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Main Street intersection to get makeover

With the snow pack a mere memory and the mud firmed to soil, two outdoor projects were the highlight of the discussion at the last BEOC meeting. You will soon see work begin at the intersection of route 103 and Main Street, part of the Gateways projects of the Village Improvement Program. The design should soon be in hand and folks from the Women's Club, Historical Society, and others will be assembling the flowerbeds around a scaled-down replica of the Bradford Springs Spring House. This will be the first of three gateways to receive a makeover as part of the Village Improvement Program.

The Bradford Green site assessment continues to be the key to the future of the Bradford Green. At our next meeting, The Department of Environmental Services will present a review of the report they have been pulling together over the last number of months. Their report will outline the condition of the property and assess any safety issues with an eye towards reclaiming problematic areas. The eventual development of the property as a community-centered activity area is the long-term goal.

The Capital Improvement Program and Highway Department Relocation Assessment were also briefly reviewed and the scope of each discussed. Each project is a large undertaking with the dialogue centering on bringing together the right people to oversee the projects from start to finish.

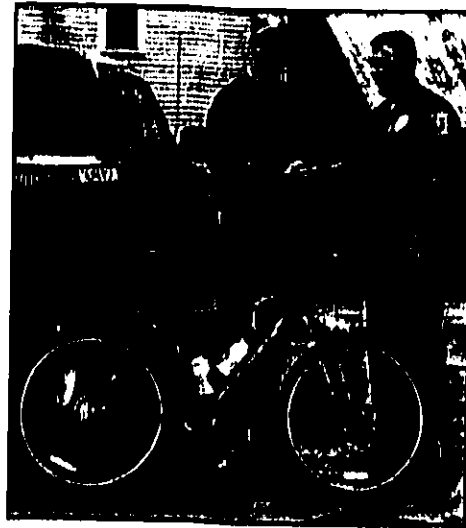
If any of the above projects interest you, we would be happy to see you at the next meeting. Join us on Thursday, June 14, at the Community Center, 7:00pm, for the presentation from the DES and more.

—Stephen Manley

Bicycle Patrol Program in Bradford

The Bradford Police Department announces a new program. With the assistance of Outspokin' Bicycle & Sport shop of Newbury, the Bradford Police Department is beginning a bicycle patrol program for its officers. This program is one of several efforts on the part of the Bradford Police Department to provide improved services to the citizens of the Town, and to make the officers more accessible.

Will Hurley, owner of Outspokin' has provided a patrol-duty style bike for the department to use on a loan basis for the spring and summer months. This pro-



Will Hurley of Outspokin' presents BPD Officer Don Nason with a specially-equipped bicycle for a new trial bike patrol program.

gram is being instituted on a trial basis to see if the Department and townspeople will benefit from officers being on bike patrol at times during their shift. The Bradford Police Department would like to thank Mr. Hurley and his employees at Outspokin' for their contribution and assistance in providing the bike and rider training to the Bradford officers. We hope to see kids and adults alike out on the

roads, parks and biking areas of Bradford. Stop and say hello to the officers and check out the new bike!

—Bradford Police Department

Fish Stories....

Forty-six youngsters registered for the Bradford Fish & Game Club's Annual Spring Trout Derby, held on May 19. Over 200 trout were stocked in the rearing pool by the firehouse for the event. The prize for first fish caught went to Rob Scheufle of Newbury, whose line had barely touched the water at the start of the derby when he landed the prizewinner. Darienne Messer of Newbury was the first to catch three trout. The largest fish caught was by Bradley Reid of Webster. The youngest fisherman with a fish was Jessie Carter of Bradford; the youngest fisherman without a fish was Jenna Carter of Bradford. This year each youngster who registered received either a lure or bobber of their choice.



Jenna and Jessie Carter were among the winners at the Kids' Trout Derby

The club would like to thank everyone for helping to fill the donation cans around town that helps make events possible. We also offer our special thanks to Bowie's Market, Dickie's Outdoor Sports, Western Mountain, and The Harry Lure Co. for prizes and donations.

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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 June 20.

Selectmen's Update

May has been a busy month for all in Bradford. The Fairgrounds Road bridge is nearing completion. Guardrails have been installed on Center Road and Main St., and reclamation of a part of Fairgrounds Rd. has commenced. The East Washington Rd. project is in progress and Mike Rabbit is sweeping our roads.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank everyone who is celebrating spring by landscaping and fixing up their properties. Just think how much more beautiful Bradford would be if we all just took a little more interest in our property.

The Bradford Police Department has started a bicycle patrol, which has been enthusiastically received. Talk to the officer on the bike and get to know him.

We are trying to implement a new brand of community policing and are confident of good results. Interviews for Police Chief will take place on June 5 and hopefully we will make a decision that is the right fit for our town.

Inventory forms and dog licenses are now overdue. If you are behind please take care of this.

As of May 1, we reversed the one way traffic pattern at French's Park. This is purely a safety issue.

The Department of Revenue Administration has raised the equalized evaluation of our town by 18 million dollars based on a sales formula. We are appealing their methodology. At stake is a loss of \$110,000 of school adequacy grants to the town. If we lose, this will add approximately \$1.35 to our school tax rate. You may want to contact your legislators for help in this intrusion of state power.

Let's all have a great summer and enjoy our town. It has so many facets and is truly a great place to live. On a personal note, Cheryl Kordas has consented to become my wife and the celebration of our happiness will be on July 21 at the Union Congregational Church.

—Chris Frey

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

April 2. Amber Dale Stanton was born to Donna & Dale in Concord.

April 20. Hannah Juliette Kent was born to Scott & Gina in Concord.

May 4. Robert A. Moore died.

May 12. Jason Doran & Jennifer Harvey were married in New London.

