Concert for Carol

A Benefit Concert for accident victim Carol Adams is planned for Sunday, August 25 from 1:00-6:00pm at the Mount Sunapee Resort. Concert for Carol includes five hours of rock 'n roll, blues, folk, bluegrass, storytelling, dancing, and magic featuring some of New Hampshire's finest performers.

The concert under the tent (with plenty of room for dancing) features bands Night Kitchen (rock 'n roll), Saylin' (reggae), Puckerbrush (bluegrass), Peter Merrigan and Friends (light rock), Chris Kleeman (blue guitar, opening act for B.B. King in New York and London), Tom Pirozzi (singer/songwriter), Lightfingers (teen acoustic duo), Magician Andrew J. Pinard, and Off-Broadway Storyteller/Musician Odds Bodkin (Master of Ceremonies/performer).

A car accident on black ice in February left Carol paralyzed from the waist down, struggling to regain use of her fingers. Now the mother of two teenagers, teacher at Franklin High, grant writer, and former Mount Sunapee Ski Instructor faces a mountain of bills for wheelchairs, a handicapped van, and continual in-home care while her husband, Phil, is at work. Insurance pays some, but nowhere near enough.

Concert tickets are $25 per person or $65 per family and include access to all outdoor Tent Stage and indoor Lodge Stage children's events. All proceeds go to the Carol Adams Emergency Fund. The generous contribution by Mount Sunapee Resort goes beyond venue. Available for purchase during the entire event will be New Hampshire BBQ with salad and refreshments. A cash bar will be open on the Lodge's 2nd floor all day. The Concert Tent is made available through a generous donation by Kearsarge Party Rentals.

Each Concert For Carol admission comes with a chance to win ski and snowboarding packages, restaurant dinners, Off-Broadway tickets, recordings, children's books, and a host of other great prizes donated by local businesses.

Tickets are available at Bowie's Market and Video Pursuit in Bradford. They may also be purchased at the door. This is a rain or shine event. See you there!

Growth Spurt

New homes, from modest to magnificent, are appearing all over town and several recent subdivision proposals have kept town officials busy trying to balance development with preservation of Bradford's rural character. See Planning Board Notes on page 13 for a report on recent discussions.

Rescue Squad Needs One-Hour Victims

Want to help out the rescue squad? Are you free for 1-2 hours on Sunday morning, August 18? We need kids especially. The Bradford Rescue Squad is planning a mass-casualty drill on Sunday morning, August 18 beginning at 7:45am so we can practice the Incident Command process. It's the structure for handling a big 'scene' with emergency units from other towns and lots of patients and people to manage.

Our scene will be the Bradford Elementary School which in our scenario has had a carbon monoxide leak. We need volunteers to portray the staff and students of the school and we'll coach you as to any 'symptoms' you should have for the EMTs who examine you. For most it will be minor—come as you are and you will be able to get on with your day fairly speedily—with our thanks! Interested? Call Linda Powell at 938-2228 to let us know you are coming.
Selectmen's Update

As we all can see, the work is progressing on Route 103 through Bradford. The two intersections at Main Street and at Route 114 are being prepared to take the new traffic light systems. For those who were not at the hearing for the roadwork, the overhead wires at Main Street will be removed and an “arm type” of lighting will be installed. This type of traffic light will also be installed at Route 114 and 103.

The Road Crew is doing routine road maintenance in various parts of town. I would like to thank Nate Brown for all his hard work on the road crew. He has left his position for another job. We wish him well.

There is an opening in the Highway Department. If you are interested, please pick up an application at the Town Hall.

One thing that this Board has always tried to do to the best of its ability is respond to complaints. If you have any complaints about a particular individual, department, or anything that we have control over, please put it in writing so that we may respond to you. If you have something good to say about a department, individual or action, we welcome that in writing also.

One last thing: Sue and I are leaving Bradford in the near future. Please see the letter to the editor of the Bridge.

—Dick Vitale, Chairman Board of Selectmen

Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Hall on September 3 from 7:00 to 8:00pm for corrections to the Checklist. This is the last day that voter registration will be taken before the State Primary on September 10. New voters may also register the day of the Primary. New voters should have proof of residence (automobile registration, tax bill, utility bill, etc.) and age (birth certificate, driver’s license or passport).

—Milly Kittredge

Cemetery Commission

Repair work is scheduled to begin in August at the Burial Hill Cemetery. Opened in 1797, there have been few repairs since. Any descendants with comments are asked to notify the Cemetery Commissioners at 938–5386 or 938–5539. A walk to Burial Hill Cemetery with the Bradford Historical Society will be held in August. Call the above numbers if interested.

—Milly Kittredge

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Local Author Burton Hersh Featured at Library Friends Program

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will present "An Evening with New Hampshire Author Burton Hersh" on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm in the library. Primarily an historian, Hersh will introduce his newest work, a political thriller entitled The Nature of the Beast, a fictional counterpart to his carefully documented history of the Central Intelligence Agency published in 1992 entitled, The Old Boys: The American Elite and the Origins of the CIA.

The Nature of the Beast features a recently retired senior Agency officer and a cagey, semi-retired "old boy" from the Agency's early days. Plots, plans and capers—many of them based on highly classified actual events—unfold dramatically amidst a plot rich in assassinations, brutal operations, and outrageous double-dealing.


Hersh will autograph books that readers bring with them. Books will not be sold in the library. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome to attend this free event. Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 West Main St., (near the junction of Route 103 & Main Street) in Bradford, is handicapped accessible. For more information, call 938-5948.

