Brown Memorial Library Kicks Off Capital Campaign

The on-site expansion plan is progressing rapidly as library trustees work to ready it for presentation at public meetings and for voter approval at Town Meeting in March. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and many townspersons have remarked how happy they are to see that Bradford’s handsome and historic library building will be expanded on its present location.

The existing building will be enlarged with a new 2,000 square foot addition to the left and wrapping around to the rear. When the addition is complete there will be a total of 3,000 square feet of finished library space, tripling the present usable area. The plan also provides an additional 1,000 square feet of unfinished basement space to be used for storage, mechanics, possible continuation of the thrift shop and, most importantly, future expansion. A lift and handicapped parking will be available on Church Street, providing access to the library for all for the first time in 65 years.

The trustees have established a budget of $295,000 for the project and are working to fine tune the plan within this amount. Thanks to the generosity of Bradford residents and the active fundraising efforts of library volunteers, to date more than $200,000 is currently available. The trustees are asking for support now to raise the balance for this important project. In the coming weeks residents will receive a capital campaign letter complete with all the details including many choices for named gifts. Named gift opportunities range from one square foot of floor space to an entire wing of the building and most will be recognized with a permanent plaque engraved with the donor’s choice of an honorary or memorial name. The trustees are committed to making the expansion possible with no further request for tax dollars, and urge you to give generously during the capital campaign.

Public informational meetings about the proposal are scheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 2:00-3:00pm and Tuesday, October 6 from 7:00-8:00pm. Both meetings will be held at the library and will provide everyone the opportunity to review the plan, ask questions and provide input. For more information about the expansion project, visit the library’s website at www.cwmnet.com//m_bunis/BML, or stop by the library to take a look at the architect’s drawings and talk with the librarians.

Library Trustees

BEOC Report: Long Range Plan and Village Green Concept

During the past several years, extensive efforts have gone into the update of the Master Plan, the in-depth studies of the Facilities Committee, the Library studies, the Year 2000 forum, the Rural Development Council sessions, the “What If’s” discussions and straw votes, and the PLAN NH Charrette team visits and report. All of these have been moving toward a cohesive long-range plan for Bradford.

The next phase in this evolution is to move into a level of detail that gives residents a better idea of what the end results might look like and the scope of the effort in terms of calendar time and costs of the projects. It is time once again to engage all interested parties in an open dialogue about alternatives and preferences.

The PLAN NH Charrette report presented in early September by Jeffrey Taylor, Director of the NH Office of State Planning, provided some additional

Community Center Gets $10,000 Grant

On September 28, the Town of Bradford received a $10,000 grant from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation to be used for the Community Center building project. More Community Center news on Page 3.

Meet the Candidates

Bradford voters will have two opportunities this month to meet candidates, hear their views and ask questions. On Saturday, October 3, area Democrats are hosting a pancake breakfast at Saint Peter’s Masonic Lodge (next to the Fire Station) from 8:00-10:00am. Both Rodd and Barbara French, candidates for the NH House, and Rick Trombley, candidate for the NH Senate, will attend.

On October 13, the Bradford Women’s Club is sponsoring a Candidate’s Night at 7:30pm at the Bradford Elementary School. Candidates from all parties are invited to speak and answer questions. Write-in candidates who wish to speak should contact Mauri Scheffy at 938-2222.
William S. Greene

William S. Greene, 81, of Warner died Wednesday, September 9 at Lake Massabuc in Bradford.

He was born in Manchester, the son of Robert and Joan Ellen (Porter) Greene, and moved to Warner five years ago.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Robert and Heidi Greene of Warner; a sister, Lilian Greene of Youngstown, Ohio; two brothers, Robert Greene of Warner and Richard Greene of Laconia; and a niece.

Cecelia A. Foster

Cecelia "Celita" A. Foster, 87, of Ring Hill died Tuesday, September 15 at the William P. Clough Extended Care Center, New London after a long illness.

She was born in Newfoundland, Canada, the daughter of Daniel and Harriet (Kennedy) Power.

She came to New Hampshire from Irvington, NJ in 1953.

She was a sales supervisor for McCrory's in Irvington Center, NJ for more than 20 years before retiring.

She was preceded by her husband, Hazen Foster.

She is survived by three daughters, Dawn Rich of Bradford, Joan Scalo of Irvington, NJ, and Lynn Kasper of Poland, OH; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet on Thursday, October 8 to carpool for a trip to the Stonyfield Yogurt plant in Londonderry. Those planning to attend should meet at 9:15am in front of the Friendship House in Newbury. After the tour, we will dine at a local restaurant in Londonderry and return to Newbury between 3:00 and 3:30pm. As always, the Workshop welcomes new members who would enjoy performing service projects, participating in educational programs, attending field trips and socializing with old and new friends in the Bradford-Newbury area. For more information, contact Pat Whiteside at 938-2876.

Clare Bensley

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Community Center Plans Rolling Forward

On August 12, The Executive Council/Governor authorized a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of $260,000 for Bradford to build its community center. Though this amount fell short by $75,000, work is under way to make up the difference. Under the requirements of the CDBG program, Bradford has until February 2000 to complete the project.

A non-profit corporation, the Bradford Community Corporation (BCCorp), was formed in June. Its purpose is to pursue additional funds (donations, grants, bequests, etc.) to promote development and charitable projects beneficial to the town, and to assist in oversight and management of projects such as the Bradford Community Center. An intensive fundraising program is now underway to replace the shortfall so that the scope of the original design can be incorporated into the final plans.

To date, the Board of Selectmen have awarded contracts to Bruss Construction (of Bradford) to serve as the construction management firm and Freeman Associates (of Newbury) as the architectural firm.

Donna Kerwin Lane (of Conway, NH) has also been hired to serve as the CDBG Grant Administrator. Lane’s responsibilities will include: accounting, conducting an environmental review, maintaining Grant funds records, advising of the requirements of applicable federal and state regulations, monitoring the construction work in progress, and assisting the town’s auditors in completing all required audits. Lane has administered grants for 31 NH towns and cities.

A consulting contract for the Community Center Programs Coordinator remains to be awarded. Working with the BCCorp, the coordinator’s responsibilities will include: seeking additional grants for the center’s operations, participating in the formation of an advisory council, developing a procedures manual, coordinating and administrating contracts with current and prospective users, developing programs and activities, and promoting and publicizing the center.

Bruss Construction and Freeman Associates are currently developing a comprehensive bid package, which will contain construction plans and initial drawings. Among the issues affecting the final design are: minimum space requirements for the kindergarten and emergency exit features. In addition, an environmental review and an approval by the NH Historical Commission are necessary before funds can be released.

