



# The Bradford Bridge

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## Naughton case discussion held at Attorney General's office in March

On December 20, 1991, a show cause hearing was held in Superior Court concerning George Naughton's compliance with court orders issued on September 27. The Court found that the defendant had not made the payments ordered by Judge Dunn on August 14, 1989 or by Judge Hampsey on September 30, 1991. He was ordered to clean up the tire debris at the site by March 1 or go to jail. An inspection would be conducted to determine whether he had complied with the order.

Carl Woodbury, Waste Management Specialist with the N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services inspected the site on March 1. He found that some tire debris had been removed, but a substantial amount remained. The Attorney General's office sent a letter to the court advising that Naughton had failed to comply with the order. A hearing has been set for May 1 in Superior Court to review the matter.

On Wednesday, March 18, a meeting was held at the Attorney General's office in Concord at the request of Peter Shapiro, Naughton's attorney. Attending the meeting were Shapiro, Leslie Ludke from the Attorney General's office, Carl Woodbury, and Selectman Dick Hambrecht, representing the Town of Bradford.

Atty Shapiro stated that they were ready to negotiate. Ludke responded that there was nothing to negotiate ... the court order had not been complied with. After some discussion, Shapiro agreed to put together a proposal for site cleanup for the Attorney General's review.

Woodbury discussed possible methods of disposing of the waste that Naughton had hauled in and buried illegally at his property on Main Street over a period of eleven years. The material could be dug up and hauled away, at an estimated cost of \$500,000. Or the entire area could be capped, which would mean enclosing the debris in clay, plastic or cement. The dimensions of the completed cap would be approximately 200 X 400 feet. In addition,

■ See Naughton, page 8

## Community Development Block Grant by Marcia Keller

The public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at the Kearsarge Elementary School is the next step in the Town's efforts to assist with the upgrading and expansion of the Kearsarge Reel property. The Selectmen are seeking a grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the New Hampshire Office of State Planning (OSP). This federal program provides Economic Development Assistance funds, on a competitive basis, for the purposes of job creation and/or retention. The activity, to be funded, must create or retain one job for every \$10,000 of CDBG funds. At least fifty-one percent of the jobs must be taken by low and moderate income persons. Communities with populations of 10,000 or less are eligible to receive up to \$350,000 in one year and \$700,000 for a two-year project.

Those who will be attending the hearing and available for questioning include Denis Labreque, of GDL, USA, the holding company that plans to purchase Kearsarge Reel, Albert Dauray, of Dauray and Associates, intermediary in the purchase, and Laurence Goss, of Provan & Lorber, the firm hired to handle the grant application process.

Before formal submission of an application to OSP, RSA 4-C:14 requires that a public hearing be held "... to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish the citizens with information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this ... [program] and to give affected citizens an opportunity to examine a proposed statement to the projected use of such funds to be applied for."

■ See Grant, page 12

## Trees coming down at Transfer Station

At the Selectmen's meeting on March 16, bids were open for tree removal at the town property surrounding the Transfer Station. The bid specs included clearing approximately two acres and forest management tree thinning of the rest of the 44-acre property. The dropped trees will be chipped, and the contractor will pay the owner (the town) for the chips by weight. The contract was awarded to NH Land Clearing, which had a high bid of \$3.25 per ton of chips. Brooks McCandlish has been hired by the town to supervise the project.

In early April, Brooks and Road Agent Andy Anderson will mark the area to be cleared. It adjoins the new sand pit, toward the west and south. Also, a small area to the east will be cleared for stump burial. A strip of trees along the edge will be maintained as a visual barrier.

Brooks McCandlish expects the work to be done during April, weather permitting, and estimates that the job should be completed in one to two weeks. In terms of forest management, Brooks says that they will be saving red and white pine and red and white oak, and clearing, as needed, to encourage the growth of those species.

### ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Saturday, April 11, 9:00 am  
High School

### PUBLIC HEARING

To discuss proposed block grant

April 1, 7:00 pm  
Bradford Elementary School

### Friends of the Brown Memorial Library

Bradford author, Burton Hersh, will give a book talk at the Brown Memorial Library on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 pm. Hersh will talk about his newest book, *The Old Boys: The American Elite and the Origins of the CIA*, released this March by Scribners. Ten years in the making, the book chronicles the beginnings of the CIA from World War I through its development to 1965.

The evening's program is sponsored by the Friends of the Brown Memorial Library. A reception for the author will follow the talk, during which he will autograph books. Books may be purchased at the library during the reception or at The Book Farm in Henniker, which carries a selection of Hersh's books. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

--Audrey Sylvester, President

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### Bradford Historical Society news

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Bradford Central School poets Everett Kirtledge, John Moore and Del Harris joined Dick MacLeod "oldest living native south of the river," and "former summer resident" Perry Teale in recalling the days of personal telephone service, daily railroad service, traveling to school by train, skunks and porcupines, and the Bradford-Newbury Fair. Nelson Spaulding described how the rural mail route grew from 28.5 miles and 125 boxes to 68.5 miles with 465 boxes during his 29 years as the carrier. Bob Moore shared stories of Bradford's memorable fires in his many years with the Fire Department. Other long time residents sharing their stories included Esther Spaulding, Betty Moore, Ruth Page, Helen Bagley Lyman, Lillian Frey, Edythe Craig, and Dick Stevens. Old and new residents in the audience chimed in with questions and comments and interest in a return engagement to continue reminiscing about Bradford as it was.

On Saturday, April 4, the Historical Society will hold a fundraising dinner at the Mountain Lake Inn. The dinner will be French country Quebec cuisine. Seating is limited to 20. The funds are planned to finish projects at Bradford Center. For reservations, call 938-5425.

