



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROJECT

Bruce and Christine Bowle
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Have you finished shopping for school clothes yet? Students pose with their teacher at the Box Corner School in this Historical Society photograph from a J.W. Sanborn glass plate. Date unknown.

Massasecum Milfoil Update

This has been a very busy summer of milfoil control activity on Lake Massasecum starting in June when NH DES intern Jen Drociak began her assignment on the lake. She spent time clearing milfoil from the net enclosing the cove, searching the beaches for fragments of milfoil and growing patches of terrestrial milfoil and beginning to contact lake shore residents to help them identify this invasive weed in order to locate any new areas of infestation. In July, Jen was joined by three Kearsarge Regional High School-to-Work students, Andrew Glum, Ed Hodge and Ross Kossick along with teacher/supervisor Jim Curmody.

Over a six-week period, the "milfoil maintenance crew," as they chose to be called, used trial and error and creative problem solving to devise an effective way to close off the gateway to the cove and the entrance to the river before beginning to harvest the mil-

foil. Hand pulling and a metal landscaping rake were effective in shallow water to extract the roots as well as the upper growth. This method was used in a defined area. Mats were then constructed and sunk over the harvested area to prevent sunlight from reaching any remaining plants and spurring regrowth. A mechanical harvester is being modified for use in deeper portions of the cove.

Jen summed up her observations of the summer's work by

MILFOIL. Continued on page 16

BEOC Restructures, Seeks New Members

The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee's last meeting resulted in a unanimous vote to go back to conducting all project activities within the primary BEOC group. The subcommittees which had been formed over the past two years to address specific projects have been disbanded (Water & Sewer, the Bradford Green and the Business Park) and their activities will be undertaken at the BEOC's regular meetings. In addition, it was agreed that the BEOC is too small to effectively operate with subcommittees. Originally, the subcommittees were to be chaired by a BEOC member and a report would be presented each month to enable coordination of plans. This requirement was not being met and the effect was a growing sense of frustration with a seeming lack of action or progress.

BEOC will now focus on one project at a time with the initial project being the Bradford Green. The Board of Selectmen has a separate Water & Sewer committee tasked with those issues. The BEOC will request monthly updates from that group to insure that any long range plan developed by the BEOC includes the latest water and sewer concept. Some projects, such as the Business Park, might require feasibility reviews or technical investigations. This could be conducted in parallel with the primary project under consideration.

A BEOC spokesman will make a presentation at the Bradford Women's Club Town Forum in October and enlist support and participation from the BWC. The Board of Selectmen chartered the BEOC as a planning group for the future. Looking at projects, which grew out of Plan 2000, the Rural Development meetings, and the concepts in the Bradford Master Plan, the idea of a comprehensive plan for Bradford's future was the original impetus for this group.

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100 area children participated in the fifth annual Major League Soccer Camp from August 16-20. The program, sponsored by the town and Bradford Newbury Youth Sports, brings young English and Irish coaches to help kids improve their skills and sportsmanship. Pictured are Chris Hague, Garrett Bauer, Drew Hankins, Holly Rodd, Ryan Craigie, Connor Compton, Aiden Gilbert, Eliza Cooley, Colleen Murphy and Chris Bodkin with their coaches.

Living in Bradford

UCS Benefit Pig Roast

Sunday, September 5
5:00pm

Old Bradford Center
with Folk Music
by Pete Merrigan

See page 5 for more info

Obituaries

ALEXANDER SANBORN-MOODY

Alexander B. "Brookie" Sanborn-Moody, 15, of East Main Street, died Thursday, July 29 in Warner from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born in Concord, the son of R. John Moody of Boscawen and Robin Sanborn of Bradford. He had attended schools in Bradford, New London and Penacook but had been home-schooled for the past year. He was working toward a career in the computer field.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his step-father, Floyd Bonner of Bradford; two sisters, Elizabeth Sanborn-Moody and Courtney Sanborn-Moody, both of Bradford; a brother, Taylor Sanborn-Bonner of Bradford; his maternal grandparents, Edwin and Virginia Sanborn of Chichester; his paternal grandmother, Lotte Moody of Loudon; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Donations in his name may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation, 1492 Elm St., Suite 1, Manchester, NH 03101, or to the Merrimack Valley School District computer program, c/o Rich Krajeik, MVMS, 14 Allen St., Penacook, NH 03303.

TIMOTHY P. SULLIVAN

Timothy F. Sullivan III, 17, died Thursday, July 29 at Concord Hospital. Born in Concord, he had lived in Bradford for all of his life. He was the son of Timothy Sullivan Jr. and Diane (Murphy) Sullivan of Bradford. He was a student at Kearsarge Regional High School. He played the electric guitar and made computer-generated artwork, especially cartoons.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Tara Sullivan, Maeve Sullivan and Bridget Sullivan, all of Bradford; grandparents, Timothy Sullivan Sr. and Marjorie Sullivan of Hingham, Mass., and June Murphy of Falmouth, Mass.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donations may be made in his name to the Kearsarge Regional School District, Arts and Music Program, Administration Building, Main Street, New London, NH 03257.

PATRICIA DELGADO

Patricia Delgado, 81, formerly of Pleasant Valley Road, died Friday, August 27 at Concord Hospital.

She was born in New Bedford, MA, the daughter of Dana and Lenora (Brownson) Sunborn. She attended New Bedford High School and had resided in Bradford since 1939 before moving to South Sutton.

She owned and operated Country Barn Antiques in Bradford for 30 years. She was a member of the Bradford Historical Society, past treasurer of the Massuseum Association, a member of the Women's Club and was known for her knitting.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Delgado, who died in 1975.

She is survived by cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 318, Bradford, NH 03221 or to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 57, Bradford, NH 03221.

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

August 7. Gordon Hemphill, Jr. and Laurie Stetson were married in Bradford.

August 7. William Olson and Astra Laila Lauris were married in Warner.

August 14. Alvis Roberts Asbergs and Laila Dana Krastins were married in Warner.

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

The office will be closed on September 6 for the Labor Day holiday and on September 10 for training.

—Sue Pehrson

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Historical Society News

The September meeting will feature two genealogists, Kathy Beals and Sherry Gould. They are working toward publication of a town genealogy, from the early settlers up to the last third of the 1800s. Kathy, who lives in California, wrote a genealogy of Unity because she couldn't find enough information on her ancestors. She began with cemetery records and worked for a few weeks of vacation time each summer adding information from many sources, including the Internet. Her book is interesting and informational. She and her husband Eric have a home in Bradford and spend time now on both coasts.

Sherri is descended from some of the earliest families (Ingalls, Rowe, Colby...) and has been interested in her ancestors for many years. She had compiled a few hundred pages of Bradford families before entering this project. She has worked with the DAR sources as well as extensively traveling to resource areas.

