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## Milfoil Mitigation Program has Positive Effect

Efforts to control a noxious, aggressive aquatic weed in Lake Massasecum is beginning to have an effect. A crew focused on reducing the incidence of milfoil in the local lake started their five-week project in July, riding on a pontoon boat and wielding a sickle bar mower to cut and collect the weed. This is a continuation of the project begun six years ago

In late July, the State biologist brought in a suction harvesting crew that stayed eight days, using a boat equipped with a suction harvesting system that sucks up the weeds-roots and all-and deposits them in the boat to be properly disposed of.

When the crew returned in late August to view the work they'd done, the news was good. Harvested areas had fewer weeds.



*Bags of harvested milfoil sit on the sand at Lake Massasecum awaiting disposal.*

The new mitigation method was funded by a federal grant made to the state to apply new milfoil eradication methods on New Hampshire's lakes.

## Needs Assessment Update

Here are some recent highlights of the Needs Assessment Committee's work to resolve the problem of providing much-needed facilities for Bradford.

The engineering firm of Provan and Lorber (P & L), the firm presently engaged to provide the land survey of the Transfer Station site, was interviewed by the Committee regarding further study of the site. The discussion focused on developing a site plan for a highway garage and police station at that location. After receiving approval from the Board of Selectmen, a site walk was held on September 14 with Ted Kupper and Chris Carley of P & L. When their analysis is completed, a charrette will be held with the committee to begin formulation of an effective layout.

The Selectmen have also charged the NAC with administration of grants that have been applied for and recently

awarded, as well as those anticipated in the future, for certain study and remediation of the Town Hall. The purpose is to improve the effectiveness of the building while retaining its historic nature.

A sub-committee is studying the growth of the Town from the standpoint of population, increased valuation, and potential tax burden. This study shows that Bradford is presently in a favorable situation to assume the burden that is being projected. Over time, the impact of the funding will decline as the tax base is expected to increase.

The Preconstruction Subcommittee held two field trips; one with representatives from P & L to familiarize them with the proposed site for the highway and police departments; the second for the

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## 10 Questions: Selectman Andrew Pinard

*by Phyllis Wilcox*

*This is the third in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with town leaders. Selectman Andrew Pinard is our guest this month.*

Andrew Pinard has lived in Bradford since 1995. Prior to that time he lived in Epsom and Pittsfield and grew up in Derry. He was educated at Pembroke Academy, Plymouth State and the University of New Hampshire. His background includes teaching theater at Pembroke, and director of the Pittsfield Community Center, but his career and love are magic, which he began to read and study when he was young. For two years he soaked up the world of magic, spending six or seven hours a day learning and reading. He performs at corporate events, restaurants and wherever his talents are in demand. Pinard travels extensively to jobs in the Northeast and beyond.

**Q. I understand that you are a magician. Any relationship between that and your desire to become a selectman?**

None. My work as a selectman is to try to understand how people think, anticipate problems, and lead people on to logical conclusions so they can experience a reality that doesn't exist. In Bradford, we're constantly trying to decide our future reality. In magic, we regularly try to present a reality that doesn't exist.

**Q. You are the junior selectman in town, does this present many problems?**

My inexperience with the history of the town. I have to educate myself and understand the background. The three

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# From The Editor's Desk

by Mike Quinn

## Bradford is building momentum.

The Master Plan is complete, the C.W. Henry painted backdrop is the subject of a fundraising effort, the town is about to receive a moose plate grant to begin repairing and restoring Town Hall, and the Needs Assessment Committee is developing a proposal for new town facilities that residents will be asked to ratify at the 2007 Town Meeting. Add a group of residents focused on developing the Main Street area so that those cars driving *through* Bradford begin driving *to* Bradford, and you have the ingredients for a bright future.

These initiatives, and others, require the time and talents of volunteers. Let me be more specific: the initiatives that will move Bradford forward require *your* time and talent.

Most of the services and activities we value are staffed or guided by volunteers. Yet many organizations in town are struggling to retain volunteers and attract new ones.

Business or family obligations may make it tempting to say "no" when asked, but becoming a volunteer will help Bradford achieve its true potential. The outcomes—planned, thoughtful growth; new business and industry; and more educational, cultural and social opportunities—enhance property values and can slow the rate of property tax increases.