The next meeting of the Historical society will be held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday April 22nd at the Old Post Office. Program Chairman Fred Winch is organizing a presentation on the land use and forestry phase of early New Hampshire history.



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As a follow-up, the Greens will lead a wildflower walk on Saturday, May 16. Watch for further information.


The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will offer two field trips on Sunday April 26 to observe water birds. Fred Sladen, who has had intensive birding experience with these neo-tropical migrants, will be the leader. The two identical trips, 7:00 am to noon and 1:00 - 6:00 pm, will include the Cascade Marsh, Chadwick Meadows, Gile Pond and Kezar Lake wetland areas. Participants are to meet Fred at the Santa Fe Opera House restaurant parking lot at the intersection of routes 11 and 114. Bring insect repellent, boots or shoes that can get wet, rain gear, binoculars and scopes. Contact person is Fred Sladen: 938-2115.



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**Explorer fundraiser**

On March 7, Explorer Post #114 held a fundraising basketball game, with the Explorers taking on the Bradford and Henniker Police Departments. The Explorers won, and a fun time was had by all.

Explorer Post #114 would like to thank everyone who helped with the game. Special thanks go to Denis Dumont for his donation and to Mike Ripberger for his refereeing. Thanks also to Chief Al Grindle, Bradford, and Chief Tim Russell, Henniker for their support, and to the officers who donated their time. The officers include: Robert MacLeod and Shawn Spooner of Bradford, and Paul Monray, Rose Scggos, and Ryan Murdough of Henniker. Proceeds, collected by donation only, will be used to support Post #114 in other activities. --Steve Johnson

**UNH Dean's List**

Congratulations to Bradford students who received honors for their grades for the fall semester. High honors went to Aimee Lalla and Amy Marshall. Honors went to Stanley Teele.

**Bradford Green-Up Day**

Celebrate Spring and Earthday, while helping Bradford look sharp. On April 25th, the Conservation Commission is urging local residents to pick up the trash on the sides of their roads. If you are willing to organize a crew for your road, call Amy Blitzer at 938-5952 or Tillie Wheeler at 938-5431.

Even if you're not part of a crew, pitch in to clean up your road. Kids love to help collect stuff.

When you are done, stop by the Recycling Center. The Conservation Commission will be having a bake sale to raise funds for the Bradford Bog project.

The third grade from KRES will come to Bradford Center to celebrate Arbor Day on April 23rd. They will plant a tree and have a chance to explore the old Bradford Center School.

Fred Winch has been raising a maple tree in his nursery, and will bring it over in the morning. Everybody is welcome to attend. --Amy Blitzer



**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Friends of the Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring the Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn of the library on Friday, April 17 from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Festivities will begin with stories told by the Easter Bunny at the Parish hall. All Bradford preschool-age children are invited to participate ... and to bring their Easter baskets to collect their Easter eggs.

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# Letters



To the editor:

The 1992 town elections are over and it's time to look forward and work for what's best for the town of Bradford. But during the campaign, a tactic so abhorrent was employed that I feel the need to respond. After talking to many residents, I believe that I must fight this underhanded character assassination. This letter seems the best way to address the matter.

On March 2, an anonymous letter was sent to residents of Bradford impugning my character. The first issue is that the letter was sent anonymously. Anyone with the courage of his or her convictions should be willing to publicly acknowledge what he or she believes. I do have the courage of my convictions and am willing to stand up publicly and participate constructively in Bradford's affairs.

Next, to the issues mentioned in the letter. These included my not applying for a building permit when I converted a bedroom into a bath and that I had "big trouble with the State Labor Board over unfair labor practices." The first is erroneous (building permit number 1080, dated August 22, 1988). The "big trouble" was a minor infraction of the child labor laws (I had a 17 1/2 year old driving in performance of his property management duties; the law states that employees must be 18 to drive at work) and I paid the assessed fine. I would note, goodhumoredly, that while I do not have a luxurious bath with jacuzzi, I don't know of any list of qualifications for Selectman which precludes the ownership of such.

The final issue concerns the return address on the letter's envelope. The letter writer used the post office box of the Town Hall. How the sitting selectmen could participate in a public forum (Candidate's Night on March 3) and not disavow the abuse of their post office box in this way is beyond my powers of comprehension. As Burton Hersh said, "This letter is an embarrassment to the town of Bradford."

I pray that residents of Bradford take the time and effort to address matters which concern the town, participate in making a positive contribution to their community, and refuse to participate in name calling and other personal attacks ... on anyone.

Thomas A. Scriboer

To the editor:

Having invested seventeen years at Kearsarge Regional High School, I am angered by the attacks on the school's curriculum, particularly the elective system, which has been characterized by critics as an assortment of junk-food, candy-store quarter courses.

Of the total instructional hours in the Kearsarge curriculum, 53% take place in traditional, full-year courses, 17% in 18-week semester courses, and 30% in 9-week quarter courses. Of this 30%, the life skills disciplines, which include physical education, art, industrial arts, home economics, and business, represent 44%.

Why are the quarter courses beneficial in these areas? Consider the Art Department. If a full-year art curriculum were adopted, the class would consist of crafts, painting, drawing, sculpture, design, art history; in fact, the same subjects offered as quarter courses now. With five full-year courses, the art teacher would have contact with about 125 students a year. Today, over 300 students take art classes, most in areas of their specific interest. Likewise in physical education, students can opt for areas of interest. Non-competitive students take physical fitness or weight training.

