue Anne Siarto was appointed as a one-year alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Other Business. Brooks McCandlish asked Selectmen to correct rumors that he is trying to sabotage the Community Center project. He repeated that he was not opposed to the project, and clarified that he had called a state official to ask a question concerning the warrant article, not to file a formal challenge. Selectmen responded that they, too, would like to put any misunderstandings behind and move forward.

Chief Sims met with state Department of Transportation officials to discuss concerns about parking on Route 114 near the Massasecum boat ramp. He is waiting for written recommendations from the state.

Selectmen received a copy of the Bradford Community Center Grant signed by the Governor and the Executive Council.

Selectmen met in non-public session on August 3 on a personnel matter. Salary issues were resolved and a new job description will be forwarded for signature of a high-way employee.

Tent Church Service

Healing Springs Church invites you to "Come to the table" under the tent on Friday, September 11 at 6:30pm. Saturday at 3:00pm there will be a free spaghetti dinner followed at 4:00pm by a service with special music and speakers. Healing Springs Church is located at 877 Route 103 in Newbury. Call 938-5495 or 763-9093 for more information.

—Lynne Smith

Meet the Democratic Candidates

Bradford residents are invited to a potluck supper to meet the local Democratic candidates on Saturday, September 12, 1998 from 4:00-7:00pm at the Rodd residence, 109 Marshall Hill Road, Bradford. Candidates for office are Rick Trombly for NH Senate, and Barbara French and Beth Rodd for NH House of Representatives. Bring your ideas and concerns.

Senior Rally

Safety issues in and out of the home will be addressed by the area's Police Departments. Join the representatives from the Bradford, Newbury, Sutton and Warner Police Departments as they alert, guide and direct us through all areas of probable safety concerns. The meeting is Saturday, September 12 from 1:00-3:00pm at Hallahan's Real Estate, route 103 and Center Road in Bradford. Refreshments will follow the meeting. Please call 938-2664 with questions.

The area Rally Group and other Senior programs will eventually need a home base. We will need a home site that will be permanent and one that will afford us a large meeting room with easily accessible kitchen facilities. That site could be the Bradford Community Center. Other advantages to this location, as our home base, would be the ease of accessibility to the young children and youth programs, health and social service programs, recreation and park services, etc. Please join us at 7:00pm on the fourth Thursday of every month in the Bradford Town Hall for discussion and decision making regarding the Community Center. Please call the Selectmen's Office of Bradford with questions.

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Legislative Report

By Representative
Barbara Connor French



In my July report, I noted that the 1998 session of the Legislature has been anything but routine. The public education issue has dominated the state's political discourse since the December 1997 State Supreme Court ruling which declared that the present method of funding public education is unconstitutional and that the state must provide every child in the state with an "adequate education." The Court further stated that it is the state's duty to define "adequacy" and to determine a constitutionally acceptable funding mechanism.

In May, the House passed Governor Shaheen's "ABC Plan" to the Senate after a great deal of work and bipartisan compromise. In June, however, the State Senate tabled the bill and sent it to the State Supreme Court for an advisory opinion. The Court praised the House's work on adequacy, standards, accountability and other sections, but struck down the provision providing for abatements for some communities, therefore putting a solution on hold while the Senate worked throughout the summer.

In August, the Senate met and passed two pieces of legislation on to the House,

the first an amended version of the "ABC Plan" and the second a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. The Senate changes to ABC include a lower amount of state funding for education as well as a controversial section related to teacher tenure, a provision which has already been vetoed by Governor Shaheen and sustained by the House. ABC is now pending before a conference committee where House and Senate members must iron out the differences between the respective versions. At the time of this writing, the conferees have been appointed but have not yet organized and met.

The constitutional amendment was referred to the House for a public hearing before the Finance Committee where a number of changes were proposed. Proponents of an amendment argue that it will preserve "local control" and will give voters a say in November on the direction of state support for education. Opponents argue that an amendment will preserve the "status quo" which the State Supreme Court has held unconstitutional.

I steadfastly oppose an amendment because as I read it, it still maintains and exacerbates the present method of funding

by placing a disproportionate property tax burden on those least able to pay it. The total funding burden could be shifted to the communities and the state will have absolutely no constitutional obligation to fund public education. I would like to see the beginnings of a real solution and that we recognize, in fact, that we have a problem and that the system needs repair. We have a responsibility to our children to accept the court's ruling and move forward.

To bring you up to date on SB 360, it has been signed into law by Governor Shaheen. The new law establishes a child and family resource group to study and make recommendations concerning the development and coordination of wellness and primary prevention programs. The appointments have been made and the resource group will hold an organizational meeting on Sept. 9 in Concord. The law directs the resource group to hold three public hearings: the first in Plymouth on Sept. 17 from 3:00-5:00pm at the Whole Village Center; the second in Durham on Sept. 28 from 3:00-5:00pm at the UNH Elliot Alumni Center; and the third in Nashua on Oct. 13 from 2:00-4:00pm at Nashua City Hall. I hope citizens of Bradford and Henniker will be able to attend and provide input. Ultimately, the resource group will develop a state plan and will recommend legislation for the 1999 session.

