

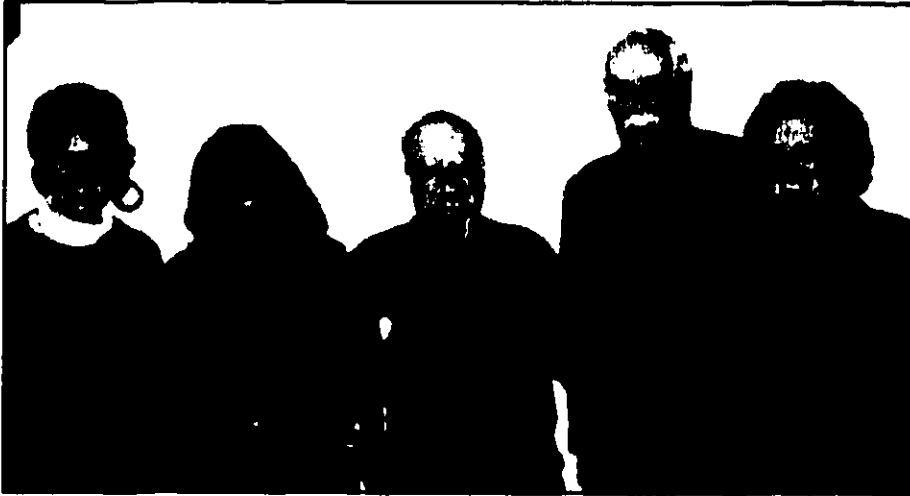
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COMMUNITY NEWS BY NEIGHBORS FOR NEIGHBORS

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May 2000

Kenyan Visitor in Bradford



Seen here (l. to r.) are benefit planners Pastor Lynne Hubley; honored guest Irene Kemunto; Tom Marshall; John and Ruth-Ann Harris.

On March 17, Irene Kemunto of Kenya and New Jersey shared the bounty of a traditional corned beef and cabbage St. Patrick's Day dinner at the First Baptist Church in Bradford where she was the honored guest. Irene first came to the area last summer when Camp Wabasso in Sutton recruited her to be a camp counselor. During the summer, she attended the First Baptist Church's services and was befriended by many parishioners. The benefit dinner grew out of the community's desire to help Irene attend college. In Kenya, as a member of the tribal grouping named "Kisii," Irene had no hope of attending college. Since immigrating to America, she has been encouraged to dream—having been accepted as a student at the Hudson Community College where she plans to earn a degree in Nursing. She hopes eventually to bring her parents to this country. Even with uncertain funding prospects, Irene has tremendous faith that she will earn enough money to pay for college. If you would like to contribute funds for Irene Kemunto's college education, please call the church at 938-5313. Checks may be made out to the First Baptist Church, on memo line: Irene Kemunto.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

Bradford Area Community Center Open House

We know that many of our area residents have been looking forward to visiting the new building and seeing the progress that has been made. Later during the summer, a Grand Opening and Dedication will take place; the planning and effort in making that day special is in progress.

For those who are anxious to see the BAACC now, we have planned an Open House on Sunday, May 21, 1:00-4:00pm. Refreshments and tours will be provided.

We look forward to seeing many new faces. Come share in the excitement of a community project well done, and maybe some of you will be inspired to become volunteers!

—Meg Ames, Planning and Program Coordinator BAACC, 938-6228



Scholarship Award Available

The Town of Bradford is offering its annual scholarship award to students residing in Bradford and entering an institute of higher education, including a technical/vocational education program, in the Fall 2000.

Applicants are requested to write a one-page essay describing their educational plans and how the scholarship would help to meet their financial needs. A letter of recommendation from their current school should be included. The Bradford scholarship amounts to approximately \$250.00 and is derived from interest on a town trust fund.

If you are interested in making a donation to this scholarship fund to increase the annual award (\$250.00 doesn't go far in meeting educational needs these days), please send your donation as well as any scholarship applications to: Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund, c/o Beth Rodd, P.O. Box 337, Bradford, N.H. 03221. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2000.

Outdoor Expo May 20

The Bradford Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the Parks & Recreation Outdoor Expo which will be held Saturday, May 20 from 11:00am until 4:00pm at Brown Shattuck Field. There will be exhibits and information on outdoor recreation including boating, golf, gardening, tennis, skiing, hang-gliding, skating and much more. The Conservation Commission and the Fish and Game Club will be participating.

There will be lots of demonstrations, entertainment and food. Plan to stop by. Any recreational business or group who wishes to participate should contact Larry Hall at 938-2954. If you would like more information, contact Larry or Jane Lucas at 938-2570.

Bus Drivers Commended

On Friday, April 7, Cheryl Hardy invited the entire group of Kearsarge Regional School District bus drivers to the Bradford Pizza Chef for dinner. Several drivers were able to attend this gathering. From there they were all driven to Bow High School and individual drivers were honored at the Safe Driver and Driver of the Year awards presentation.

Dr. Cal LeMon, of Springfield, Missouri, was the master of Ceremonies and guest speaker. Dr. LeMon is a nationally recognized school bus advocate and speaker and a leading expert on school transportation safety.

Board members presented awards from the New Hampshire School Transportation Association. Each recognized driver received a certificate noting the number of years driving without a reportable crash, a pin with this number engraved on it and had their picture taken with Board members. The Kearsarge Regional School District drivers honored at this event are as follows: Awarded for five years of driving without a reportable crash were Bud Linton, Clyde Benedict, Ralph Carroll, Peter Fenton, Kim Fortune, Don Heath and Lee Williamson. Joanne Barnett, Deb Coyle, Jack Lichty, Robert Miller and Robert Schneider received awards for ten years of safe driving; Robin Geoffrion and Donna Roberts received awards for twenty years and Pat Chambers and Dorothy Morin received twenty-five year pins and certificates for their safe driving records.

The Kearsarge Regional School District is fortunate to have such a fine representation at this important statewide event. The District administration and School Board commend each and every one of them for their outstanding accomplishment.

News From the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

TOWN CLERK

Howard Bagley died in Concord.

Dog licenses are due. Dog licenses can be renewed through the mail if I have a current copy of proof of rabies. Neutered and spayed animals are \$6.50. Puppies are also \$6.50 All others are \$9.00. Animals must be registered by May 30, 2000. Starting June 1, 2000 penalties will start being assessed.

TAX COLLECTOR

Liens will be placed on any property that is not up to date on taxes for 1999 on May 5, 2000.

Deeds will be issued on any property that is not up to date on taxes for 1997 on May 5, 2000.

The first issue of 2000 tax bills should be going out before the end of the month. They will be due in July. If you do not receive yours or you feel there is an error on it, please call the office. The bills will have a new look as we have changed our software company. They offer the one part bill that comes with a mailer. Hopefully, you will find these more convenient for paying your bill.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The office will be closed May 8, 2000 through May 19, 2000 for vacation. I will be training a new deputy upon my return, but could not get anyone sufficiently trained before I leave. The office will also be closed on May 29, 2000 for the holiday.