—Audrey Sylvester

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office


July 23. Mark Matz died in Concord.

HOURS: The office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2002 Monday: Noon–7:00pm Tuesday: 7:00–11:30am, 12:30–5:00pm Friday: 8:00am–12:00noon, 1:00–5:00pm

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Volunteers are needed to help dig and remove purple loosestrife, a non-native invasive species, from the town-owned Naughton property on East Main Street. Bring digging implements and meet at the Bradford Area Community Center on Saturday, August 17 at 9:00am (rain date Sunday, August 18, 9:00am). For more information, call Ann Eldridge after August 11 at 938-5266.

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Lettvin concerts a success

On behalf of the UCS (Union Congregational Society) and BACC (Bradford Area Community Center), I want to give another round of applause to the many volunteers who made this year’s “Lettvin Chamber Music Series” such a huge success. We’re so grateful for the new screen door, wheel chair ramp and window screens. We appreciate our piano movers, the piano tuner, our program ad solicitors, the businesses that subscribed, the sign makers, the intermission vendors of refreshments, the ushers, ticket takers, the program designers, the printers, the libraries distributing our bookmarks, the Board Members who wrote postcards to their friends, and those who provided such great food and hospitality for the artists. Another big thank-you goes to our enthusiastic and supportive audiences as well as to our underwriters. Last, but certainly not least, we’re in awe of the artists whose performances were so inspiring to all.

Since we are already starting to plan for next summer, please give us your suggestions and let us know if you’d like to help with the preparations.

Gratefully, Joan Lettvin

Leaving Bradford

We are sure that many have seen the “For Sale” sign in front of our home on High Street. Yes, we are leaving Bradford. Our son and daughter-in-law are returning to their home in Madison, NH and she is going to have a baby! Our first grandchild. The timing to leave is just right for us.

We have purchased a home in North Conway and will be in the process of slowly moving our belongings to that house. Our actual time of departure from Bradford will depend somewhat on the sale of the Bradford house. In any event, we are planning to be gone by early October.

Dick will be staying on as Selectman as long as possible. We are requesting that those who are interested in filling out the remainder of the term, which ends in March 2003, to please write a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating why they would like to be a Selectman so that an appointment can be made.

We have made so many friends here in Bradford and are sad about our leaving. Those that have spoken to us have been so very kind. Thank you. We will be back to visit!

Dick and Sue Vitale

Generous support appreciated

I would like publicly to acknowledge and express our grateful appreciation to the Webb family for their longstanding generous support of the Bradford Rescue Squad. We are proud to be a totally volunteer rescue squad in today’s environment. In recent years, it has been difficult for rescue squads in small towns to remain all volunteer. Many have reluctantly had to hire full-time paid personnel because both donations and volunteers have been shrinking. We believe we are providing an important service to the community, but we couldn’t do it without the strong support of the community.

Recently, our backup AED (automatic external defibrillator) was declared unfixable. A new AED with basic functions costs over $2,500. As we were lamenting the hit to our finances and wondering what’s going to go next, we received a donation of $2,000. The timing was perfect, and as you might have guessed, this generous donation was from the Webb family. Over the years Doug and Mary Webb have been faithful supporters of the squad and of our fundraising programs, including the Walk-a-thon and the Doghouse. Doug Webb, a man we all held in high regard, passed away last year, and is missed. But his family’s strong and generous support of the Bradford Rescue Squad continues through Mary Webb and the Webb family. On behalf of the Bradford Rescue Squad, thank you for your continued support.

Jim Powell, Captain
LMIA participates in Invasive Aquatic Plant Species Education & Prevention Program

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, in conjunction with the Town of Bradford and the New Hampshire Lakes Association, is participating this summer in a grant program designed to educate and prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species such as milfoil. Forty-two of the more than 90 lakes and ponds greater than ten acres in size in New Hampshire are currently infected with one form or another. These aquatic nuisance species are transported via boats, trailers, fishing equipment, bait buckets, diving gear, and other aquatic recreational equipment.

Exotic plants and zebra mussels pose a significant risk to the health of New Hampshire's water bodies. Once established, it's impossible to eradicate these organisms, and management is very expensive. In addition, these exotic aquatic nuisance species each cause significant harm to native species of fish, plants and insects, and their natural habitats.

As part of the program, LMIA has hired Lake Hosts who have received training from the NH Department of Environmental Service who will greet visitors both entering and leaving the boat launch on Lake Massasecum. The Lake Host distributes milfoil brochures and other related material to each person, conducts a courtesy boat and trailer inspection, and informs the boater that they should conduct the same inspection each time they enter a water body. If any vegetation is found it is removed and discarded by properly bagging and later disposing of it ensuring that plant matter does not enter or re-enter the water body. The boat launch is monitored Wednesday through Sunday from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Early reports from around the state suggest that the program is successful in preventing the entry of milfoil into lakes not infected. This program is being funded in part by appropriations from the Town of Bradford, LMIA, and a federal grant procured through U.S. Senator Judd Gregg. David Currier is the point person for LMIA's participation.

Lake Host Adam Chumas inspects a boat and trailer at the Massasecum boat ramp.

Parks & Recreation

With the approval of the Selectmen, as of August 1 French's Park will become a carry in—carry out park. With more use of the park the trash has become a problem and health hazard. With everyone's cooperation, this should keep this lovely area clean. Once again we would like to thank the townspeople who rake and pick up. If everyone chips in, it really makes a difference.