If you cannot commit time, help out by attending information sessions and public hearings to make your voice heard on the critical issues Bradford faces. Keep our town moving forward.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

On October 28, 2006, the Henniker Highway Department will host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9:00 am to 1 pm. Proof of Bradford residency is required.

Residents may bring up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of materials, contained in containers no more than 5 gallons in size, in a box. Decisions to accept or reject materials will be made on site.

These materials will be accepted: workbench—oil-based paints, stains and varnishes; wood preservatives (except Penta brand); paint strippers and thinners; solvent adhesives; garage—fuels, gasoline, kerosene, engine degreaser, brake fluid, transmission fluid, driveway sealer, motor oil, anti-freeze, car batteries; yard-poisons, insecticides, fungicides, weed killers; household-rubber cement; airplane glue; chemistry sets; furniture polish; floor and

metal polish; oven cleaner; drain and toilet cleaner; rug and upholstery cleaners; hobby and artist supplies; photographic chemicals; mercury thermometers; rechargeable batteries; and fluorescent bulbs.

The following materials will NOT be accepted: latex paint, asbestos shingles or siding; empty aerosol containers, commercial or industrial waste, radioactive waste and smoke detectors, pesticides containing 2,4,5-T Silvex, railroad ties, household batteries, propane tanks, infectious or biological wastes, Penta brand wood preservatives, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, prescription medicines and syringes, and household alkaline batteries.

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# Fourth Graders Celebrate Grandparents Week

Several seniors from Mountain View Senior Center in Bradford visited and had lunch with fourth grade classes at Kearsarge Elementary School on September 13. Escorted by capable fourth graders Melinda Seaholn of Newbury and Calvin Greene of Bradford, the seniors were given a tour of the entire school. Many of the seniors commented on how much things had changed since they or their children had attended elementary school, and how nicely the school was kept. In Mrs. Miller's fourth grade class, the students and seniors introduced them-

selves. In Mrs. Sweet's class, the seniors introduced themselves and stated how many grandchildren and great-grandchildren they had. The students expressed themselves with "oohs" and "ahhs" when some seniors stated numbers in the teens and twenties.

Lunch in the cafeteria gave the seniors and students some time to get to know each other.

Mountain View hopes to participate in more programming at the school. Anyone interested in programs at the Center can contact Sandi Bandieri, Director at 938-2104.

# Mountain View Senior Center Plans Monthly Brunch

Mountain View Senior Center will present a brunch on October 6 at 11:00 am. The event will feature piano music by local favorite Woody Roberts, and brunch will be served by Lake Sunapee VNA volunteers. The menu will include juice, coffee, tea, fresh fruit, cheese omelet, stewed tomatoes and English muffins.

Brunch will be held the 1st Friday of every month with entertainment and prizes, and will feature the cooking and serving of volunteers from Bradford and surrounding communities.

Seniors from Bradford, Contoocook, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, New London, Sutton, Warner, Webster and Wilmot are all invited to attend. A \$2.00 donation is requested at each brunch.

## Register to Vote

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 11-11:30 am at the Bradford Town Hall.

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**10 Questions: Andrew Pinard**

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selectmen each have an equal voice. We each struggle to get consensus. We only meet two times a month as mandated by the laws of the state.

**Q. What kind of training do selectmen have for the position?**

The Local Government Center in Concord has classes for municipal employees, elected officials and the general public. I have taken classes on building projects, fraud, basic and advanced local officials' workshops. I attend full day workshops for selectpersons where we do scenarios on different agendas on Saturdays during the year, which the town pays for.

**Q. With a spouse who teaches and a daughter in first grade, you must have some opinions about the state of education in Bradford. Would you share them?**

We're lucky in Bradford. We have dedicated teachers, staff, and a public that supports the school. I'm excited by the prospect of the new middle school and by the time my daughter is ready, it will be there.

**Q. What would you like to see happen in town during your tenure as selectman?**

We're working toward developing an operations manual that defines authority, establishes communication strategies and relationships between departments. The hope is that this will become a living document and serve as a resource

to the community to help them understand how municipal government works and can work for them.

**Q. If the town could have done one thing differently last year, what would you like to have seen that be?**

We could have engaged the public on a deeper more meaningful level to invest them in helping to shape Bradford's future.