We feel very fortunate to have two very talented and competent people preparing another big slice of Bradford history. Please come and hear what they are doing on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:30pm at the Old Post Office.

—Milly Kittredge

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream Level Square Dance on Saturday, September 18 at the Bradford Town Hall from 8:00-10:30pm. Jim Mayo is the caller and Doris T-Bow is the cuer. Admission is \$4 per person. For more information, call Bob or Shirley Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators welcome.

Local Artist Featured at Exhibit

Prints and paintings by Sandy Wadlington will be on display at The Fells in Newbury in an exhibit titled *In the Company of Light: Images of New England Inspired by Color, Light, and the Writings of John Hay*. Finished paintings from the first annual Artists' Weekend will also be exhibited in *Views of The Fells*. The exhibits will open with an artists' reception on Saturday, September 4 from 3:00-5:00pm and continue on weekends from 10:00-5:00 through Columbus Day. Sales will help benefit the Friends of the Fells. For more information call 763-4789.

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 137 calls for service (two of which were arrests) between July 28 and August 12. The breakdown is as follows: five ambulance calls, five animal complaints, seven assists to other police departments, one assist to the Public Works Department, one check on welfare, one citizen assist, two civil problems, two cases of damage to property, one found property, one harassing communication, three incident/services, one keep the peace call, two motor vehicle accidents, one open window/door, one paper service, ten parking violations, one protective custody, one case of reckless driving, one runaway, two suspicious persons/vehicles, one theft, 27 traffic citations, 51 traffic warnings, six vacation house checks and four weapons permits issued.

The Police Department reminds citizens that dogs are prohibited from French's Park. People have complained about dogs "messing" on the beach as well as in the water. Dogs should not be running at large in any public area. Any dog found running at large will result in a fine of \$25, plus an impound fee.

—Pennie M. Spooner

Parks and Recreation News

We are sorry to report the stakes for the new horseshoe pits are missing. They didn't even get a chance to be used (at least not at Brown Shattuck Field). It would be nice if they were returned. Anyone who is interested in using the horseshoe pits should call Larry Hall at 938-2954 or Bill Lucas at 938-2570.

I would like to thank all those who are raking at French's Park. It is so nice to arrive at the beach and see someone raking. The help is really starting to show. We now have a full beach to use. There are rakes and pails left at the beach; feel free to use them. We are trying to remove the dead leaves and plant life from the water. We have had help from Camp Interloken in Hillsborough and Chris Frey sent us some community service workers. We really appreciate their help.

We are sorry to say milfoil has been found on our beach. Keeping the beach raked and removing the weeds that wash up is important. It is safe to put the rakings behind the stone wall at the beach. I do wish my fellow smokers would please put their cigarette butts in the trash.

We have had eleven participants, young and old, in our archery program. Dickie Wright from Dickie's Outdoor Sports is our instructor. He makes it a fun and interesting evening. Did you know you have a dominant eye? We have taken a break but will resume on September 9. Join us at 6:00pm at the Marshall property.

—Jane Lucas

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Community Center News

The Community Center doors will open this November. It is time now to ask all citizens to come to an informational and program planning meeting Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30pm at the Bradford Elementary School.

The Bradford Area Community Center will have something for all ages. What we want in a Community Center is ours to create. Do you want a satellite college course? Do you want cooking classes? Do you want a space to hold a special meeting, or possibly you would like a financial planning program or health screening, art classes, a summer recreation program, youth programs and parenting programs. The opportunities are open ended. Now is the time to plan the diverse program offerings for the next year.

We need many community members to get involved. Let's not duplicate our community efforts; let's work together and plan together. The Bradford Area Community Center is for all the citizens in this geographic region and it is your Center. Please come and get involved. Attend the information and planning meeting on September 8. For more information please call 938-2562.

As a community, we grow together, we share together and we provide an inter-generational bond that builds our future.

—Carol Conforti Adams

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The Bradford Artists and Artisans Steering Committee express their sincere thanks to the following people who helped to make the 1999 Art Show a success. Thank you to John Mock and the Lumber Barn for going to Concord and bringing back the walls for the exhibit. Thanks to Al Brown for returning the walls to Concord, on time! The flowers were courtesy of David Blake of Blake's Garden Center. Thank you to Martha Von Redlich who painted the highway signs, to Rachel Wall for printing the artist's names and to Marion Klein for the sign at the school. Charlie Betz, Don Dickerson, Nathaniel Bruss, Ian Bryant and Elliott Brown gave the "brains and brawn" to unload, set up, and then dismantle the walls. Lastly, thanks to the Gallery Sitters and the Bradford Women's Club who supported us in many ways.

Pillsbury Free Library Events

The Pillsbury Free Library (Warner) and the Kearsarge Senior Meals Program present "Lunch at the Library" with Kevin Joseph, WMUR meteorologist on Tuesday, September 7. A bag lunch will be provided for seniors for \$2.00 (call 456-9200). You may also bring your own lunch. CAP bus transportation will be available for seniors at a cost of \$1.00. The program will take place at 11:00am, followed by lunch at noon. All are welcome to attend.

On Tuesday, September 7 at 7:30pm, the Pillsbury Free Library Book Discussion Group will meet to discuss *The Berlin Stories* by Christopher Isherwood. For more information, or to reserve a copy of the book, inquire at the library (456-2289).

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SPNHF September Events

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will lead a mushroom walk at the Cottrell Reservation in Hillsboro on Saturday, September 18 from 9:30am to noon. The easy walk will explore the relationship between mushrooms and other fungi with plants, animals, and soil, all critical to forest health. It will also be an introduction to the identification of common edible and poisonous mushrooms and will include a foray through the woods in search of fall fungi. The walk, led by Antioch New England Graduate School professor Rick Van de Poll, is free to SPNHF members and \$5 for non-members.

SPNHF will lead a free walk on Shea Forest Reservation in Webster on Saturday, September 25 from 10:00am to 2:00pm as part of its annual celebration, "Hit the Trail!" This field trip is one of ten being held around the state. This new 113-acre SPNHF property is a small, rugged forest full of wildlife and wilderness terrain that requires strenuous bushwhacking. Off-trail hiking leads to secret places: rock outcrops, wildlife dens, a deep bowl of massive oak, hemlock ledges, and cliffs overlooking a chain of beaver wetlands and wildlife trails.

Another event in the "Hit the Trail!" series is a free tour of the Matthew Harvey Homestead in Sutton on Saturday, September 25 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The homestead is a classic New England farm rich in local history and protected by a conservation easement held by SPNHF. Participants will walk through the 252 acres of fields and forest to the maple sugarhouse, market gardens and well tended woodlot and then tour the 19th century farmhouse.

To register or for more information about any of these events, contact Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail signup@spnhf.org. Spaces are limited and fill quickly, so it's important to register early.