At this writing there is very low registration for the Swim Program. If you haven't yet registered and wish to, please call 938-2570 or 938-5392.

The Parks & Recreation Red Cross Blood Drive held at the BACC was down from last year's, but they were still very pleased. Thanks to all who came. Totals were 57 people, 43 pints collected, with 4 first-time donors.

—Jane Lucas

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In a link between the new economy and the traditional economy, one of New Hampshire’s premier inns is joining forces with a firm that specializes in software training. Minkills Consulting of Warner and Rosewood Country Inn of Bradford are partnering to provide intensive Java Enterprise training in an elegant, relaxed atmosphere.

Wayne Roessling, CEO of Minkills got the idea when planning a series of Java training seminars. He visited local inns and found the meeting facilities and level of accommodations at the Rosewood to be the perfect match for his business clients. “The porch, the pond, the open fields: all get people into the right place to learn,” Roessling said. For innkeeper Lesley Marquis, it was a great opportunity to expand on her growing mid-week business meetings market.

Minkills Consulting specializes in practical Java Enterprise training. For more information on the company’s seminar, call 456-3083 or go to www.roeminkills.com. For more information about the Rosewood Country Inn, call 938-5273 or visit www.rosewoodcountryinn.com.

South Newbury Union Church Fair

The South Newbury Union Church will hold its twelfth annual Summer Church Fair on Saturday, August 10, rain or shine. Plans are being made and you can be sure that the old favorites will not be forgotten. New this year will be breakfast donated by Dunkin Donuts. Come to the fair and enjoy children’s games, a fabulous flea market, lots of vendors, home baked items, raffle, amazing Chinese auction, food, drinks, music, entertainment—something for everyone. Make sure you don’t miss the fair this year, it is sure to be a great one. Raffle prizes are 1st prize a Sylvania 19” TV-VCR Combo; 2nd prize two months membership at Curves for Women Health Club, 3rd prize AT&T cordless digital phone and answering system, 4th prize a 12″ by 15″ framed original photograph by a local artist, 5th prize eight gallons of Cabot Decking Stain. Tickets for the raffle are $2 each, three for $5. Winners need not be present. Proceeds will benefit the South Newbury Union Church work and mission. Tickets are available at Curves for Women Health Club, 12 Main Street, Newport, or by calling 938-2064.

—Gail Bostic

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Independence Day Wrap Up

A big thank you to all who participated and helped with the 2002 Independence Day Parade. Our very fine judges Cynthia, Liz and Todd Hibbard picked our winners. Blue Ribbon winners were: Farm machinery, Wayne Wheeler; Kids walking, Bradford Batonettes; Kids’ floats, Lake Massacum Campground; Floats, Gaudes Family Camp; Cars, “Donna” 1930 Ford, NH 995; Trucks, A. Foy; Organizations, Bradford Women’s Club; Miscellaneous Vehicles, Robbie Lorendo.

Bruce Bowie, this year’s Grand Marshal, led the Parade. We had so many wonderful old cars. The people participating in the Parade are what really make the day. Thank you all.

2003’s planning is already underway. A Committee is being set up with the first meeting to be held in September. Next year’s date has been set with the Selectmen for Saturday, July 5. Boxes will be available at the Post Office and Town Hall for ideas and suggestions.

BWC Update

Thanks to all the BWC ladies who cooked sausages and meatballs and helped at the July 4th food stand. Thanks also to Sue Vitale and Jane Lucas who put the BWC float together.

The Swim Program, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, will start August 5. Applications can be picked up at the library or Town Hall.

The Route 103 garden is nearing completion thanks to Don and Jane Johnsen. Anyone that would like to help can call Jane Johnsen at 938-5281. We would also like to thank Gary Wall, who will be installing electrical service to light the flag and the garden, and Henninger Crushed Stone for a donation of stone used in the garden.

The next BWC Executive Meeting will be August 13, 9:30am at the Community Center.

—Barbara Vannata, President

Sutton Old Home Day

Sutton will continue its tradition of Old Home Day on Sunday, August 18. It will start with a service at the Old South Sutton Meeting House at 11:00am. The Rev. Jack Ward’s address, “Where Are the Old Paths?” and the Rev. Hershel W. Rogers’ contribution will honor the spirit of the day. We’ll also be inspired by beautiful organ and choir music. After the service, a picnic lunch by the South Sutton Homesteaders will be available on the common. The North Sutton Improvement Society will provide a dessert table. Picnickers will be sheltered this year by a tent. The Amoskeag Strummers will accompany lunch and there will be supervised games for the children. The Sutton Historic Society’s historic buildings will be open. As usual, all are invited to wear appropriate attire of yesteryear. For costumes, please call Kara or Rachel Kelly at 927-4613.

Friends Sponsor Poetry Workshop for Ages 6 to 96+

New Hampshire poet Katherine Solomon will lead a free poetry workshop on Thursday, September 12, from 3:30 to 5:30pm, in the Brown Memorial Library. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library, the two-hour workshop entitled “Windows” is suitable for anyone (ages six to 96) who has written poems or who would like to try writing poems.

Katherine Solomon lives in Sutton. She has taught at the NH Technical College in Claremont and at Springfield College’s Extension in Manchester. In 2000, she received an Individual Artist Fellowship from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, a prestigious cash award that recognizes artistic excellence and professional commitment. Oyster River Press has published her new chapbook, Tempting Fate. Solomon’s poems have appeared in a number of reviews including Green Mountains Review, Worcester Review, Spoon River Poetry Review, as well as in several anthologies. She has participated in collaborative exhibits with Maine artist Antoinette Schulz and New Hampshire artist Bob Orsillo.