As you can see, the Legislature continues to work and I look forward to the many challenges ahead. The House will reconvene on Sept. 10, at which time we will take up these and a few other issues. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about state government, do not hesitate to contact me. Finally, I wish my colleague Representative Bernie Lamach well as he moves on.

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Bradford Loan Committee Still Going Strong!

The Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee has had a few changes recently in members and policy. We would like to take this time to thank those previous members whose participation since this committee's inception is much appreciated. Our current committee members are as follows: Diane Gadoury, chairman; Debbie Lamach, Secretary; George (Bud) Morse; Ron Tremblay; Les Gordon; Scott Walters; John Udalyo and Joe Conway (our Selectmen representative).

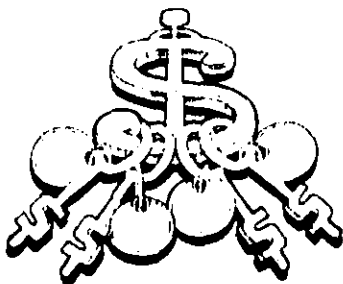
Our goal for this committee is to make the business communities in Bradford, Warner, Henniker, Sutton, Newbury and Washington aware of what we can offer. We will have an application package available through our members so that when applicants meet with the Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC), the administrator of the loan fund, they will be prepared with necessary paperwork. You may contact any member of this committee for a copy of this package and we will see that you receive it promptly. All financial information provided to this committee is confidential and does not appear in the minutes of the committee meetings, as the committee goes into closed session to discuss this information.

Another of our goals is to see the period in which a loan is granted decrease considerably. A committee member will be assigned to contact each new applicant and assist in any appropriate way, including serving as a go-between for the applicant and the CRDC. If so desired, the committee can also connect the applicant with the SCORE representatives in our area.

SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives) is a free service to those in business or thinking about starting a business. A SCORE rep can help put together budget projections, financial statements and business packages. They can be reached at 448-3491, or locally at 526-7121 (ask for Bryan).

Our minutes may be reviewed at the Town Hall, and we meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall.

For further information, contact Chairman Diane Gadoury at 938-2482.



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



"Labor Day! O Labor Day!" The theme saying of an old time comedienne which heralded the opening of the new season of the radio, and later the black and white TV season, is probably on some gardener's lips. It still may well be the opening of the fall season. Most gardeners have seen at least a few excellent results among the disappointments brought on by the strange ups and downs of the summer season. Oh, if we all had rich deep moist soil in our yard!

One of the results of the prolific lilac blooms has been that those lilac plants have become ratty looking. It's time to clip off the seed pods and discard them as well as thin out some of the less vigorous stems. There is still time for the plants to store up food for next year's bloom, though I suspect we should not expect the tremendous bloom we had this past spring. The same may be said for many other shrubs. Can we hope for a repeat of the heavy bloom on the forsythia and beauty bushes that made 1998 such a floriferous year?

We are now seeing the same type of early fall conditions in many of the perennial borders which came to full bloom early in the dry period of early August and have never recovered. Usually I expect my Rudbeckia to be a mass of color in early September but most of them have died back and should be

cut out now. The same is true of the phlox which should now be cut back and thinned out to contain the plants in vigorous condition - a task usually left till early October.

Lawns have had a rough time especially where soil is rather thin. A new seeding is in the cards as it appears more regular rainfall will occur from now until the end of October. Roughing up bare patches, applying new top soil and a substantial application of one of the commercial lawn foods and seed from the local garden store will put the lawn in good shape for the winter.

And of course, the bulb sellers have been sending us catalogs for the last weeks. Early planting of bulbs is a good plan though many really don't get to it until the ground starts to freeze. With the dieback of many annual and perennial plants it is well to get at the job early. The bulbs will respond by putting out roots and getting ready for spring bloom early next year.

The vegetable gardens have been responding to the rains. Tomatoes, doing well during the low moisture period, have been ripening and cracking as the heavy showers increased. Some of my Brandywine tomatoes, which are susceptible to cracking have ripened fast after growing fast, some to nearly two pounds. Great for those sand-

wiches we always look forward to this time of year, but certainly not taking any prizes at the fairs because cracked tomatoes are not what the judge is looking for.

Even many of the forest trees are looking tired. Oaks in many areas have a rusty look to them as if they feel their year's work is over, the red maples have started to turn, and some of the older beeches are getting yellow. There is a lot of clean-up and fix-up to be done and we can certainly blame some of it on El Niño.

Northern Stage Company presents *The Front Page*

Northern Stage opens its 1998 fall season with the classic screwball comedy, *The Front Page*, by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, directed by Brooke Wetzel, playing September 9-26.

Set in the fast and furious world of a 1920's Chicago newsroom, *The Front Page* features a hard-boiled news reporter who is forced to choose between the woman he is to marry and the job he loves. Meanwhile, he crosses paths with wise-cracking colleagues, dim-witted policemen, an angry fiancée and her meddling mother.