For additional information, contact any of the BCCorp Board Members (Carol Conforti-Adams, Joe Conway, Bliss Dayton, John Harris, Nancy Hibbard, Don Johnson, Ev Kittredge, Seddon Savage, and Jon Steiner) or the Selectmen’s Office.

Don Johnson

Library Friends Offer Surfing Lesson

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will sponsor a free evening program, “Have You Found What You Want on the Internet Yet?” by computer experts Bill Hatt and Howard Brooks on Wednesday, October 21 beginning at 7:30pm. Professor Hatt will give a brief demonstration of surfing and searching techniques. He encourages participants to bring their questions and problems in finding what they want to know on the Internet. Hatt will bring his computer and network connection for a live demonstration.

The Friends will hold a brief organizational meeting prior to the talk at 7:00 pm. For more information, call 938-5948.

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To the editor:

On behalf of all who enjoyed eating fresh produce, thank you to those who grew and/or sold it. And when Bradford ran short on locally grown crops, thank you to those who brought it in from the surrounding area. Andy Anderson’s farm stand, the Sugar House Market, and Bowie’s blessed Bradford with an incredible variety of delicious vegetables and fruits—more than we have seen in years.

My family ate the sweetest corn ever—no need for butter and salt. We consumed more tomatoes in the past two months than we did during the entire previous ten. And these were real tomatoes—the ones with flavor and vitamins, and even blemishes that proved they were the honest-to-goodness real thing. Add to the list, carrots, squash, beans, cukes, peppers, melons and more.

As the chilly autumn season approached, I braced myself for life without-real-tomatoes. But my withdrawal symptoms were postponed on the eve of the first frost when Michelle Meany delivered a bag full of tomatoes in various stages of ripeness. She quickly turned and flew out the door, to return to the field where she and Andy hastily picked until dark. My taste buds will rejoice for another month. Thanks Michelle.

It’s good to know that our upcoming pumpkin-squash-cabbage-carrot purchases will continue to keep a bit of our income circulating within Bradford. Keep up the good work!

Debbie Bruns

To the editor:

I sent this letter be misconstrued, let us say at the outset that we believe our children’s future (and our Country’s) resides in the quality of their education...and we favor a curriculum and teachers which challenge them to achieve their potential.

We have a School Tax Rate in Bradford that is extremely high, unfair and imposing on those with a fixed income. A recent Supreme Court ruling judged the apportionment approach used in our school district and most others in NH to be illegal. Action on this judgement is on hold pending the outcome of legislation initiatives. The move to amend the NH Constitution, if successful, would nullify both this recent ruling as well as the Claremont II decisions of the Court.

The only way we are going to see any significant relief to our unfairly assigned share of the Kearsarge School District’s costs is for these amendments to be defeated. The Legislature and the Governor’s Office must also be directed to get on with the business of doing something about really defining educational adequacy and fairly distributing the costs of providing education across the State, instead of the current move to duck the issues and maintain the status quo. Repeatedly, the State governmental bodies have shown they cannot be counted upon to provide funds agreed to in prior sessions. The Augenblick formula is a prime example.

We no longer view ourselves as Republican or Democrat. We are now advocates of common sense and democratic fairness, traits which seem to be moving out of partisan politics. The idea of our “leaders” parroting a commitment to “no broad based taxes” because someone did so at another time in the past is a total disregard of the circumstances faced today and a disservice to constituents who crave real leadership.

Write letters to the area papers; to the Governor; the Executive Council for an area (Peter Spaulding); call on our representatives in the Legislature. It is time to stop talking amongst ourselves about how absurd our tax rate is and DO something! Not just once...but on and on until this ridiculous situation is rectified. Not only do squeezing wheels get greased, piles of letters and complaining voices get attention in governmental offices.

Don & Jane Johnson

To the editor:

Several Bradford longtimers have told me we should not let Stan Brown’s passing slide by without a personal tribute by those who believe his memory merits a bit more than the obligatory obituary, etc.

Sure, Stan had enemies. Any outspoken person with a strong personality bears that burden necessarily. But Stan “did not suffer fools gladly.” But his heart was warm, especially toward Bradfordites because he loved Bradford.

Stan, I suppose, kept a fairly low profile here but he was known and respected nationally in his legal profession. Over the years he helped a lot of us with our problems, legal or otherwise - taking a personal interest in anyone who came to him from his hometown.

Thanks Stan, we won’t forget you!

Hugh Keays

To the editor:

We want to let the friends of Family and Friends Garage know that we have found doing business in our current location on Main Street to have become untenable over the past year for a number of reasons.

We have decided to take some time off and consider our options.

Many thanks to our friendly, loyal customers.

Chris Schrader and Maddie Chemitz

Editor’s note: The Bradford Bridge received an open letter to the Library Trustees from the Board of Selectmen regarding the library expansion. Because the trustees had not received the letter at our final layout was being completed, the Bridge did not include it in this issue. It appeared in the Sept. 29 Intervale Record.

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Bradford Conservation Commission matches wits with the beavers

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Meg Fearnley and Amy Blitzer bundle sections of perforated pipe

Perry Teele, Charlie Betz, and Meg Fearnley move the drain into place

Audubon Society
Enchanted Forest

The Silk Farm Audubon Center located on 3 Silk Farm Road, Concord, is once again holding its Enchanted Forest Halloween event, Friday through Sunday, October 23, 24 and 25. This is the 12th year the Silk Farm Audubon Center has served Concord and the surrounding communities with an alternative to the traditional “haunted house.” The guided evening excursions head into the Enchanted Forest for a humorous and informative look at the creatures of the night and the mysteries of the forest. All proceeds are used to support environmental education throughout New Hampshire.

This is a program for families with children from 4 to 15 years old. There are games and activities planned inside Silk Farm Audubon Center before and after the tours. There are also opportunities to buy some edible goodies and do some early holiday shopping at the Nature Store.

Pre-registration is required and people are encouraged to register early, as this program is a favorite and fills quickly. The cost for this special evening is $5 for ASNH members, $7 for non-members per person. Call for a special group rate. School and youth groups can be accommodated. Payment is required within 3 days of registration to hold spaces.

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Questions and comments welcome

Tuesday October 6, 1998 7:00–8:00pm
Church News
From Lynne E. Hubley

"Jerusalem 29 A.D." is underway—a brand new Sunday school curriculum we are using this year. We invite any child between the ages of 4 and the 12th grade to come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Sunday school area beneath the Vestry has been transformed into a marketplace, complete with hay, a live chicken and lots of authentic-looking items that would have existed during Jesus’ time. The children will be learning some of the basics from the Bible, i.e. Lord’s Prayer, 23rd Psalm, books of the bible, as well as making and learning about some of the items for the marketplace such as pottery, bread, herbs and spices, and wooden items.