Solomon encourages anyone interested in writing poetry to join the workshop. She said, “Bring a notebook and a pen or pencil. If you have a previous interest in poetry and would like me to look at samples of your work, bring copies of a few pages and a self-addressed envelope. I’ll be happy to read them and send them back to you with comments.”

The intergenerational workshop will begin at 3:30pm with refreshments served at 3:15pm. Pre-registration is suggested but not required. For more information, call 938-5948. To sign up in advance, please call librarian Meg Fearmley at 938-5562. Brown Memorial Library is handicapped accessible.

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1 can beer.
Bring to a boil and simmer until just tender. When just about done (they should still be soupy) add:
2 Tbsp. Liquid Smoke
a large bunch of fresh cilantro, roughly chopped.
Salt and Tabasco sauce to taste!
Enjoy!!

Church News
From Lynne E. Hubley

Church Family Summer Fest: On Sunday, August 4 at noon, our church family will meet at the home of Tom and Judy Marshall on Lake Massasecum for a fun time of swimming, boating, water-skiing, volleyball, horseshoes or just relaxing. People are invited to bring a dish to share and meat for the grill.

Free Concert at Our Church: On Sunday, August 11 at 7:00pm, the Young Continentals will perform at our Church. They are an empowered, enthusiastic, evangelical group of young people communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ through singing and dancing. The Young Continentals are between the ages of 12 and 15 and are setting the standard and raising the expectations of teenagers in ministry. “Live it Up” is the name of this program that includes the very best of music, drama, choreography, and personal testimony. This performance is funded by the E. Warren Smith Fund. A free will offering will be taken.

Food Pantry: The August food distribution date is Wednesday August 21 from 6:00–7:00pm. As always, food can be picked up at other times by calling the Church office at 938-5313.

Worship at Bradford Center Meeting House: Our worship service on Sunday, August 25 will be held at the Meeting house at 10:00am.

Canada-U.S. AIDS Vaccine Ride Rest Stop: Once again, our Church will be a rest stop for the AIDS Vaccine Ride on Friday, August 30 between the hours of 10:00am and 4:30pm. The riders have a chance to rest, grab a bit to eat, re-hydrate, receive both medical and mechanical support if necessary. It’s also an opportunity for the local media to watch the event, interview participants and educate local communities about AIDS. If you are in the area, stop by the Church and offer your support and encouragement to the riders.

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Real Estate Hints:
Reducing Stress
by Laura Hallahan

As the summer months continue to fly by, vacations will come to an end and getting back to normal means living with stress. While some stress can be beneficial, too much stress can cause all kinds of health-related problems. As real estate sales is among the 25 most stressful occupations, my colleagues have asked for ideas to reduce stress. In researching the topic, the following options have been mentioned frequently and can help all of us live better, happier lives. Try tackling one or all of them today!

Make peace with imperfections and accept the limitations of being a human being.

Learn to live in the present—don’t be consumed by the past or worry about the future, live for today.

Spend some time each day being thankful for the day and thinking of someone who did something nice for you, like letting you change lanes or holding a door for you. It’s a great way to combat negativity.

Get out of the office or house and go for a walk around the block or to a park and admire nature. Stop at a shop and buy that magazine you want or get an ice cream. Take a little time each day for yourself.

Opening up and connecting with people is a great stress reducer, so look people in the eye and smile at strangers—it will do a world of good!

Don’t be frustrated by what you don’t have, rather focus on and be grateful for what you do have.

Disagreements happen, but they are stressful, so choose your battles wisely and don’t make winning a must-do for every issue.

Create a stress-reduction box that contains pictures of your spouse, kids or pets, a funny cartoon, a toy or two and keep opening it whenever you need to unwind.

Concentrate on doing one thing at a time and focus on that one thing. Breathe before you speak. It gives you a chance to listen to what has been said and may keep you from saying something that you will regret.

Talk to yourself positively. We hear so many negative comments each day and they can really bring you down.

Lastly, remember that old adage that you can’t please all of the people, all of the time. Get over it and get on with your life!

BNSYS Baseball/Softball Season

Once again it was a very successful "ball" season for Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports. The 10-under girls' softball team played very hard, losing their first round playoff game by only one run. Good year, girls! The Bradford Yankees 9/10 baseball team capped a great playoff run by thumping the regular season champion Hopkinton Diamondbacks in the title game, 9-5. It was their third win in the playoffs. The Bradford Brewers captured the 13 prep title on their home field with a thrilling 5-4 win over Hopkinton that wasn’t decided until a double play ended the game in the last inning. The 14/15 Babe Ruth team lost a valiant effort in the championship game to Hopkinton, 4-2, despite a great pitching performance by Gavin Bodkin, who threw a one-hitter in the losing cause.

Nashua Northwest beat Contoocook Valley on July 14th for the District 1V 12-year-old all-star state championship hosted in Bradford. The fields at both the elementary school and Brown Shattuck were in stellar shape and were praised by many of the visiting teams that played in the tournament. Although it would be impossible for me to thank everyone that was involved in the effort to host the tournament, many kudos to Andy Anderson and the highway department, Tavo Sands, Max Schmidtk, Jim Bruss, Bo Raymond, and Andy Losik. The tournament was a huge success! BNSYS is successful and thrives as a result of the volunteer efforts of people within the community. Again, thanks to all involved in a great fun "ball" season! See you in the spring.