**Q. How do you as a selectman cater to the many different points of view of the people and still maintain the status quo?**

I see my role as trying to engage people in the process of government. I want them to feel comfortable about making their voices heard. I'm a reasonable person. I try to be impartial and not look at personalities but issues. It's important to set up a dialogue and meet to find common ground. We need more opportunities to meet, mingle and bring people together.

**Q. In other towns there appear to be more women in the selectperson position. Why do you think that in the past thirty years only two women have been in this position?**

I can guess the answer. So many men over the years in the selectman position have exhibited a reluctance to write things down and make things clear to the

public. They spend every meeting fighting fires and there's less emphasis on policy and administration issues pertaining to municipal government in which women appear to excel. If a woman gets in, she will have a lot of baggage to contend with. It's frustrating to be one of three. I feel that women should run for the office. They will bring a different experience. I speak as a stay at home father and I am not a fan of gender politics.



**Q. How would you like to see this town look ten years in the future?**

I'd like to see some of the things that we talked about actually happen, with more meetings, more dialogue, and the people of Bradford finding consensus on issues that come up so frequently. I envision a time when the selectmen will not have to constantly put out fires and will have the time for more thought and consideration of issues.

**Q. What do you do in your spare time?**

I don't have any spare time. I do mow the lawn. I perform or travel and will be driving 3000 miles this month to get to performances. As a stay at home dad, I need to see that my daughter gets to school and after school activities. I have meetings several times each week. I write and teach magic. I design and compose books for the magic trade.

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# Bridge to the Past: October 1991

by Mike Quinn

As the days shortened and temperatures cooled in October 1991, three stories swirled briskly through Bradford: the Superior Court's decision about the Naughton property; continuing tension between the town and its school district, and the passing of Richard "Champ" Wright, who was "recognized as the unofficial Mayor of Bradford."

The *Bradford Bridge's* front page carried news of Superior Court Judge Hampsey's decision to find George Naughton (ed. note: father of Bradford resident George M. Naughton) guilty of criminal contempt, with incarceration suspended, conditional on removing the tires from the property.

Hugh Keays reported that Bradford's delayed payments to the school district brought "murmurings" from administrators about "shutting down the entire school district," and calls for school board members to use selectmen-school board summit meetings to "pressure Bradford and Warner selectmen to pay their assessment in a more timely manner."

The obituary of Richard "Champ" Wright completed a somber front page. Wright was a member of the Bradford Fire Department and a charter member of the Bradford Fish and Game Club. As owner of the former Carr's store, he "donated toys to needy children at Christmas." Two hundred and fifty people attended his graveside service, according to the *Bridge*.

A turn of the page brought lighter news. As part of the inaugural "At Work-At Home" column by Audrey Sylvester, readers found a picture of Marion Hopkins surrounded by Irish Water Spaniel pups. . The Brown Memorial Library reported that it had issued 424 library cards since starting the program in January of that year. In addition, Mildred Schmidt offered up her recipe

for "Mildred's Apple Cake," which she described as "my favorite way to use my 'drops' from my apple trees."

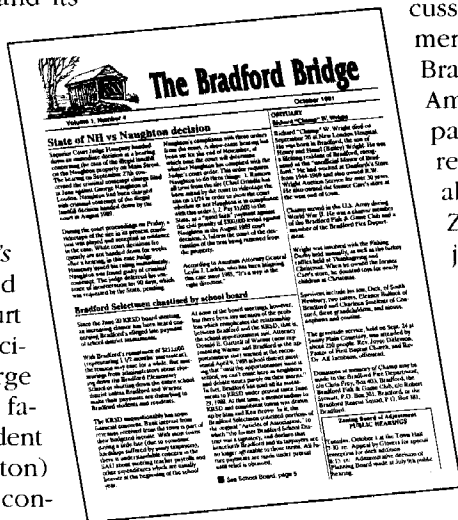
Marcia Keller began her "State House News" feature, which discussed 1991 RSA amendments that affected Bradford residents. Among them were impact fees, excavation regulations, and the ability for an elected Zoning Board of Adjustment to appoint alternate members.

Then, there were the...WINNERS! Beneath a hard-to-miss headline, Page 9 reported the results of three Bradford-based raffles. The

Bradford/Newbury youth sports raffle, netted John Henderson of Henniker an extended weekend getaway to Bermuda. The Lake Sunapee Region VNA benefit raffle rewarded Joyce Teele for her ticket purchase with a seven-day vacation to Fripp Island, South Carolina, and Joe and Faye Torro, pictured with Travis, a photogenic Golden Retriever, won \$1000 courtesy of the Bradford Rescue Squad benefit raffle.