—Sue Pehrson

Children's Puppet Workshop at BML

Adventures in Art: A Puppet Theater Workshop will be held Wednesday, May 10 from 3:30-4:30pm in Brown Memorial Library. Workshop leader and librarian Laurie Buchar will use the story of *The Three Little Pigs* and related folk tales as the basis for the art lesson as children create puppets and a stage set illustrating the three pigs' homes. The free workshop, sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library, is suitable for elementary school age children. To pre-register please call Jan Riley at 938-5539 or Laurie Buchar at 938-5372. Drop-ins are welcome, space permitting.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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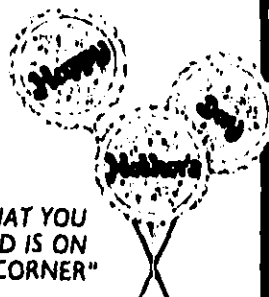
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Submissions

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

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Selectmen's Update

This being my first update, I would be remiss if I didn't commend Selectman Dick Vitale for his writings this past year. They were completed in a pleasant and informative matter. Thanks, Dick, for a job well done.

Now that the dust has settled after the Town Meeting, the new dust is in form of renovations being made at the Town Hall. Don't be confused when you enter, as the Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector, and the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant will share the large room which formerly housed the kindergarten class. Our Police Department will acquire two new rooms, one of which will give our Police Chief a private office. Thanks to our Highway Department, along with Cheryl, Sue and Michelle, the move is progressing in a timely manner. Please visit.

Contracts have been signed for bridge work on the Fairgrounds Road bridge located on the western end of that road. Our roads, where necessary, have been posted with a six-ton limit for the "mud season." Repair plans for East Washington Road are being formulated and our Road Agent has advised us that he is setting up a spring-summer schedule for his crews.

In closing, I would like to state that your Selectmen will act with concern for economy, bearing in mind that the taxpayer is affected by our actions.

-Marvin Rich, Selectman

Public Notice

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 8:00pm at the Town Hall to discuss a proposed thrift shop at the Brown Memorial Library.

Host Families Needed For Inner City Children

Summer is just around the corner and while many of you may be looking forward to sweet corn, swimming and the smells of fresh cut grass, New York City youngsters think of stifling heat, pollution and the noise of the city. Your family can help change this by opening your home for two special weeks in July. The Fresh Air fund is seeking host families from Hillsboro to Hopkinton, Warner to Wilmot and all points in between.

The children will arrive in Warner on July 12 and return home on July 26. "We have so much here in a New Hampshire summer," says Joyce Foley of Warner. "These kids have never been swimming in a lake or picked a fresh tomato." You may select a boy or a girl age 6 -12. "It's a wonderful feeling to share everything we take for granted with these children. They are so appreciative of our kindness and they are all just wonderful little kids." All it takes to be a host family is an extra bed and a plate at the dinner table. For information contact Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

Youth Baseball Competition

A Major League Baseball Diamond Skills Competition will be held at Brown Shattuck Park Sunday, May 7 at 1:00pm. Diamond Skills is a baseball skills competition that allows youngsters to showcase their talents in batting, fielding, throwing and base-running with scores determined by individual performances in each event. Winners of the local competition will have an opportunity to advance to Holman Stadium in Nashua to the State Competition on June 4. They will be able to meet Butch Hobson as well as see the Nashua Pride play that evening.

The event is sponsored by the Bradford Parks and Recreation Department with the cooperation of Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports. Registration will be at 12:30pm. There are four age groups: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 and 13/14 based on the child's age as of July 17, 2000. All local youths are invited to participate. All participants must fill out a registration form, available from Bradford Parks and Recreation Department or a local Toys "R" Us store. Participants must provide a copy of a valid birth certificate or baptismal record for proof of age. Participants are only allowed to compete in one local competition. For information call Larry Hall at 938-2954.

Veterans Clinic

The Contoocook VFW Post will sponsor a Health Clinic at the Contoocook COOF Hall on Park Ave. on Saturday, May 6 from 9:00am-1:00pm. This clinic is open to all veterans. The Clinic will be staffed with Veterans Administration (VA) personnel. Have your blood pressure checked and learn about your latest VA Health Benefits, including the \$2.00 pharmaceutical co-payment now available. Please bring your discharge papers, and join us for coffee and donuts.

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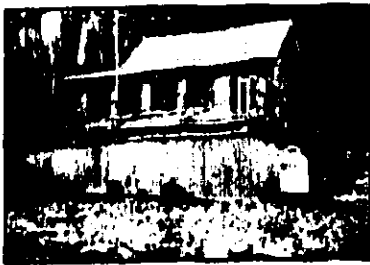
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We'll also hold our popular Plant Exchange on the 11th. Bring extra seedlings or whatever; bring some and take some home. This is a chance to have a little variety in the garden this summer. Bring your plants to set up and projects to work on at 11:00am, a bag lunch for noon and come prepared to enjoy Mr. Sanborn's program at 1:00pm. Dessert and beverage will be provided. For more information, contact Shirley Markie at 938-5023.

South Newbury Union Church Dinner

Plans are being made for a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, May 20. The cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-11, under six free. The dinner is to be held in the Friendship House from 5:00-7:00pm. The Friendship House is handicapped accessible. Delivery and take out will be available. Call ahead 938-5369. There will be home made desserts and good conversations with old and newly made friends. See you there!

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To the editor:

I would like to thank all of my neighbors in the Town of Bradford who voted for me at the Town Elections in March. This will be my second term and I hope to serve you well. I am looking forward to continue working with Marv Rich and Chris Frey, the other members of the Board of Selectmen. There is much to be done. There is one thing that I would like to ask of all of you. Please continue to volunteer and, for those who haven't, please join us. There are vacancies on several boards and committees of the town and we need you. It is a great opportunity to be part of what is happening in Bradford. Thanks again for your vote of confidence. It is very much appreciated.

Dick Vitale

To the editor:

I'd like to thank Jane Herbert for her generous contribution to the Town of Bradford. Recently I asked Jane to paint two mandatory recycling signs for the Transfer Station. Jane graciously used her time, talent and materials. I asked Jane to submit a bill to the Town and she said, "No, they're a gift."

I'm trying to emphasize to the people in the Town of Bradford how important recycling is, not only for the obvious ecological reasons, but also for Bradford's future. Recycling saves and generates money for the Town. We do have some avid recyclers in Bradford, and thanks to them it has lowered the price of disposal. We have markets for metals, textiles and paper products and currently cardboard is selling at a premium.

Kenneth Anderson

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Parks and Recreation News

The Skateboard Park is now open. Work is being done and we need help. We are going to cover the largest piece (you can see how much I know) with sheet metal. This will cut back on the maintenance. We will need some able bodies to accomplish this. Please call 938-2570 if you can help. This also will deplete most of the money the parents and kids raised for the park. Any parents who are interested in fundraising for the park, please get in touch with us. On May 7 we will hold the Diamond Skills Baseball program at 12:30pm at Brown Shattuck Field.