—Alan Craigie
Baseball/Softball Director, BNSYS

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June Selectmen's Meetings

JULY 2. Chief James Kirby met with Selectmen to appoint Mark Kimball to the position of Full-Time Police Officer. His wife, family, and friends were present for a short ceremony. The Town Clerk swore in the new officer. A new part time officer, John Simonds, was also appointed and sworn in.

Selectmen met with Joe Wilcox regarding a complaint on the Police Department. Mr. Wilcox related an incident involving his son and Officer Mark Kimball. Questions regarding the use of a dealer plate resulted in Officer Kimball contacting the state and the state conducting an audit on Mr. Wilcox's car sales business and his inspection station business (Autocraft). No significant violations were found. The Wilcoxes felt the matter had not been handled correctly. Discussion between Chief Kirby, Officer Kimball, the Wilcoxes, and the Selectmen continued with the Selectmen requesting a complaint be filed in writing. Mr. Wilcox also questioned Selectmen why he no longer received referral calls for towing from Bradford. The Chief responded that New London dispatch called the tow companies, not the officer.

Mrs. Foisy met with Selectmen to discuss the response to her abatement. The Selectmen advised her to complete the appeal forms and include any supporting documents, appraisals and photographs with the appeal. Mrs. Foisy asked the Selectmen to review the appraisers findings in lieu of the surrounding property values. The Selectmen have placed the assessing function in the hands of a professional firm to assure objective treatment of all properties. Selectmen referred Mrs. Foisy to the Bureau of Tax and Land Appeal Board. They reviewed the timeline for filing and strongly suggested she include all the pertinent supporting documents for her parcel.

Keith Stebbings met with Selectmen regarding Cheney Hill Road. Mr. Stebbings is anxious to begin work on the road and obtain final approval on his subdivision. Bruce Edwards explained there was a problem with the ownership of the property in question which affected the procedure the Town would take in its dealings with Bernie Lamach with regards to his well. Mr. David Duren claims to own the property, not Mr. Lamach, and has no reference in his deed of water rights to Mr. Lamach. Mr. Stebbings requested the Road Agent be instructed to begin the road cutting and repair work further up the road, toward the entrance of Mr. Stebbings' subdivision. Mr. Edwards has given the Road Agent instructions not to begin work until the matter is resolved. Mr. Edwards hopes to resolve this matter before the next Selectmen's meeting.

Awarding of the Boston Post Cane was presented by the Town Clerk in a letter to the Selectmen. While there are older property owners in Bradford, Galena Leonas is the oldest resident. Selectmen will contact the family of Mrs. Leonas to discuss setting a time for the cane award.

Nancy St. Laurent, the new state FEMA representative, has delivered forms to the town for applying for an emergency generator. The Federal government will cover 75% of the cost of the generator with local money completing the purchase. The papers were forwarded to Bob Stewart for use by the Bradford Area Community Center. Mr. Stewart will complete the paperwork for the grant.

JULY 16. George Morse met with Selectmen regarding the progress on the issues of condition of the property owned by Justin Solomon on the corner of Rte. 114 and the Old Warner Road. Fire Chief Goldberg discussed the matter on the phone with Mr. Solomon. The building is not a commercial building and Mr. Solomon is storing only his own materials in the building. There are no utilities and no one lives in the building. Therefore, the matter does not fall under the control of the Fire Department. Mr. Goldberg noticed the building has been secured. The Town will need to contact the building inspector to evaluate the building for structural problems. Selectmen requested Cheryl send a certified letter to Mr. Solomon regarding a meeting with the building inspector.

Marlene Freyler met with Selectmen to discuss the date for next year's Independence Day Celebration. The Fire Department has voted not to handle the fire works display and midway next year. Mrs. Freyler has been contacted by many people interested in working towards next year's celebration. Saturday, July 5, has been chosen as the date.

Mr. Del Harris met with the Selectmen with a complaint on an incident with the Chief of Police on July 6. Mr. Harris read a letter to the record regarding a conversation and traffic protocol during the line up for the parade. Selectmen accepted the letter and will forward a copy to the Chief.

Keith Stebbings met with Selectmen to discuss the progress on Cheney Hill Road improvements. Selectmen are still trying to resolve the issues of property ownership and Mr. Lamach's well. Stebbings requested the Road Agent be allowed to begin the necessary cutting further up the road. Selectmen agreed to inform the Road Agent of the approval to begin cutting. The Selectmen advised Mr. Stebbings the road crew was preparing town roads for paving and may not get to the project until much later in the year.

Mike Carter met with Selectmen to discuss complaints filed by the Conservation Commission and others on his logging operation and future subdivision off Fairgrounds Road and the effect these issues have had on his meeting with the Planning Board. Mr. Carter cited several wetlands and logging issues that had been referred to the state. He also questioned the cease and desist read into the Planning Board records, that had not been served. Mr. Carter asked the reason to read such information into the record. He felt it was damaging his reputation and project to have unconfirmed information read into the record. He has been working to correct the violations identified by the State Specific Division of Department of Environmental Services and feels such negative publicity gives the appearance of wrong doing on his part. He has approved remediation in place. He also questioned the failure of the Road Agent to respond to two of his requests for an inspection on road bed material he has installed. Dick Vitale suggested whenever he has an issue with the failure of Town personnel to respond to a request, that he submit the complaint in writing.