Tips from the Animal Control Officer

During the hot weather, never leave your dog in a parked car. This can lead to severe dehydration and death. Dogs sweat only through the pads of their feet, therefore they must also pant to cool themselves. A car can reach temperatures of over 100 degrees easily, even with windows rolled down a little. If you are traveling with your dog, bring along cool water in a travel dog dish. Give your dog small amounts of water at a time and allow the dog to relieve itself at least once each hour.

Please remember that due to dry conditions wild animals are searching for food. Cover all trash cans, take in bird feeders and clean up after cooking outside. This will keep unwanted "visitors" out of your yard. Remember to educate your children about wildlife. Cute little animals could carry rabies. Teach them never to approach any wild animal. Fun to watch, dangerous to touch.

—Charleen St. Pierre

GLIMPSES; 1899

September 7. Workmen working in G.W. Tucker's well found two snakes embedded in the rotten rock, 22 and 24 feet below the surface.

September 21. Rand & Cheney are to build the tower for Prof. Morris' high jump at the Bradford/Newbury Fair. The professor ascends to the top of the tower 100 feet from the ground and dives into a tank of water forty-three inches in depth on the ground below. Dunfield and Robertson are to draw a million feet of lumber for Chas. Peaslee, from Washington to Bradford Station.

—Milly Kittredge

UCS News

Mark this date on your calendar: September 5. Come down to the Bradford Center Meeting House for the last of our great summer events. Our famous Pig Roast will begin at 5:00pm. Musician Pete Merrigan will be playing under the tent on the lawn. Buzz Call is our chef. Dinner is limited to 100 people, so get your tickets early. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at Bowie's Market and Video Pursuit on Main Street. Come rain or shine.

Our Union Congregational Society Annual Meeting will take place on September 12 at the old Schoolhouse at Bradford Center. Eat an early dinner at home and come to our meeting at 5:30pm. Bring a dessert to share. The Annual Meeting is open to the public. We always need help on our board of directors and on the various committees planning Bradford Center events. Did you like the Reggae Concert? Come join us to help plan next year's list of summer concerts and services at Bradford Center.



New in town...

Andrew, Sue Anne and big sister Hannah are proud to announce the arrival of Samuel Andrew Siarto, born on July 8 at the Family Place in Concord, weighing in at 7lbs. 9oz. We are all enjoying our baby boy!

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

Freelance photographer and author, Lucy Wendell-Thorpe, returns to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter with another fascinating program on Friday September 10 at 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Wendell-Thorpe's slide presentation is entitled "Africa" and will depict some of Kenya's wildlife as well as a Maasai tribal village. The talk will also feature various regions of Kenya including Nairobi National Park, the dry Samburu region, Lake Nakuru with its flamingos and the savannas of the Maasai Mara. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For details, call Ruth White at 763-4893.

A Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter field trip is scheduled for Saturday, September 18. We will look for migrating hawks from the vantage point of Little Round Top Mountain in Bristol. Picking up the thermals over the Pemigewasset River Valley, these birds of prey form "kettles" as they spiral upward to catch the prevailing winds. Leader Gary Stansfield asks participants to meet him at Cricenti's Market on Route 104 in Bristol at 9:30am. Bring lunch and binoculars. Stansfield, an avid birder, is president of the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter and a veteran of many hawk watch trips. For first-timers, the road to Little Round Top climbs to a parking lot near the summit, necessitating only a short, moderate hike to the ledges. For more information call Stansfield at 863-8737.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss



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BWC Update

The Artist and Artisans show in August was a huge success. It is amazing how much diversified artistic talent comes from such a small town as Bradford.

The Women's Club's first meeting of the year will be a "Baby Memories Tea Party" at Mel Pfeiffle's on Ring Hill Road at 1:00pm on September 21. Hats and gloves are suggested, but not mandated. Bring baby pictures and baby memorabilia such as a Christening gown, baby clothes, rattle, toy, cup or baby book for example. It will be fun to see who belongs to what picture. Try to carpool, as parking is limited.

The Christmas Fair workshops will be on September 9 and 10 at 1:00pm at Sue Vitale's house (938-2852) and on September 22 and 23 at 1:00pm at Doris Trembley's house (938-5260). If you can't make the workshops but would like to do crafts at home, call Jean Gaito at 938-5964. We need help removing the star and lights from the Christmas tree in front of the library. The tree has grown and the lights need to be taken down and re-hung. Can anyone with a cherry picker or other such equipment help us?

If you are new to the Bradford area and would like to meet some nice women who do good things, join the Bradford Women's Club. Just call Sue Vitale at 938-2852. The 1999-2000 Yearbooks are out. Please check the Bradford Bridge every month for updates.

School is beginning so please drive safely.

—Suzanne C. Vitale

County Report

by *Bernie Lamach, Merrimack County Commissioner*

It is time for a mid-year report on activities of Merrimack County Government. As a fledgling Commissioner, I've had to familiarize myself with some protocols that I'd not dealt with as a legislator. Even though I was quite familiar with the County Government and its budget from my work on the County Delegation, learning the day-to-day activities has been an experience; for instance, learning how an inadequate amount of air-conditioning can affect the orderly operation of a facility such as the Nursing Home or the County Jail. This summer's record heat spell has stressed the equipment throughout the system and created short-term difficulties.

Recently, people have been concerned over the evaluation of the Nursing Home which was written up in the state-wide newspapers. Please understand that to have some negative check-offs in the overall evaluation is of important concern, but in a facility that normally rates near the top state-wide, it is not as severe as was earlier reported. The administration and the commissioners have been actively monitoring the areas of concern addressed by the evaluation team. Admittedly we have areas that could use more attention, but we still score better than many private organizations. We find ourselves short-staffed as do all facilities in New Hampshire due to a shortage of skilled and available nursing staff. This past year we have initiated a day care center for the benefit of employees' children and this seems to be an attraction in recruitment of

desired help.

The County Jail suffers from severe overcrowding. Conditions were of great concern during the extremely hot days in July. Some will remember my earlier comments in this column about the fact that we have no provisions for female prisoners at the County Jail. Any female that is incarcerated must be "loaned out" to another county or state facility. This requires additional costs in fees and transportation.

Our Executive Committee has named an investigative committee to formulate a recommendation for the delegation to consider. The task of remodeling a facility of this sort is not easy to do and still maintain security. This study should be reasonably considered before year's end so that we can deal with budgetary problems.

All the at-risk underground fuel tanks have now been replaced with double-wall monitored units and the County did not experience any spills that would have required clean-up action. This project held my attention over the past three months, and I'm pleased it was completed successfully.

The County recently hired Jack McEvanny as a Grants Administrator. It is expected that Jack will not only identify and secure grant funds to assist the County but will be of assistance to communities in Merrimack County in their efforts to obtain and administer grants. This is an area where we've not been aggressive enough in the past.