The horseshoe pits are set again at Brown Shattuck Field and horseshoes are available at Bowie's Market. Because of class size and space limitations, our fitness programs with Molly Clark have returned to the Town Hall. Check the calendar for dates and time. Our "Bradford Batonettes" are working very hard and are looking forward to marching in the July 4th Parade. We are also very pleased to have been asked to march in the Hillsboro Balloon Festival Parade. A clean-up day at French's Park is planned for June. Again, we need help so if you use and enjoy the Park please get in touch, 938-2570. Archery will be starting up soon, so watch for posters.

--Jane Lucas

NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association Formed

Have you ever grown a 300lb or 400lb pumpkin? Have you ever wondered how they do it? The newly formed NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association is willing to share their secrets. We are currently seeking new members to join the Association. Your annual \$10.00 membership fee will guarantee you a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter will contain valuable tips and information on what is new in the world of giant pumpkin growing. You will also get to know many of the states greatest growers, including Jim Kuhn of Goffstown. He is the current New England record holder with his 929.4lb giant, grown in 1997. You can join now by mailing your check for \$10.00 to the NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association, (N.H.G.P.G.A.), 334 Wallace Road, Goffstown, N.H. 03045 or call Bruce Normand at 497-4228.

Learn To Read the Forested Landscape

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will sponsor a two-day workshop on Reading the Forested Landscape at the Hay Wildlife Refuge in Newbury on Wednesday, May 3 from 7:00-8:30pm and Saturday, May 6 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The Wednesday, May 3 session will be in a classroom setting. The presenter is ecologist Tom Wessels, author of *Reading the Forested Landscape*. He will teach participants how to read a forest to piece together its natural and social history. SPNHF Educator Dave Anderson will lead Saturday's hike to teach how to read the history written in the woods of the Hay Reservation. The workshop is free for SPNHF and Hay Refuge members and \$5 per day for non-members. For more information or to register, contact Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail signup@spnhf.org.

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Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold their Mother Daughter banquet on Tuesday, May 2. Appetizers will be served at 5:30pm and dinner will begin at 6:00pm. The menu will include baked haddock or stuffed chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, chocolate pudding or butterscotch sundaes for desert. Reservations must be made by April 30. The program for the evening is a saxophone concert by Darlene Nevins. She is a 73-year old grandmother of four who lives in Warner.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet at the home of Edythe Craig for a corn chowder lunch on Friday, May 5 at 11:30am. They will then travel to Our Lady of Fatima church in New London to celebrate Church Women United's Friendship Day.

The Board of Christian Education will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, May 7 immediately following the worship service. Among other items on the agenda,

the board will be deciding who will receive scholarship money to help defray the cost to go to Camp Sentinel for some of our youth.

There will be several special worship opportunities this month. Peace Sunday will be observed on May 7. Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 14. We will have a Memorial Day worship service on May 28 remembering loved ones who have died during the past year.

The Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, May 17 from 6:00-7:00pm. Individuals and families can pick up food boxes at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

We will have a combined Youth Group event for grades four through 12 on Sunday, May 28 from 2:00-4:00pm. We will be doing a "Clean-a-thon"—doing outdoor work around the church, including planting some flowers. Youth will be asked to get sponsors and the proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry.

Bradford Historical Society

On Wednesday May 31, the Music Department at KRHS will perform at the First Baptist Church, Main St. at 7:30p.m. For several years, under the direction of Ernie Mills, the high school music department has presented a professional and enjoyable program in Bradford. Both instrumentally and vocally, these students have shown talent and enthusiasm in their performances. Please come for an excellent evening of music and support these young people who give so much of their time to the music program. There is no charge for this event and refreshments will be served. Because there are many Saturday conflicts in May, the Old Post Office will be open some time during the week, or by appointment. Please call 938-5386 to check visiting times.

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Adventures in Art



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Laurie Buchar teaches origami to children at the library as part of the Adventures and Art program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



BOOK REVIEW *by Pauline Dishmon*

COLD IN EARTH by Melissa Jones • New York: St. Martins Press, 1998

This novel tells a story of innocence and evil, an appalling crime similar to that in Thomas Tryon's book, *The Other*. The story begins in the voice of a woman named Zoe. She and her family have recently undergone sadness due to the loss of their baby girl named Beth. Zoe and her husband Michael have two other children, Paul and Andrew. For the most part, the boys are on different wavelengths. Michael seems to favor Paul while Zoe seems to favor Andrew.

As the book progresses, Zoe is killed and Michael is arrested, charged with her murder. He claims not to have hurt his wife or the baby, but Zoe's friend Lillian, a spiritualist, claims to have evidence against him. With Zoe dead, her sister Laura takes over the care of her nephews while Felix, her lawyer husband does his best to release Michael who claims to be innocent.

The novel is compelling and chilling. The story is relayed through diary entries and correspondence of four characters: the wife, the husband, the husband's lawyer, and the killer. This mystery is the first written by Melissa Jones. She lives in England and presently is working on a second novel.

Cold in Earth is available at the Brown Memorial Library.



The Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

There are so many people to thank this month! The library now has two beautiful Maxfield Parrish prints donated by Audrey Sylvester. They are on display for the month of May and then will be available for borrowing with a current library card. This wonderful gift beautifies our new interior. Thank you, Audrey for thinking of us. We thank the Bradford Historical Society for a very special video; *A Way of Life Remembered* narrated by Millie Kittredge. If you had any connection with Simonds High School in Warner, you'll want to see this. It's great!

Woody Pringle and Kathleen Robbins held two very successful computer classes in April. Fifteen participants signed up, laptops appeared and our two computers were put through their paces. Everyone had a good time. Our next class, "Introduction to the Internet," will be on Thursdays, May 11 and 18 at 7:00pm at the library. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 15 people.

This year our Book Sale will be held jointly with the Women's Club Bake and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 27 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the library, rain or shine.

We have two passes to the Museum of New Hampshire History in Concord available to all library cardholders, donated anonymously. What a wonderful gift!

Lucinda McQueen, illustrator from Warner, gave us a wonderful program about her work and donated books as well. The Friends' Easter Egg Hunt held inside the library was a great success with 34 kids and 22 adults in on the hunt. Thanks everyone for a great time.

And finally, a special thank you to Susie Janicki and Susan Farber for all that you do for us!