An Adult Sunday school class has begun on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The facilitator this year is Paul Craig and the topic is “The Ten Commandments: Playing by the Rules.” Men and women are invited to attend, to learn more about the Bible and hopefully learn something that will apply to their lives.

The Women’s Christian Guild will meet at the church at 10:00am on Friday, October 2 and travel to the beautiful Cathedral of the Pines to enjoy its beauty. Ladies are asked to bring a bag lunch.

World Communion Sunday is October 4 this year. We will enjoy different kinds of bread during communion to represent the different people all over the world celebrating communion. Our World Mission offering, which helps support the many missionaries serving around our world, will be taken on this day.

American Baptist Women’s Ministries will hold its October meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00pm. The program is entitled “Free Gifts.” This program will highlight White Cross and reflect on God’s unconditional love for us. Plans will be made for ABWM Sunday as well as the upcoming Christmas fair.

Our Spirituality Workshop with the Rev. Harry Woodley will continue on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm during the month of October. A potluck dinner will end our workshop on October 28.

Our annual Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, October 17 at 5:30pm. We will travel to different homes for appetizers, soup, salad, a main dish and finally dessert. This is always a wonderful time for fellowship and excellent food.

Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, October 18 immediately following the worship service. This meeting is a chance for members to share their ideas about the church, to make plans for the future, and to vote on the budget for the coming year as well as the new slate of officers and committee members. A luncheon will be served right before the meeting.

American Baptist Women’s Ministry Sunday is October 25. Our women will lead us in worship. This year’s theme is “Practicing Christian Love.” This is always an inspirational and moving service.

Our Youth Groups (grades 4-12) will meet on October 18 from 2:00-4:30pm to pick apples for distribution at the food pantry on October 21. The youth group will make festive boxes for the food pantry as well, and enjoy “make-your-own” ice cream sundaes afterwards.

Our youth will also meet on Sunday, October 25 from 2:00-4:30pm for a hike up Mt. Sunapee. More details will be available closer to the date.

BWC Update

This was a very social month for us. We started the month with a delightful trip to member Carol Fullerton’s family restaurant, The Franconia Village Restaurant, for a delightful lunch. We enjoyed a stop by The Old Man in the Mountain and saw some of the sights in Franconia, and a few members stayed over night. Watch for our next fun trip.

Our Annual Tea was another delightful afternoon held at The Candlelite Inn. Marilyn Gordon and our hospitality committee did a lovely job on refreshments. This year’s theme, thanks to Lillian Frey, was Wedding Memorabilia. Everyone enjoyed looking at wedding pictures and trying to figure out who all those beautiful blushing brides were with such handsome grooms. To the delight of all, Lillian modeled her wedding dress. Marcia Keller also brought her dress that she had made herself. Both were beautiful.

Our president is enjoying a trip to Florida, but wants to be sure everyone remembers the Craft Meetings which are being held every Wednesday at 1:00pm at the church vestry. Our Fair is our biggest fundraiser and the continued help of all members is needed to keep it so successful. For more information call Jean Gaito at 938–5103.

Bring a friend to enjoy “The Magic of Andrew Pinard” at our Guest Night on October 20, 7:30pm at the Church Vestry.

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The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present a slide program entitled "The Tern Recovery Project at the Isles of Shoals," on Friday, October 9, 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

Speaker Diane DeLuca, Senior Biologist for the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, will tell us about the efforts underway to encourage terns to come back to the Isles of Shoals. This past year was the first time since the 1950's that these "swallows of the sea" have had a breeding colony there.

The public is invited to this and all Soo-Nipi Chapter programs. Refreshments will be served. For details call Karen Sullivan at 927-1550.

On Saturday, October 17, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a hike up Mt. Kearsarge along the newly established Barlow Trail. This easier one and a half mile climb leading from Winslow State Park is designed to relieve the heavy traffic on existing trails. The new trail, in memory of Hanover physician, Dr. Peter Barlow, a Mt. Kearsarge climbing enthusiast, was constructed by Trailwrights volunteers with financial support from the Barlow family. The official opening ceremony was held September 12.

Please meet trip leaders Clare Bensley and Ruth White at Winslow State Park in Wilmot Flat at 10:00am. Bring lunch, water, and dress for the weather. For more information, call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

*Phyllis H. Curtis*

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**South Newbury Union Church News**

October is a busy month in Newbury! Please join us on Saturday, October 3 for an autumn "All the pancakes you can eat" breakfast at 10:00am. Prices are $4 for adults, $2 for children 6-12 and free for children under age 6.

On Saturday, October 24 from 5:00-7:00pm, we will serve a Country Ham and Bean Supper with tasty apple crisp for dessert. The prices are $6.50 for adults, $3.00 for children 6-11 and free for children under age 6.

The South Newbury Union Church Friendship House is located at Village and Sutton Roads. Takeout and delivery will be available. For more information call 938-5369.

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**Police Report**

The Bradford Police Department handled 139 calls for service between August 19 and September 16. The breakdown is as follows: five accidents, two assists to the ambulance, two arrests, six animal complaints, seven assists to other police departments, two burglaries, three property checks, 21 citations, six citizen assists, one disorderly conduct, one explosive, one false alarm, one family offense, one weapon found, one case of fraud, one gas theft, three harassment complaints, one health/safety check, three incident/services, one larceny, one noise complaint, one open container/drinking in public, one reckless driving, one sex offense, one simple assault, one stranded motorist, eight suspicious persons/vehicles, one theft, one miscellaneous traffic offense, one unattended death, one vehicle burglary and 52 warnings.

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**BOOK REVIEW**

by Pauline Dishmon

**Bitter Sweet**

By Lavarel Spencer  
G. P. Putnam's Sons  
New York, 1990

Maggie Stearn, a schoolteacher in Seattle, becomes a widow when her husband dies in a plane crash. A gambler at heart, he had been on an air junket to Las Vegas. In a settlement, Maggie is awarded a million dollars.

At the book’s opening, she attends a bereavement group, where the group’s leader suggests contacting old friends for support. Maggie follows his advice, telephoning a school chum from her hometown, Fish Creek, near Lake Michigan. Upon hearing Maggie’s situation, Bronnie spreads the word to other old friends including Eric Severson, a tourist ship operator and Maggie’s former boy friend.

After talking with other back-home friends, Maggie realizes she’s not alone. Katy, her daughter, away at college has little understanding of her mother’s needs as she begins anew. Maggie resigns from her teaching job, sells her house and returns to Fish Creek. At Bronnie’s urging, she buys a big old house and turns it into a Bed and Breakfast business.