State law says that the Commissioners are responsible to approve and sign off each expenditure of County Government. Part of my interest area has been to evaluate the procurement and expenditure process of each department and to help recommend similar work-saving procedures for all departments. There is a wide range of activities with County Government but all dollars must be channeled in a way that simplifies the budget process.

Again, I invite you to contact me about questions of County Government and I'll try to respond promptly. Enjoy a safe and sane Labor Day and try to get to the Hopkinton State Fair!

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Please join us on Saturday, September 18 from 1:00-3:00pm at the First Baptist Church Vestry, West Main Street, Bradford for a roundtable discussion and light refreshments.

Part of the discussion will include whether or not we need to formalize the group with an executive committee or continue to operate, as we have in the past, with free will volunteers. There continues to be ongoing discussion regarding this matter. Let's talk more about our future and our goals.

We are inviting all to come and share. If we don't have the answers, we will find them together.

Questions? Please call Betty at 938-2640.

—Lynne Smith

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will have its first fall meeting on Thursday, September 9. We will travel to Quechee, Vermont for a tour of the glass works followed by a luncheon. Those planning to attend should meet at 9:30am at the Friendship House so that we may form carpools. If you have questions, please call 938-5482.

—Clare Bensley



Fall is great for lawn planting! Warm soil makes for better germination, fewer weeds. Water about 1" per week in one or two sessions. Cool fall temperatures will create a longer, stronger root system for a more drought-resistant lawn next summer.

Now is also a great time to do the milky spore project to lower the Japanese beetle population in your area.

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Silk Farm Audubon Center September Programs

The Silk Farm Audubon Center offers a preschool program "Fledgling Fun" for four- and five-year-olds on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00am. Each week has a different theme with a natural focus (*Magical Monarchs* on September 9, *Slugs, Sow Bugs, and Salamanders* on September 16, *Apple Time* on September 23 and *Bye Bye Birdy* on September 30). Register for one, two or all fall series classes. Audubon offers a ten percent discount for four or more classes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$4 per child for members and \$6 for non-members (no fee for adults). Pre-registration is required, call 224-9909, ext. 333.

On Saturday, September 11 from 10:00-10:30am there will be a free viewing of hawk feeding at the Silk Farm Audubon Center. This is not for those with weak stomachs! Pre-registration is required. Call 224-9909, ext. 333.

The Hawk Watch Field Trip to Pack Monadnock is offered as a family program on Saturday, September 18 from 8:30 until noon (stay as long as you would like). Enjoy the fall hawk migration. Meet at Pack Monadnock parking lot. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. Park admission fee is payable at the park. Pre-registration is required by 10:00am on September 17. Call 224-9909, ext. 333.



Hunter Safety Course

The Bradford Fish and Game Club will be sponsoring a Hunter Safety Course on September 2, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29 from 7:00 until 9:00pm at their club house on Gillingham Drive in Bradford. For further information call Dick Wright at Dickie's Outdoor Sport, 938-5393.

New England Actors' Theatre Seeks Plays

The New England Actors' Theatre will be accepting submissions for the Y2K edition of the Short & NEAT One-Act Play Writing Contest through November 15, 1999. Winning submissions will receive a production at NEAT's Short & NEAT One-Act Festival in June 2000 as part of New Haven's International Festival of Arts and Ideas. Eligibility and submission requirements: New England residents only, plays up to twenty minutes in length or shorter (longer plays will be returned), plays must be submitted in standard play format by 11/15/99. Submit to NEAT Administrative Offices, 160 Little Meadow Rd., Guilford, CT 06437. Attn: Short & NEAT Y2K. Include SASE if play is to be returned. For additional information call NEAT (203) 458-7671 or www.neatct.org on the web.

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Library Friends Update

The September 15 meeting of the Friends of Brown Memorial Library will take place in the Bradford Town Hall at 7:00pm instead of in the library which closed for construction on August 28. Plans for a completion celebration, library dedication and distribution of proceeds from the bus trip will be discussed.

Summer events were well-attended. President of the Friends, Audrey Sylvester, said, "I especially want to thank our volunteers, Sue Morse and Dawn Rich for carefully arranging a hassle-free experience to the John Singer Sargent Exhibition at Museum of Fine Arts, and the 38 people who joined us. Having a chance to see the recently restored John Singer Sargent murals and architecture in the museum's rotunda was 'icing on the cake.' The trip raised more than \$350 for library programming. I also want to thank volunteer Sue Rayno for planning the free Summer Reading Program, Jeopardy, and her helpers, Jun Riley, Susan Farber, Donna Marr, Laurie Buchar and Laurie Brown. Thanks also to the Tracy Memorial Library for loaning us the game boards."

The Friends' mail will be picked up and distributed by librarians during the closing. Address: Friends of Brown Memorial Library, Post Office Box 437, Bradford, NH 03221. Reminder: Until the library reopens, books may be borrowed by Brown Memorial Library cardholders (current library card must be presented) from the Warner, Newbury, and Hopkinton libraries.

OUR TOWN

Thoughts about the Bradford Green

There are many worthwhile activities underway in Bradford which need financial support, but soliciting donations is getting tougher each year because of the seemingly continuous stream of requests. In my view, one of the prime benefits of the Bradford Green is its potential as a source of income for these worthwhile activities...and I'm talking about our volunteer Fire Department and the Rescue Squad, Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports, the Library, the Bradford Area Community Center, conservation activities and Bradford improvements in general.

We cannot rely on taxation to fund everything nor are donations from Bradford residents adequate to provide the support needed. We need to tap outside sources of money...folks in the surrounding communities, certainly...but mostly, to connect into the stream of tourists and seasonal visitors who typically just breeze on through Bradford to other locations with "more interesting" activities. If we can get them to stop by, we would also be benefiting our local businesses...which in turn provide benefits to us because they pay taxes, provide us with needed products and services, and are a positive force for an economically healthier community...a source of jobs...which we desperately need if we are to continue staffing Bradford's volunteer fire and rescue operations in the coming years.

The Bradford Green has the potential to provide support to our essential and worthy organizations and activities by giving us a location big enough to hold events which can produce income on a regular basis and from folks outside our community. Events such as a weekly antique show, for example, maybe held every Saturday morning between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Eventually, we could build to holding a "special event" each month...every year...concerts or art shows or horse shows—whatever—and sell tickets

and parking. This approach has been used successfully across the country to provide funds for worthwhile projects in hundreds of communities.

Events would not all have to be sponsored by Bradford groups. There really aren't any suitable event locations in adjacent communities similar to our proposed Bradford Green site so there is a real possibility of inducing adjacent towns to sponsor an occasional event. Consider also the Bradford Fourth of July celebration. Brown Shattuck Park is at its limit and fireworks must now be located outside the park's perimeter to satisfy safety regulations. The Bradford Green will enable us to do "our own thing" better and also provides potential for side benefits which could be substantial.