May 26. Matthew Waite and Christine McNeil were married in Sunapee.

All dogs not licensed have been turned over to the Police Department for collection as required by state law.

Tax bills have been sent out. If you did not receive yours or if there is a problem with your bill, please contact the tax collector or the Selectmen's Office.

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Writing Workshop for Children and Adults

Adventures in Art programs conclude with a writing workshop, *Write Your Own Poem*, led by Bradford poet Ellen Hersh on Wednesday, June 13 from 3:00 to 5:00pm in Brown Memorial Library. Ellen Hersh said, "We invite children and adults to join in writing on a subject that is fun and familiar to all—writing about someone you love or admire. Children who cannot write yet will have the opportunity to take part in a group writing project." Ellen Hersh's poetry and translations have appeared in literary magazines and anthologies for more than two decades. On the Artist Roster of the New Hampshire and Florida arts councils, Ellen has been a poet in the schools for many years. She and her husband Burton spend summers in a converted inn in Bradford and winters in St. Petersburg, Florida. Ellen holds degrees from Radcliffe, Yale, and Vermont College of Norwich University.



The free *Adventures in Art Programs* have been made possible by the Friends and Trustees of Brown Memorial Library, Bradford-Newbury Parent/Teachers Club, a "Community Arts Grant" from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and private donations. Pre-registration is suggested. Call Project Director Sue Rayno at 938-2849. Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 West Main Street in Bradford, is handicapped accessible.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

AARP 55-Alive Driver Safety Program

This is a safe-driving education program for older drivers. Recognizing the need to help older drivers improve their skills and prevent traffic accidents, AARP offers this program to all motorists age 50 and over. Trained volunteer AARP members teach the eight-hour program. The course is available to both Association members and non-members.

The course is a classroom refresher designed to meet the needs of older drivers. It covers age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, rules of the road, local driving problems, and license renewal requirements. Classes are held over two days, four hours each day (times are 9:00am to 1:00pm with a coffee break at about 10:30am). Both sessions must be attended to receive a certificate, which

is good for three years. Many insurance companies give a discount for taking the course. The cost of the course is \$10. The check should be made out to AARP. The class is open to anyone age 50 and over and their spouses. You must pre-register for the class since space is limited. We ask that you let us know three days in advance if you are not going to attend the class so that we can take a person from the waiting list to fill the slot. Several persons can be booked above the ordinary class limit because invariably there are a couple of no-shows.

The next local class will be at the Bradford Area Community Center, June 26 & 27, 9:00am-1:00pm. Call Tom Riley at 938-5539 to register. If you have any questions, call the BACC Administration Office at 938-6228.



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Obituary

ANNA VOSBURGH

Anna Vosburgh, 93, died Friday, April 27 at Pleasantview Center in Concord after a short illness.

She was born in Omaha, Nebraska, the daughter of Joseph and Emma Moravec. She worked as a clerk for Nichols Department Store in Auburn, N.Y. She moved to Warner to live with her daughter 15 years ago. She was a baseball fan, loved the Red Sox and was an avid reader.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley Vosburgh, who died in 1978. Survivors include a son, Kenneth Vosburgh of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; two daughters, Deborah Lippincott of Warner and Sandra Carlton of Niantic, Conn.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces.

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BWC Elects New Officers

The Bradford Women's Club had their annual luncheon at the Mountain Lake Inn. New officers for the year are President Barbara Vannata, First Vice President Gerri Dickerson, Recording Secretary Martha von Redlich, Corresponding Secretary Jane Johnsen, Treasurer Nancy Hibbard and Finance Chair Jane Lucas.

The June 12 executive board meeting will be a luncheon at the Church vestry at 10:45am.

Volunteers are needed for the Independence Day sausage and pepper booth on July 7 from 4:00-8:00pm. Please call 938-2691 to volunteer.

—Jean Gaito



Outgoing BWC President Jean Gaito passes the gavel to new president Barbara Vannata.

Bradford Art Group Announces June Exhibit

The Bradford Art Group opens the new Brown Memorial Library exhibit, *Watercolor Portraits* by Bradford artist Pam Wall on Saturday, June 9. The exhibit will continue through July.

Featured artist Pam Wall said, "I came from an artistic family and was always interested in drawing and painting—particularly people. I wanted to be a fashion designer when young, but I had a family instead."

Over the years, Pam Wall has continued her artistic education—attending the Phoebe Flory Watercolor School in Mont Vernon, NH, and classes with Potter Place sculptor Winslow Eaves. Today, she continues her training at Notre Dame College.

Pam paints portraits and murals. Her first mural, painted at the Goveton High School in 1970, is still on display. Her murals, usually created for private area homes, typically consist of native area scenes, placed to visually enhance and enlarge an otherwise uninteresting portion of a room.

Watercolor Portraits by Pam Wall may be seen during Brown Memorial Library's open hours: Monday, 9:30am to 8:00pm; Wednesday, 9:30am to 5:00pm; and Saturday, 9:30am to 1:30pm. The library, located at 78 West Main St., is handicapped accessible.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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Freda Bunker Honored



On May 6, Freda Bunker, seated, turned 94 and received a certificate for 80 years of service to the Sunapee Lake Grange #112, which meets in South Newbury Village. Her daughter, Alice Gove, who holds the office of Lecturer now, read the presentation. Mrs. Bunker has been past Master, Overseer, Chaplain, Steward, Treasurer, and one of the Graces, Flora. Doris Newell, Master for 2001, and her husband Harold were also present. Frances Ward, current Chaplain, read the poem "Today." Grange members Laura Sevens, Treasurer and her father, Lorenzo Heath, attended. Betty Brown, Mrs. Bunker's granddaughter, and Esther Osgood, her cousin, joined the celebration held at Foxchase Assisted Living where Mrs. Bunker resides. From memory, Mrs. Bunker recited "Uncle Tascus and the Deed," a poem she learned many years ago for a Grange program. The Grange is primarily an agricultural club involving the whole family. Members raise money for libraries and scholarships as well as enjoy social functions.