Unfamiliar with area politics and necessary licenses, Maggie accepts Eric’s offer to help her renovate parts of the old house and choose reliable workmen. As might be expected, Eric is married. Though his attentions to help Maggie are kind and innocent, Nancy, his wife who is rarely at home due to her job in Chicago, becomes jealous. She is beautiful, deceitful, insists on her own way and is unwilling to become pregnant. Maggie’s mother Vera, a difficult, faultfinding woman, is another interesting character in the story.

The author skillfully gains and retains readers’ attention. At times this reader anticipated Nancy’s antics, but rarely hit on target.

*Bitter Sweet* is available at the Brown Memorial Library.
guidance (as well as alternatives to consider) for our planning. An overriding theme is that successful community planning should consider all of the issues to be dealt with so that individual projects can be evaluated in the context of an overall plan. This helps ensure that every effort and dollar spent on improving our Town will be complementary and will contribute to the revitalization of the village area while also moving our tax rate into proportion with those of surrounding communities.

The BEOC’s assessment of where we are in this process now is that the broad plan’s scope has been addressed. The comprising projects of a Bradford Long Range Plan are the Bradford Green, Water/Sewer service, a Business Park, a Community Center, an improved Library, relocation and/or modification of some Town functions such as the Highway Department and the Transfer Station, provisions for Elderly Housing, integrating and improving recreational facilities and activities for our children and citizens, and improving the overall appearance of the Village Area, while building upon our commercial and public “zones” as discussed in the Plan N11 report.

The accompanying illustration of the Bradford Green is one of the results of the BEOC’s recent activities. This concept for the Bradford Green was developed by David Blake, a committee member and landscape designer who has designed parks in other communities. A key feature of this approach is that the plan is designed to be developed incrementally so that it won’t bankrupt the Town.

The notes on the illustration describe each of the areas of the proposed Bradford Green. The Bradford Green would be accessible from the eastern section on Main Street via a one-way driveway/walkway with an exit on the west side via an existing right-of-way. Additional parking and access to the Community Center is also a feature. If you are familiar with the western side of the property, you know that it is already a natural setting for David’s proposed nature area and duck pond. Space exists throughout the area for future development of senior housing and/or condominiums for seasonal visitors.

This concept for the Bradford Green can be started as soon as it has Town approval. Its features and a schedule for long-term development will be discussed, along with other projects in the evolving Bradford long-range plan proposal, at a public meeting to be scheduled later this year.

If you have comments concerning the Bradford Green concept, please jot them down and send or drop them off at the Town Hall (addressed to Attention: BEOC).

—Don Johnson

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1. Use to be determined
2. Tennis Courts
3. Parking—500+ cars
4. Ice Skating Rink
5. Café
6. Winter activities
7. Leach Field
8. Community Center entry
9. Skateboard Park
10. Softball Area
11. Picnic Areas
12. Basketball Area
13. Volleyball Courts
14. Bandstand
15. Soccer Area
16. Duck Pond
17. Nature Area/Natural Woods
18. Gravel walkway/driveway, access to Main Street on East & West ends by existing rights of way
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An update from the Brown Memorial Library Trustees

The library thrift shop has officially closed its doors and the trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made donations and volunteered their time to make this such a successful fundraiser and community service. Special thanks to Jim Brusy for donating a dumpster for the final cleanup.

Be sure to stop by the library and buy your full raffle tickets for either the Beanie Baby or the 50/50 cash raffle. Thanks to Jessica Grenier for donating three brand new Beanie Babies to help raise money for library expansion. Also, he sure to buy a ticket and take a guess at how many Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups are in the jar and you might be the lucky winner of this sweet treat raffle, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The librarians invite everyone to stop in to see a new photograph on display, a beautiful enlargement of a sunflower by Warner photographer Myrna McCartney.

Public meetings to present the library expansion plan have been scheduled for Saturday October 3, from 2:00–3:00pm and Tuesday October 6, from 7:00–8:00pm. Both meetings will be held at the library and we welcome everyone interested in the library expansion details. If you are not able to attend these meetings, stop by the library and chat with the librarians about the expansion plans or check out the library’s website at www.cunknet.com/~m_bunis/bim.

The feedback to the library expansion plan has been extremely positive and has resulted in several frequently asked questions:

What about future expansion?
The long range aspect of this project is that with the addition upstairs and the enlarged basement space we should be able to serve twice Bradford’s present population quite adequately. With projections by the Office of State Planning this will take us at least halfway into the next century. At that time, we can expand if necessary with additional land, or relocate and convert a very sound building to other town purposes.

The plan calls for new basement space under the front wing. Why not under the rear wing as well?
Expanding the basement area below the rear wing depends on soil complications at the rear of the present building. These include the possibility of ledge or very large boulders, the present septic system, and the additional cost entailed. If it appears feasible when work progresses in this area and we have sufficient funds, we will look favorably on what would be very reasonably priced space.

How will the basement space be used?
Until it is needed for future expansion, the enlarged basement space will be used as a prep and storage area along with housing the mechanical equipment. Depending on the final layout and space remaining, we could possibly continue the thrift shop on a reduced scale, have more frequent book sales, and/or have space for general library services and events.

This month’s book quote:
“Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify himself, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant, and interesting.”
—Aldous Huxley

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See Local Madness on November 7

Moon Mountain Arts will present an evening of stories and sketches of the weird and fantastic on Saturday, November 7 at 7:30pm on the Town Hall stage. Committee member Debbie Lamach has coordinated the program, Moon Mountain Madness. The evening will feature Jessica Fillmore’s reading of “Little Orphan Annie,” Ev Kitteridge’s “Dangerous Dan McGrew,” a duct by Jay and Linda Lambert, music by Larry Vannata, a dramatic reading by Geoffrey Douglas, a humorous reading by Tillie Wheeler, and cameo performances by other talented Bradford neighbors.

Tickets are $5 each, and will be available at the door, from Main Street businesses, Dodge’s, Bowie’s Market, and Merrimack Farm and Country Store. To join the cast, call Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.

SPNHF Field Trip

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will sponsor a field trip on its Gap Mountain Reservation focusing on how pruning apple trees attracts wildlife. Learn habitat-improvement techniques during this scenic hike. The trip is Saturday, October 24 from 10am to 4pm. It is free to SPNHF members and $5 for nonmembers. For more information or to register, contact Trish Churchill at (603) 224-9945.

Our high rate of property taxes is a detriment to improved economy. Why should any business or homeowner choose to move to our community when an adjacent area has lower taxes and the same benefits, even the same schools? We have the highest sales tax at 8% (rooms and meals tax) of any surrounding state, and to say we don’t have an income tax is to ignore the dividends and interest tax and to forget about the business profits and business enterprise taxes.

I had hoped that our leadership would use this time to seriously look at the inequities and hypocrisy that has been built into the system over the past years and give full study to changes suggested by the courts. I believe this could be accomplished without tinkering with the Constitution.