The Front Page will be performed Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at 5:00pm, with a special Saturday matinee on September 26, at the Briggs Opera House in White River Junction, VT. Tickets are \$20, \$18 for seniors and students. Call (802) 296-7000 for tickets or information.



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

BUDGET MANAGEMENT, CONTINUED

In order to allay our budget deficit (caused by money cut from last year's budget and a health insurance overrun), your School Board has transferred \$59,000 cut from other areas to the health insurance fund. Areas that were cut include: volunteer coordinator stipends, substitute teachers, savings in property insurance premiums, custodial overtime, implementation of our strategic plan, legal consulting fees and student assessment budget. This is in addition to a 20% cut on the rest of the budget.

SCHOOL TIMES CHANGE AND HIGHLIGHT COMMUNICATION PROBLEM

As is obvious by now if you have a child in school, the district has changed school opening and closing times.

The changes were implemented for several reasons: to address parent complaints that Bradford and Simonds elementary schools finished at least 30 minutes after all the other district schools; to extend middle school time to implement a reading program; to shorten the riding time for students who take the bus; and to hold the line on costs. The problem is the parent notification process was too little, too late. Communication is always difficult for this district which is the largest, geographically, in the state and the way we handled this issue certainly reinforces that. So on September 8, at 7:00pm

at the Bradford Elementary School, the School Board Communications Subcommittee will be meeting to hear complaints and, hopefully, possible solutions to our problems with communication. If you have any discontent with the way your district communicates with you or if you have any suggestions for us, please plan to attend. I am the chair of that subcommittee.

STUDENT RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

Last spring, students at the middle and high school took the Youth Risk Behavior Survey which was developed by the Federal Center for Disease Control and is also given to the state as a whole every two years by our Dept. of Education. This survey measures risk behaviors from not wearing helmets for bicycling or skate boarding to drug use. I have the complete results if you would like a copy, contact me at lovmts@aol.com or 938-2722. We were about the same in most categories for high schoolers as the NH averages in 1997, the last time the Dept. of Education surveyed the state. (There is no statewide survey for middle school.) A few highlights: 32% of high school students reported they had ridden in a car with someone who had been drinking in the last month; 12.3% of high school students have attempted suicide in the last year, 7.9% of middle school students attempted; about 16% of middle school students report having used marijuana while about 50% of high school students have used it; about 9% of middle school students report having had sex, about 39% of high school students report having had sex. So how do we keep our kids from being one of these statistics?

Developmentally, adolescents are looking to get direction for their life. If they do not

get it from their parents, through their time and attention, then they will get it from their peers and the media of youth culture. If you want to see some of the dominant values in our current youth culture check out "MTV". So the way to prevent these behaviors in our families is to be involved in our children's lives so we transmit our values to them, mostly by being their role models. (Research says values are only transmitted through relationships.) The way to prevent these behaviors in our community is to join a community group, headed by Don West, which is trying to help our communities raise healthy kids. This is the same group that put out a "Parent Handbook" to help parents recognize and prevent drug use. Don is assistant principal at the middle school. School and community groups will be using the results of the survey to develop prevention strategies. We need all the help we can get.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE UPDATE

Science in grades seven and eight will be taught in a heterogeneous or mixed abilities setting this year. Research shows this approach works best for middle school students. Strong science students will be identified during their sixth grade year and will be challenged appropriate to their higher ability level in grades seven and eight. This instruction will take place in mixed ability classrooms and will involve students and their parents signing a contract with the teacher for a higher level of work.



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Planning Board News

Robert Laurendeau, owner of the Massasecum Campground, attended the meeting on August 11 accompanied by a site engineer and legal counsel. The Board was informed that new State requirements for campgrounds must be in place by September 2000, and that the engineer is currently working on plans to meet those requirements. Laurendeau stated that his sewage system is adequate for the number of visitors on the site in light of the fact that many of the units have contracted for pumping of their facilities on a regular basis.

The Planning Board said that an accurate, up-to-date site plan must be presented that clearly shows the number of sites for both RV's and tents, and where water, sewage and electrical hookups are located. The engineering firm was requested to send the town a letter explaining the work it has been hired to do for Laurendeau. The preliminary plan should be forwarded to the Planning Board by December 31, 1998 with the final plan ready by May 1, 1999 in order for work to begin on the system upgrade at that time.

The issue of porches and decks added to trailers was discussed. Although Laurendeau said they can all be dismantled for storage, it was agreed that building permits will be obtained for any additions constructed on existing units.

A representative of the New Kearsarge Corporation attended the August 11 meeting at the request of the Selectmen. An updated site plan had been requested at the time a manufactured home was placed on the lot, just prior to the fire last year. The property is located in both the business and residential districts, and currently has two residential dwellings in addition to the business.

Several options were suggested that could provide compliance with zoning regulations, including demolishing one building, moving one off the property, subdividing to create a residential lot or seeking a zoning interpretation from the ZBA.