Library Friends Potluck Supper and Annual Meeting

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will hold a Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Supper and Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00pm in the library. The meeting and election of officers will be held during dessert. Friends President Audrey Sylvester said, "Anticipate a unique meal, library supporters are great cooks!" Please let Sue Morse (938-5964) know what you will bring or just show up at the door. It is time to renew or join the Friends. A membership mailing and invitation to the Potluck Supper will be sent to current Friends members and library trustees in the first week of May. All library volunteers are welcome to join the potluck supper and become new members. Memberships support year-round children's programs, art exhibitions in the library, and special events. Nominations for officers are Audrey V. Sylvester, President; Laurie Buchar, Vice-President; Jan Riley, Treasurer; and Susan Morse, Membership Secretary.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News

The Annual Spring Trout Derby will be held on Saturday May 13 in the rearing pool at the Bradford Firehouse. The derby is for children age 15 and under. The derby will run from 9:00am to Noon. Be sure to come early to get your favorite spot. Soda and donuts will be available, and as always prizes will be awarded.

A free Brood Stock Salmon Fly-Fishing Clinic will be held at NH Fish & Game Headquarters, 2 Hazen Drive in Concord, on Saturday May 20, 8:45am-3:00pm. Designed primarily for beginning and intermediate fly-fishers, this free clinic will cover basic equipment and needs, fly-tying patterns for Atlantic Salmon, fly-tying demonstrations and casting instruction at Fish & Game Headquarters in the morning session. The afternoon session will be on the water fly-fishing with instructors at Sewalls Falls and much more! Space for the afternoon session is limited. Participants should plan to bring their own fishing rods, waders, and rain gear. This is a rain or shine event. A limited number of rods and reels will be available. Bring your own lunch. Registration deadline is May 12. Call 271-3212 to register.

We are still looking for more youngsters to sign up for our Junior Pellet Rifle League. Sign up at Dickie's Outdoor Sports.

A Service Rifle Clinic will be held at The Pemigewasset Valley Fish & Game Club in Holderness on May 6. Attendance at this one-day clinic will meet one of the requirements leading to the direct purchase of an M-1 Rifle (Garand) from the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The classroom portion will commence promptly at 8:30am. The clinic fee is \$35.00. The junior fee is \$5.00. Students need to provide their own eye and ear protection and bring their own lunch and drinks. Students should also bring a suitable ground cloth or

rug. M-1 rifles will be provided for the clinic and range use. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather. Clinic reservations are requested. For information contact George Gurick at 286-4979.

State High Power Service Rifle Team Tryouts will be held Saturday May 13 at Pemigewasset Valley Fish & Game in Holderness, Sunday May 14 at Cheshire County Fish & Game in Keene and Saturday May 20 at Nashua Fish & Game in Nashua. Matches start at 8:00am with registration at 7:30am. Plan to be there around 7:00am. Limited quantities of M-1 and M-14 rifles will be available for the matches. You must bring your own ear and eye protection. You may enter one or all of the tryouts, and use your best score for qualification. Tryouts for the Junior and Senior teams are held together. Bring your own lunch, drinks, rain gear and a ground cloth or rug. This is the team that will represent New Hampshire and go to the National Matches held at Camp Perry in Ohio this summer.

Things to remember for May: May 15 through June 15 all black bass (smallmouth and largemouth bass) must be immediately released unharmed at the site of the catch. Also during that time, black bass may be taken by artificial lures and flies only. Spring turkey season runs May 3 through May 31. Hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise until noon. The 2000 Moose hunt lottery deadline is May 26.

—Lance Rickenberg

Turkey Hunting Safety

- Don't ever attempt to approach closer than 100 yards to a hen or gobbler.
- Never select a calling site with your back to a tree that is smaller than the width of your shoulders.
- Never jump and turn suddenly because you hear a turkey close behind you.
- Never select a calling site that you can not see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- Never stalk a turkey.
- Don't use a gobbler call unless it is one of those rare situations where circumstances really warrant trying something different.
- Don't think that because you are totally camouflaged that you are totally invisible (tie a hunter orange band around the tree where you are sitting).
- Never wear red, white, or blue clothing, not even undergarments of these colors. (These colors are found in the natural coloring of the wild turkey. Wearing these colors can make you an unsuspecting target).
- Never presume that what you hear or what answers you is a turkey (it may be another hunter).
- Don't try to hide so well that you can't see what's happening.



Bradford Area Community Center Youth Council

On April 9 we had our very first Youth Council Committee meeting. The Youth Council Committee consists of an adult advisor and two Youth Representatives for each age group: 4th & 5th grade—Garret Bauer, Elizabeth Bertz and Maryse Conway; Middle School—Ashley Bauer, Meghan MacLean and Judy McGee; High School—Ryan Sturgis, Bryan Ames and Lisa MacLean. There are three other adult advisors on this committee: Chairperson, Yvonne McCormick; Program & Planning Representative, Mike Hague, who is also involved in the Character Coalition and Finance & Fundraising Representative Dawn Rich. We are hoping that a volunteer from Parks & Recreation will come forward to join our group in the near future.

In our first few meetings we will be addressing our Mission Statement, the Youth Room policies as well as what kinds of programs the kids would like to participate in. Some of programs that the kids have voiced an interest in are arts, drama, pick up games of baseball and soccer, movie nights and game nights. Currently we have one night a month scheduled for each group to get together to have fun in an unstructured fashion. As we grow and progress with our programs there will be many other times when the Youth Room will be open.

Of course, being open more and being able to offer more programs means that we will need to hold some fundraising events and will need more volunteers. If you would like to offer your time you can call the BACC at 938-6228 or get in touch with Yvonne McCormick at 938-5210. Our first fundraiser will be a Flea Market on Saturday, May 27. We will be renting space outside the BACC. If you would like to rent a space, donate items for our Youth table to sell or help us with this event please contact the BACC or Yvonne McCormick at the numbers listed above.

Bradford Area Community Center May Calendar

Busy Bodies: Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Youth Room; Moms with infants and toddlers.

4th of July Committee: Wednesday, May 3, 7:15pm, Senior Room.

Youth Council Fun Nights:

May 6th, 5:00-8:00pm, High School age.

May 20th, 7:00-10:00pm, Middle School age.

May 27th, 6:00-9:00pm, Grades 4 & 5.

*We welcome all area children.
Here's your chance to gather,
socialize, play some games and
have refreshments.*

Personal Touch Health Care: Tuesday, May 9 from 1:00-2:30pm; free blood pressure check and foot/nail care. Health Services Room.

Area Senior Rally: Saturday, May 13 from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Senior Room. UNH Extension Service Speaker on Home Gardening.

Congregate Senior Luncheon: Wednesday, May 24 at 11:00am in the Senior Room. For reservations, please call 938-2640. This CAP program would appreciate volunteers to help at the meal site; please call Betty at the above number.

BEOC Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 7:00-9:00pm, Senior Room.

Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports

As of January we are known as BNSYS. Welcome, Sutton athletes! There are lots of things happening with BNSYS. First there's a new board. They are: Jim Bruss, President; Scott MacLean, Soccer; Mike Bauer, Fields; Joe Torro, Equipment; Tayo Sands, Booster; Alan Craigie, Baseball; Beth Rodd, Secretary; Kevin Daniels, Officer at Large; Matt Winslow, Treasurer and Harry Seidel, Officer at Large. The officers meet monthly. If anyone has concerns, ideas or agenda items to bring to a meeting please call Jim Bruss at 938-2069 to schedule.