The concept of having the Bradford Green for recreation, entertainment and fund raising certainly won't happen overnight and yes, it is a lot of work to get something like this up and operating. Historically it takes three to five years to establish something like a weekly antique show but, once underway, the momentum builds, as does the income.

There are many talented people in this community who are now participating in myriad fund raising efforts and my gut feel is that there are many other talented folks who would be willing to participate if we had a focused approach for improving our Town by generating funds to help the various causes and activities. The Bradford Green is an answer that needs everyone's support.

Hopefully this article will stimulate your thoughts and prompt your comments. Let's air this out a bit and hear other ideas for the Bradford Green...and your concerns as well. Are you interested in helping to make "it" happen? If no one cares, it will simply fade away. Write to the Bradford Bridge and participate in the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at Town Hall.

—Don Johnsen

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Planning Board Notes for August

A Community Assistance visit was held in August with representatives from the NH Office of State Planning to review the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Bradford has been a participating community since 1972, adopting a local Flood Plain Management Ordinance in 1988, and amending it in 1992 to meet federal standards. The Ordinance sets the requirements for any construction within the flood plain. The Town has a responsibility to see that the terms of the Ordinance are followed both for the safety of the public and so that residents of the Town can purchase flood insurance under the federal program.

Code Enforcement Officer Chip Meany described the building permit process used in Bradford where an Elevation Certificate is required for any construction near water. He was given a copy of the most recent form for the elevation certificate and it was suggested that he add the question "is this structure located in a flood plain?" to the building permit application.

Claire Dodge and Jane Hubbard, the OSP representatives, left copies of updated information and booklets and made the following points:

- A federal lending institution must require flood insurance for a mortgage on any structure within the flood plain.

- It is the lender's responsibility, not the Town's, to review the maps and make the determination whether or not the property is in the flood plain.

- If a portion of a house is in the flood plain, the entire house is considered in the flood plain.

- For a residence, the first fully enclosed floor (in NH, this would be the basement) must be at or above the flood plain elevation.

- The lowest floor level of commercial property may be below the flood elevation, but that portion must be flood proofed and certified by an engineer.

- A "Letter of Map Amendment" can be requested to appeal the decision that a property is in the flood plain. If granted by FEMA, a copy of the letter should be filed in the appropriate tax folder for future reference.

- Buildings on the National Register of Historic Places are exempt from the flood management requirements.

Flood plain maps for Bradford are posted in the Town Hall. If additional maps are needed or corrections to the map are indicated, the Office of State Planning, 271-2155, should be contacted.

In other business, the Board determined that a site plan revision should be requested for a mobile chiropractic clinic to be located one half day per week at the Merrimack Farm Store.

Selectman Dick Vitale relayed information regarding a DES inspection at the Lake Massusecum Campground. Water samples were taken from cabins located at the campground in response to problems found during the inspection, and test results will be forwarded to the selectmen.

Everett Kittredge, Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, reported to the Planning Board that an Administrative Appeal has been filed with the ZBA. The Appeal challenges the decision of the Planning Board to use 54 as the number of campsites at the Campground when the Bradford Zoning Ordinance went into effect in 1989.

Community Character Coalition

The Kearsarge Community Character Coalition will host the second of a series of community conversations to promote our youth and the development of their assets. Using the approach set forth by the Search Institute in Minneapolis, the Coalition will hold this conversation in Bradford at the First Baptist Church at 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 29. Please join us in this community conversation about our youth. The coalition will focus on quality adult-child interactions and building assets such as the values of honesty, kindness, respect, work ethic and generosity. Achievement motivation, reading for pleasure, personal control and sense of purpose are but a few of the assets of our children that we need to build together as citizens, parents and educators. The Community Character Coalition has developed its goals including building one's interpersonal skills, promoting one's positive identity, building resiliency and enhancing community spirit. Many activities are planned over the next year for adults and youth together. Join us in this important endeavor.

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Selectmen's Meetings in August

AUGUST 9. Problems with the older police cruiser have caused continuing repair bills.

Dick Vitale reported on a visit from NH Dept of Environmental Services inspector, Juliette Dages. Ms. Dages stopped at the office prior to her inspection of the Lake Massasecum Campground. She explained the series of approvals necessary in bringing the area campgrounds into DES compliance by September 5, 2000. DES requires a subdivision approval, an approval on the septic design and an approval for operation. Ms. Dages indicated only the first step (subdivision approval) had been reached by Mr. Laurendeau's business. She called the selectmen's office after her inspection and requested the town's health officer take samples for analysis by the state labs for possible system failures servicing the cabins. Carey Rodd, Health Officer, collected the samples and forwarded them to the state labs. Dr. Rodd also sent a letter to the campground owner Mr. Robert Laurendeau alerting him of the problem.

A letter was read into the record from Tamara Saxby regarding dog-licensing problems. The Selectmen will investigate the RSA regarding timely payment of fees.

AUGUST 19. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called and posted for 4:30pm. Vacation schedules, various correspondence requiring signatures, and personnel issues requiring input of the three selectmen created the need for a special meeting.

Selectmen signed contracts for the lift for the Community Center. The lift will be purchased from NE Lift.

Selectmen signed a voucher for the Trustees of the Trust Funds to withdraw funds from the emergency repair of town buildings capital reserve fund. The fire in the Highway Garage electric panel, the flooding of the furnace room in the town hall and the Library water pump failure were all vouchered to the Trustees. The amount of the withdrawal was \$4,386.65.

Selectmen signed approvals for payments on the Community Center. These draw-downs are then forwarded to the Office of State Planning for payment from grant funds.

Selectmen discussed and decided to dispose of the Highway Department's 1986 Ford plow truck and the army pickup. The money realized on the sale of these two items will be applied to a newer surplus truck for winter plowing. The army pickup will be taken to the state auction while the fate of the 1986 Ford is still uncertain. Bids are being collected from several sources.

Chris Frey updated the selectmen on change orders and progress on the community center. An exit doorway and steps from the senior room and replacement windows with energy efficient glass have been added to the plans and approved.

Selectmen voted to move to non-public session to discuss personnel issues. No decision was made.

AUGUST 23. Charles Betz, representing the Conservation Commission updated the selectmen on the progress of the conservation easement on the Aiken Pasture (136 acres). Mr. Betz explained the three stages. The public hearing, draft of the easement (review by town counsel) and then to the selectmen for signature. Recreation uses, for-

estry, Christmas trees will be permitted. No subdivisions, offsite materials, no towers or structures will be permitted on the property. The Conservation Commission will pay for the legal services.

Mark Goldberg requested the Bradford Web page administrator be notified of the correct emergency number for the Fire Dept. Andrew Pinard will be contacted with the correct information. Chris Frey questioned the fire chief on the ordering of fire lane signs. It was decided the signs should be a different color than road signs and be installed as soon as possible.

Selectmen signed an intent to cut for Howlett Road (Michael Carter, logger).