At the meeting on August 25, the response from the Board of Adjustment was discussed (see ZBA article on page 8) and it was decided to request that New Kearsarge return to the Planning Board to resolve the issue.

Also on August 25, the Planning Board accepted an application for a three-lot subdivision on Massasecum Avenue, presented by Bob Stewart, Jr., representing Cersosimo Industries, Inc. Each lot contains more than 25 acres with the frontage required on the Class V portion of Massasecum Ave.

The Public Hearing on the subdivision request was held immediately following. Concerns expressed by abutters included a well in close proximity to the property line and issues related to possible logging and the impact of logging and construction equipment on the road. The Board explained that these issues are not part of the subdivision process, but pointed out ways in which their concerns can be addressed as they arise through State regulations for well protection and road bonds for logging and other heavy equipment using the road. It was pointed out that the best protection a property owner has is to be alert to what occurs and to inquire of Town or State officials if an activity does not appear to be appropriate.

At the close of the hearing, the Board voted to delay a final decision on the application, as is its custom, until the next meeting on September 8.

-Marcia Keller



Historical Society News

The Historical Society has programs each month from April through November. Except for the Lettvin Concerts and the shortcakes at the Band and Berry Festival, they are free. All Bradford citizens are welcome to attend any meetings. The Old Post Office is open Saturday afternoons 1:30-3pm and you are welcome to come in and browse. Get acquainted with your town's past: the people, the politics, the problems, and the solutions.

Our history book, *Two Hundred Plus, Bradford, New Hampshire in Retrospect* is still available for \$20 from the Historical Society, or inquire at the Town Offices or the Library for information.

The September 23 meeting will be held at the Old Post Office at 7:30pm. It will be a social and work session for updating and collating albums, town reports, voter lists, and whatever else needs sorting. Refreshments will be served.

The annual meeting will be held in October.

Rev. Bob Bell was a great support at the Center, both in his capacity as minister and in his knowledge and fondness of the Rowe Mountain area. A lasting memory was how sharp he looked in his Navy Chaplain's uniform during the Bicentennial parade.

Both Stanley Brown and Bob Bell have been friends of ours for many years. Our sympathy goes out to both families.

-Milly Kittredge

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BEHIND THE BOOKS An update from the Brown Memorial Library Trustees

August was a busy month for the board of trustees as they worked to refine plans for the library expansion. A brochure with library expansion details has recently been mailed. If you did not receive a copy be sure to stop by the library and pick one up, and while you're there take a look at the architect's drawings to see how beautifully the old building combines with the new addition. Also, if you have Internet access, visit the library expansion website at www.conknet.com/~m_bunis/bml for lots more details.

Many thanks to Jim and Lynn Horgan at the Thistle and Shumrock Inn for hosting the library's Second Annual Texas Barbecue fundraiser dinner. Thanks also to Steve Carnevale who generously donated his time and talent to provide the wonderful musical entertainment. It was another great evening of good food and good company. Congratulations to Barbara McCartney, winner of the library 50/50 raffle!

The library thrift shop will be closing its doors on September 5. During the final three days, September 3, 4 and 5, bring your empty bags and boxes and get ready to shop 'til you drop...all items will be free in exchange for a donation to the library expansion fund!

On July 29 the Friends of Brown Memorial Library sponsored "An Evening with Donald Hall," New Hampshire's Poet Laureate, who read to a capacity crowd at the Baptist Church. This very special event raised \$2,000 for the library expansion fund, and the trustees would like to take this op-

portunity to thank the Friends, Donald Hall, the Baptist Church, the bookstores and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this memorable evening possible. Also, thanks to Friends' members Audrey Sylvester and Pauline Dishmon for making the "Sweet Treat" jellybean raffle a tasty and fun event. Lillian Coolidge (age 10) and her sister Lydia (age 12) were the winners, with a guess of 1,532 beans, only two short of the actual count of 1,534.

The trustees extend their sincere thanks to the Friends and all the volunteers and sponsors of the "Wheel of Fiction" summer reading program. It was a great success with over 80 young readers, aged 7 to 12, who all had lots of fun reading a book each week, playing games and winning prizes.

Be sure to visit the library's table at the Union Congregational Society's annual flea market on September 19 at the Center Meeting House in Bradford Center. You will find books for sale, and details and architect's drawings of the library expansion.

This month's book quote:

"A book is...your own time machine that can transport you from the present to the past and into the future..." Sol. M. Malkin



Glimpses... selected from Bradford Historical Society materials by Milly Kittredge

This article was planned early in August to appear in the September *Bradford Bridge*. It seems just as appropriate now as a good memory of a young Stanley Brown.

September 10, 1935, headline: "Noted Athlete At Bradford For Big Green: Stanley Brown Will Enter Dartmouth, Seek Sports Honors. One of the outstanding athletes in town will enter Dartmouth next week. Since his graduation from Simonds High School where he was an exceptional student as well as active in the athletic life of the school, Mr. Brown has been one of the cogs of the baseball and basketball teams in town. His departure will weaken this year's baseball club."