T-ball, baseball and softball, we have it all. 108 kids from the three towns are playing. Among the great coaches are Joe Torro and Matt Winslow. Joe can be seen on the field down on hands and knees teaching the first graders to bat. Matt is coaching the older boys who are looking ready for the big leagues. Two girl's softball teams have been added for 9 and 10, 11 and 12 year olds due to demand. Go girls! In other baseball news, Larry Hall and Jane Lucas from the Bradford Parks and Recreation Department are holding a Baseball Diamond Skills Competition May 7. Volunteers are needed to help. Call Jane Lucas at 938-2570 to play or volunteer.

Sunday afternoon spring soccer games have arrived for grades three through eight. Seventy kids have signed up for these fun co-ed games to be played once a week. No practices, that's the great part. Bring a chair and come down to see the famous Alex Azodi coach the fifth and sixth graders. He's a veteran, fabulous player and father of two future soccer stars. There will be two soccer camps in Bradford this summer. Janet Bauer is in charge. The British Challenger Camp for older kids is the week of July 31 through August 4. The next week, August 7-12 will be the MLS camp for ages five and up.

The first game of Spring Soccer was played on the new field on Sunday, April 30. Thank you to Mike Bauer and Harry Seidel. These two men have been tending and cajoling that field for over a year. They have gotten volunteers to mow, fertilize and reseed.

Thank you goes out to Carl Cooley and the Board for all the work that went into submitting a grant this winter. The grant is for \$70,000 from the US Soccer Foundation and would be used for new field development and upgrades to current fields. We could really use the funding. Keep your fingers crossed.

—Mary Keegan Dayton

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April Selectmen's Meetings

April 3. Selectmen discussed the closing dates for the section of Fairgrounds Road where bridge repairs will be performed this summer. The anticipated start date is June 1, 2000. The road will remain closed until the end of November, 2000.

Selectmen reviewed a complaint regarding two families occupying two trailers on one lot on East Washington Road. This is a violation of the Zoning regulations. Selectmen requested Cheryl Behr to forward to the Building Inspector.

Current Use Applications received and signed for Andrews on East Washington Road.

Selectmen received a letter from Brian Carter regarding repairs needed on Pierce Road. The Road Agent has discussed the repair issue and has the situation under control.

List of properties in danger of lien was reviewed by the selectmen. The town clerk has indicated the final date to pay is May 5, 2000.

The town has purchased a new commercial printer to handle the multi-page tax bill forms to be used by the new software.

Selectmen voted to move to non-public session per RSA 91-3:A to discuss personnel issues with the Chief of Police.

April 17. Marvin Rich, Chairman, accepted a motion at 5:00pm to remove to non-public session per RSA 91-3A, to discuss personnel issues with Chief John Sims. The meeting returned to public session at 5:18pm. No decisions were made.

Mike Carter of MBC Logging met with selectmen to discuss the opening of the roads. He suggested possibly opening individual roads depending on condition.

Selectmen will take under advisement.

Selectmen approved the appointment of Laurie Cook Brown as library trustee to replace Marty Bunis.

Intent to cut forms were signed for Heslton on West Road, Eastman on West Road, Hill on Center Road, Chivers on Breezy Hill Road, and Bock on Rte 114.

The removal of a 4000-gallon fuel tank buried at the highway garage is complete. The tank was located during preparation for a slab and was removed by All Seasons Environmental, LLC. The tank contained some old gasoline, and has been disposed of according to hazardous waste rules.

Town records are audited annually by the Grzelak and Company, CPA firm from Laconia. The audit will be conducted during the week of April 17.

Town hall renovations continue. The walls of the former selectmen's office and the offices of the town clerk/tax collector have been removed. New walls are under construction to provide the police department with added space. The remaining area will be used for public meetings.

The selectmen voted to accept the quote of Pike construction on the paving of Ring Hill Road and the apron at the Highway Garage. These items were voted at the March 2000 town meeting.

April 24. Sue Vitale, representing the Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board, met with selectmen to discuss problems that have been referred from the Board. These issues include the smell in the youth room from the heating system/ventilation. Mrs. Vitale stated parents have complained of the odor and do not want the children to use the room until the problem

is fixed. Chris Frey instructed Cheryl Behr to contact the State Air Quality people and get information on an air quality test. Secondly, the Board asked selectmen to locate and post the elevator certificate for the center's lift. The third issue concerned the lever door handles on the senior room and the kindergarten. Members questioned if the law required panic bars. Chris Frey responded there was no state requirement for such hardware. Finally, the Board reported the carpet was wet in the office space. Chris Frey indicated there was more work to be done to complete the repair and would be started soon.

A resident met with Selectmen to discuss damage to his property by a blocked culvert. The town road crew had unfrozen the culvert recently on West Road, releasing water that caused a portion of driveway to wash away. He requested that the town replace the material swept away by the rush of water. The selectmen discussed and will contact the town counsel to determine town liability in this matter.

SEA Consultants have obtained the necessary Wetland permits to remove some rocks left from the bridge construction on the Box Corner Bridge.

A current use application was signed for Atlantis Rising.

Selectmen signed intent to cut forms for Del Harris on Rte 114 and for T&E Forest Products (to remove the logs already cut). An intent to excavate application for Mel and John Pfeifle was also signed.

A letter was signed for the Applesed allowing the serving of alcohol on an outside deck. Another letter was drafted for the approval of building a deck on the Applesed.

Town hall renovations are progressing. Cheryl suggested moving planning and zoning meeting until the work is done. Milly Kittredge indicated the meetings needed their files and therefore could not be held elsewhere. Finishing the floor will be a problem but will be addressed when it takes place. Budget for the project is at limit. Selectmen have authorized another \$500 for paint to complete the work.

*- excerpted from public minutes
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BEOC Update

As time causes my hairline to retreat, I find I am far more patient in a world that seems increasingly impatient for results. Bindy Glennie, leader of the BEOC Gateway Design Concept Committee summed up this feeling when saying at our last meeting, "You can't put icing on a cake, until you have a cake." The Gateway Design Concept Committee is currently looking at the intersection of Route 103 and Main Street. This first project will kick off this spring with much of the work accomplished by the Women's Club in the form of plantings and revitalization.

This initial effort will set the tone for the other gateways in Bradford, beginning the newest phase of the much spoken about "village improvements." I should have numerous details on the plans next month as state regulations and the committee's design meld together into a proposed new look for this important gateway. Would you like to be part of the "icing on the cake?" Well, don't be shy. In my next article I will offer a list of the groups looking for volunteers.

The BEOC Planning Process Committee discussed creating a general guide to be used in BEOC projects. This guide would outline feasibility of the project, limitations, necessary pre-planning, time schedule and all the other sometimes slow moving details involved with "creating the cake." Planning will stress consistency from project to project, always keeping in mind the goals put forth by the community. This guide will quicken the implementation of future projects, as plans move to other gateways, plantings or general improvements such as sidewalk upgrades.