The quarter courses in English, social studies, and science are 56% of the quarter courses offered, a mere 18% of the total instructional hours of the school. Within the English curriculum all freshmen are required to take a traditional, full-year English 9 class, and all sophomores are required to take a semester's worth of composition and writing. The remainder of the student's English requirement must include at least one credit of literature courses and one-half credit of language and expression courses.

Another area of frequent discussion is Kearsarge's performance on the California Achievement Tests (CAT). When the State adopted this test, it cautioned that the test was not designed or intended to weigh one school or district against another. Of course, this is what happened. Consequently, there is a belief that some schools "teach to the test," while others administer the test selectively, not including groups of students who would lower the school's scores. Kearsarge tests everyone. Yet this is the only criterion these critics produce to support their claim that education here is "mediocre" and "ineffective."

Here are a few others they might consider: Still weeks from the regular notification date, Kearsarge seniors have already been accepted to Colby College, Williams, Springfield, R.P.I., Clarkson, Rice, and at least a dozen other colleges. There are Kearsarge graduates at virtually every major eastern college. Annually Kearsarge has one of the largest group of juniors accepted at the St. Paul's School Advanced Studies Summer Program. Kearsarge students have, over the past five years, won awards in State and New England competitions in art, industrial arts, music, writing, public speaking, science, and photography. Over 65% of Kearsarge graduates attend post-secondary schooling. Kearsarge athletic teams and Drama Club distinguish themselves year after year. And the Kearsarge math teams are perennially at the top of the Twin State Math League.

Daniel O'Leary  
Kearsarge High School English teacher  
submitted by Jeanne Circosta



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**Minutes of Selectmen's meetings**

**March 2:** Carolyn Grindle gave the Selectmen a new voter checklist, which she had prepared on her home computer. She offered to maintain the checklist, asking only to be reimbursed for computer supplies. The Selectmen accepted her offer and voted to discontinue using Data-East for the checklist, saving the town \$200.

Marge Cilley brought a letter to the Selectmen from the Army Corps of Engineers. It discussed the possibility of their participating in the repair of town sidewalks and listed several items that would need to be addressed before they could commit to participating in the project. One of the required items is a survey of existing sidewalks. New England College civil engineering students have agreed to survey the sidewalks as part of the feasibility study.

Bob Stewart, Jr. presented the appointed Highway Committee, consisting of himself as Chairman, Rick Messer, Pat Connelly, Keith Stebbings, and Andy Anderson, Road Agent. The Selectmen reviewed the proposed charter, written by the committee.

**March 9:** Mike Ripberger, Postmaster, met to discuss the road naming and numbering project. The first step will be for the Selectmen to confirm road names. Then a meeting will be set up with police, fire, and rescue personnel for their input.

Kathy Russell, secretary, told the Selectmen that the small roof over their office needed a new roof. It was decided to put the project out to bid.

**March 16:** Ellen Hersh appeared on behalf of the Kearsarge Regional School District to present Road Agent Arnold Anderson and his staff a "Certificate of Commendation for Exceptional Service to Students."

Laurence Goss, of Provan & Lorber, hired to assist and prepare the application for the Community Development Block Grant, discussed the application process. The town would loan approximately \$335,000, retaining the remaining \$15,000 for administrative expenses. Terms of the loan will be set after its receipt, but would probably involve a 5-year payback, at 7-7 1/2% interest. A revolving loan program would be set up to reloan the monies to new or existing businesses.

Eight bids were received for tree clearing at the transfer station. The high bidder was NH Land Clearing at \$3.25 per ton of chips. Brooks McCandlish has been hired to supervise the project. He estimates

**Preschool/Kindergarten Auction**

Here comes the Bradford Cooperative Preschool and Kindergarten with another fundraiser ... an auction by Burdette's Auction Service (No. 2333) on April 26 at 6:00 pm on Western Ave. in Henniker. Come find a good deal!

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there will be 1000 tons of chips generated by the clearing and thinning.

It was noted that Sue McKeivitt has resigned as the town's representative to the NH Solid Waste Commission and a new representative is needed.

The Selectmen voted to approve a motion made by Pickman that physical examinations be required for all new full and part-time employees, the cost of which to be paid by the department doing the hiring.

**March 23:** Hugh Keays and Glen Mayo attended to discuss the campaign to get out the vote for the School District meeting on April 11. When asked whether the selectmen had reserved a bus to transport townspeople to the meeting, Battles noted they had received no requests. Glen stated that a direct mailing was the only way to determine the need. The selectmen agreed to sign a letter to be sent to residents.

The selectmen noted that the revaluation process would begin on March 24,

**174th Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 31, Free and Accepted Masons**

Members of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 31, Free and Accepted Masons, met Thursday morning, March 12, at the lodge building on the occasion of the 174th Annual Meeting. In doing so, the lodge continued the unique custom of meeting on the Thursday "on or before the full of the moon," a practice begun with the lodge's institution in 1818 to permit members to find their way home after evening meetings by the light of the moon.

Acting Worshipful Master Pieter Sweet introduced the Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Hampshire, Most Worshipful Philip H. White. Brother White complimented St. Peter's Lodge for winning the district visitation award for the second consecutive year. It was noted also that he was the first Grand Master to use a new chair that had been made and presented to the lodge by Brother Arthur Doten.

The first use of the newly refurbished dining room was made at noon when members and visitors enjoyed a roast beef dinner prepared and served by members of Silver Hill Chapter #64 Order of Eastern Star.

Following the dinner, Grand Master Philip White presented a 50-year medal and pin to Brother Nelson C. Spaulding, and a 25-year membership pin to Nelson's son, Brother Peter J. Spaulding.