Independence Day Plans: Get Ready!

The Independence Day Committee hopes you are all thinking about your float for Bradford's "Claim to Fame" Independence Day Parade. The "Good Old Days" is the theme this year. This could be 200 years ago or even two years ago; whatever was good for you. The parade was a little short on floats last year. Let's show them how creative we are this year. Floats really make the parade, so get your thinking caps on. Floats will line up on Old Warner Rd., trucks and heavy equipment on 114 by the Post Office. Judging will begin at 3:15pm.

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Bradford Area Community Center

from 9:00am-2:00pm. We're working on some ideas for the afternoon. If you have some, we would love to hear them. We are also in need of workers for the parade. If you have an hour or so we'd love your help. Call 938-2530 or 938-2879 for more information.

Look for ballot boxes at Bowie's, Dodge's, Lake Sunapee Bank and the Post Office to vote for your choice for Grand Marshal. Vote for someone you feel has been an asset to our town. There are many well-deserving people who have given their time and energy, so let your vote tell them "Thanks".

—Jane Lucas

Shultz Awarded Town Scholarship

The Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce this year's scholarship of \$250 is awarded to Ms. Ceridwen Shultz of County Road. Ms. Shultz will be attending Franklin Pierce College to study Graphic Design.

The town scholarship was established in 1964 and is funded by interest earned on a dedicated account. Contributions made for the purpose of supporting the scholarship can be deposited as principle.

—Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee


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- 1/2 cup margarine
- 8 oz. cream cheese

Add:

- 2 eggs
- In a separate bowl, combine:
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. salt

In another bowl, combine:

- 1 cup apple butter
- 1 Tbsp. bourbon
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Alternately add the wet and dry ingredients to the creamed mixture.

Stir in:

1 cup chopped walnuts
Spoon batter into greased and floured bundt pan or 5 mini loaf pans. Bake at 350°F

Bundt = 60-70 min.

Mini-loaf = 30-35 min.

Cool 10 minutes in pan then remove and cool completely and glaze.

Glaze:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 4-5 Tbsp. milk
- 1 1/2 tsp. corn syrup
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla or bourbon

The Field Trip

"Can you chaperone a field trip for me?" The words brought to mind bumpy bus rides and nauseous children. I almost said no right then without even listening to the rest of the information.

"Do you have a passport?" Why would I need a passport? I decided that I really had to listen to her. "Can you chaperone our French Class trip to France?" France? She had my full attention.

Our first flight was from Boston to Washington, DC. I spent part of that very bumpy flight convincing the boy next to me that he wasn't going to be sick. He wasn't but there are some things about field trips that never change.

Once we settled into our hotel in Paris, the tour director announced that we were going to see the Louvre. The Kearsarge French teacher, Madame Allen, had arranged for our small group to meet with her French niece at a café. It was a very tough choice. See the Mona Lisa, or meet a real French student. Most of us wanted to see the Louvre, but we didn't want to disappoint Madame, either. Then Madame mentioned that her niece was very beautiful. The boys decided that a live beautiful French girl had more appeal to them than a painted beautiful French girl did so the group split up and everyone was happy.

On Sunday we had a bus tour of Paris. We were fortunate to be at Cathedral Notre Dame at the same time Mass was being said. What an honor to hear the or-

gan and the choir and the bells of Notre Dame. Later we saw the lavish palace at Versailles. To end a very long day, we climbed up 275 steps to Sacre Coeur and saw the lights of the city.

We went on to Normandy and saw the World War II battle sites and the American Cemetery. Rows and rows of white crosses and Judaic stars impressed the students. Later we saw Mont St Michel with its charming street full of shops and made the climb to the monastery. Some of the pillars connecting the Romanesque part of the monastery to the Gothic part looked like palm trees.

Before we went back to Paris we took a boat ride across a peninsula to the oyster beds in Brittany. Then we traveled down to the walled city of St. Malo. After dining in a French restaurant there, we returned to Paris and rode a boat on the Seine River. We couldn't go as far as the tours usually went because the river was flooded and the boats didn't fit under some of the bridges. Then we went up the Eiffel Tower at night. It was wonderful! At midnight our bus driver dropped the Kearsarge group at a discotheque where we danced until 3:00am.

A very tired Kearsarge group did some shopping in Paris before we boarded the plane to come home. I don't think we could have had a better field trip; the students were well behaved, the scenery was wonderful, and we didn't meet a French pastry we didn't like.

—Laurie Brown



Bradford's July 7th Independence Celebration Day...

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Construction has begun on our new steps and walkways under the direction of Marcus Bateman. Many generous donations make this project possible. The book sale on April 28 was our biggest sale to date. We thank the Cayer family for the wonderful books and everyone who supported the sale, dealers included. Our Memorial Day weekend book sale was well attended, considering the weather. We enjoyed the baked goodies at the Women's Club sale. Our next book sale will be on July 7. New books will have been added, so come check it out!

Ruth Page, now living in Concord with her daughter, brought us a framed picture of Brown Memorial Library taken by her late husband, Charles, many years ago. It's on the mantle for all to see. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we now have four passes available to library cardholders for the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum.