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Friends of the Library update

On August 19, the Friends of Brown Memorial Library voted to donate \$2,000 to the Library Building Fund. The donation was made possible by the sale of tickets and books during a poetry reading given by New Hampshire's Poet Laureate, Donald Hall of Danbury.

On Wednesday, September 16, at 7:30pm in the library, the Friends will host a sneak preview of the library's expansion plan, developed by Manchester architect Peter Tennant. Friends President Audrey Sylvester said, "We welcome all Friends, past, present or new, to review the imaginative plan which adds space and character to our beautiful historic building, one of Bradford's Cornerstones." Friends unable to attend the meeting may review preliminary drawings at the library and respond to the plan by filling out a "Question & Comment" form. Membership dues may be paid at the meeting. For more information call 938-5948.

Susan Rayno, coordinator of the *Wheel of Fiction Summer Reading Program* reported that young readers read more than 200 books during the summer series. Top reader Peter Smith not only finished 43 books, but also read books to friends and family. All participants received recognition certificates and prizes for their accomplishments. Sue Rayno acknowledged New London librarian Timmie Poh and Annie Ballin of the Tracy Memorial Library for their generous support and help in shaping the program.

Congratulations to Lydia (age 10) and Lillian (age 12) Coolidge for winning the giant jar of jelly beans with the best guess of 1532 beans in a jar actually filled with 1534 beans. The next best guesses of 1500 beans came from Ashley Tartis and Lauren Newell.

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Youth Sports News

The Bradford Newbury Youth Sports (BNYS) organization has provided athletic opportunities for hundreds of area boys and girls since 1972. There is great joy and immeasurable fun watching five-year-old children gaining confidence and expertise on the T-ball field (between practice and picking dandelions). There is incredible pride when those same children, a few years later and with a bit more power of concentration, blast a soccer goal or play a great baseball game in the spring sunshine.

Parents and volunteers are the soul of this organization and we would not exist without you. An added attraction for most of us who semi-hibernate in our long, cold winters, is the fun of socializing while we cheer our boys and girls on in their practices and games. We thank all of you who have a child or love a child and have shown your support in the time and effort you give to BNYS.

We have a new board this year as we continue our capital campaign to purchase and refurbish playing fields for our children. We are well on the way to reaching our goal of \$65,000 (\$45,000 to date) needed to purchase playing fields for soccer, baseball and softball. This is entirely due to the generosity and continued commitment of our parents, friends and neighbors in supporting youth sports. We thank you all for making our common goal a near reality. We will be contacting you soon to ask for additional support in meeting our purchase goal and hope that you will contribute generously to this effort.

In a continued fundraising effort, BNYS will hold a ski/skate/sports sale at KRES/Bradford in November. Dig out your oversized sports' equipment, price it and deliver it to us. What a great opportunity to clean out closets and replenish them with soccer, ski, snowboard, etc. stuff that fits. How about selling those too tight but almost new boots and cleats? Watch for details on cable and around town on bulletin boards.

On November 5, we will have an annual meeting and invite all who care about chil-

dren and sports to join us to share ideas, be updated on BNYS activities and hear about our history, philosophy and plans for the future. Your participation and support will be vital in helping us to meet the expectations and needs of our community. Join us for our annual meeting or contact us any time (938-2692) if you would like to be involved as a volunteer in any aspect of our organization. We always welcome the participation of volunteers whose efforts enrich and support the athletic lives of our children. Comments? Suggestions? Join us! We need you.

-Beth Rodd

Road Committee news

On August 25, a pre-construction meeting was held to discuss details of the upcoming replacement of the West Road bridge over Branch Brook. Attending were the Board of Selectmen, the Road Agent, and representatives from the engineering firm of BAC-Killam, Hansen Construction Ltd. of New London, the Fire Department and the Road Committee. The construction schedule will be set within the next two weeks and work will begin soon after. The Kearsarge School District transportation coordinator will be notified as soon as the schedule has been set in order to re-route the busses if that is necessary.

Various issues were reviewed dealing with inspections, permits, submittal of plans, and allocation of responsibility for the construction of the bridge and the roadway approaches. The importance of coordination between the contractor and the highway department was stressed, as was notifying the Fire Department in a timely manner so installation of a dry hydrant at the bridge can be completed as the job progresses.

An abutter was assured that no damage would be done to a nearby foundation and that shrubs, trees, a fence and a walkway would be removed and replaced as needed during the construction.

The next Road Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 7:00pm at the Town Hall.



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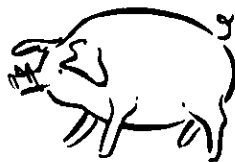
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Tom Rush headlines concert series

The Four Corners Grille Fifth Annual Concert Series opens with Tom Rush, a New Hampshire native renowned for introducing the world to the songs of Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne, and James Taylor more than 25 years ago. With a deep, melodic voice, deft fingerstyle acoustic guitar and endearing rustic humor, Rush is a welcome performer on any stage. Tom Rush will perform on September 16 and 17 at 8:00pm at the Four Corners Grille, Jct. Rtes. 11 and 114, New London. Tickets are \$17.50 for each performance. Dinner is served until 9:00pm; beverages and desserts until 10:00pm. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 526-6899.