Debbie Pickman reported on the ox-pulling prowess of Bob Gaynor and Barry Wheeler, who traveled to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia to compete in the Western Nova Scotia Exhibition. Wheeler took first place, Gaynor the second spot in the competition-a finish they would repeat later in August in competition for the International trophy at the Hopkinton Fair.

If you read the *Bradford Bridge* from cover to cover (*and who wouldn't?*-Editor), you would eventually find the classifieds. They were offered free until the end of 1991 as a way to encourage residents to use the section as a "community marketplace." What was being sold in October 1991? A "fully restored Country, but near town, 1+ acre, trout stream..." for \$120,000; mums and pumpkins at Cilley's on Main Street; and a Kenmore dryer for \$50.



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# Bradford Calendar

## ABBREVIATION MAP

BACC-Bradford Area Community Ctr.  
 BML-Brown Memorial Library  
 BNSYS-B/N/S Youth Sports  
 BWC-Bradford Womens' Club  
 KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool  
 KRES-Bradford Elementary School  
 MLI-Mountain Lake Inn  
 MVSC -Mountain View Senior Center  
 NAC-Needs Assessment Committee  
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- Kearsarge Area Pre-School; for info, contact Fred Hubley at 938-5521

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1	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, MVSC 10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 3-5 pm, Junior Girls Scouts, BAAC	10 am, MV Quilters, MVSC 1:30 pm, Tea in Sunapee, meet at MVSC 3-5 pm, Brownies, BAAC 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, KAP Parents mtg, BACC 7 pm, Zoning Board, TH	9 am, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7 pm, "Strut Your Stuff", TH 7 pm, Bradford.
8	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, MVSC 10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 7 pm, NAC Sub-Committee, TH 7 pm, Rural Heritage, BACC 7-10 pm, Scrapbook Grp, BACC	10 am, Mountain View Quilters & Crafters, MVSC 11 am-12:30 pm, Blood Pressure & Foot Clinic, Free, BACC 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Planning Board, TH	6:30 pm, Parks & Recreation Committee M
15	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, MVSC 10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC 12 pm, Sudoku Puzzlers Club, MVSC 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 7 pm, Library Trustees, BML	10:15 am, Picnic at Gould Hill Orchard, meet at MVSC 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC	6:30 pm, PTC M
22	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, MVSC 10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 3-5 pm, Jr. Girls Scouts, BAAC 7 pm, NAC Sub-Committee, TH 7-10 pm, Scrapbooking Grp, BACC	10 am, Mountain View Quilters & Crafters, MVSC 3-5 pm, Brownies, BAAC 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Planning Board, TH	6:30 pm, KAP Board
29	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, MVSC 10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC 11 am, Mystery Lunch Bunch, MVSC 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC	Halloween Parade, KRES 10 am, Mountain View Quilters & Crafters, MVSC 4-7:30 pm, Halloween Party, BACC 7:30 pm, Conservation Commission, TH	Bradford

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<b>11</b> Recreation , BACC	<b>12</b> 9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at MVSC  5-6:30 pm, BACC Governance Board Mtg., BACC	<b>13</b> 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC  7 pm, "Eyes on Owls," KRES	<b>14</b> 11 am-1 pm, Writing Group, BACC  1-3 pm, Senior Council Bingo, BACC  1-4 pm Model Rocket Launch 7-9:30 pm Youth Night-movies, games, refreshments, BACC
<b>18</b> ing, KRES	<b>19</b> 9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at MVSC  12:30 pm, Fire Safety w/Jim Allen, MVSC 6 pm, Cemetery Comm, Riley's 7 pm, "Help Your Back to Health" panel presentation, BACC	<b>20</b> 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC  10 am, Active older Adults "Nature Walkabout" w/Bindy, meet MVSC 7 pm, Foriegn Film, BML	<b>21</b>  10 am, Bradford Historical Society annual meeting, TH
<b>25</b> mtg, BACC	<b>26</b> 9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at MVSC  10 am-noon, FLU CLINIC, sponsored by LSRVNA, MVSC	<b>27</b> 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC  PTC Haunted House, KRES  Matinée Movie Club, Call 938-2104 for departure time	<b>28</b> 9 am-1 pm, Hazardous Waste Collection, Henniker (see pg. 2)  11 am NAC Open Forum, KRES, watch for details  11 am-1 pm, Writing Group, BACC