I voted against any amendment that did not address the known eventual cost of the stated source of revenue to raise the expected fund or did not give some reasonable measure of equity to the collection of school taxes. I was disappointed that no plan provided for a Homestead Exemption to further moderate all property taxes.

I was pleased that a measure to additionally fund foundation aid (the Augenblick formula) was passed and should result in some additional $20,000 for Bradford. With this measure passed, I believe we stand a good chance to use some additional time to legislatively work on more thoughtful solutions. I was not persuaded that chaos would happen before new measures are proposed and passed. At least now we know what won’t be acceptable.

I am pleased to have been a part of some historic changes for New Hampshire in my two terms as State Representative. Utility deregulation, telecommunication issues, toll pipe emission and clean air bills were passed, as were first steps to control milfoil, nuclear decommissioning, and an electronic digital signature bill. I believe a collective effort will resolve the educational funding issue as well, and I will support any measure that addresses adequacy, tax fairness, funding sources and predictability.

I want to thank the many people that contacted me over the recent weeks to help me understand their views. Citizen contact is very important when dealing with issues of this magnitude. Please continue to share your views.
Whose interest would they represent in our State Senate?

State Senator
Amy Patenaude

- Small business owner and advocate
- Committed to a smaller, user friendly government
- Works to retain local control of our children's education and our schools
- Supports expansion of the death penalty ending the coddling of convicted felons

Lobbyist
Rick Trombly

- Lawyer lobbyist for special interests
- Paid lobbyist for large organized labor unions and gambling interests
- Supports state administration and control of our schools and funding education with video slot machine revenues
- Supports creating a free needle exchange program for drug addicts

In District 7 the choice is clear...

In the State Senate Amy is a strong common sense conservative and a successful business woman. She is committed to controlling spending and keeping the taxpayers interests first in mind.

What Rick Trombly wants is more spending for his specific agenda items and then to raise taxes to make up the difference.

Governor Steve Merrill
The Union Leader Jan 11, 1996

Amy Patenaude is nobody's senator but yours!

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New Hampshire Senate District 7
Vote on November 3, 1998

Paid for by Amy Patenaude for Senate: David Corrigan Fiscal Agent
BUDGET UPDATE

Your School Board and Municipal Budget Committee are meeting together regularly again this year to try to formulate a common budget for presentation to the voters. The meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at the high school.

We have transferred another $15,000 from savings in hiring personnel to help cover our health care deficit from last year and the possible one from this year. We are also, unfortunately, at impasse with the teachers’ bargaining unit over their contract for next school year. The main issue of contention, can you guess? Health care. Your Board wants to change carriers, the teachers do not; both sides think their plan is most cost effective. Many other districts are also feeling the pinch of rising health care costs.

Mediation from the Public Employee Labor Relations Board has been sought by both sides to end the impasse.

BUS UPDATE:

Things seem to be straightening out in the transportation of our children to school. If your child is on the bus longer than an hour or your bus is consistently late, please contact me, lovits@ao.com, 938-2722 or 121 Marshall Hill Rd. We had very good turnout and response from the meeting we held to help the district communicate better. Several people volunteered to work on the District Communications Committee.

SCHOOLS NEWS

School is off to a good start. Our elementary school has 208 students this year with an average class size of 22.5 students. The school improvement plan for Bradford this year (there is a plan every year based on documented need) calls for improvement in math computation as measured by the California Achievement Test. The second goal of the plan is to expand integration, where teachers coordinate their teaching projects with each other so that students receive a more intensive learning experience. Grandparents Celebration Day is October 14 this year.

The middle school has 56 more students than last year with an average class size of 28. The new hands-on enrichment program (ACES) and the new reading skills program are being well-received. This may be one of the few schools in the nation that has more girls out for fall sports than boys. Overall more than 200 students out of about 440 students are participating in sports this fall.

The high school has established a mentoring program to help new teachers and a positive action program that rewards students for doing well. Local businesses are supporting the positive action program by donating gifts and services as rewards. A new chapter of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) has also been established by students at the high school. Over 300 students out of about 600 are playing fall sports this year. As always, please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Bradford Newbury
Kindergarten and Preschool News

Students in the BNKP are adjusting to new schedules, new faces, and new rules. Cameras clicked on the first day of school and anxious parents were convinced to leave the room by the teacher.

Homework for the students was assigned the first week: find a monarch caterpillar and bring it to school. Students searched milkweed plants in fields and along roadsides until several caterpillars were captured. Each caterpillar ate milkweed leaves until it hung upside down and changed into a beautiful jade green chrysalis studded with gold dots.

The metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly inside the chrysalis takes approximately 12 days. Butterflies were released as soon as their wings dried after hatching from the chrysalis. Monarch butterflies in September must migrate to central Mexico for the winter. Students assembled each part of the monarch life cycle on two mobiles, from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly.

Thanks to all who have contributed money over the past several months to the BNKP jar at Cobble Pond Farms on Route 103 in Bradford. Thanks also to Cobble Pond Farms for having the jar in their store.
—Claire Martin
Next Senior Rally will address legal issues

The Senior Rally on Saturday, September 12 was one of the best meetings we have had. Four area police officers shared with us their expertise and strategies on how seniors can remain safe.

Officer Robert Varley from the Bradford Police Department coordinated the two-hour presentation. Each of the officers shared a perspective on a different safety issue, in and out of the home; and each officer gave us concrete ideas and strategic steps to take in self-protection and in discernment.

The Senior Rally Group thanks Officer Varley of Bradford, Officer Simonds of Newbury, Officer Buteu of Sutton and Officer Brooks of Warner for sharing with and caring for the area's seniors. We also thank Ann Hallahan's Real Estate, the First Baptist Church of Bradford, the Candelita Inn and everyone who participated in making this an exciting and worthwhile rally.

At the meeting, an area resource guide for seniors, compiled by Elizabeth Perron of the Senior Rally Group, was handed out. The Officers mentioned the need for an area senior roster, which would be used exclusively by the area's emergency personnel. This list of seniors would help the emergency groups to check on area senior residents during natural disasters, such as ice storms and hurricanes. Please call 938-2956 or 938-2664 to be put on that list.

Next, look for our next Senior Rally on Saturday, November 7 from 1:00-3:00pm at Hallahan's Real Estate in Bradford at the corner of Route 103 and Center Road. Our topic will be "Legal Issues Affecting Seniors". The presenter will be a representative from the NHH Department of Legal Assistance.

If you would like to join us, please call 938-2664 for more information.

Lyman Smith

Halloween Square Dance

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Plus/A1 square dance on Saturday, October 31 at the Bradford Town Hall. A1 dancing will be called from 7:00-8:00pm, Plus from 8:00-10:30pm. Ken Rotucelli is the Caller and Bernie Porter the cuer. Admission is $4 per person. Spectators are welcome. For more information, call Virginia Porter at 927-4956.