The annual semi-public installation of officers is planned for Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 pm, with a dinner preceding the meeting at 6:00 pm. All members and friends are invited to attend.

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"Even the oldtimers can't remember exactly when the Bradford Fish and Game Club was founded, but the consensus is that the group was formed during the year 1927. Old records date back to only 1930.

"The club prospered ... then shortly before the last World War, the organization collapsed entirely.

"During the summer of 1945, ... the Bradford Fish and Game Club was reborn. Under the leadership of Edwin Westerberg, the club grew rapidly.

"One of the first projects undertaken by Westerberg's cohorts was to start erecting a clubhouse. Through the generosity of Henry Wright, one of the members, the group was given the deed to a desirable tract of land and standing timber was donated by former selectman Ruben Moore.

"Weekends and holidays were then utilized by the club members in cutting the timber and having it cut into lumber. In the Spring of 1946, the club started constructing the clubhouse and the project continued until March of this year [1948] when the group moved into the new quarters which is being used as headquarters for this, their first sportsmans show."

The previous text is an excerpt from the Bradford Fish and Game Club's souvenir program of the first sportsman show in 1948. Today, the club has a membership of about thirty. In addition to the well-known and popular annual turkey raffle, the club sponsors an annual banquet, ice fishing derby, spring trout derby, and the Fourth of July flea market.

The next event of the year will be the trout derby, scheduled for Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 am to noon at the Bradford Fire House. The pond will be stocked with one hundred 8"-10" trout, plus eight larger fish donated by the State.

Monthly meetings are held at the clubhouse located at Lake Todd on Gillingham Drive on the Bradford-Newbury line. The meetings are at 8:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month, except during July and August. New members and those interested are encouraged to attend.  
--Lance Rickenberg

**Library Lantern**  
by Maggi Ainslie

Brown Memorial Library experienced larger than usual circulation figures for January and February. Each month saw an increase of 300 over 1991 for the same period. For the two months, our figures were what we usually do during our busiest months of July and August! We also issued card #500!

A recent gift, *The Bill of Right and Beyond, 1791-1991*, by the United States Bicentennial Commission is 100 pages of everything you've always wanted to know about the Constitution and more.

One of our suppliers is carrying some of Dr. Seuss's reissued titles. We've recently received *I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today and Other Stories* (1969) and *Oh the Thinks You Can Think!* (1975) Some adults are enjoying these as much as the kids!

Recent books added at BML.....  
*Guardian Angel*, Paretsky  
*Looking for Luck* (poems), Kumin  
*Blackbird: Life & Times of Paul McCartney*, Guilano  
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"Candy Man" Teele



Debby accompanies Melissa Herbert on recorder



Sue Dodge and Marcia Strout kick up their heels

In the time-honored New England tradition of creating local winter entertainment, the First Baptist Church of Bradford held a Variety Show on March 27 and 28 to benefit its organ restoration fund. Produced by Marcia Strout and Debby Lamach, the show was a rousing success, enthusiastically performed and received. Even a surprise snowstorm on Saturday night couldn't keep supporters away.



Bob Shevett and Joyce Teele sing a duet



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**Naughton, continued**

tion, there would have to be site work done to prevent water seeping into the cap. Capping could probably be completed for about \$250,000.

Attorney Ludke responded that the State would accept the capping procedure. She asked Atty Shapiro to get a list of competent contractors and send them the bid specs. In addition, an engineering study, at a cost of \$25,000 will be required.

The Attorney General's office ordered Naughton to make sure that protective seals are constructed for the three monitoring wells by April 1 and the \$5,000 good faith payment that he owes toward the \$300,000 judgement be paid by May 1.

The amount presently owed by Naughton includes the \$300,000 civil penalty ordered in 1989; \$130,000 to reimburse the Dept. of Environmental Services for the hydrogeologic study of the site; and approximately \$200,000 for closure of the site. In addition, interest accrues on monies owed to the court. In response to repeated orders from the court to make at least a good faith payment of \$5,000, George Naughton has paid nothing.

**Revaluation process begun**

The NH State Revenue Administration has begun the revaluation process for the town of Bradford. The assessors have set up an office in the Town Hall. According to Dave Bolton, of the Revenue Administration, the best way to assure the proper valuation is to cooperate with the assessors and allow them to enter your house. One caution, however: be sure to ask for proper identification before allowing anyone into your home.

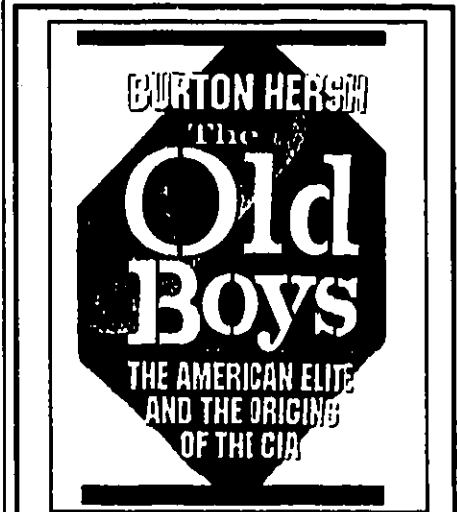
**Bradford Country Squares to hold dance**

The Bradford Country Squares will hold a Maintream and Plus Level square dance on Saturday, April 4, from 8:00 to 11:00 pm at the Town Hall. The theme of the dance will be "Love Those Squares." The Duo will be calling alternating Mainstream and Plus with A-1 Star tips. There will be no round dancing. All square dancers are invited. For more information, contact Ruth and Larry Hall, 938-2954, or Jean and Chris Pinkham, 464-5821.