A "soft-spoken, powerful interpreter of traditional songs" (*New York Times*), history credits Rush with being very instrumental in opening the door to the era of singer/songwriters, including such luminaries as Joan Baez, Bob Dylan and Judy Collins. From James Taylor to Garth Brooks, Rush is an acknowledged musical influence. Rush has brought as much attention to his own interpretations as he has to the original composers of dozens of songs. He has 16 albums to his credit and is currently celebrating the 25th anniversary of *The Circle Game*, an album and song that went on to become as much his trademark as Joni Mitchell's.

Now residing in Wyoming, Rush travels back to New Hampshire a few times a year and has been the distinguished emcee at the New Hampshire Business Committee on the Arts annual awards dinner for the past several years. The 1998 Fall Concert Series spotlights a diverse group of musical styles including rock, folk, blues, country, jazz and swing. Other performances will be Cozy Sheridan, Oct. 1; Bill Morrissey, Oct. 8; Cheryl Wheeler, Oct. 15; Tom Pirozzoli and Willy Porter, Oct. 22; Billy Novick and Guy Van Duser, Oct. 29; Robin and Linda Williams, Nov. 11 and 12; Christine Lavin, Nov. 19; Lisa McCormick and Greg Greenway, Dec. 3, and Sweet, Hot and Sussy, Dec. 17.



September Events at the Meeting House

A Pig Roast will be held on September 7, Labor Day. Buzz Call is our chef. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, but you are welcome to drop by earlier to watch the preparation and whet your appetite. The meal includes roast pork, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and watermelon. The Pig will only feed 100 people, so we must limit seating. Don't be left out! Get your tickets in advance from Amy Blitzer-938-5952, or Louise Clark 938-5332.

Pete Merrigan from Goshen will play his guitar and sing while we eat. He is a noted folk singer and has a large repertoire of folksongs and old time goodies. We are grateful to the E. Warren Smith Fund for helping us to provide this fine entertainer.

The annual meeting for the Union Congregational Society will be on September 13 at the Old School at Bradford Center. The Union Congregational Society is the group that maintains the Meeting House. We are of many different religious persuasions. Any one interested in the preservation of this building is welcome to attend. There will be potluck dessert following the meeting. Bring something yummy to share.

The annual Flea Market to benefit the Meeting House will be on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00am-3:00pm, with coffee and donutnuts at 8:00am. Lots of dealers will be there. Plan to be there for lunch. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and lots of dessert. Call Jane Johnsen at 938-5281 for information, or to reserve selling space.

The Fellowship Committee is collecting small old pillows to sit on during services and concerts. If you have any that you no longer use please consider giving them to us.

—Amy Blitzer

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be the continuation of Bradford's Main Street library tradition in this handsome and historic building.

Nearly \$200,000 of the funds needed for construction is now available thanks to the active fundraising efforts of the trustees, volunteers, Friends of the Library, and the generosity of the Bradford community. For the past five years, Bradford voters have provided annual additions to the library addition capital reserve fund. Other fund raising efforts include annual book sales, raffles, quarterly dinners and private donations, large and small. On September 5, Library trustees and supporters will complete three highly successful years of operation of the Library Thrift Shop, which provided more than \$25,000 in revenue for the expansion fund and a valued service to the community. These successful fundraising events underscore the support and desire of the Bradford community for an expanded library.

Watch the Bridge in the coming months for the dates of public informational meetings and new details as the expansion plan progresses. Also, visit the library and talk with the librarians. They'll be happy to give you a tour of the present building and discuss expansion details. And check the library's website at www.conknet.com/~m_bunis/BML for periodically updated information about the library expansion and how you can help make it happen.

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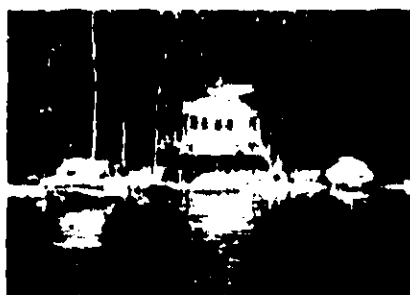
You have an opportunity to become a part of history! New Hampshire will have a quarter dollar coin issued in its honor in the year 2000, as part of the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program. The state is required to come up with several design concepts to send to the U.S. Mint. The Mint will use these ideas to create a design which is emblematic of New Hampshire. That is where you come in.

The U.S. Mint is issuing redesigned quarter dollars over a ten year period commemorating each of the 50 states. Beginning in 1999, five state quarter dollars will be issued every year in the order in which the states ratified the U.S. Constitution or were admitted into the Union. New Hampshire will be honored in 2000, along with Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, and Virginia. Governor Jeanne Shaheen has appointed a Commemorative Coin Committee to coordinate New Hampshire's participation in the design process.