Parks and Recreation has requested the brush be picked up at French's Park. Chris Frey indicated the work will be done as soon as West Road is completed.

A letter will be written to the Lake Massasecum Association regarding the Boat Ramp. The selectmen are aware of the ownership of the ramp, but the town's jurisdiction is only to the high water mark of the property. The state has jurisdiction of the water. Therefore, posting activities in the water must be cleared with the State of NH.

Selectman Frey has discussed the road bond with Charles Spaulding for work done on Hugh Keays property off West Road. Mr. Spaulding will complete the hauling of long length logs from the Hugh Keays property prior to the resurfacing. He will haul cordwood in a manner not to include sharp turns on the new pavement.

Selectmen signed a change order for an exit door and steps for the senior room at the community center.

Matt Ordway has withdrawn his resignation from the highway department.

—from public minutes
prepared by Cheryl Behr

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BEOC Continued from page 1

The projects prioritized during the What Its sessions in 1997, the input from the PlanNH professionals visit in 1998, the Bradford Area Community Center and the Bradford Community Corporation are outgrowths of BEOC activities to date.

More participation is needed from all of Bradford's organizations—and from thoughtful people who care about Bradford and have the experience and time to contribute to this comprehensive planning process. The basic membership requirement is to check your guns at the door (as in "your pet project is the only project"). The focus is on what is best for Bradford's future. Just as the phrase "Uncle Sam needs you!" once stirred patriotic feelings, consider that today, **Bradford needs you!**

At the September 9 meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00pm, we will be selecting new Chair, Secretary and Public Relations officers for the coming year. We will also be talking about the future of Bradford and the development of a long range integrated plan that will be supported by our residents. Come and help make Bradford a place of pride for our kids and our elders too.

—Don Johnsen

College Courses in Warner

The College for Lifelong Learning (CLL) will offer three courses at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner this fall. The courses are Critical Thinking (Mondays, 6:00–9:30pm), History of Northeastern Native Peoples (Tuesdays 6:00–9:30pm) and Nature Writing and the Environment (Wednesdays 6:00–9:30pm).

Each is a four-credit course running for 12 weeks from the week of September 13 through the week of December 6. For information about these courses, and other CLL course offerings, call 1-800-582-7248 (NH only) or 228-3000.

CLL is one of four separately accredited institutions in the University System of New Hampshire. It was established in 1972 to meet the needs of adult learners throughout the state.

What are those Web Sites?

What can be said about all that ghostly gauze hanging up in the trees? It must be autumn. It is fall web worm time. The annual infestation of *Hyphantria cunea* seems a little worse this year. The trees may be drought-stressed and possibly they are unable to put up their usual degree of chemical resistance to the larvae of this common moth. Mostly they are dining on fruit trees, cherry and apple, but they can also be found in walnut and ash, birch and poplar. They have been gradually emerging from masses laid on the trees in the spring in heaps of 200-500 greenish eggs covered with a wooly layer of scales. As soon as they start feeding they begin to build webbed nests for protection from predators and possibly it is quite a protection from toxic sprays as well. Cutting webbed branches down in the evenings is quite effective where possible. These webs are built at the ends of branches unlike the tent caterpillars (*Lasiocampidae*) which weave their homes in the junction of branches. The infamous gypsy moth caterpillars do not make webs at all.

Fall web worm caterpillars are pale yellow with a darker stripe down the back and a yellow stripe on the sides. Long gray hairs cover their bodies. After 4-6 weeks of feeding they crawl to the ground and over-winter as cocoons. They cannot kill a reasonably healthy tree because they feed late in the season and the trees have had the whole season to produce leaves and feed the roots for the winter.

What I wonder is, how do the caterpillars with their long hairs keep from getting tangled up in their webs? It looks like early Halloween out there.


—Ann Eldridge

**Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum
September Programs**

Join Longbow, a Lakota craftsman, for a Native American Bowmaking Seminar on Saturday, September 4, 11:00am–4:00pm. He will discuss the various aspects of traditional Native American bowmaking. Although a bow will not be created, the seminar enables you to successfully produce a bow on the first attempt. Come with your questions about making a bow. Please note: this seminar cannot be held unless a minimum of 12 people register. Pre-Registration and prepayment are required. Fee: \$60.00/members, \$70/non-members.

Jim Petersen, asst. professor of Anthropology at the University of Vermont, will present a slide-illustrated talk on 3,000 years of American Indian pottery production in New England on Friday, September 10, 7:00–9:00p.m. Examples will be drawn primarily from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He will discuss widespread styles as well as local group differences. Fee: Pre-registration \$6/members, \$8/nonmembers, at the door \$10.

"Honoring our Elders" will be offered on Sunday, September 12 at 2:00pm. At a time when respect for elders appears to be fading, this program by Abenaki Frank Greenhalgh is most timely. Respect for the elders of the tribe is a very important part of native American life. Children, bring your grandparents. Regular tour fee applies; no charge for program.



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Bruce and Christine Bowie

by Audrey V. Sylvester

When Bruce and Christine Fortune Bowie seized an opportunity too-good-to-pass-up and opened Bowie's Market on Main Street in June, 1998, they became major contributors to Bradford's downtown vitality. This energetic, hard-working couple's decision couldn't have come at a better time. An "anchor store!" on Main Street, Bowie's anchor is holding fast. The Bowie's enjoy being part of the new Main Street.

At fourteen, Bruce began learning the grocery business as a bagger at Cricenti's Market in New London. For one miserable month, he took a job as a cook at a fancy restaurant. One day, a customer asked for him. The customer, his former boss Frank Cricenti, inquired, "How do you like the job?" Keeping up appearances, Bruce answered, "I love it." Frank: "That's too bad. I'm looking for some good help. You don't know where I could hire somebody?" Bruce: "What are you looking for?" Frank: "I'm looking for a trainee and a meat cutter." Bruce: "Well, let me think about it. I might be interested." The following day, Bruce went to Cricenti's and started work--cleaning up bones in the meat department. Later on, Carl Danforth would offer Bruce a job closer to home in Danforth's Store's where he cut meat for the next 11 years.

Good help is hard to find. Cricenti's lured Bruce back into their expanding business. Bruce was asked to analyze why their Plymouth store had a deficit. Bruce's diagnosis made sense. He was hired to fix the problem, this time as the



store's manager. Within ten months of long hours and a grueling commute, Bruce turned the store around from "in the red" to "back in the black." Success came at a price. Bruce's good health changed, forcing him to take a long "holiday." For a family with an at-home mom and four growing children, it was a period of "ups and downs."

The "down days " became "up days" when the Harvester Market in Henniker hired Bruce as the store's manager. Chris also worked there. For 11 years, Bruce enjoyed his job. One day during lunch, the couple received incomprehensible news--the bank was foreclosing; keys were to be turned in by 2:00 p.m. Bounce! Swallowing his pride and accepting help again from his good friends at Cricenti's, Bruce went back to work as a grocery clerk. Eventually, Christine found employment and became manager of a local convenience store. The family's finances were recovering.