Arts and Crafts Exhibit at Gallery 205

In a collaborative effort, the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and the New Hampshire Art Association has created two juried exhibits of their combined members' finest works titled "The Creative Hand II—The Art of Craft, The Craft of Art."

One of these two exhibits of hand-made crafts and fine arts is being exhibited at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Gallery 205 (205 North Main Street) in Concord from September 10-October 23, and the other exhibit will be at the Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery in Portsmouth from October 1-11 November. Each exhibit will be featuring its own distinctive collection of work representing these two associations.

"The quality of hand-produced artwork in these exhibits is outstanding," says Sherri Ensigh, one of the committee members for Gallery 205, which opened a year ago. "By combining forces, these two associations are showcasing some of the finest artwork being produced in New Hampshire today."

Gallery 205's exhibit is open to the public weekdays from 8:30am-4:30pm. For more information about these two-part exhibits, please contact Elaine Cooney at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, (603) 224-3375 or Frank Moulton at the Art Association, (603) 431-4230.

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Planning Board Notes

Lillian Norton-McGannigal was introduced as the new secretary for the Planning Board. Her duties will include attending the Board meetings and preparing the official minutes for review and approval by the Board.

The Board gave final approval to a three-lot subdivision on Massaccomum Avenue. Bob Stewart Jr., representing the owner, Cersusimo Industries, presented the final plan, which was approved by the Planning Board at the Public Hearing.

Preliminary consultation was held with Carol Fortune about a gift shop that she plans to open on Route 103. The board reviewed the Zoning Ordinance and provided suggestions to move the project along.

At the meeting on September 22, Chair Perry Teles read a letter from SFC Engineering Co. outlining the work to be done to bring the Lake Massaccomum Campground into compliance with state campground regulations. This letter had been requested by the Board as part of the site plan review process for the Campground.

Teles read a memo from the Board of Selectmen, dated September 21, regarding a policy requiring all town facilities to meet current planning, zoning, and building regulations. Dick Viile, Selectmen's Rep., stated that Selectmen would like comments from both Planning and Zoning Boards on this policy. After discussion, the Board agreed that such a policy would be appropriate, but that it should follow state land use law. The statute allows for a public hearing to be held on the proposed use so that the public and local officials may provide comments and ask questions.

A letter from the Library Trustees, written September 17, was read advising the Board of its plans to proceed with an addition to the existing building on the present library site. The Board accepted this as the first step in the preliminary consultation process and will request that Trustees provide a formal notification at the next Planning Board meeting. If sufficient information is available at that time, the Board will hold the required public hearing on October 27.

Permit application for a driveway on Johnson Hill Road was approved. The section of road is classified as seasonal—not maintained by the Town for winter travel, but it is Class V so building is permitted with the owner responsible for the winter maintenance, i.e. plowing.

Road Committee News

If you travel the Box Corner area of town, you know that the old West Road bridge is gone—removed by Messer Construction, allowing Hansen Construction to begin work the week of September 14. So far the weather has cooperated to move the initial excavation along toward an early completion.

At the request of the Selectmen, the Committee reviewed engineering studies prepared by BACKillam for replacement of the bridge on Fairgrounds Road and recommended the fourth alternative, which provides a pre-cast concrete deck and new abutments. This approach would give the Town the best product with the longest life span for the future.

Road Agent Anderson announced that the next section of West Road, to just beyond Old Mountain Road, is ready for paving and should be accomplished this fall. Work will continue on the remainder of the road to be prepared for further paving next year.

The next Committee meeting on October 21 will focus on recommendations for consideration in next year's budget.
Selectmen's Meetings

August 31. Lynne Smith asked for direction on a Senior Roaster prepared by the Senior Rally group. She had concerns about liability, and Selectmen told her that the town's liability coverage does not extend to private groups. Selectmen offered to contact rescue personnel in surrounding towns to see how they maintain such information.

The Senior Resource Guide was also discussed. Selectmen were supportive of the guide being published, and suggested that the group contact Andrew Pinard about publishing the guide information on the Town’s internet Web page.

Selectmen signed a Memorandum of Understanding which allows the Selectmen, the NHH Department of Environmental Services and the Lake Massacum Association to restrict access to the cove in Lake Massacum with netting and markers for milfoil containment and excluding power boats and fishing. The memorandum formalized decisions made at a June meeting.

Budget worksheets for the Department of Revenue Administration were reviewed.

September 14. Joe Conway presented a memorandum to the board proposing a policy for handling town planning and zoning issues. The Selectmen voted unanimously to adopt the following policy statement:

"The Town of Bradford will require that any and all construction, development, rehabilitation or renovation of any Town facility and/or property be subject to the same level of review, permitting and approval(s) as outlined in the most current planning, zoning and building regulations as adopted by the Town of Bradford. This policy is meant to include all permitting, site plan review, special exceptions and variances as necessitated depending on the scope of the project.

"This policy statement is also not meant to exclude any Town department, entity, organization or political subdivision.

"Failure to abide by this requirement will not prohibit procedural discipline or punishment as prescribed by the laws governing any such violation of the regulations."

Tom Hamm requested information about the closing of the Skateboard Park. A young skateboarder himself, he said that the skateboarders felt that the closure was unfair. Selectmen discussed the recent report by Dave Blake, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, citing trash and safety problems due to ramps with holes in them. Selectmen said that while they are supportive of the park, it must be maintained and kept in safe condition. Hamm asked about funds raised for the park, and was referred to Corey Noble, treasurer of the Skateboard Committee. Hamm was also encouraged to consult with Dave Blake to prepare a list of materials needed for repairs so that an estimate of the cost could be made and compared to the funds available. Selectmen asked him to report back to them if he did not receive answers to his questions.

Ayer and Goss was awarded the bid for heating fuel for town buildings.

Selectmen appointed Bert Spooner as a part-time police officer.

Selectmen decided to purchase a package for the highway department to allow rotation of on-call responsibility during the snow plowing season.

The Trustees of the Trust Funds requested advice from counsel regarding the capital reserve withdrawal for the Community Center.

Cheryl Behr told Selectmen that she had been contacted by Personal Touch about conducting a flu shot clinic. A tentative date of October 16 was given.

Selectmen received a letter from SFC Engineering reporting the work they are performing for the Lake Massacum Campground.

September 21. Perry Teel reported to the Selectmen that the Conservation Commission placed six sections of perforated pipe in a beaver dam in an experiment trying to address flooding on Alder Plains Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews delivered a key to a gate installed at Penhallow Forest. Questions were raised about the location and legality of the gate. Selectmen will investigate.