Bob Stewart reported to Selectmen his progress with a grant for an emergency generator for the Community Center. Mr. Stewart asked Selectmen where the 25% match would come from. Cheryl questioned what the total cost of the generator would be. Mr. Stewart did not have that information yet, but would let the Town know as soon as possible. If the money exceeds the amount in the emergency management budget ($1000), it was possible the grant would need to be refused.

Letter read to record from the Planning Board regarding the gravel site on Joe Battles land.

Karen Loscic has sent a letter of complaint to the Selectmen regarding the work being done by Barry Wheeler on Lord Road for Jennifer Sayer. Letter forwarded to Road Agent.

—Excerpted from the public minutes.
Legislative Report
By Representative Barbara French

I have just returned from standing with people of ADAPT in honor of the 12th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. (There is a lamppost situated in the way of a disabilities access to a sidewalk, which the town of Henniker is working on and needs to be completed.) These actions are taking place all over the country. It is worth noting that much has been accomplished both in recognizing and taking care of access. However, there is still work to be done. Our people with disabilities contribute much to our society and way of life.

During the legislature break, many things continue. This year there are numerous subcommittees and I am serving on five of them. HB1299 established a committee to study the creation of a marriage education and enhancement program. HB309 established a committee to study indoor air quality and fire safety in public schools (this relates to the "sick school syndrome."). HB 1455 established a committee to study the information, training, and support needs of family caregivers in N.H. SB 320 established a committee to study and review independent living retirement communities. SB 413 established a committee to study background checks for nursing home employees. Each of these important issues is worthy of serious study.

Of course, those of us in the House have been waiting for the Supreme Court to provide us with our redistricting plan. Their decision was made while I was writing this article. Bradford will now be in a 7-town district with Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner and Webster. This is a major change. Every one of these towns is special and unique and I do believe will relate well. They are already working together on conservation issues and highway concerns. I can assure you that both of your current representatives, Beth Rodd and I, will continue to be sure that Bradford's interests are represented.

As we all participate in the fall elections, I am sure we are aware of the overriding concern about the tax structure. It is important that the revenue structure be fair and equitable for taking care of our children and their education needs and also for the needs of our property taxpayers. It is also important that we are able to meet our citizens' needs by having an adequate general fund and if we are able to adjust the tax and meet our education needs the general fund will be improved and more flexible.

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. Please contact me with any concerns or questions. I can be reached at 428-3366. Beth Rodd can be reached at 938-2692.
Ryan Sturges Awarded Town Scholarship

Ryan A. Sturges, a Bradford resident and 2002 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School has been awarded the Town of Bradford’s annual scholarship. Applicants for the scholarship had to meet the following requirements: live in the Town of Bradford, plan to further their education in a university, college, school of nursing or technical institute, and submit an application stating their academic goals, extracurricular activities and how living in Bradford has helped promote their goals.

In high school, Ryan maintained honor roll status earning him membership in the National Honor Society. His extracurricular activities included participation in numerous drama and variety show productions, band and chorus, a capella male choir, playing saxophone in the jazz band, Voices (an acting group dealing with tolerance issues performed for peer groups throughout this area of the state), Peer Outreach Program and jazz all-state competitions. He received the Most Valuable Person Choral Award (3 years), Drama Awards (4 years), Jazz All-State in Voice (3 years), Year Book Best Actor (senior year), and the Class of 2002 Activities Award.

In the Bradford community, Ryan was part of the initial committee to develop the Youth Council at the Bradford Community Center. Ryan states, “Growing up in Bradford has provided me with a sense of security and community that will remain with me.” He also notes that there are many childhood memories that have “contributed to my sense of who I am—summers on the lake, youth sports, Bradford Fourth of July, our schools and many people and traditions that have been part of my life.”

In addition to his busy high school life, Ryan has held various jobs including carpenter’s apprentice, a waiter at a restaurant and, most recently, as a carpenter and technical staff at a summer theater. Ryan’s academic goals are to study theater and music at Plymouth State College. The $500 scholarship will help Ryan with tuition and expenses. Congratulations, Ryan Sturges!

The Bradford Scholarship Committee, recognizing that college tuition and expenses are high, has begun its first fund-raising campaign to increase the amount of the scholarship to be awarded next year. Letters asking for support are being sent to local businesses. Their response so far has been most enthusiastic and reflects the caring and commitment they feel for the Bradford community. While the committee does not have the resources to send letters to each Bradford resident, individual contributions would be most appreciated. Any contribution, no matter how small, really adds up! Please send your tax-deductible contribution to: Scholarship Committee, Bradford Town Hall, PO Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221.

—Diane Gadouey, M. Lee Leppanen, & Dawn Rich, Scholarship Committee
Planning Board Notes

Personnel: Two alternates were appointed to the Planning Board in July. Doug Troy and Michele Halsted will each serve a three-year term, joining Barbara Vannata and Perry Teele in providing service to the Board when the regular members are not available to sit.

The Board of Selectmen recommended Bill Glennie for appointment as Bradford's second representative to the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.

Sand & Gravel Excavations: Based on assurance from RCS Designs that the pit on Center Road owned by Barry Wheeler can be closed according to the approved plan, with a bond in place sufficient to cover the cost of closure, the permit for that pit as a commercial operation was approved. The Board also signed permit renewals for two pits operated by Peter Isham on Pleasant Valley Road. Permit renewals are valid for two years.

A letter was read that had been sent to the Selectmen by the Department of Revenue Administration concerning excavation on Center Road. The owner, Joe Battles, was asked to talk with the Board to determine whether a gravel pit permit will be required before work can continue.