When opportunity knocked on Friday, June 8, 1998, Bruce and Christine were ready. Seeking a tenant, the owner of the former Bradford Marketplace found the right person for popping the question. "Do you know anyone looking to open a store?" he asked Bruce, who answered, "Yes. I do. I am looking." "How about this building?" the owner continued. Bruce was wary of the high start-up costs. The landlord (offering a very good rental) assured Bruce that he could find good equipment at auction. Bruce talked it over with Chris. He fretted and stewed all day Saturday. On Sunday morning, Chris cleared the confusion. "You want to do this. You're not going to get another opportunity." On Sunday afternoon they signed a lease. Twelve days later they had cleaned and stocked a full-service grocery store, meat counter and deli with 5,000 items.

Before they could be their own employees, they had to quit full-time jobs. Bruce gave notice. In his last week's work, Bruce grappled with conflicting allegiances--whether to fake illness so he could attend an equipment auction, or stay at work. He went to the auction. While bidding on a small item, Bruce recognized the rival bidder's voice. It was his boss. Chagrined, Bruce made apologies the next day at work. His boss shrugged it off, "Naw, naw, you did what you had to do."

Bowie's Market employs five full-time and six part-time employees. Inventory has grown to 8,000 items. If a customer can't find an item, Bowie's will try to have it by the next delivery. Chris, as chief cook and bottle washer, invents the daily hot and cold dish specials; Bruce, as money manager, tracks inventory and pays bills. The first six months were somewhat frantic until their learning curve leveled off. Now, the Bowies are amazed that they are entering their second year of business. Bruce has only one regret. "That we didn't do this sooner. We hope that Bradford will support us and that we serve the town well."



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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

From where I am living now I look down on Lake Massasecum, a few miles to the east and 600 feet below me. From here I can see how hot and dry it has been down there as well. The shining sand rim is wider this year, the boats seem more concentrated in the remaining shallow, warm water and they seem louder. I don't know Massasecum well but I've been reading about it. I hadn't realized until recently what an unusual occurrence in New Hampshire a sandy-shored lake is. The edges of Massasecum have several locations labeled "Inland New England Acidic Lakeshore Communities". They are not referring to the Casino or to the beach houses.



not particularly rare plants. They do appear in other kinds of wetlands but here these assemblages of plants, and probably invertebrates as well, distinguish themselves as being particularly suited not only to the sand/gravel/nutrient-poor substrate but to the fluctuating water levels and the buffeting of wind, wave and winter ice. The more common and less flexible species just can't make it here for long. The hardy souls of these communities arrange themselves at the water's edge in a series of zones according to their needs for submersion or dryness and their tolerance for wave action etc.

Scientists cringe at these imaginings but I wonder—do these plants feel the underdog's secret pride? Do they relish the challenge of the sudden flood? Do they look down their vascular noses at would-

be opportunists who flee to the higher ground? Do they place bets on how far the drought will go, how deep the ice will be? Probably not. I suspect plants deal only in larger time frames unimaginable to us.

As I started to say before I distracted myself, there are, in botanist terms, several different communities of these hardy wetland plants on the less disturbed areas of shoreline, located according to their needs and tolerances of the weather, soil and water action that differ from one part of the

lake to another. One of the most significant is known as the "twig rush (*Cladium mariscoides*) lakeshore community" which is dominated by that species. Here it also includes hairy-fruited sedge (*Carex lasiocarpa*), slender spike-rush (*Eleocharis tenuis*), bog beak-rush (*Rhynchospora fusca*), beach rush (*Juncus pelocarpus*) and sweet gale (*Myrica gale*). I like the names.

And there are a lot of names here. Ninety three different species of plants were documented from just one stretch of shoreline measuring less than 250 feet in length. Beach rush. Bulblet umbrella-sedge. One-flowered muhly. Boreal St. Johnswort. Button bush. Royal fern. Meadow beauty. Three-way sedge. Horehound. Mermaid weed. Pipewort. Bladderwort. Floating heart. Watershield... Poetry in plants.

An artificial damming of the lake, the fate of most lakes used for human recreation, would mean the end of the fluctuating water levels and thus the influx of other more predictable plant life. Needless to say, lawns, cleared beaches and boat launches have erased much of the original habitat. I'm going to take one of these fine end-of-summer days and go see what is there.

Many thanks again to Deb Dunlop of Newbury for our botanical phone consultations.

The reference botanists are making is to the complex associations of plants that exist as a result of the concurrence of a deep, sandy substrate and a set of high-stress water dynamics. There are only twelve known sites in NH with this lengthy classifying phrase attached to them thus making them among the rarest ecosystems in the state. These inland acidic sandy shores with their particular collection of flora have more in common with places further east and south on the Atlantic coastal flood plain. Bradford seems to have had something unusual going on in its glacial past in order to have two of these remarkable places within its borders: the Bradford Bog contains a remnant stand of Atlantic white cedar, another example of a community at the northern limit of its range, and Lake Massasecum with its sand shore habitats. An equally remarkable black gum swamp sits by the southern edge of Massasecum within the bounds of Warner.

The several distinct plant communities that remain on Massasecum are, with the notable exception of *Sclerolepis uniflora*,

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From the kitchen of Lesley Marquis

Autumn has always been my favorite time of the year—the crisp, cool mornings, fall foliage and the kids going back to school. This year feels different though, as my “baby” goes off to college! Time marches on—

CHERRY GRANOLA

- 2 ½ cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup large-shred coconut
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans or almonds
- 1/2 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup dried cherries

Position rack in top third of oven. Preheat to 325°. Grease a heavy, large baking sheet. Combine oats, coconut, pecans or almonds, pumpkin seeds and cinnamon in a large bowl. Bring sugar, water and oil to a boil in a heavy saucepan. Add sugar mixture to oat mixture and stir with a fork until well mixed.

Spread evenly on prepared baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes. Stir with a spatula and bake 10 minutes longer. Stir in dried cherries. Bake until golden brown, stirring frequently, about 10 minutes longer. Cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

Yield: 7 ½ cups

KRSD School Notes

by Mark Fairbank, Bradford School
Board Representative

Over the past two months, the KRSD has convened a subcommittee to evaluate and work on an application to establish a charter middle school in this district. I have acted as chair and have enjoyed working closely with the subcommittee which includes the superintendent, members of her staff, the principal of our middle school, middle school faculty, legal counsel, and other members of the KRSD. As someone who supports the concept of charter schools, I looked forward to working with the applicants, the Kearsarge Charter Middle School Founders Group.

I have heard from Bradford citizens who want to see the charter school initiative succeed and provide our district with a smaller middle school and an alternative educational environment for their middle school children. The concept resonates with me because I believe that some competition is good for performance and that alternative approaches to education better accommodate the different learning abilities of our children.