Figures for the 1999-2000 fiscal year were received from the NHH Retirement Board. The increases will be used to adjust budget projections for that period.

Cheryl Behr presented the possibility of changing the format of the Town Report to a larger format, and polled those present. Opinion leaned towards maintaining the current size and format.

Selectmen are continuing to work on the budget for the next fiscal year.
GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Now that the first frost has nipped many of the tender annuals and the rains have moistened the flower beds, it is time to check over the perennials which in many cases have been spreading and taking up more space than you may want. Their ragged look may be remedied by lifting the plant or by judiciously cutting off parts that have spread too far. Superfluous cut off parts of the plant may be used in new beds, or to replace plants that died or did not satisfy your needs. While working over the beds, it is time to apply plant food for next year’s growth. Use compost, manure or commercial fertilizer. Work the plant food into the soil well and set the new plants firmly into the ground. There will be thirty to forty days of mild enough weather for the roots to become established before the perennials are covered for the winter.

It is also a good time to look over shrubs to see if they are overgrown. This spring most well established shrubs bloomed in abundance. Many seemed to use up much of their energy. As a result, the rhododendrons, azaleas and other spring flowering shrubs have less new growth and fewer flower buds. This is a good time to shape and thin out the old wood and reduce the number of shoots and branches, especially on rhododendrons and azaleas, which have very visible flower buds for next year’s bloom. Cut out the weaker stems now for better growth next year and for more blooms in two years.

The vegetable garden still has considerable time to produce. Carrots, beets, cabbage and kohlrabi will withstand cold weather and will supply fresh food for the table. Many of the unused carrots and beets may be dug, washed lightly, and tops cut off. Store them in damp sand in a cold area until at least January. They are fine for cooked dishes and, if home grown, are probably free of chemicals than commercially produced plants.

Now is the time to make your own plant food by composting. Plant residue such as bean and corn stalks, carrot and beet tops as well as the leaf fall may be gathered up and corrilled into a wire frame or flat pen where it will make a compost to be applied to the garden next year or the year after.

Early this summer tomatoes grew well, free of disease and defect until the end of August when rain occurred. Then it seemed like blossom end rot and fungus diseases blasted many tomato patches and the production dropped off quickly. When the garden is cleaned up for compost, it is important that the tomato fruits and vines not be placed in the composting area, but disposed of elsewhere. Tomato diseases are soil borne, and if the compost is used in the tomato bed, the new plants will usually pick up the disease. It was common in the days when nearly everyone smoked to warn not to smoke your cigars or cigarettes in the garden. Most tobacco products transmit disease easily to tomatoes. Perhaps we are making some progress in plant health as well as human health. Just don’t discard tobacco in the tomato patch.

Storing Garden Vegetables

UNH Cooperative Extension

Home storage of garden vegetables is the easiest and least expensive of all methods of food preservation. The best method of storage depends on the kinds of vegetables you plan to store and the facilities available.

Most vegetables can be kept for a few weeks in a cool basement but for long-term storage, an unheated cellar room with a dirt floor is best. Consider partitioning off a northern corner of your basement and insulate it well. A small window is desirable for ventilation and letting in cold outside air when needed. Dampened sawdust on the floor will help maintain high humidities needed for some crops. Vegetables are stored in shallow wood crates or boxes rather than in deep bins.

Root crops, such as carrots, beets, parsnips, turnips, rutabagas are best stored at 32° to 40°F with the humidity at 90 to 95% to prevent shriveling. They do well when stored in moist sawdust. Do not expose root crops to light or they may sprout. Prior to storage, the soil is washed off and the tops are cut leaving one inch of stem.

Potatoes, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, and cauliflower are best stored at 35-40°F with the humidity at 80 to 90%. Potatoes should be dug carefully to avoid bruising. They are then cured at 45-65°F for 10 to 14 days in darkness.

Winter squash and pumpkins should be heat cured at 80° for ten days immediately after harvest to heal any surface wounds and to harden the skin. Place them in the sun, in a greenhouse, or near a wood stove. Following the curing process, they are best stored dry at 50-55°.

Tomatoes are harvested mature, slightly pink, and green. Sort according to firmness and spread on a rack, covering them with newspaper. The newspaper will keep them dark and will help retain some moisture. Check regularly to select ripe fruits and to remove any that have spoiled. At 65-70°F in the shade, they will ripen in two weeks; at 55°F, in three to four weeks. Do not store below 50° or they will spoil.
Comparing the Real Records

- I support lower property taxes through education funding reform.
  Amy Patenaude, my opponent, voted to keep high property taxes and educational inequity.
- I support Governor Jeanne Shaheen's HMO reform.
- I support a Patient Bill of Rights.
  Amy Patenaude, my opponent, resists efforts to expand quality health care in New Hampshire.
- I support pro-consumer legislation and received a 100% rating from the New Hampshire Consumer Group Citizen Action.
  Amy Patenaude, my opponent, received a 0% rating from New Hampshire Citizen Action.
- I support effective Campaign Finance Reform.
  Amy Patenaude, my opponent, killed Finance Reform in the 1998 session of the legislature.
- I support a strong solvent Social Security System.
  Amy Patenaude, my opponent, voted for the privatization of Social Security which would allow speculative investments on our future.

Rick Trombly... A leader, not a follower

Trombly Has Been Responsible Leader

Rick Trombly will leave the New Hampshire House of representatives at the end of this term. It's unfortunate. The Boscawen Democrat has been a responsible leader.

Democrats don't have much political influence in New Hampshire. Every now and then Republican majorities in the Senate are small enough to allow Democrats a coalition role in the Senate, although they are rare occasions.

But even when the minority is an insignificant one, as it usually is in the House, it can perform with dignity and responsibility. That takes responsible leadership; the kind of leadership Rep. Trombly has provided Democrats with in the 400-member chamber.

Rick Trombly leaves the House to pursue other responsibilities. It doesn't matter that he led a minority so small as to be insignificant. He led responsibly. His party and the House are poorer for his leaving.

The Citizen, Laconia, N.H. Monday, May 20, 1996
Sue Rayno
by Audrey V. Sylvester

Meet Sue Rayno, the dynamic, energetic, director/owner of Live Wire Day Care and Preschool, a state-licensed facility for children aged six months to six years. The day care, identified by a sign, "Ye Olde Bakery Retail Store," is located on Route 114. The true nature of action on site is revealed by a sprawl of brightly colored children's toys and play structures arranged inside a protecting fence in front of the building. Sue, who rents the space, finds the sign amusing—a literal reminder of the New England custom where a place keeps the name of the former owner long after a new owner takes occupation. At one time, it was a phenomenal bakery. Even today, Canadian tourists travelling the back roads during fall foliage season stop, looking for homemade muffins and donuts.