Some recently acquired titles:

- Creatures at my Feet* by Sherry Neidigh
- One Moose, Twenty Mice*, by Clare Beaton
- The Puppy Who Went to School*, by Gail Herman
- Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born*, by Jamie Lee Curtis
- Bigger*, by Daniel Kirk
- Potshot*, by Robert B. Parker
- Losing Malcolm*, by Carol Henderson
- The Lighthouse Keeper*, by James Michael Pratt
- Summer Island*, by Kristin Hannah
- Muster Field Farm Recipes

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Baton Twirlers Ready for Bradford Parade

Molly Clark's Baton Twirlers, winners of the kid's parade division last year, along with some new faces, are ready for their second year in the Bradford Independence Day Parade on July 7. In addition to twirlers, flags and drill marchers, featured twirlers and a rhythm section have been added.



Be sure to look for the "Giant Baton" too. This custom-made baton has authentic baton ends from the 1950s and measures five

feet, four inches long. The "Giant Baton" was designed and constructed by AccuTech of Hudson, NH for Molly in 1983 as part of a record-setting performance at the Nashua Mall. The "Giant Baton" is believed to be the largest twirlable majorette baton in the world.

Sign-up for kids to march will continue for a couple more weeks. No experience is needed—and it's free. All children are welcome, from Tiny Tots (ages 3-5), Juniors (ages 6-8) and Seniors (ages 9-13). All equipment and accessories are supplied at no cost. To participate in the Bradford parade, please call Molly at 938-5978.

—Marcia Keller

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The Bradford Area Community Center will present the second in our series "Stay Informed, Stay Healthy." The date is Saturday, June 2, from 10:00am-noon in the Senior Room. This series is free and co-sponsored by the BACC and New London Hospital as a community service. For information and reservations phone 938-6228.

Our presenter, Matthew Petrin, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist will cover a number of topics in his talk. Matt has experience in a wide variety of upper extremity injuries, post operative rehabilitation, and over-use syndromes including carpal tunnel syndrome, wrist fractures, tennis elbow, hand crush injuries, metacarpal fractures, nerve injuries, and joint dislocations. His special interests include hand therapy and splint fabrication.

Matt was raised in the Claremont-Lake Sunapee area and obtained a BS in occupational therapy (OT) from the University of New England. He has worked with sub-acute rehabilitation and brain injury patients at Brewer Rehab and Living Center in Brewer, Maine, and has provided OT services at New London Hospital for four years. Matt is available for services at New London Hospital and at the Newport Health Center which is part of New Lon-



don Hospital System of Care. Matt resides in Grafton, NH, with his wife and son.

This series is the Bradford Area Community Center's way of reaching out to the community by providing our town and neighboring towns with the latest information on health care.

—Phyllis Wilcox



Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Bible Study: Our Thursday evening Bible Study will meet at the Church on June 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 7:30pm and will continue their study of the Gospel of John. The study will not meet in the summer, but will start up again in September with a study of the Book of Revelation.

Study/Prayer Group: On Thursday mornings, June 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10:00-11:00am, Pastor Lynne will lead a study of the Serendipity Series "Attitude Adjustment"—an in-depth study of the Sermon on the Mount.

Women's Christian Guild: The ladies will meet at the Church on Friday, June 8 at 11:00am and travel to the Fireside Restaurant in Hopkinton for their annual luncheon.

Annual Spring Cleaning: Church members will stay after Church on Sunday, June 10 to do spring cleaning in the Church and Fiske House. Ice cream sundaes will be the reward.

Children's Day: The children will lead us in worship on Sunday, June 10. The theme this year is "Growing in God's Love." The children will be acting out the well-known story "The Giving Tree."

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The ladies will enjoy their annual dinner on Tuesday evening, June 12. The restaurant and time will be announced closer to the day.

Father and Son Breakfast: A breakfast is being planned for fathers and sons—on Sunday morning, June 17. After an enjoyable breakfast, there will be a brief program.



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Real Estate Hints:

Know your property

by Laura Hallahan

Recent events have led me to write this month about the importance of knowing as much about your property as possible. I touched on this briefly in an earlier article, suggesting that you keep track of work done and invoices, but this goes a step beyond. Our office just put two properties under agreement and I am convinced they went as quickly as they did because both sellers knew everything about their respective houses. Where the well and septic were located, the size and history of each, etc. They knew when the roof was last worked on, who updated the electric panel box, and when and what it cost. All of this knowledge made potential buyers comfortable that they were buying a good property with a good history.

Contrast that to a house where the owner knew a few of the basics, but had written "unknown" for most items. Buyers were unsure and hesitant to make an offer, and when they did, relied heavily on the home inspection to learn about the house.

I attended a course the other day where the instructor suggested that sellers should do a home inspection

before putting the house on the market if they aren't sure of things. I have heard this recommendation before on other occasions. Handing a potential buyer a clean report or a report along with actions taken to remedy any problems will probably produce a higher offer made sooner and will certainly curtail any last minute negotiations and problems. When your house is listed you will be asked to complete the Seller Property Information Report, which is then given to all potential buyers. This report is three pages long and broken down into eight sections:

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- Insulation
- Hazardous Materials
- Appliances
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- Additional Information

Completing this report with detailed information is a key to how well you know your property. If you find yourself putting "unknown" more often than answers, it may be to your benefit to find out what you can before your home goes on the market. Time spent now will result in more money and a faster sale.

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BHS News

Deborah Bede, operator of Stillwater Textile Conservation Studio of Bradford, will be guest speaker at the Bradford Historical Society on Wednesday, June 20 at 7:30pm at the Old Post Office. After graduating from the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU, she interned at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and held a Mellon Fellowship at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She has worked with institutions and individuals, including the MFA, Boston, stabilizing and preserving textile-based art works. A recent work has been refurbishing the fabric wings of the 1905 Wright Brothers plane. The meeting is free and open to the public.