Also discussed was the ongoing Bradford Green project. With grant proposals in and preliminary plans in the works to resolve details, the project moves forward. Each step involves a lot of "hurry-up and wait" work. We are currently in a wait phase. This should last about another month, when I will have more concrete results to report. So grip your seat and hold on; more on the Bradford Green is forthcoming.

—Stephen Manley



LSVNA Spring Gala May 6

The Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association will host its first Spring Gala Dinner and Auction on May 6 at 6:30pm at the new Mount Sunapee Lodge. After cocktails and dinner, Auctioneer Emery Sanders will be fielding bids on a wide variety of items including trips, furnishings, jewelry, art and other services.

An additional highlight of the evening will be the raffle of a trip for two to London on British Airways. Tickets will be sold only on the night of the Gala with the winner drawn at the end of the evening. You must be present to win.

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is a not-for-profit provider of home health and hospice services in Merrimack and Sullivan Counties. Many of the individuals we care for lack adequate insurance coverage or have no insurance at all. Certain programs, such as pediatrics and hospice, are particularly in need of support.

Proceeds of the Spring Gala will help offset costs for services that are not covered by insurance and will also assist us in purchasing specialized equipment.

Cost for the Gala is \$50 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a wonderful evening and to help people in the seventeen communities we serve. To make reservations, or for further information, please contact Carolyn at 526-4077.

Kearsarge Community Band

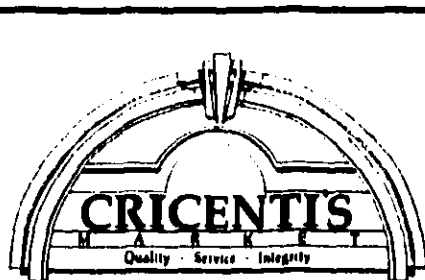
The Kearsarge Community Band is preparing the music for its summer 2000 programs and is inviting area musicians to join this dedicated group. Here is an opportunity for persons who "love to make music for the fun of it" to play with a congenial and talented group. The Kearsarge Community Band welcomes players from high school through retirees for all sections. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School in New London. Call the conductor at 763-8944 or 763-4720 for further information.

The Kearsarge Community Band's concert schedule now includes: the NH Culture Celebration in Hopkinton on June 11, Newbury on June 29, the Elkins Bandstand on July 2, Andover on July 4, the New London Hospital Day Parade, and the New London Mary Haddad Bandstand on September 1. Other summer concerts are now being considered. The contact for scheduling is 526-6017.

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 525 calls for service between March 18 and April 17. The breakdown is as follows: one abandoned vehicle, five alarm activations, two ambulance calls, eight animal complaints, two assists to the Fire Department, seven assists to other police departments, one assist to the Public Works Department, one bad check, 353 business checks, five citizen assists, four cases of criminal mischief, one dog bite, two cases of found property, one harassing communication, 13 incident/services, one internal affair case, three juvenile complaints, one lost property, two motor vehicle accidents, four motor vehicle complaints, one noise disturbance, two cases of operating after suspension, one paper served, one sexual assault, one simple assault, one stranded motorist, two suspicious persons/vehicles, two thefts, nine traffic citations, 48 traffic warnings, 34 vacation house checks, two weapons permits and three welfare checks.

—Pennie M. Spooner



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Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd



The legislative session is winding down with a target of May 31 as the end of term. Last year, because of the school funding debates, the session lasted until June 30. We continue to walk on legislative eggs regarding school funding issues and again this will be the dominant theme of the 2001-2002 session. Listen carefully to gubernatorial and legislative candidates and support those who represent your ideals and who will make the difficult and courageous decisions that determine how we live, the priorities we collectively support and reflect the ability to respond to the changing realities of our state.

There are several hot issues still to be resolved this session and others of note that have failed to pass. In brief:

HB 1116, a bill that would ban "partial birth abortion" failed to pass the house because of its construction and intent. The bill was so broadly worded that it would ban all abortions and would not consider the health of the mother or offer any exceptions for rape or incest or consider any medical condition of the unborn that would be incompatible with life. In addition, "partial birth abortion" is a political term, not a medical term. The procedure as described by supporters of the bill does not occur nor has it ever occurred in New Hampshire. This bill will be seen again, no doubt, and it will continue to be a passionate topic on both local and national agendas.

HB 1475 would have raised the minimum wage by \$1 over a two year period

to a not-so-staggering \$6.15. The lobbyists were working hard on this one, offering dire consequences to the economy if it passed. 89.4% of businesses surveyed said that the last minimum wage increase had little or no effect on their businesses. With an ambitious movement to remove families from welfare rolls in a bustling economy, offering a \$5.15 hourly wage is insufficient to move people to financial independence or to support the child care workers and other vital caretakers in our state who are unable to make ends meet. This bill failed by only three votes.

SB 419, a bill that would hold gun owners responsible for knowingly leaving loaded guns within the reach of children who then commit violent actions with those guns, has met with an incredible outpouring of misinformed and dangerous rhetoric from gun owner advocates who assess any gun bills as a violation of their rights and who cite references to Hitler as a defense against any reasonable effort to protect our children from the mounting violence we have seen in our society over the past two years. The bill's intent is to protect and educate, not to remove guns from responsible owners. Much rhetoric and hysteria unrelated to the bill's intent has dominated the hearings and obfuscated the true nature of the bill. It is unlikely that impassioned opponents of the bill have actually read it in full. This bill will be heard on the floor within the remaining weeks of the session.

HB 1548, a bill banning the death penalty in New Hampshire, has passed the House and is being considered in the Senate where a vote will be taken in the next week. The bill would substitute life impris-

onment with no chance of parole for the death penalty. Compelling and emotional testimony from death row survivors who were wrongfully convicted, from families of murder victims, from church groups and the general public, overwhelmingly condemn the death penalty as barbaric, uncivilized and obsolete in all civilized Western societies but the United States. Although the death penalty has not been exercised in New Hampshire in more than sixty years, the world is watching New Hampshire's response.

Representative Barbara French, Senator Rick Trombly and I invite you to contact us with your concerns and to offer us your opinions as they relate to legislative issues. Hearing from constituents makes the time and effort we give to public service worthwhile and helps us shape the core of our debates. We are all honored to serve and represent you and will be running again in November to continue our work on your behalf. Although we don't always agree on issues, we are united as representatives who seek to make constituent service a priority and we are all honored by the opportunity this service affords us.

Have a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to spending time with family and in participating in town summer festivities even as we serve on legislative and county study committees in a less pressured environment. Many thanks to all of you who have contacted me regularly to support or even to scold. The past two years have been an amazing education and I happily conclude my first term knowing that New Hampshire is a very well run state and a great place to live. Thank you for your support.