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We hear constantly that our tax rate is too high. We hear repeatedly that our assessment for the Kearsarge Regional School District, amounting to 68% of the tax assessed in 1991, is out of line.

In your behalf, we have had three warrant articles placed on the agenda for the April 11, 1992 Annual Meeting. If Article 10 is adopted, your annual tax assessment, using 1991 figures, would be lowered by almost 9% in the coming years.

We have done what we could to give you this choice. Only you can vote the change in Article 10. There will be opposition to this change from other towns. If you do not attend the meeting, and do not vote on the warrant articles, you will be assessed under the old formula. We will have no choice other than to add that amount to your tax bill.

We urge you to attend.

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- 7-8 p.m. Low Impact Aerobics

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**First Baptist Church news**

Area residents are invited to gather with us for several special worship services during Holy Week. On April 12, Palm Sunday, the Passion Story comes to life in a dramatic presentation entitled "Journey Through Holy Week." On Maundy Thursday, at 7:30 pm, a candlelight service will be conducted at which the Last Supper will be celebrated. On Good Friday, the church will be open from noon to 3:00 pm for those wishing to recall the darkest hour in silence. This year's Bradford-South Newbury-Warner Easter Sunrise Service will be held in Warner at the Grandview Farm at 6:00 am. A community breakfast follows at the United Church in Warner. And the resurrection of our Lord will be celebrated in a joyous, family-centered service in our own sanctuary at 10:00 am on Easter morning.

The Flower Committee welcomes donations of Easter lilies to adorn the church on April 19. If you would like to present a lily in memory of someone, or in thanksgiving or celebration of an event or blessing in your life, please contact Frances Winch at 938-2124.

The Sunday School Maple Sugaring-Off Party has been postponed to April 5. Families are invited to gather at the home of Perley and Marcia Strout (Sunshine Farm) at 11:30 am. Following outdoor recreation, pancakes with fresh maple syrup will be served.

The Youth Group continues to meet every other Sunday afternoon. Recent activities have included a swimming party and trip to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. New members are invited to join us for activities on the 12th and 26th of this month.

On Mondays, April 6 and 20, at 7:00 pm in the vestry, Pastor Joyce will acquaint interested people with the church and its American Baptist heritage.

Following Fellowship Hour on April 26, the choir will sponsor its fourth annual Parsonage Yard Clean-up/Chicken Barbecue. Attendees are asked to bring rakes, shovels, pruners, trowels, etc., as well as a salad or dessert to share.

The Playgroup for mothers and young children, which met on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the undercroft, is reorganizing. Contact the church office for details.

Finally, members of the Music Committee and the Choir wish to thank everyone in the community who turned out for the Pancake Supper and the Variety Show. Your support of the Organ Restoration Fund is greatly appreciated. --Pastor Joyce

**THE COZY CORNER**  
by Mildred Schmidt



Sun and warmth have appeared - well, not every day, but at least we know spring is here! I checked out the school baseball field and thought what great fun the youngsters will soon be having when they hear "PLAY BALL"! Feels good just to think about spring ... I hope you feel that way too! Also a Happy Easter to you and yours!

The following recipe for duck is an old one handed down in my family. Please call if you need help!

**Dutch Oven Duck**

Day before cooking:


Cut 2 ducks (about 3 pounds each) into pieces. Rinse and dry. Place pieces in oblong pan, cover with paper towels or Saran wrap, and place in refrigerator.

Day of serving:

Salt pieces, dust on both sides with flour. Brown an onion, quartered, in 3 Tbsp. butter in Dutch oven (I use an iron pot with a cover). Brown pieces of duck on both sides; remove onion when black. Leave just enough fat to cover bottom of kettle.

Place meaty pieces on bottom of kettle; add remaining pieces on top. Add 1 cup hot water. Cover pot. Turn heat to "low;" duck should simmer for 2 hours. Pierce a piece with a fork to make sure done.


Remove duck parts, remove the skin if desired, pour off fat and most of the pan juice. Add about 2 Tbsp Wondra "pour and shake" flour (it never leaves any lumps!). Stir into fat. When brown, add juice from duck and stir until it bubbles. If gravy is too thin, stir in a little more flour. If more gravy is desired, add a little more water. Let it come to a boil again. This duck is delicious with noodles or potatoes.

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# TECH TALK

## by Howard Brooks

Random access memory (RAM) is perhaps the most confusing subject when trying to understand microcomputers today. With LIM, EMS, HIMEM, EMM386, EMM and other terms, it's no wonder.

To clarify what follows, I have taken the liberty of using a capital "E" and "A" in the two words extended and expanded.

This first 640k of memory is referred to as conventional memory.

ExtEnded memory can be thought of as all the memory from 640k to the total in your computer. Software installed device drivers, such as Ramdisk and Cache, are programs that use extEnded memory. Memory conflicts can arise with memory resident programs and device drivers that use ExtEnded memory. Such programs may not protect the extEnded memory that they use. ExtEnded memory is rarely used because there are no standards to control its use. ExtEnded memory therefore is not easily allocated and shared between programs. Only trial and error can tell you what is safe to load when using memory resident programs and such device drivers.

With the ExpAnded Memory System (EMS) and the Expanded Memory Managers (EMM), expAnded memory doesn't have the problems or conflicts with other programs that are associated with the use of extEnded memory.

ExpAnded memory is used by most DOS programs today. ExpAnded memory is best defined by the term itself...expanding the first 640K of memory into higher memory (above 1 meg) through the controlled use of memory blocks.