—Milly Kittredge

Bradford Country Squares Ice Cream Social

The Bradford Country Squares will host their annual Ice Cream Social at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, June 16. Dona Prudhomme will call A1 from 7:00 to 8:00pm and Plus from 8:00 until 10:30pm. Vera Prudhomme will cue the Rounds. Dress is casual and admission is \$5 per person. For further information, please call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are always welcome.

—Shirley Trombley

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Community Questions: How Will Bradford Grow?

Have you driven down West Road recently? If not, I invite you to check out what might be Bradford's future. A local realtor frequently gets calls from folks who want a cheap piece of land on which to put a mobile home. They know that Sutton, Newbury, Warner, and most of our surrounding towns have zoning regulations that require such homes to be in a designated mobile home park. Most of those towns also have minimum lot sizes in their rural residential or conservation districts that discourage inappropriate development. One of the things that we love about Bradford is its socioeconomic breadth. All kinds of people make the town what it is, a refreshing mix of backgrounds and resources. But another of the things we love about Bradford—the quality that drew many of us to the town—is its natural beauty. If you don't believe that that beauty is threatened, take a ride down West Road. Am I proposing "snob zoning"? Nope. Are the mobile home residents bad neighbors? Of course not! Do they deserve to live in our town? Absolutely—they have as much right to be here as anyone else. Is this sort of helter skelter development good for our town? Probably not.

Those who frame the issue as "live free or die" vs. "big government" or rich vs. poor or elitist vs. populist are either missing the point or blowing smoke. Are our friends and neighbors in Warner, Sutton, and Newbury any less independent or more "elitist" than we are?

If all this seems a little too abstract, let's look at the purely economic incentives for

protecting our open spaces and planning affordable housing rather than letting it just happen in the form of widely scattered mobile homes. The kind of development we see moving along West Road has two inevitable consequences: taxes go up, real estate values go down. The bottom line is that unless you have sub-dividable land you plan to sell to a developer, the current zoning laws aren't good for your pocketbook. They will lower your property values and increase your tax burden.

Given Bradford's comparatively lax zoning and enforcement, NH's burgeoning population (we're the fastest growing state in the Northeast), and the development pressure rippling out from Concord, this town is a ripe plum. Take my word for it, the plum will be picked and picked and picked unless and until we do something to protect it. You don't have to go far south and east to see towns have been scarred or completely chewed up by thoughtless development. Their citizens didn't see any need to do anything until it was too late.

Friends tell me that increasing the minimum lot size and restricting mobile homes to designated parks are "mission impossible" in Bradford. It's been tried and rejected before. If that continues to be our stance, then I guess we'll get what we deserve. If you see another future for Bradford, we hope you'll join us in contacting our selectmen and planning board members to express a different vision for the town than the one that's moving down West Road.

—Rick & Libby Cowan

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BACC June Calendar

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

- Youth Center Barbecue, Outside, 3:00-6:00pm, Grades 4-8

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

- "Prevention & Treatment of Tennis & Golf Elbow" presented by Occupational Therapist Matthew Petrin, Senior Room, 10:00am-noon. This is the second in a series sponsored by New London Hospital on health issues. The public is invited. For information call 938-6228 or 938-5973.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

- Tough Love, Counseling Room, 7:00-9:00pm, every Wednesday

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

- "Paint a Picture," Community Room, 10:00am-3:00pm, sponsored by Bradford Parks & Rec.
- BACC Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

- Senior Council, Senior Room, 1:00-3:00pm, Slide Show Presentation on Bird Watching by Fred Sladen

MONDAY, JUNE 11

- Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

- Director's Meeting, Senior Room, 9:30am

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

- DAR, Senior Room, 1:00-4:00pm
- Youth Center Open House, Youth Room, 7:00-8:00pm, Grades 4-8

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

- Bradford Community Corporation, Senior Room, 7:00am

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

- BACC Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

MONDAY, JUNE 25

- Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- AARP "55 Alive Driver Safety Program," (1st day of two-day course), Senior Room, 9:00am-1:00pm, cost of Course \$10, Pre-registration required by June 23 by calling 938-5539

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

- AARP "55 Alive Driver Safety Program," (2nd day), Community Room, 9:00am-1:00pm
- Senior Luncheon, Senior Room, 11:00am-1:30pm, Catherine Lord of Service Link will speak
- Personal Touch, Blood Pressure and Foot Care, Health Services Room, 12:30-2:00pm

After School Youth Program runs Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00pm when school is in session unless otherwise noted.

BACC Youth Center Programs

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Fourth through eighth graders within Kearsarge can prepare and consume their favorite summer foods at the Bradford Area Community Center Youth Center BBQ! Parents are welcome to attend this summer kick-off and delight in their children's edible creations. Registration is required and space is limited. 3:00-6:00pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Children who are entering the fourth through eighth grades and their parents are invited to drop by the Bradford Area Community Center Youth Center Open House. Hear about the free and low-cost opportunities at the After School Program, Summer Activity Camps, Creating Lasting Family Connections, and the Jr./Sr. Friends Mentoring Program. Refreshments and a free raffle with great prizes will be part of the festivities. 7:00-8:00pm.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Kearsarge Assets Network (KAN), formerly the KCCC, is meeting in the Kearsarge Regional High School Resource Room. Community members interested in networking resources for youth are asked to attend. 7:00-9:00pm.

Anyone who leads an organization/league/club that serves or involves youth within the Kearsarge area is asked to call Heather Lane at 938-6228 to provide a few quick details about the activities offered. June 20th is the last day of After School Programming at the Bradford Area Community Center! See you in the fall!