The Governor's Commemorative Coin Committee invites you to participate by sending ideas, design concepts, images or emblematic themes that express the values which make New Hampshire unique. Remember the size of the quarter.

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Submissions must be presented on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper or matte board. Entries will be reviewed anonymously, so place your name and address on the back of your submission. All materials sent will become the property of the State of New Hampshire.

All entries must be postmarked by September 15, 1998. Mail to: The Governor's Coin Committee, c/o N.H. Department of Cultural Affairs, 20 Park Street, Concord, N.H. 03301.

The Governor's Commemorative Coin Committee will select three to five concepts and forward them to the Mint where drawings will be produced to meet Treasury specifications. Federal committees and the Secretary of the Treasury will review and approve designs. The Mint will return approved designs for the Governor's final choice.

Additional information packets are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: The Governor's Commemorative Coin Committee c/o N.H. Department of Cultural Affairs, 20 Park Street, Concord, N.H. 03301. Information packets include a list of New Hampshire instructions, and U.S. Mint Design information. To review The Mint's guidelines, visit the Mint's website: www.usmint.gov or N.H. State Government: www.state.nh.us/NHquarter/NHqtr.htm.

Taking the vegan diet to heart by Jack Rivers

Bob Siegal is a vegan. His diet consists only of plant foods. No meat, fish, eggs, milk, cheese, etc. He also is a chef and the only male member of his family not to have had quadruple bypass surgery. He wants to keep it that way.

"Some people like to tell me the way I eat is radical," he tells us. "Well, I think it's radical when they take you into the hospital on a gurney and they decide you need a \$40,000 operation. I think it's radical when they saw your ribs open and they take pieces of artery from your legs and they sew them onto your heart."

"Eating beans and delicious vegetables and grains is not radical."

How can you argue with that? I'm convinced, but do we really have to give up hot dogs at cook outs, the sausage, egg and cheese biscuit at McDonalds, or the little piece or sugary cake at the wedding, the one with all the thick white frosting?

Not really, according to Erik Marcus in his new book, *Vegan: The New Ethics of Eating*, source of the Bob Siegal quotes. It's just a matter of the kind of odds you want on getting heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and a host of other unpleasant maladies that lurk in the future for champions of the high-fat, animal-protein based American diet.

The latest studies, mostly in the 1990s, indicate that the closer you come to a pure vegan diet, the less likely you are to be stricken by those dastardly degenerative diseases. The closer we approximate a lifestyle of "eat, drink, and be merry," with the fatted calf on one platter and a roast pig on the other, —well, watch out. They're waiting for you with that gurney.

It doesn't seem fair. Studies indicate that all the good things we like to eat are bad for us. To top it all off we're supposed to shut off the TV, get off the couch and go outside and walk a mile or two when we have a perfectly good car in the driveway!

Maybe it's not as bad as it seems. Some vegetables aren't too awful once we get used to them, especially with fresh corn and tomatoes in season now. Bananas are always good and berries are available fresh picked and the apple harvest is soon to come. It's probably just a matter of acquiring a taste for fruits, vegetables, and whole grain foods.

When the reward may be a long and healthy life, it makes sense to stack the odds in our favor. Let's all get a close to the pure vegan diet as possible for everybody's sake. And I haven't even mentioned the farm animals. You can bet they're all rooting for us!

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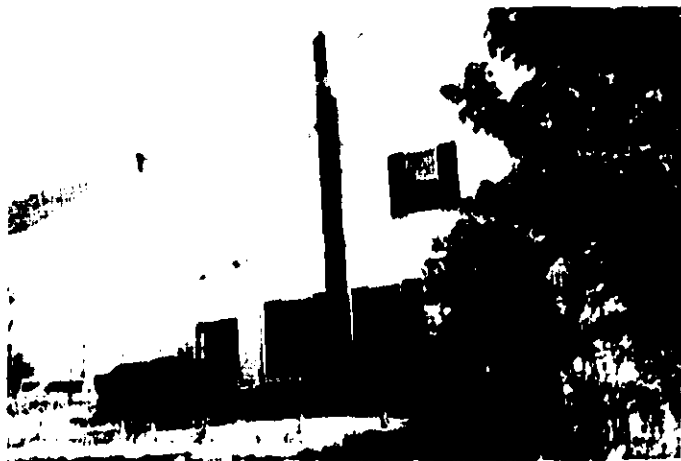


In its early life in the 1880s, this house just west of the Town Hall resembled the house next to it. From 1901, when it was Mrs. Lear's, to 1907 when Mr. J.E. McCrillis operated a drug store here, it was the telephone exchange. Scott Hall, one of the town's blacksmiths, bought it in 1915 and it remained in the Hall family for almost 50 years. His daughter, Eleanor Hall, ran a boarding house until the mid-1960s, and added the sun porch.

She had a lively group of mostly local boarders and some "day boarders" who came for meals. There was an apartment on the ground floor, also.

Donated by Dr. Ann Wasson, the Bradford Historical Society has a book of delightful and accurate cartoons of the guests in 1961 drawn by an artist recuperating from surgery, C. Maxey, subtitled "No hard feelings."