Licensed for 25 children, the day care serves the needs of children—where both mom and dad work to make ends meet. Since parents and caregivers work as a team for the child's benefit, it is important that the same messages from each are transmitted. If not, Sue understands that a parent might seek a new situation.

"Live Wire" works to provide a safe, interactive environment for children. Sue believes that the good thing about day care is that if a child is taxing one's patience, the adult in charge has an option to direct the child to another adult for a new perspective. The parent at home, alone, is stuck.

As a parent (her daughter Brooke is nine years old), Sue tried to establish an in-home day care. She struggled with the conflict when unfinished household chores piled up, while she provided full-time supervision for other people's children. When an opportunity opened at a day care in the "bakery," she took the job. The business closed in 1989. Sue bought it and changed the name to "Live Wire Day Care and Preschool." Now when she goes to work, it's her job to play with kids.

The name, "Live Wire," fits the children whose energy level matches Director Rayno's. Sue talks about the kids in superlatives. "They are wonderful, the nicest, kindest kids. We can take them anywhere." Once, while braying to the kids that she could take them anywhere on field trips, a child pleaded, "Please don't take us to the Bermuda Triangle." Sue said, "I love my job. It's an absolute ball. I play all day and get paid for it." Now, when people observe her playing, they speak in tones of respect (isn't she good with children?) instead of (isn't she immature?). She laughed, "Who else could spend the summer going to the ocean, Canobie Park, and Polar Caves and get paid for it?" The hard parts of her job are letting parents believe that she works hard and having an academically stimulating discussion with a six-year-old. Sue has the highest regard for how smart children are at six, and how challenging they can be.

Not all is fun and games at "Live Wire." Children follow the "rules of the world": treat others as you want to be treated; if it hurts you, it will probably hurt the other person; do not hurt yourself or others. Lessons come when children take personal responsability for the consequences of their actions. Rational explanations replace shouted commands and angry behavior. When a child playing with stick denies that he/she has a stick, Sue might ask, "Do I look like a fool to you?" She then explains the dangers of running with sticks and shows concern for the child's well being.

With more verve and energy than most of us, Sue provides before-and-after school programs for children whose parents work or travel before school opens and after school closed. Structured activities include time for quiet play, creative expression, physical exercise, homework, games and relaxation. Last year, after a first grader taught Sue to play chess, chess sets were added to the resource cabinet.

An appreciative graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School and the University of New Hampshire (with a BA in psychology and a minor in early childhood education), Sue's outlook on life came from her dad who said, "Whatever you put in, is what you get back." Even though she tired of hearing the advice, she knows it is "absolutely true." She said that some people today call this "karma." She believes that a positive attitude can bring positive change. "You can be someone who sits back and complains, or you can do something to make things better." Sue Rayno must enjoy happiness and satisfaction in her work. She gives one hundred percent and then some for the kids.

Crafts and Produce

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Then & Now
by Milly Kittredge

Charles Morse and his Cider Mill

Situated on the corner of Jones Road and Center Road, and on Hoyt Brook, Deacon Presby, one of the first settlers, in 1770 found this area a good place to build.

Charles Morse eventually inherited the land (and house, now Clark's) from his father, and in the early 1890's built the house across the street (now Lamach's). The cider mill may have been built earlier. In October, 1898 he took in apples from neighbors and farmers and by December first had made 4,574 gallons of cider.

Apples and cider were welcomed during the long winter months. Apples were sliced, dried and strung or stored in jars (with brown paper tied over the top). They made acceptable pies. Cider progressed from sweet cider to hard cider to vinegar and could last through to the next season, though it was undoubtedly a bit sharp by March. It was useful for pickling and flavoring. Haymakers' switchel made of water, sugar, molasses, cider vinegar and a bit of ginger was a refresher.

There were cider mills in various parts of town. From New Orleans in 1862, Henry Kimball wrote that "Joshua Eaton's cider would make a fortune" if the Union troops could get it in that hot, damp place.

The mill was taken down long ago, leaving but a few large stones to indicate where it was.

From the William Cressey and Eaton/Gould collections

Bradford Historical Society News

October closes out an active year for the BHS, with the annual meeting Wednesday, October 28. This is the twentieth anniversary of the formal incorporation of the Historical Society. The first officers were Elizabeth A. Cilley, Margaret Ainslie, Frances M. Winch, Doris Sargent, and Raymond Jaycox with directors Harry Graham, Julian Dodge, Roger Landry and Ruth S. Moore.

The History Committee gathered information with a tremendous amount of help and cooperation for over twelve years. During that twelve years, the town history was published, Tappin memorabilia was purchased, and the Old Post Office purchase was finalized.

Historical Society materials are available to everyone with an interest in Bradford's history. As the weather turns colder, the usual Saturday 1:30 to 3:00 hours will be erratic. Please call 938-5386 to check the schedule, or to make an appointment to visit.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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October Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
Bradford Community Corporation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
Pancake Breakfast, meet local Democratic candidates, Masonic Hall, 8:00–10:00am. Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938–5386
Expansion Plan public meeting, Library, 2:00–3:00pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
Cemetery Commission, call 938–5386 for information, 9:00am
Selectmen’s meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm
KRSD School Board/Municipal Budget Committee Joint Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm
Expansion Plan public meeting, Library, 7:00–8:00pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
Library Trustees, Brown Memorial Library, 7:00pm
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm, $2.00 charge.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
KRSD School Board, Bradford Elementary School, 7:00pm
BEOC, Town Hall, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30–3:00pm or by appointment, call 938–5386

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
Selectmen’s meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
BWC Candidates’ Night, KRES at Bradford, 7:30pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
PTC Meeting, Bradford Elementary School, 7:00pm
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm, $2.00 charge
Country Capitalists, call 938–2787 for info.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
Bradford Community Corporation, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30–3:00pm or by appointment, call 938–5386

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm
Selectmen’s meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
KRSD School Board/Municipal Budget Committee Joint Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm
BWC Guest Night, Magic with Andrew Pitard, Church Vestry, 7:30pm. Call Jane Lucas, 938–2570 or Barbara Viannatt, 938–2691 for more information

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, 7:00pm, Town Hall, $2.00 charge
Friends of the Library, Brown Memorial Library, 7:30pm
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
KRSD School Board Meeting, Simonds Elementary School, 7:00pm
Bradford Community Center Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open 1:30–3:00pm or by appointment, call 938–5386

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
Selectmen’s meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm, $2.00 charge
Historical Society Annual Meeting, Old Post Office, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
Bradford Community Corporation, Town Hall, 7:00am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office open 1:30–3:00pm or by appointment, call 938–5386
Bradford Country Squares dance, Town Hall, 7:00pm

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

Classifieds

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November Deadlines
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*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after October 20, please call Lyn Betz at 938–5029.