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Legislative Report

By Representative Barbara C. French



The House did it—or didn't do it—in relation to the revenue source for the State. Of course it truly isn't "the House" as the vote was 180 for and 179 against. The House didn't really do it as far as I'm concerned because we still have a \$5.95 per thousand property tax, not really much different from \$6.60 per thousand. It repeals the Business Enterprise Tax (BET) credit for those businesses that pay the Business Profits Tax (BPT). These two business taxes had already been increased by a small percentage in 2000. This is again an increased burden for business and there is a question about its constitutionality. The House also increased the Rooms and Meals tax from 8% to 9%. In 1975-76, this tax started at 4%, which was supposed to be temporary, and then it went up again. We tried to lower it but we never could and now the House is increasing it even more. House Republican Leadership insisted that the House send "something"—anything—over to the Senate. I could not and I did not support this concept. As far as I'm con-

cerned, it totally abrogates our responsibility. We had several responsible options that we could have sent. I supported both the sales tax and the income tax as I believe we need a long-term, stable, responsible, and equitable source of revenue for the State.

As you are probably aware, during the budget process the immunization program was put in jeopardy as well as the best school initiatives. These budget items that aren't being taken care of reflect the fact that we do have a revenue problem. These are not luxury items—these are programs that are necessary to meet the needs of our citizens. I will continue to fight for a revenue source to fund a responsible state budget.

You may have heard that, according to the Kids Count Data Book 2001, New Hampshire's child poverty rate has increased by 11 percent while the rest of the country's rate has decreased. New Hampshire now ranks 44th among the states for child poverty. This reflects the families' economic status which can affect children's healthcare, school success and

the drop out rate, and their ability to become productive adults. Our kid's futures are all of our responsibility, and we need to keep our priorities straight.

The House is working on a Senate bill addressing school accountability. Certainly this is an important component to the education adequacy picture. This remains a work in progress but is vital to the ultimate success of our education system.

Our bill to address millage prevention, control, and research is making its way through the legislative process. This bill has received good support; however, once again, funding is the issue.

LCHIP, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, is an issue everyone needs to continue to follow and support. It has great potential to be a very meaningful, important program for our State and our children.

Please feel free to contact Representatives Beth Rodd (938-2692) or Barbara C. French (428-3366) with your comments or concerns.



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May Selectmen's Meetings

APRIL 30. Mr. and Mrs. David Dunlop and Norma Burns representing the Country Squares met with the Selectmen regarding the schedule for dances in the coming year. The Selectmen indicated the closing of the upstairs for the winter had not recorded savings so they would approve the Country Squares use of the hall during the winter months.

The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Charlene St. Pierre as dog officer.

Selectmen signed a commitment letter with the Town of Henniker for Household Hazardous Waste Day on October 6, 2001.

Selectmen discussed instituting a training contract with the Police Department for those officers sponsored by the Town at the Police Academy. The contract would require officers completing the school to continue in their employment with the Town for a period of three years. This contract would help defray the high cost of training officers only to lose them for jobs in other towns.

Bruce Edwards left the meeting at 5:22pm to respond to a rescue call.

Cheryl reported the filing of the intent to claim for Federal Emergency funds for the snowstorm in March.

Chris Frey reported on his contact with Federal Conservation regarding the placement of culvert on East Washington Road near the Penhallow property. The Town is working on a contract with a landowner for gravel to repair that road, but must meet several environmental requirements of the landowners.

Northstar Maintenance will remove two trees at the First Baptist Church cemetery. The \$2700 cost will be shared by the Town Cemetery Commission and the First Baptist Church.

Steele Road was temporarily repaired, but created problems for other property owners. Anthony Vitale has agreed to allow the Town to correct the drainage problem by accessing his property. The NH Department of Environmental Services will be contacted to properly solve this drainage issue.

Mr. Hill's Road bond is in place for the transportation of his modular home over the posted town roads.

MAY 7. Bruce Edwards announced the state has decided there is no need to replace guardrails on Oakdale Road.

Dick Keller met with Selectmen to discuss issues of code enforcement. He indicated he had heard a rumor indicating the building inspector had refused to do code enforcement. Dick Vitale replied that the

building inspector will identify the problem and the Selectmen are the enforcement body. The lack of a building permit on 211 Breezy Hill Road was discussed, and Cheryl relayed the receipt of the permit by fax over the weekend. Cheryl had talked to Mr. Gaboury by phone that day and explained a meeting had taken place between Mr. Gaboury and the Building Inspector, Chip Meany, on Sunday. Mr. Gaboury was present at the Selectmen's meeting and discussed the results with the board and the Kellers indicating his contact with the Wetlands Board in Concord, and verifying the existence of a state approved septic plan. The question was raised regarding the footprint of a building referring to the foundation or the roofline. Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board will take up that issue with the Planning Board.

Sue Vitale representing the BACC met with the Selectmen to present requests of the Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board. The group has requested the Selectmen submit a warrant article in the next budget season to cover the cost of a new roof on the center. The original plan was for the Bradford Community Corp. to raise the money from fund raising but the BCC has decided it will not be able to pursue that plan. The question was raised of defraying the cost through withdrawals from the Town Facilities capital reserve fund. The matter will be approached during the budget season. Meanwhile, the Selectmen requested the Governance Board obtain an estimate for the job. Chris Frey will meet with the Bradford Area Community Center to discuss the issue of fund raising for this purpose. Sue Vitale then requested the Selectmen approach the abutters, the Coyles, regarding the overhanging trees on the property line. The trees are taking up parking area and the Governance Board wishes to have the town crew remove the

trees. Chris Frey will investigate the problem. Selectmen were asked if the location of the basketball hoop was okay. Selectmen decided to see how the current location works out.

Rescue Squad and Fire Department presented an impressive show of support at the funeral of Robert Moore in Bradford on Monday. Mr. Moore served the Town in many capacities during his life and will be missed.