Site Plans: Preliminary discussions were held concerning site plans for a greenhouse operated by Deborah Spaulding on Route 114 and for a trucking business operated by Martyn Chiwers on Breery Hill Road. Both applicants will provide more detailed information for review by the Board.

Subdivisions: Preliminary consultation was held with RCS Designs on two subdivision proposals. The first is a boundary adjustment for property held by Atlantis Rising on Dunfield Road where 17 1/2 acres would be annexed to a parcel owned by Peter Isham.

The second proposal involves a 100-acre parcel of Fairgrounds Road owned by Timberstand Investments. The Board reviewed the sketch of a 21-lot subdivision and raised several questions about size of the lots, access, and topography. In addition, the Conservation Commission has raised several issues regarding wetlands on the property, which must be resolved before any further action can be taken.

Planning Issues: A proposal to revise on-site Parking Regulations was agreed upon and will be presented to voters next March. Further discussion took place on a proposed Impact Fee Ordinance, a Steep Slope proposal, and revisions to the Wetlands Ordinance.

After considerable discussion, the Board voted not to make any changes in the Manufactured Housing Zoning regulation at this time, leaving in place the requirement that any such unit must be located in a subdivision developed just for that purpose.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP), adopted by the Board last fall and used for the first time for the 2002 budget, needs to be updated by the end of September to be used in preparing next year's budget. The BEOC will be contacted to see if help is available from that source.

Manufactured Housing: Voters at town Meeting in March approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that restricts the placement of Manufactured Housing to subdivisions created exclusively for such units. Beverly Kowalski, at the NH State Fire Marshal's Office, was consulted to resolve uncertainty as to just which types of housing units are affected by this amendment. According to Ms. Kowalski, Manufactured Housing, as defined in RSA 674:31, meet standards set by the US Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD), are built on a permanent chassis, and are identified by a HUD "seal" or sticker. This means they do not have to undergo further inspection by either state or local officials. Modular or pre-site built housing units conform to state standards and exhibit a state seal to that effect. What are commonly referred to as "double-wide" units can be built either to federal (HUD) or state standards, but would carry the seal of whichever government had approved them.

The Bradford zoning requirement relates to the HUD units and these must be located in Manufactured Housing subdivisions. The modular units, approved by the state, are treated as any other building for zoning purposes. Anyone contemplating purchase of a housing unit should first find out what seal the unit carries—either from the manufacturer or the dealer selling the unit. This will avoid purchasing a unit that then cannot properly be located on an individual lot in Bradford.

—Marcia Keller
Lake Todd Loons

"Who has ever paddled a canoe, or cast a fly, or pitched a tent and has not stopped to listen to the waft of the wilderness? And what would the wilderness be without it?"  A. C. Bent, 1919.

Lake Todd loons have two chicks hatched June 30. They are parading around the lake. The chicks are diving already and are still riding on the backs of the parents sometimes and are being diligently fed by the parents (an all-day job). The chicks huddle closely together like Siamese twins when the parents are out looking for food. Loon sounds may be heard frequently echoing from shore to shore night and day!

Lead sinkers are banned in New Hampshire and the Loon Center is working on mercury poisoning and they have a shoreline study designed to determine what is too much shoreline development for loon habitat and how close is too close to a loon's nest. During the Annual Loon Census, which this year took place on Saturday, July 21 from 8:00 to 9:00am, observers track the loons and count the ones they see in that hour.

Lake Todd is fortunate, indeed, to be the home base for these wonderful creatures of nature.

—Allene Hamilton

Bradford Area Community Center

August Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
Advanced Planning Workshop with Claudia Messier and Susan Kuhn, 12:30pm, public invited

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 THROUGH THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
Tall Pines Adventure Week, for 7th & 8th graders. Call 526-2389 for information.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
Bus Trip to Yoken's for lunch, Call Sandi at 938–2104 for details

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
Presentation: White Rock Senior living in Bow, by Joan Bowley, 12:30pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 12 THROUGH THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
Tall Pines Wacky Week, for 7th and 8th graders. Call 526-2389 for information

MONDAY, AUGUST 12
Bridge Club, 2:00–4:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
Reiki, 10:00am–noon

Personal Touch Home Health Care, free blood pressure and foot care, 11:00am–12:30pm

Presentation: New Century Monitor, by June Kesh of LSAVNA

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
Presentation: Old Barns, by John Porte of UNH Cooperative Extension, 12:30pm (public welcome)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
Presentation: LifeLine Screening to be done in September, by Don Lebrun, 12:30pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 26
Presentation: Senior Companion Program, by Letti Barton, 12:30pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
Presentation: Railroads of Bradford, by Bradford Historical Society, 12:30pm

Ongoing Activities

Bridge Group, Mondays, Senior Room, 1:30–4:00pm

Senior Craft Club, Mondays, 10:00am–noon

CAP Senior Luncheon, Mondays and Thursdays, Senior Room, noon (for reservations, please call 938–2104)

Computer Class, Mondays, 7:00–8:30pm

Walking Group, (walk around the block) Mondays & Thursdays, 11:00am

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00–7:00pm

Yoga Class, not advanced, Wednesdays, Senior Room, 9:30–11:00am, call Fran at 456–3099 to register

BACC Board Meeting, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Senior Room, 5:30pm

Computer Tutoring, Fridays except Aug. 9, Senior Room, 10:00am (other times by appointment, call Bev Leo at 938–2996)

Program Information

For general information or to schedule activities, call Director Jim Bibbo at 938–6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups at the BACC. We would like to offer babysitting for night classes. If anyone would like to provide this service please call the director for further details or questions at 938–6228.