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# Selectmen's Meeting Highlights

## August 29 and September 5, 19

### Hugo's Electric, Inc.

Licensed & Insured  
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

938-5573

3191 State Rte 114, Bradford

927-4973

Route 114  
North Sutton

### ALL & AWL REPAIR

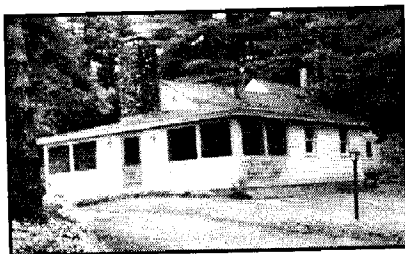
Small Engine Sales & Service

Waxing & Tack Repair

Art, Kirk, Lynne & Kris Chadwick  
Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-5:00, Sat till 1:00



**BRADFORD**—Nice setting in Melvin Mills section of Bradford. Great yard mostly level with nice landscaping & perennials/plantings. Sears originally sold these style homes. Nice wood & tile floors, fireplaced LR, lots of new improvements. Must see to really appreciate this cute & comfortable home.. .....\$259,500.



**BRADFORD**—Location is a key for this remodeled original 1809 & 1850 farmhouse. Fieldstone/brick fireplaced LR, wood, tile & berber floors, 24'x24' garage, 28'x28' barn, field, lawn, garden, shed, expansion potential, tastefully redone by caring owner. Must see!.. .....\$293,500.

### ELLIOT HANSEN

ASSOCIATES

◆ A REAL ESTATE COMPANY ◆

**Appearances** Steve Manley, owner of Kearsarge Properties, met on two occasions with the Board of Selectmen to discuss his concerns with building/code issues connected with construction at the former Thistle and Shamrock. Fire Chief Mark Goldberg was present for the second meeting. Communications with the subcontractors from the Fire Department will be in writing or at a taped meeting in the future. The Selectmen suggested the building process may need to be resubmitted to the present building inspector.



Oona Tropeano spoke regarding complaints of junk stored on her property and said there is now only one vehicle parked there. Town Administrator Cheryl Behr read the state law that defines a junkyard and includes many types of scrap and vehicles no longer intended for legal use. Tropeano also objected to her right-of-way being blocked. Building Inspector Edwin Fowler will check the measurements of the shed on adjoining property and the right-of way.

**Needs Assessment Committee** Dick Keller and Jane Johnsen reported for the NAC about a meeting held with representatives from Provan and Lorber. They requested the Selectmen finalize a contract with the company as engineering consultant to look at two sites at the transfer station location. There are sufficient funds in the Committee's budget to cover the consulting fees. The Selectmen will continue to explore whether the current entrance on Route 103 will be allowed by the State as entrance and exit for a possible new highway garage and police station.

**Town Hall** The question of use of the

second floor of the Town Hall was discussed and clarification was sought regarding opinions from the Fire Department and the Local Government Center (the Town's insurance carrier). The

Selectmen voted to continue the policy established last year that the second floor will not be available for meetings or events. Options for the second exit to the Town Clerk's office were noted.

**Transfer Station** A copy of a letter from the Transfer Station Manager to the

Recycling Committee a.k.a. Waste management Committee regarding procedure was read. Selectmen will emphasize that this is an advisory committee to communicate information to the Station manager. Security on the site was discussed and new locks are being considered. There may be an increase in the cost to dispose of electronic waste and tires next year.

**Warrant Article** The Selectmen voted unanimously that a warrant article for the appointment of the Fire Chief by the Board of Selectmen, as the Police Chief is, would not be address by them at this time. This had been suggested by Mr. Manley at an earlier meeting.

**Procedures and Building Issues** The Selectmen held a meeting to discuss procedures for inspections and other building issues. Representatives from the Fire Department, Planning Board, Building Inspector, and Police Department were in attendance. Topics included the updated subdivision regulations, house numbers, street signs, and information flow. A second meeting has been scheduled for October 4th at 9 am.

*Board of Selectmen minutes are available in Town Hall.*



### DUMONT'S BARBER SHOP

Wednesdays 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Main St.

Denis Dumont, Owner