The EMM386.SYS driver is a special device driver which allows computers to emulate the LIM (Lotus, Intel, Microsoft) expAnded memory in extEnded memory. EMM386 gives us a handle on controlling extEnded memory.

Blocks of 64k memory called page frames are used to permit DOS to reach into upper memory (above 1meg). Each 64k page frame points to the locations in ext-Ended memory that the program will use. In this manner, DOS and the program think that it's running within its 640k limit. The new proliferation of graphics software such as Windows, graphical word processors, large spreadsheets and

databases are examples of programs that use expAnded memory. Windows requires at least 2 meg to run in enhanced mode, but prefers 4 meg or more.

Memory between 640k and 1meg is often referred to as upper memory. This 384k is more than necessary or reserved by DOS for the video display adapter (CGA, EGA or VGA) and ROMBIOS (Read only memory basic input and output system). When using Microsoft DOS 5.0, Digital Research DOS 5.0+, and other memory management software, you can take advantage of upper memory by loading installable device drivers, such as those required to run a mouse or network card. These device drivers would normally be loaded in conventional memory (below 640k), but when they are loaded in upper memory, a larger amount of conventional memory is available to load your applications. It is also possible to relocate the main operating system kernel (Command.com) into upper memory.

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She joins a sister, Lindsey Kay, and a brother, Thomas Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer of Littleton are paternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Evans of Lancaster are maternal grandparents.

A daughter, Caroline Hobing Forgiel, was born on February 25 at New London Family Birthing Center to John and Kathleen (Conkey) Forgiel of Rowe Mountain Road.

She joins a sister, Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Conkey of Kenersville, N.C., are maternal grandparents.

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# A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

Now that the smoke has cleared, the polls are closed, and the elected officials have been duly sworn, as a town, we should perhaps take a look at some scars that are left.

The last days before the actual voting, an ugly act of cowardice occurred in town. A fallacious, anonymous letter was circulated regarding one of the candidates. It was not only libelous, it was a dastardly attempt to draw votes from a town resident who had come forward and offered services to us, a pretty brave act in these days.

Our nation seems caught up in a never-ending stream of smears, tabloid innuendos, paid exposes, "dirty tricks," bounced checks, and whatever other hate tactic it takes to beat the opposition. We decry the lack of discipline in our schools, violence in the street and in our homes, but we only cluck and stand by when a neighbor's character is assassinated. Isn't this kind of insidious attack one of the basic forms of illness that is taking over our society? If we can tolerate the violence of the word, used as a sneaky sword in the hand of an unknown assailant, where do we draw the line in our town or our country?

We are about to be barraged by the media during the coming political season, and have already been warned that this may be the "dirtiest" campaign ever waged. "Kinder and gentler" may rankle your hackles, to mix a metaphor, but shouldn't we here in town clean up our act and try to make things work, instead of killing the people who are generous enough to run for office, whether we agree with their point of view or not?

It makes you wonder why anyone would want to run for office, when a creep can try to destroy you from a haven of anonymity, or sue you, or create a bit of slander, because they have a differing point of view. Hurray for the person brave enough to stick his neck out and run for office. If we can't stand the sight of him or his ideas, we can certainly have at him on the stump and in the voting booth, but not by poison pen.

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# At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

Five generations of Messers have made maple syrup on their farm on Pleasant View Road in Bradford. When asked how long he had been sugaring, farmer and dairyman Robert "Bob" Messer remembered: "Since my brother Ralph and I were old enough to go up to the sugar house....Originally my grandfather made enough syrup to pay his taxes. Syrup was two dollars a gallon and he didn't make more than probably 25...30 gallons. You could pay your taxes for 60 dollars." The Messers increased their output to 50 gallons when they needed maple syrup for their hotel.



The "hotel" was Pleasant View Farm, started by Messer's grandmother and grandfather in 1896. Rates were \$3 weekly and included feed for a guest's horse. The first year, they made a profit of \$100. The hotel could accommodate 65 guests. The Messer brothers worked in the hotel and did just about everything.

Messer's mother and father (Marion and Roy) enlarged the hotel to accommodate more guests and earn more income. The hotel never advertised. Potential guests found out about the hotel from other guests.

Local high school students worked summers at Pleasant View Farm, including Marge Cilley, Harriet Douglas, Tillie Wheeler and Charles Page. With changing tourist travel patterns, the hotel's business waned. Pleasant View Farm closed in 1969 at a time when it didn't lose money, but didn't make much either. Messer is very pleased that the farm's new owners are renovating and will open this Spring as a bed and breakfast.

During the hotel's heyday, the Messers raised vegetables and chickens (for both meat and eggs). They had no livestock and only one old horse. Messer remembered that he and his brother had had a keen interest in the farm, but by that time, the senior Messer had grown sick of farming and wanted to discourage the boys from going into that business. Messer said, "My father thought he'd cure us." He bought a cow believing that the boys would grow tired of the cow and milking, but they liked it. The milking business grew from there.

The farm is truly named, Pleasant View. There are many acres of pasture and a superb view across the valley to distant hills. Messer said, "We have nice land--not many rocks ... that's just the way the glacier made it."

Born on the family farm in 1921, Bob Messer left Bradford for two short periods--when he went to the University of New Hampshire and when he enlisted in the US Air Force and found himself stationed in England. When he returned from active duty, he lived briefly on Main Street. Messer jokes, "It's the only time I ever lived in the 'big city of Bradford.'"