Pike contract was signed for the grinding of Fairgrounds Road between Riley Road and Old Fairgrounds Rd. The work will begin next week.

Dick Vitale reported he had been approached by Bernie Lamach regarding the reconstruction of the Bicentennial Park. During the drainage repair work the park was dissembled. The monument needs to be turned around, the fence replaced, and the plantings restored. Selectmen discussed the matter with Sue Vitale as the Women's Club has in past handled the plantings. She will report to the Women's Club for a schedule and Dick will inform Bernie Lamach of the plan. They have asked for help from the highway department in setting the monument and railroad ties. Depending on the schedule and time requirements, Chris Frey gave tentative approval.

Provan and Lorber submitted a contract to cover the testing required by the Level II investigation for contamination at the Highway sheds. Selectmen will review the proposal before signing and check with the state to verify the number of inspections needed.

MAY 14. Bindy Glennie, of Massacum Ave. met with Selectmen regarding the blasting of ledge on Rte 114. State of NH Dept of Transportation Project Manager Mr. Kehoe also attended. The Selectmen

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The Bradford Supervisors of the Checklist will hold Public Session at the Bradford Town Hall on Tuesday, July 10 from 7:00-9:00pm.

State Law (RSA 654:39) requires the Supervisors verify the checklist every 10 years. This year, we are required to remove from the checklist any person who did not vote in any election in this town in 2000 or at the Town Meeting in 2001. **If you did not vote in 2000 or 2001, you must re-register with the Supervisors of the Checklist or with the Town Clerk.** If you do not, your name will be purged according to law.

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listened to Ms. Glennie's complaints but felt the state had not misrepresented its original plan to the town, and saw no reason to request a stop to the construction. Mr. Kehoe reviewed the plan with those in attendance and answered questions from Marcia Keller regarding the erosion control measures taken. The selectmen told Ms. Glennie the project was on state owned land and had no town money in the repair. They indicated Ms. Glennie's course of action was to contact the State Department of Transportation.

Cheryl reported on a phone conversation with Marie Hasey regarding upgrades to be preformed by the Haseys to Dunfield Road—a class six road. The former owner of the property had filed a waiver at the Haseys request to the deed regarding no town services and received approval from the Selectmen to build. This meeting will include PSNH, Merrimack County Telephone and the town Road Agent.

MAY 21. Kelly and Doug Demain appeared regarding the development of property owned by Sayre off Johnson Hill Road. The Demains had asked in a previous letter to be informed of changes to the property, and had not received notice of an exercise by the Fire Department over the weekend of May 19th. Chris Frey reported the Fire Department at times receives requests from individuals to see if emergency vehicles can access a piece of property off a class six road. The Fire Department had been asked to do so by Ms. Sayre's attorney.

Jane Lucas, representing the Parade Committee, met with Selectmen to verify issues of road closing, posting no parking zones, and throwing candy from the floats. Selectmen suggested the Parade Commit-

tee submit a written proposal so the Police Department and Selectmen could discuss the matter.

Mrs. Lucas also discussed the Skateboard Park with Selectmen. Chris Frey suggested a meeting be posted in the Bradford Bridge requesting interested parents to attend a meeting to be held early June. If there was insufficient interest shown at a meeting, the park will be dismantled.

Cheryl reported tax bills have been sent out. The revaluation has caused some problems in billing. Please contact the office if you have problems with your bill.

Interviews for police chief will be held on June 5.

Bruce Edwards and Chris Frey have signed a letter to the Department of Revenue regarding the equalization ratio.

The highway crew will be working on preparing both Fairgrounds and East Washington Roads for paving later this summer.

Cheryl reported a visit from Ken Ward, NH Municipal Association Liability Insurance inspector. Mr. Ward questioned the lack of emergency lighting and lighted exit lights in the main room of the Town Hall. Cheryl will investigate LED lights.

Cheryl asked when the next meeting of the Road Committee would be held. The Department of Transportation map needs to be reviewed by the Road Committee prior to sending it back to the Department of Transportation. Chris will meet with the Committee to review a possible change in the approach to the Fairgrounds Road bridge to be designed in the coming year. The bridge is located on Fairgrounds Road between Pleasant View Road and West Meadow Road.

There was no meeting on May 28.

—excerpted from the public minutes prepared by Cheryl Behr

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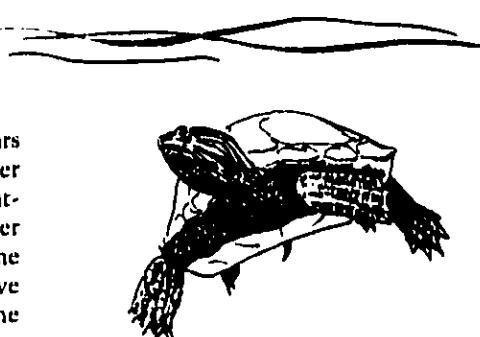
by Ann Eldridge

Down by the brick mill I saw my first two dimensional road turtle of the year. It was once probably a painted turtle, most likely a female. She would have been at least five or six years old, tentative and awkward away from her preferred water medium. Probably scouting for a sun-warmed sandy site to lay her six to ten eggs. Nesting season has become increasingly perilous for turtles. They have been digging their small holes in the earth's crust for about 200 million years and it seems that dinosaurs, volcanoes and glaciers were easier to abide than Ford, Chevy, and Toyota.