Upon receipt of the application I was, in a word, underwhelmed. According to state law, the school board's mission is to evaluate the application for completeness and sufficient detail. We are also empowered to recommend amendments as we deem necessary to bolster the application. This was the task we undertook. The document lacked many details that we felt were necessary in order to fairly assess the proposal. As you can imagine, in a group such as the subcommittee, there are persons who support the concept, persons against, and those who start out relatively neutral. To their credit, members set about their work with-

out letting such feelings interfere with the effort to strengthen the application. As a result, we set the bar fairly high.

A few weeks ago we delivered our recommendations to the applicants and began meeting to develop a common understanding of the issues, concerns and design of the proposed middle school. I thank the Founders Group for their cooperation, accommodation and the effort and zeal that they have brought to this initiative. To date, they have agreed to incorporate most of the subcommittee's recommendations and have provided the details necessary for us to understand their vision. Much to my relief they have also committed to observing the state standards for curriculum.

I believe the result of this work is an application that reflects the input of leaders in our school district and maintains the independence and creativity of the charter school initiative. State law requires the district school board to vote for or against forwarding a charter school application to the State Board of Education. After that, the citizens must vote to support or defeat the proposal.

Next week our subcommittee will make its recommendation to the full school board. I believe the applicants deserve the chance to proceed in this process. It is for these reasons and because you have expressed a desire to see this succeed I have decided to support the new application and will work to see its passage at the full school board in September.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

THE NOTEBOOK

Nicholas Sparks
NY, Warner Books, 1996

The Notebook is a love story by the author of *Message in a Bottle*. The story begins in the autumn of 1946 with Noah Calhoun sitting on the porch of his plantation-style home in North Carolina. He has returned from the Army at the end of World War II and plans to pick up his life with the goal of refurbishing his house and grounds. One particular day he is resting on a wooden fence along his property line, checking it for dry rot or termites. Noah sees himself as not too old at age 31, but old enough to be lonely. He hasn't dated since his discharge from the Army nor has he met anyone who interests him. There once had been a girl in his life. He recalls that she was pretty, with emerald eyes. After they parted, he wrote her a few letters, but she had never responded. Her name was Allie, and during one summer they spent much time together paddling canoes, dancing in a tobacco barn and kissing after he walked her home. Now most of his evenings are spent with Gus, a friend who plays the harmonica.

Allie enters the story again. Presently she is engaged to a young lawyer. Knowing she will soon be married, she decides to return to the summer place—just out of curiosity—to look up her first love. She tells her fiancé and her mother she has gone shopping. While the first love is renewed, Allie is troubled as she is still engaged to another. She doesn't know what she wants and what happens may be a surprise to readers. If you've ever been in love, you'll like this story which contains quite a bit of poetry.

Legislative Report

By Representative
Beth Rodd



After a much needed, restorative summer break, legislators are returning full-time to the State House to resume the business of funding education and attending to a considerable amount of committee work that was begun last year and requires resolution. It is likely that the education funding issue will dominate the remainder of this session since we have a \$100,000,000 funding gap with no consensus (but plenty of controversial ideas) on how we may accomplish this on-going challenge. House and Senate leaders have been meeting with legislators and the public throughout the summer and will continue to do so during the fall to develop strategies to address this difficult issue. Far from being resolved, the education funding issue is one that will continue to require much time, energy and wisdom from those of us elected to balance the divergent needs and philosophies of our constituencies throughout the state.

Meanwhile, committee work continues at a steady pace. Your input into this process is vital and we urge you to contact us so that we can better represent your needs and ideas.

We encourage you to meet with the many presidential candidates who are lobbying for New Hampshire's vote as well. Local papers have up-to-date candidate schedules and this is an excellent opportunity for all of us to be an integral part of our nation's democratic process. Meeting the candidates in person provides us with the opportunity to develop a human and intuitive

sense of that person, a sense not garnered through news reports or sound bites. Bring your children and neighbors to political events and take advantage of our "first in the nation" status.

Finally, we sadly bid farewell to Senate President Junie Blaisdell whose untimely death has left our state government much diminished by the loss of a committed public servant who was loved and respected by all who knew and worked with him during his thirty years in state government. Senator Blaisdell was perhaps best known for his ability to foster bi-partisan cooperation in working on contentious issues that, without his leadership, would be divisive and ultimately fail to be resolved. He will not be easily replaced and his generous and wise spirit will continue to guide all who were inspired by his extraordinary leadership.

We will resume "Legislator's Night" in the fall, alternating monthly between Bradford and Henniker. Let us know about legislative topics of interest to you and we will discuss them and invite experts in specific areas to further explore issues of common concern.

Your local representatives are: Rep. Beth Rodd, 938-2692; Rep. Barbara French, 428-3366 and Senator Rick Trombly, 753-9059.

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September Calendar



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Schools open
Library Trustees, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

UCS Benefit Pig Roast, Old Bradford Center, 5:00pm
Lake Massasecum Flare Night, 8:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

BACC Governance Board Meeting, Church Vestry, 9:00am
BACC Public Information Meeting, Bradford Elementary School, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Bradford Community Corporation, Town Hall, 7:00am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Union Congregational Society Annual Meeting, Old Schoolhouse, 5:30pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Revolving Loan Committee, Candlelite Inn, 7:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

KRES at Bradford Open House and PTC Meeting, Elementary School, 7:00pm
Library Trustees, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for details

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Senior Rally Round Table Discussion, Church Vestry, 1:00-3:00pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Bradford Historical Society, "Genealogy Project", Old Post Office, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

KRSD School Board Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Bradford Community Corporation, Town Hall, 7:00am
Reiki Clinic, The Gathering Place, 7:00-9:00pm. Appointment only, donation.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

SATURDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386 or 938-5380

MONDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Thistle Spinners, every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn. All are welcome to attend; come and learn a new craft.

To list events for the October calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722.

Bradford Bridge October deadlines

Display ads	September 20
Classified ads	September 26
Articles	September 20*

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

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saying, "Managing the milfoil was successful in many ways. We had discovered an effective means of catching fragments with the netting, and also found an effective means to harvest. The greatest success, however, came with the education provided to both lake residents and campers about the threat of exotic aquatic plants on New Hampshire's bodies of water. The most important objective should be to contain the milfoil in the cove, thus eliminating its spread to other areas of the lake. As you know, milfoil can quickly displace and replace beneficial native wildlife. Perhaps in the near future, someone will find a way to prepare milfoil as a cuisine or discover some redeeming medicinal quality. Until then, however, we should focus on containing the milfoil and decreasing its bio-mass within the cove."

The Lake Association, with assistance from the town and support from NHDES, expects to expand on what was learned this summer and continue next year with the dual goals of containment and control.

—Marcia Keller

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