The Messer brothers, working the dairy farm of 70 head of cows and 200 hens, made a thriving milk and egg business until 1977. They have kept sugaring traditions, but have adapted with the times. Eight years ago they added tubing to collect sap. Then they had so much sap that they had to buy a larger evaporator. Then the sugar house had to be enlarged to hold the new evaporator. Then for a few years, they didn't have enough sap to boil, since the new evaporator made syrup at a faster rate. To keep pace, more sap buckets and tubing were added. Now the sap runs and the Messers have achieved a balance.



Today Messers have 800 buckets and 1200 taps. Gathering sap is easier since a hauler tractor has replaced the horse and the oxen which used to pull the sap holding tank. All the family--wives, children and grandchildren--and even neighbors lend a hand with the work during the sugaring season. Bob and Ralph Messer have been at work, at home, living with the good land and the maple trees which have allowed them and their ancestors to boil that delicious spring tonic--maple syrup.

# GARDENING

by Fred Winch



"April showers bring forth May flowers" - and with the dry March we have had, it may well be a month of showers. One of the chores we can do - rain or shine - is get the raspberry patch in shape for the coming crop. The most common raspberries grown are the summer fruiting types or "June bearers." On this type, last year's fruiting canes are now dead and have been supplanted by several new shoots. The first job is to remove the dead canes. When this is done, the patch looks much thinner but the remaining live canes should be topped at about 3 feet. Those left must be thinned to a 6 or 8 inch spacing in a foot-wide row, removing all the weak and bent stems. It is then easy to support the stems by a wire stretched between sturdy stakes. Picking is easier if this is done and the canes tied up.

The second type of raspberry is the primo cane or "everbearing"; Heritage is one variety. On these the last year's bearing stalks are removed and ALL the living shoots clipped off at ground level. New stems will arise; these should be thinned out as above during the summer period. I find that a mulch of chopped leaves (maple, ash or elm) retains moisture and adds fertility to the bed, earthworms will break the leaves down by summer's end.

One of the first crops from your garden can be radishes. Many folks have ceased planting radishes because maggots attack the half-grown roots. You can avoid this by forking up a rich spot as small as 3' X 3', incorporating a good supply of fertilizer and sowing radish seeds on the whole bed, rake in the seeds and cover the plot with "Reemay, 170 or other floating garden covers, making sure it is secured to the ground by soil or boards. This will ensure that the flies which lay eggs in the ground around the radish plants are excluded. Your radishes will be harvestable three weeks from seeding. The radish bed may then be planted to lettuce plants or sown to spinach. Use the Reemay to cover the lettuce and spinach to trap heat and keep out the spinach leaf miner. Reemay may be used several times this year and then stored for use next year.

In the meantime the tomato, pepper and eggplant seedlings you have started will need attention if you seeded them in flats or pots. They will come up thickly if all has gone well. Once the seedlings have their second set of leaves, they will be

ready to transplant. Depending on the space you have available, you may choose "six packs," individual pots, or Jiffy "window sill sets" of square peat pots and trays which take up less room than other starters. Use a commercial starting mix as filler. Loosen the soil in the seedling pot and carefully lift the seedling BY ITS LEAVES and place it in the individual container. Carefully firm the soil and then water. It is well to mist the plants and continue to water from below. Continue to grow out the plants in a cool area where the temperature, at least at night, is 55° to 65°. Heat makes leggy plants.

As the days continue to warm (we hope), some of the mulch may be removed from the perennial beds; loosening the mulch allows heat to penetrate the soil. What is removed should go directly to the compost pile where it should be incorporated with the leaves of the maples (a high fertility level leaf) and fruit tree leaves as a component for fertility of your garden. As the mulch is removed, you will find that the soil usually is soft and friable. Weeding the gardens shortly after frost is out is an easy and pleasant chore on a sunny day. Often you will discover many plants where the labels were lost or broken - so take it easy - and watch out for the lilies that are starting to push through.

This winter, with the lack of snow cover, is probably going to be hard on the lawns. Usually snow disappears and leaves a protected green grass cover. This year lawns have generally been dry and brown most of the time. A quick and easy renewal is to sow a lawn seed mix with a good lawn food by spreader as soon as the ground firms up. Then rake the lawn, hope for a few April showers, and await the new sprouting grass. Now it is time to check over the lawn mower!

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A second purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments on a draft Housing and Community Development Plan, which has been prepared to identify needs of the Town related to housing, to assist in determining the path of future development, and to help the Town maintain its housing supply and continue economic growth. The Plan, available for review at the Selectmen's Office prior to the hearing, describes the existing housing conditions in Bradford and projects estimated needs for future years. The Plan is based on the Master Plan adopted by the Planning board on July 22, 1986, and sets forth the following goals and objectives:

**Housing** - continue to preserve existing neighborhoods, continue efforts to upgrade housing conditions, and expand the availability of existing housing for special needs population.

**Public Facilities** - study and resolve the sewerage problems associated with the densely populated village area, support non-profit and community social service organizations that assist special needs people, and maintain and upgrade, as needed, the existing services provided.

**Economic Development** - focus on developments that retain jobs, expand existing industries and create jobs for low and moderate income residents.

When the Housing Plan has been finalized and the Selectmen have been authorized to proceed, the application will be forwarded to the Office of State Planning. The process at that point, involves review by the CDBG staff at OSP to be sure it is complete, ranking the application within the competitive system, and, if it is deemed successful, recommend it to the CDBG Advisory Board for action.



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**Kearsarge Youth Hockey Bantams go to Northeast Regional Championships**

The Bantams of the Kearsarge Youth Hockey Association won the Bantam II New Hampshire State Championship on March 15, qualifying them to compete in the March 21-23 Northeast Regional Tier III Championships in Burlington, Vermont.