Turtles have a unique structural innovation. Consider that all other backboned animals, no matter how dissimilar in form or habit, all have bones connected in a similar pattern of shoulder, spine, and hip. Thus we resemble salamanders, whales, and bats in structure. The modified ribs, shoulder, and pelvis of a turtle, however, are encased in layers of bone. The domed roof is structurally sound and an adult can thwart the teeth of most any carnivore. Most turtles have enough overhang between upper and lower shell, carapace, and plastron, to shelter legs and tail and the curve of the neck. The exception here is the snapping turtle with its small plastron. Instead they must defend themselves with lightning speed and sharp hooked bill. Safe in the water, these turtles pose no threat to humans, contrary to the unfortunately popular misconception.

As the days warm, turtles are searching out, by smell, memory, and mystery, their preferred conditions for a self-incubating nest. The nests are dug mostly with the hind feet, which create an angled chamber a few inches beneath the surface. If disturbed in the process of excavation, the female will want to hustle back to the safety of water to try again another time. The embryos are held in suspension after fertilization until they are underground which gives the mother some time and flexibility in choosing her site. Surprisingly, the sex of some species of turtles is determined by the temperature at which they were incubated in the soil.

Painted turtles are expert at camouflaging their nests, carefully dusting over their tracks and placing weeds and pebbles randomly over the spot. Snapping turtles are a little more cavalier. Perhaps they know



that no matter how much care they take, nearly ninety percent of all nests are destroyed by skunks and other predators. For those nests that escape detection, the journey from hatchling to adult is no more secure. It is for this reason that the loss of even a few adult breeding turtles can, in a short time, seriously impact a population.

In Bradford, the turtles most often encountered are the eastern painted turtle and the snapping turtle. One might also come across the secretive wood turtle which spends some of its time foraging on land. This species is in decline over much of its remaining range and, finally, there are stiff penalties for disturbing them in hopes of slowing this trend.

If you encounter turtles on the road, help them across in the direction they were heading. DON'T try to convince them you know a safer route. And DON'T relocate them. Most turtles have a strong homing instinct and will try to make the perilous journey back to their birthing grounds. The best method of moving a snapping turtle is to stop traffic and get out of their way. A flat shovel or board underneath from behind can speed the process. DO NOT pick any turtle up by the tail as this can dislocate vertebrae.


Someone worried to me that an article about turtles, especially mentioning the rarer ones, might make people more inclined to look for them and carry them off despite laws and fines. I am thinking, though, that perhaps attitudes have been shifting. Only a generation ago, when whales stranded along the coast, gawking passersby would idly stone them to death. Now, more aware of the limits of our crowded planet, we mobilize to rescue them.

For a good time, read *The Year of the Turtle* by Warner resident David Carroll.

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Bradford Community Corporation,
BACC, 7:30am

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town
Hall, 10:00am, call 938-5386 for more
information

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm, call 938-5386
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Bradford Fish and Game Club,
Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Paint a Picture in a Day, BACC,
10:00am-3:00pm, sponsored by
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MONDAY, JUNE 11

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

BWC Executive Meeting and Luncheon,
Church Vestry, 10:45am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Adventures in Art, BML, 3:00-5:00pm
Parks and Recreation, BACC 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm
BEOC, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Bradford Community Corporation,
BACC, 7:00am

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Conservation Commission, BACC,
7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787
for details

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Historical Society program on
textile conservation, Old Post Office,
7:30pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Kids Dance, Town Hall, 7:00-10:00pm, spon-
sored by Bradford Parks and Recreation

MONDAY, JUNE 25

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program,
BACC, 9:00am-1:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program,
BACC, 9:00am-1:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

JULY 1

Historical Society Band And Berry Festi-
val: shortcakes & sundaes plus a free
Hopkinton Town Band concert, Old
Bradford Center 2:30pm

Thistle Spinners, Every Monday, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 1:00-3:00pm

Baton Twirling, Every Thursday, Town Hall, 3:30pm, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation

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

Bradford Area Community Center calendar on page 11

To list events for the July Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722
or e-mail bradfordbridge@conknet.com before June 20.

Classifieds

FOR SALE. Wooded 5.7 acres atop Hogg Hill on town maintained road with no thru traffic. Four season million dollar view possible. Asking \$32,900. Call 954-523-1948 evenings.

FOR SALE. 4 Dunlop tires P205/65 R 15s have traveled 20,000 miles, 20,000 left. \$100. Call 938-2020.

FOR SALE. Two, folding, clear plastic showcases for large dolls. 11 inches square by 24 inches tall. \$10 each or both for \$15. 938-2263.

FOR SALE. One solid wooden single side parlor door 30 inches wide by 78 inches high by 1 1/2 inches thick, 15 lights, clear glass knobs, needs refinishing. \$25 firm. 938-2270.

FOR SALE. 28 Oak-colored Windsor chairs. Excellent condition! Will sell in smaller lots. Rosewood Country Inn 938-5253.

FOR SALE. New (almost) Goodyear Eagle Tires P185/60 R14 Paid \$100 ea. will sell for \$50 each or BRO. 938-5220 Ask for Becki.

BEDROOM SET. Beautiful modern classic 6-piece maple finish queen, three-drawer night tables, 8-drawer lg. dresser w/high mirror, 6-drawer chest, \$400. Also upcoming garage sale items. 938-5389 days until 8:30pm

FOR SALE. Camp firewood Fill car trunk for \$10, Call for information, 938-5989

TENNIS ANYONE? Looking to form group for summer tennis games, childrens' lessons possible as well if enough interest. Beginners, intermediates, experts. Call Beth 938-2692

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE, 6/30 Antiques, kitchen items, china, spinet piano, area rugs, yard tools, tons of other fascinating items, 7 Newell Road, Newbury, 8am-3 pm Rain date 7/1. 938-5232 or 938-5811

BALI LIFECYCLE FOR SALE. This indoor bike provides a real workout! Perfect for allergic cyclists! Digital pad with changeable settings. Best reasonable offer. 938-2603 leave message & best time to call.

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