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Planning Board Notes

Following the March Town Meeting, the Planning Board elected Tom Riley as its chair and welcomed Mel Pfeifle as a new member of the Board. Tom previously served as chair from 1987-1993. The Board voted to retain Perry Teele's many years of experience by appointing him as an alternate. Additional candidates are being considered to complete the roster of five alternates allowed.

An application for site plan review for a catering business to be located on the Pfeifle property on Ring Hill Road was discussed at the first meeting in April. It was noted that the Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board for that business included a condition that a site plan be approved for an existing home business (dog raising) already on site. The site plan for the catering business was reviewed, but action was delayed until the home business site plan has been submitted. A public hearing for the combined site plan is scheduled for May 9 if the application submitted is complete.

Sue Bunis, representing the Library Trustees, inquired about site plan requirements for the Trustees to open a thrift shop in the basement of the Library. The governmental use requires notification 60 days in advance and a public hearing if the planning board thinks it advisable. As a means of advising the public of the re-opening of a popular venture, abutters will be notified and a public hearing will be held on May 9 at 8:00pm. Any comments by the Board will be non-binding in keeping with the state law.

Confusion over recent votes to reconsider a decision not to require a site plan for the proposed expansion at the Appleseed Restaurant led the Board to consider adoption of Rules of Procedure to address this issue among others. The draft rules were presented at a later meeting, revised and adopted along with a summary of application procedures the board follows for both subdivision and site plan review. These will be printed and made available for public information. The need to review the Zoning Ordinance in light of the recently adopted Master Plan was noted. This is a task the Board should address as soon as possible within its crowded schedule.

—Marcia Keller

The What & Why of Site Plan Review

Many of the applications handled by the Bradford Planning Board over the past few years have dealt with "site plan review," raising many questions as to what this procedure is and when and why is it required. As with all land use regulations, the place to begin is with the state enabling law. RSA 674:43 I sets the broad power to "review and approve or disapprove site plans for the development or change or expansion of use of tracts for nonresidential uses or for multi-family dwelling units, which are defined as any structures containing more than 2 dwelling units, etc." Site plan review authority is not only for new commercial or industrial development, but also for any change or expansion of use and can include changes that take place entirely within a building.

As its name implies, site plan review is the review and approval or disapproval by the planning board of a particular plan or development proposal for a specific site. The review analyzes the physical characteristics of the site and the proposed development, looking at the roads, neighboring land uses, natural and manmade features, screening, safety, environmental impact and the effect on community character. Zoning says what can be developed and where, site review addresses how the development should be done. Site plan review helps to ensure that the goals and objectives of the master plan are carried out as applied to individual developments.

The regulations adopted by the Bradford Planning Board, following enactment of the Zoning Ordinance in 1989, set the thresholds beyond which site review is required. There are six specific situations:

- 1) creation of commercial, nonresidential or multi-dwelling units
- 2) change in use that is substantially different in character or operation
- 3) additional business or business operated by another person that meets criteria in regulations
- 4) expansion of use meeting set criteria
- 5) home business in the Residential Rural District that is conducted in an accessory unit
- 6) land application of septage or sewage sludge.

Confusion arises because businesses and multifamily uses that were in place in 1989 do not require site plan review. However, any developments that have occurred since that time and existing uses that meet the criteria of change or expansion must submit a site plan for review by the planning board. The planning board is more than willing to meet with anyone who has questions regarding site plan review to explain the regulations and what steps are necessary to complete the process.

—Marcia Keller

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Bradford Womens Club Update

Thank you to the Bradford Conservation Commission for providing the program for the Women's Club April meeting. The featured speaker, Dijit Taylor, gave us much food for thought through her slide presentation. Thanks to Addie Stewart and Dawn Rich for the yummy refreshments. Reservations for the Annual Luncheon Meeting on May 16 at the Mountain Lake Inn must be made by May 9 to Alma Clinton or Marj Messer. The cost is \$11 for lunch and \$5 for annual dues. The social hour will begin at 11:00am with lunch at noon. Election of officers will follow the luncheon.

As a fundraiser, the Women's Club will have a Bake and Plant Sale on May 27 from 9:00am until 1:00pm at the Brown Memorial Library in conjunction with the Library Book Sale. Bradford Women's Club members are asked to drop off baked goods by 8:30am or as soon as possible that morning.

Volunteers are needed for the Parade Float for the Fourth of July Parade and at the Food Booth after the parade. Call Sue Vitale at 938-2852.

The Red Cross Swim Program will be held July 24-28 and July 31-August 4. Registration will be held in June. Think spring!

Sue Vitale, President



Real Estate Hints:

The Real Estate Contract

by Laura Hallahan

So, you want to make a formal offer on a piece of property. Your realtor will assist you with the paperwork known as the Sales Agreement and Deposit Receipt. This three-page document is a standard form created for use by all members of the New Hampshire Association of Realtors. Some people ask an attorney to draw up papers in lieu of using the standard form. The Sales Agreement and Deposit Receipt is broken down as follows: Page one provides the date, location and description of the property, selling price offered and all deposits to be made. It lists the amount of the initial deposit, also known as earnest money, as well as a second deposit amount—usually a percentage of the selling price. Earnest money is provided at the time the offer is made to show good faith, while the due date of the second deposit varies. The type of deed, closing date, name of the agency or agencies involved and wording about insurance protection, title and taxes complete page one. The buyer and seller initial the bottom of this page.

Page two outlines the property to be included in the sale, acknowledges receipt of the seller property information report and details the type of inspections to be done and the time frame in

which they will be completed. The buyer may choose to waive the right to all inspections if so desired. Page two also includes wording about liquidated damages should the buyer default. The buyer initials the section dealing with inspections, and both buyer and seller initial the bottom of this page.

Page three addresses financing and indicates whether the agreement is or is not contingent upon financing, listing the amount, terms/years and rate if applicable. Dates are given to apply for and receive written commitment. The contract states that it is binding and becomes effective when both parties have signed and dated the agreement. Finally, a section entitled "Additional Provisions" is completed if there are other issues or contingencies not addressed in the contract itself. Page three is signed and dated and parties include social security numbers.

Up to five originals of the Sales Agreement and Deposit Receipt are prepared. Parties are advised to contact an attorney if they do not fully understand what they are signing. It may prove helpful to ask your realtor for a blank copy of a contract when you first start looking at properties.

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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Black bears are up and about. It was once hard to find a bear in New England but the forests have come back and so have the bears. Unlike woodchucks, bears don't hibernate solidly all winter, slowing their metabolisms to insensibility. A bear does slow its heart and breathing rate but its body temperature is not so far from normal and it can come out of its stupor fairly quickly if it needs to. Their prodigious supply of autumnal body fat gives them the extra energy to get through the foodless winter with a lesser degree of hibernation.

Bears mate in mid-summer. The fertilized egg or eggs are held in a state of arrested development until late fall when gestation begins. Their mother is barely aware of the cubs when they are born in January or February after a mere 6 to 8 weeks of development, weighing only 6 to 10 ounces, quite hairless and with eyes closed. Unlike their sleeping mom, the cubs during this first winter are awake eating and growing, warmed by her bulk. By the time they emerge in spring they will weigh about 5 pounds. My own mother, if she'd had a choice, might have favored this strategy. Sleep through it all till they're ready for first grade.