For the last 20 plus years, we have enjoyed the Sejkousky's well kept lawn and flowers, and looked forward to their seasonal displays.

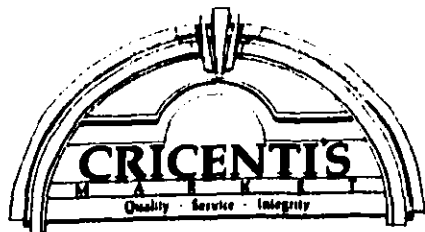


Moon Mountain Arts Revives Bradford's Theatrical Heritage

by Jill Pinard

Moon Mountain Arts is hoping to put an extra chill in the night air this fall with its upcoming production of Peter Colley's thriller *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*. *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* marks the first full theatrical production in the group's history and the first local production of its magnitude in recent decades. Founding member Lu Signorino explains that "Moon Mountain Arts hopes to rejuvenate an active interest in theatre and vaudeville that was such a vital part of life in Bradford 100 years ago." Building on the success of recent staged readings like *Town Meeting* and *A Christmas Carol*, this production calls for the marriage of special effects, scenery, sound, lighting, make-up, costumes, and of course acting that will showcase the abundant talent of the group. The Moon Mountain Players are a branch of the larger group dedicated to developing locally produced shows that feature community members both on stage and off.

Open auditions for the thriller, *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* were held on Sunday August 30. Additional auditions will be held on Thursday, September 3 at 7:30pm at the Bradford Town Hall. The cast consists of four parts: two male and two female. People interested in working behind the scenes (special effects, props, lighting, set construction, make up, costuming, etc.) should sign up at auditions. Interested parties need to attend only one audition session. Performance dates are November 6 and 7 at the Town Hall. For more information call 938-5157.



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September Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SCHOOL OPENS - be sure to check new time schedules
Library Trustees, Brown Memorial Library, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

KRSD School Board / Municipal Budget Committee Joint Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm
Moon Mountain Players, Auditions, *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*, Town Hall, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Conservation Commission Trail Clean-up, call 938-5029 for info, 9:00am. Rain Date: Sept. 6.
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office open, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY

Pig Roast, Center Meeting House, 5:30pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

KRSD Communications Committee Meeting to hear parent complaints, KRES at Bradford, 7:00pm, for information call 938-2722
Plan NII Presentation, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for information

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

KRSD School Board Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm
BEOC, Town Hall, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Senior Rally, "Safety Issues In and Out of the Home," Hallahan's Real Estate, corner of Rt. 103 and Center Rd., 1:00-3:00pm

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

BWC Membership Meeting, Candlelite Inn, 1:00pm
KRSD School Board / Municipal Budget Committee Joint Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm,

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

UCS Flea Market, Old Bradford Center, 9:00am-3:00pm; coffee and doughnuts at 8:00am
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office open, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Business Association, Baptist Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Parade Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Historical Society Meeting, Old Post Office, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

KRSD School Board Meeting, KRMS, 7:00pm
Bradford Community Center Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm, call Selectmen's Office for additional BCC subcommittee meeting dates

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office open, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386
Lettvin Concert, Center Meeting House, 2:00pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

KRSD School Board/Municipal Budget Committee Joint Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm

Please Note: Anyone wishing to schedule a meeting or event at Town Hall should sign up on the calendar in the lobby or call Cheryl Behr at the Selectmen's Office, 938-5900.

Classifieds

FOR RENT. Waterfront cottage on Lake Blaisdell, September thru mid June. No pets. \$600/month. 938-5357. If no answer, call 332-3205.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports seeks directors for girls' softball and regular soccer programs. Responsibilities include soliciting young athletes, developing and organizing programs, preparing game schedules. Commitment to good sportsmanship and fair play essential. On-the-job training provided. Call Scott MacLain, 938-2302.

WANTED. Flute player to accompany piano player. 938-5973.

FOR SALE. The First Baptist Church has an Acrosonic piano with bench for sale, minimum offer, \$300. Also, a Kinsman Crown Princess electric organ with bench, B.O. Bids close 9/15. Call 938-5313 if interested.

FOR SALE. 1985 Olds Delta 88, 2-door, power windows, air conditioning, needs brake lines, \$50. Call 938-5640 after 6:00pm.

FOR SALE. "Project" boat and trailer, 40 HP motor, B.O. 938-2326, leave message if no answer.

GARAGE SALE. Saturday, September 5, 9:00am-2:00pm, 8 Pierce Rd (off of Breezy Hill Rd), Bradford. Small electric range, wood stove, portable dishwasher, water pump, household items, a little bit of everything.

QUILTING CLASSES in my home one night/month on Needleturn Applique, starting Sept. 29. Small classes, non-progressive, \$8.50 per class. Call Bunny Herman, 938-2944.

Bradford Bridge Deadlines for October issue

Display ads	Sept. 20
Classified ads	Sept. 26
Articles	Sept. 20*

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