The action was fierce in Burlington. Kearsarge's first game, on Friday, was with Vermont. They won in the final seconds, 4-3. Saturday, they played New Jersey and won 1-0. That same afternoon, they played Connecticut and came up with another victory, 3-0. This meant Kearsarge finished first in their division in the preliminary round, the only team to be undefeated or tied.

The semi-finals took place Sunday morning, with Kearsarge playing Rhode Island. Another win, 6-3! Kearsarge had qualified for the Championship Game!

Their opponent was the powerful New York team. After a tightly played and hard fought game, the final score was New York 5, Kearsarge 1. Kearsarge came in second in the regional championships, a fantastic accomplishment. Team trophies were awarded to both finalists, and each player received a trophy as well.

Peter Fenton and Sheldon Hall are the only Bantam team members from Bradford. Team members includes: David Brenner, Josh Hall, Brian Poole, Joe Mahoney, Jerry Demures, Scott Nichols, Ralph Matty, Tucker Jones, Matt Begin, Jake Hathorn, Joe Bassett, Putt Kidder, Gary Gove, Joe Vaughn. The coach of the team was Will Diamond; assistant coaches were Harry Morse, Doug Hall, and Gary Brenner. --Marilyn Kidder

# SPORTS By Laurie Buchar

Jumping rope is just kid's stuff...you bet! On Thursday March 5th, 163 students at KRES/Bradford (73% of the student body) jumped to their hearts' content! The event was called a "Jump-a-thon" and was the third biannual event of its kind in the Kearsarge school district.

Cathy Robjent, physical education instructor for the Bradford and Warner elementary schools, coordinated parent and teacher volunteers to join the students after school in raising money for the American Heart Association. The donations and pledges received in Bradford totalled \$3,486.70, which when put together with Warner's proceeds, earned \$200 worth of sports equipment to be shared by the two school.

Adam Wolf in Mrs. Young's first grade raised the most money for the cause. But the whole school benefited from the fun! Earlier in the month, the school was treated to a presentation by the Red Hots, a traveling group of young athletes who perform challenging jump routines, setting

**Spring soccer program in New London**

The New London Soccer Club spring soccer program is off and running for boys and girls ages from under 14 and under 17. The under 14 boys' coaches are Charles Whitaker and Bill Donegan. The under 14 girls' coaches are John Vorell and Erika Hart. The under 17 boys' coaches are Bob Andrews and Bill Andrews, and the under 17 girls' coach is Bob Ragazzo.

There will be a coed 10-12 year old six-a-side league, 3rd through 6th grades. To sign up, call Mauri Scheffy at 938-2222. This is the second year for the spring soccer program and the practice and games will be at the New London Outing Club.


the stage for students to hone their own jump rope skills. Jumping rope was also taught and practiced during phys-ed classes. Students were also informed about the risks of heart disease and the benefits of exercise.

During the Jump-a-thon, upbeat music played while 32 teams of 5 students and one adult kept their ropes turning for one and a half hours straight. Joy Donahue provided healthy snacks, and Debbie Lipincott handled publicity and also recorded the event.

Bradford kids have also been participating in a fitness program, called "Physical Best," to assess the health of New Hampshire youth. The program involves 30,000 students across the state in grades K-12. It tests muscle flexibility, body composition, aerobic endurance, and muscular strength. The results of the program will be collated and reported by Plymouth State. We are lucky to have Cathy Robjent, a dedicated professional, helping our children reach their potentials in the cognitive, affective, psycho-motor and fitness aspects of physical education. As she says, "We want to help kids develop healthy, fit lifestyles."

**Bradford youth baseball ready to go**

Signups for the Bradford-Newbury youth baseball teams were conducted during March. Anyone between the ages of 6 and 13 (as of August 1) wishing to join a team should call Stan Sias at 938-2121. Practices will begin as soon as field conditions permit. The competitive season runs for the months of May and June.



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# April Calendar

## Wednesday, April 1

Public hearing concerning community block grant, Bradford Elementary School, 7:00 pm

## Monday, April 6

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Order of the Rainbow, Warner Lodge, 7:15 pm

## Tuesday, April 7

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm

Bradford Fish and Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 8:00 pm

## Wednesday, April 8

Order of the Eastern Star, St. Peters Lodge, 8:00 pm

## Friday, April 10

Wildflower slide program with Jim and Kathy Green, sponsored by Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, New London, 7:30 pm

## Saturday, April 11

KRSD SCHOOL MEETING, High School, 9:00 am

## Monday, April 13

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

## Tuesday, April 14

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

## Thursday, April 16

Masons, St. Peters Lodge. Dinner, 6:00 pm, program, 7:30 pm

## Friday, April 17

Friends of the Library Easter egg hunt, Baptist Church Vestry, 10:00-11:30 am

## Monday, April 20

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Order of the Rainbow, Warner Lodge, 7:15 pm

## Tuesday, April 21

Preschool/Kindergarten Parents meeting, 7:15 pm  
For babysitting, call Barbara Raymond, 938-5480

## Wednesday, April 22

Historical Society, 7:30 pm

Friends of the Brown Memorial Library meeting, 7:30 pm

## Thursday, April 23

Arbor Day ceremony, Bradford Center

Book talk and artist reception with Burton Hersh, Brown Memorial Library, 7:30 pm

## Saturday, April 25

Earth Day "GreenUp" bake sale at Recycling Center, 11:00-2:00

## Sunday, April 26

Field trip to view water birds in Lake Sunapee area. See article page 2

Preschool/Kindergarten benefit auction. See article page 5

## Monday, April 27

KRSD Spring Break April 27-May 1

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

## Tuesday, April 28

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

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