Bears, like humans, invest a great deal of time and effort on training their offspring. They have a complex vocabulary of grunts, moans and other unlabelable sounds to work with. The young bear stay with their mother throughout the first year, denning with her that winter and usually are urged to leave the following summer upon the appearance of the local male bears who have spent their year solo. The female bear mates every other year if she has cubs. Their training program includes what to be afraid of, where to go for food and cover, what is possible to eat and what is not. Bears do not intuitively know what is good for them as far as comestibles go. They learn by watch-

ing other bears, feeding in areas that already smell of bear and by sniffing their mother's breath to determine exactly what she has eaten. Bears mark trees at feeding sites, which may include your bird feeder, the location of your chicken feed, or where your most recent compost pile is. They do this to relocate it for themselves and it also serves to notify other bears of a food source.

Contrary to a very popular myth about black bear, they do not eat people. They tend to run away on catching wind of a human. Of course they will defend their offspring and themselves from any real or perceived threats. As would you. These defenses usually consist of rushes and vocal displays to warn off an unwelcome intruder. It is through their noses that they know their world. Their sight and hearing, though good, are not their primary senses. Astute observers of humans, they can readily distinguish our motives. It is quite possible to companionably share an afternoon in a blueberry field swatting flies and picking berries with a bear but it is much harder to sneak up on one with a gun in your hand.

Some of us probably fear bears because they are just not familiar to us. We don't know their body language, as we might guess that of a canine or feline. It is not so much that bears are unpredictable as we are unable to "read" them. It seems inconceivable to us that they attain their size almost solely on nuts, berries and insects. They will also eat amphibians and rodents if they can catch them, a wide variety of vegetation, and carrion. They certainly can bring down an inattentive or impaired deer but despite their formidable size, teeth and claws used mainly for ripping up logs and digging for grubs, they do not hunt game. This would be much too large an expense of energy for a bear.

Take down your bird feeders now, lock up your trash. The bear one person might think is so endearing as it feeds off their back deck is being encouraged to try it somewhere else. Someone more fearful or angry or defensive might welcome it with a bullet. We can live with bears.

From the "secret" recipe files of



Chef Jim Horigan, Thistle & Shamrock Inn

Cranberry Cream Scones

Simple and quick, this recipe makes 24 scones.

Preheat oven to 425°F

Combine and blend with a fork:

4 cups all purpose flour

2 Tbsp. baking soda

1 tsp. salt

1/2 cup sugar

1 cup dried cranberries

Stir in 2 1/2 cups heavy cream

The mixture will be a bit sticky. Turn out onto a floured board and quickly knead 8 or 9 times. Divide dough in two and flatten into 10" circles. Brush the tops with soft butter and sprinkle with granulated sugar. Cut each circle into 12 wedges and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake at 425° F for 15 minutes until lightly browned.

These scones can be eaten right away or wrapped individually and frozen for unexpected guests. For a real treat, slice them lengthwise, brush each half with softened butter and brown on a griddle.

Enjoy!

HISTORIC CAPE



Bradford. This 3-bedroom 1776 post & beam cape was a summer resting place for President Franklin Pierce. It features 9 over 6 windows, fireplace and wood stove, new oil furnace, addition in rear with large family room, 24' X 24' garage/barn. 1.5 acre lot surrounded by stone walls. **\$145,000**

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May Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 1

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, MAY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm
Bradford Elementary School PTC Meet-
ing, KRES at Bradford, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Baseball Diamond Skills Competition,
Brown Shattuck Field, 1:00pm

MONDAY, MAY 8

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town
Hall, 9:00am
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
BBA Annual Meeting, Thistle and Sham-
rock Inn, 6:00pm

TUESDAY, MAY 9

BWC Executive Board, Sue Vitale's,
10:00am
Bradford Revolving Loan Committee,
Candlelite Inn, 7:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Adventures in Art, BML, 3:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 11

BECC Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm
KRSO School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Bradford Community Corporation,
BACC*, 7:00am

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Area Senior Rally, "Gardening" program,
BACC*, 1:00-3:00pm

MONDAY, MAY 15

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

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

Thistle Spinners, every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, all are wel-
come to attend, come and learn a new craft

Beginning Cross Training, Mondays, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Step Aerobics, Tuesdays, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Baton Twirling Lessons, Wednesdays, Town Hall, 3:15-4:30

Low Impact Aerobics, Thursdays, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Call Molly Clark at 938-5978 for cost and information on these fitness programs

*Bradford Area Community Center, West Main Street, Bradford.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

BWC Annual Luncheon, Mountain Lake
Inn, 11:00am Social, Lunch at Noon
Conservation Commission, Town Hall,
7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for
details
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
and Potluck Supper, BML, 6:00pm

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Outdoor Expo, Brown Shattuck Field,
11:00am-4:00pm

MONDAY, MAY 22

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Area Senior Luncheon with program,
sponsored in collaboration with CAP,
11:00am, BACC*. Reservations re-
quired one week in advance, donations
accepted. Call 938-2640

THURSDAY, MAY 25

KRSO School Board, NL Elementary
School, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Bradford Community Corporation,
BACC, 7:00am

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Library Book Sale & Women's Club Bake
and Plant Sale, BML, 9:00am-1:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

KRHS Music Program, First Baptist
Church, 7:30pm

Classifieds

FOR SALE. 1986 Ford Ranger pick up
truck, \$900. To inspect call 938-5482.

YARD SALE. May 27 & 28, 10-5,
Hambrechts' Windswept Farm, 311 Fair-
grounds Rd., Bradford in the gray barn.

EXPERIENCED SLIPCOVER MAKER
needed to cover one armchair for the
Bradford Area Community Center. Please
call 938-5352.

FOR SALE. 1992 Dodge Ram 150 pickup
LE club cab, 5.2L V-8. Loaded, excellent
condition. New tires, fiberglass cap.
\$4,500. Call 938-2889.

FOR SALE. Small molded dog crate, new
condition, \$18/b.o. 29' 1977 Yellowstone
camper, \$2,800/b.o. 1987 Buick LeSabre,
lots of new parts, \$1,700/b.o. 1972 F100
4X4, 360 V-8, stickshift, w/ Fisher P.A.
plow, 7 1/2', runs & drives, yard truck,
\$800. Call 938-5209.

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



*Do you have a great photo of
Bradford people or events? Share
it in the Bridge! Please submit it
with a self-addressed envelope if
you want it returned.*

Bradford Bridge June deadlines

Display ads	May 20
Classified ads	May 26
Articles	May 20*

*If you would like to submit an ar-
ticle covering an event occurring af-
ter the deadline, please contact Lyn
Betz at 938-5029.

To list events for the June Calen-
dar, please call Betty Hague at
938-2722.