For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels or CAP Senior Programs call CAP Program Director, Sandi Bandieri at 938–2104.

For After-school Youth Program information call director Susan Cowan at 526–6415 or 526–2389.

For Kearsarge Area Pre-School information call Sarah at 938–2624.

Senior Council Picnic

The Senior Council will not meet in August, but will meet on Saturday, September 7 for a picnic at the home of Dick and Jean Kennedy on Lake Massasecum. All seniors are invited to come from 1:00–3:00pm. Bring a dish to share. For directions or further information call 938–5330 or 938–6228.

Volunteers Needed

The Bradford Area Community Center is in need of volunteers to assist in the daily operation and special programs and projects. We can accommodate your time schedule. If you have an interest you would like to share we would also like to hear from you or if you have suggestions as to what we can offer to better meet the needs of area residents. Call Jim Bibbo at 938–6228.
A retired physics teacher tried to explain the phenomenon of the surface tension of fluids for me. The impression I have retained of his impromptu lecture is this: water seems to be in more of a state of frenetic activity than I had previously thought. Positive charges of protons attract the negative charges of electrons and hold the atoms together at the same time that the electrons of different molecules are constantly repelling each other with a force thousands of times greater than that of gravity. Because of the uneven arrangement of the two hydrogens around the single atom of oxygen, the water molecules are meshing and unmeshing at a dizzying rate. At the surface a denser web is formed because the air above is not acting so strenuously on the water below it. This more stable skim of fluid pillows upward in most fluids from all the underlying turmoil. And this is what is known as the meniscus.

Water striders, whirligig beetles, ripple bugs and other aquatic insects have a more intimate understanding of meniscus and surface tension than either the erstwhile physics teacher or I. For water striders (family Gerridae) the initial encounter with the surface web is in breaking through to the surface as first stage nymphs from eggs laid in single file on some submerged object. They will go through five molts on their way to adulthood skating across the surface on four hair-thin legs. These legs are designed with multitudinous water repellent hairs on the tips which spread their insignificant weight on the water and their tiny claws are strategically elevated so as not to puncture the water membrane. The third pair of smaller legs is usually tucked up under the chin. If, as sometimes happens, a strider gets dunked he or she must struggle over to the sidelines and patiently hold the wet feet out to dry. (Must they run for cover when it rains?)

Watching water striders is rather like observing a board game for which the rules have not been explained and the goals are not obvious. Small striders dash at large striders and pause. Two striders glide toward each other and pause. They appear to randomly vault over each other and pause again. The pauses are a form of listening perhaps. Their eyes judge the reflections of surface ripples and their feet are like antennae sensing vibrations that might signal food or trouble or romantic possibilities. Helpless small insects crash landing in the pond or stream are stabbed with the strider's beak, pumped full of a special dissolving formula and sucked dry. These are delicate bugs with rude habits.

An adult male will stake out a claim on an attractive twig or rock and he will vibrate his middle pair of legs creating ripples of specific patterns, some that advertise his real-estate to potential females and others that will warn off rival males. The fertilized females will then struggle through that membrane again to lay eggs under water. There may be three generations every year. The last group of adults, in the closing event of the year, will in what must be a vulnerable moment make their way below the surface to overwinter underwater hanging on to some stable support. In the spring they rise to the sun to start the cycles again.

Most of the information here came from A Guide to Observing Insect Lives by Donald Stokes.
August Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
Contemporary Christian Music with Debbie B. Blaisdell and Nancy Tutunjian Berger, Bradford Center Meeting House, 3:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 5
Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
BEOC meeting, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
Lake Massasecum Improvement Association Potluck at the Casino, all welcome, 6:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
Bradford Women's Club Board meeting, BACC, 9:30am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:0000

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm
MONDAY, AUGUST 19
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
Country Capitalist meeting, call 938-2787 for details
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
First Baptist Church Service at the Bradford Center Meeting House, 10:00am
"Concert for Carol" benefit, $25 admission or $15 per family, Mount Sunapee Resort, 1:00-6:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
Planning Board, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
Bradford, Sutton, Newbury Youth Sports meeting, BACC, 7:00-9:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Flare Night on Lake Massasecum, 8:00pm

Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am

Thistle Spinners, First Tuesday and subsequent Mondays, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 1:00-3:00pm

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

To list events for the September Calendar, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029 or e-mail bradfordbridge@conknet.com before August 20.

Classifieds

THE HENNIKER AREA CELIAC GROUP will meet Thursday, August 8 at 7:15pm. Celiacs and their supporters are welcome. For information, please call Judie at 428-7086.


FOR SALE. Emmalunga stroller in good condition. $25.00. Call 938-5482 after August 10.

FOR SALE. 15 ft red/white runabout with 40hp Johnson & trailer, needs TLC. $350. Spring harrow/old but works. $75. 4 X 8 trailer, also needs TLC. $125. 48" Bush Hog. $350. Call Don - eves 938-5291/days 456-3934


CHILD CARE. Starting September 3 I will be offering after school day care for children attending Bradford Elementary School. Our small farm setting will provide a safe, fun environment. Limited space, reserve now. Heather at 938-2659.

MOVING! For sale: queen sleep sofa $200, camel back sofa $175, 6 captain's chairs $50, antique Glenwood stove $50, trestle table $50, easy chair $50, end table $25 938-5310

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-2692 or email bradfordbridge@conknet.com.

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