



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

Jane Gilltrap Bready
aviation artist
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Community News - By and for our neighbors

November 1995

Town-wide survey for Master Plan by Glen Mayo

For some months you have been receiving reports on the progress of Bradford's Master Plan update. This week you will be contacted, in person, by the street warden for your neighborhood who will ask you to fill out a straightforward questionnaire (one per household). He or she will give you a few days to complete the questions, in the privacy of your own home and with the assistance of your family, if you desire. When you have filled in the form, put it into the blank envelope that was left with you, seal the envelope and hand it back to your warden. He/she will return the questionnaires to his/her area Captain. They will then be given to the Master Plan Committee for tabulation.

In New Hampshire, it is recommended that towns review their Master Plans every 5 years. Bradford's last plan was filed with the State ten years ago. The Master Plan process is done under the authority of your town's Planning Board. This all sounds very bureaucratic, but there is some good news here. By filling out the questionnaire, you will be telling the Planning Board and Town officials what direction you want to see our Town move in the future. You will have a say in the future growth of your Town; of your hopes and desires and fears for your town's physical future. Do you want the Town to grow or stay the same? Should the Town go out and actively solicit small industries? Would you like to see new housing? If so, where? Do we want more or less protection of natural resources? These are all questions in the Master Plan update questionnaire. It is important that each of us take twenty minutes to TELL the

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Contestants in a row reflect the season. A pumpkin-carving contest was held on October 28, sponsored by the Rosewood Country Inn. Winners included: Dan Thompson, E. Washington Rd., \$50 grand prize; Tracy Page, Marshall Hill Rd., second prize; Arthur Willis, New London, third prize. Dawn Reid, Sutton Mills, Most Original; Carrie Ranally, Spofford, Best Classic; Arthur Willis, Most Haunting. photo, Audrey Sylvester.

Second library expansion public meeting scheduled

During October, the Library Trustees collected input concerning their expansion plans from the Selectmen and the community through meetings and a survey. Based on that input, Architect Peter Tennant is preparing at least one design for each site, with estimated costs. These will be presented to the public at a second public meeting, to be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm at the library.

At a meeting with the Selectmen on October 16, the Trustees agreed to make a decision concerning the library's location by the November 27 Selectmen's meeting. They also agreed to consider a new building on the Central School site, the cost of which would include demolition of the school building.

The public meeting on the 18th was well attended, but did not exceed the occupancy limit for the library space. Tennant described the building's current conditions and the Trustees' expansion goals. The building was designed

in the 1930's to hold 2,000 volumes in a 1,200 sq ft area. Today, the library holds 10,800 volumes in the same space. Their goal is 18,000 volumes with a total of 6,000 square feet, including a 990 sq ft meeting room. Tennant mentioned that the Central School has only 4800 usable square feet, partly because of the Selectmen's requirement that a 400-500 sq ft record storage area be included. That means the Central School building would have to be enlarged. Tennant described the analysis being performed to ensure that the location decision is based on thorough information. He also commented that he was experienced at "sensitive additions" to old structures, reassuring listeners that an addition on that site would not be unsightly. The Trustees emphasized during the evening that they want what is best for the town.

Tennant then went through the library survey, question by question, to ensure that respondents

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Bridge construction will begin in November on Fairgrounds Road

Reconstruction of the bridge at the west end of Fairgrounds Road is scheduled to begin in November and be completed by the end of the year. The Town has received approval for 80% reimbursement by the State. The estimated cost of the project is \$100,000, leaving the Town responsible for approximately \$20,000.

During October, the construction drawings were approved by the State. Everything is being replaced, using a concrete box culvert. The Town received approval to advertise the bid. The deadline for bid submission is 2:00 pm on November 6; the bids will be opened at 4:00 pm. Engineers anticipate that the road will be closed for a period of time during construction.

Road Committee planning 1996 projects

At their October 4 meeting, the Road Committee reviewed the status of Bradford's red-listed bridges. Three or four bridges were red-listed because they needed serious structural work; others required guardrails and other non-structural repairs. The

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Living in Bradford

Moon Mountain Arts Film Series

November 4, 7:30
Baptist Church

Bradford Women's Club update

An extra BWC membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, in the church vestry at 11:30 am. The BWC board will provide lunch for the special occasion. President Jane Lucas called the meeting because our programs, which have been exciting and longer than usual, haven't left enough time for "just business." There are many items that come before the board and the entire membership should be involved in the decisions. All members are invited to attend and socialize while we eat. Then we'll conduct a little business during dessert. Come and meet new member, Jean Vivian.

There has been a wonderful turnout for our workshops and it is very gratifying to see the results. Many are doing things at home. Since we have extended the fair this year, we hope to see many more new items. Five workshops are scheduled in early November for the "final roundup." Check the *Bridge* calendar for dates.

The Fair will continue this year on December 3, in cooperation with the Bradford Business Association's "Christmas in the Country" event. Tickets will be on sale at Ann Hallahan's for the BBA Inn Tour, hay ride, and BWC Chili/Chowder Fest. More about all this at the "special" November 7 meeting.

The regular BWC meeting will be held on November 21 at the elementary school at 1:00 pm. Rick Gordon of WMUR Channel 9 will make us "Weather Wise." This promises to be another interesting program you won't want to miss. -L. Signorino, publicity

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On February 29, Moon Mountain Arts will present an original play written, produced, and directed by Rebecca Rule. The play, *Town Meeting*, is a comedy spoof on New England town meetings. This is an informal production. "Actors" need no thespian ability, only the ability to read! There will be no memorizing of lines and rehearsals will be limited to two or three Sunday afternoons in February.

There are many different roles to be filled. If you have a strong New Hampshire accent, there may be a role for you. *Town Meeting* explores the realities of small town politics, clashing personalities, and Yankee feuds. Sound familiar? If you're interested, come to the casting call, with Rebecca Rule, on Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 pm, at the Town Hall.

Copies of the script are available. Call Lu Signorino, 938-2608, or Nancy Hibbard, 938-2301. Scripts will be available to read at the library.

Birth announcement

On September 12, a daughter, Mary Margaret Lucas Pickman, was born in Lebanon to Joni Lucas and James Pickman, Sutton. Maternal grandparents are William and Jane Lucas, Bradford. Paternal grandparents are David and Jan Pickman, Bradford. Paternal great-grandparents are Lawrence P. and Marguerite Johansen, E. Windsor, Conn.

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News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

October 5. Frederick Brown, Jr. died.
October 6. Michael Eric Brewster was born in Concord to Elizabeth and Eric Brewster.
October 7. Terry Guest and Lori Mellen were married.
October 8. Mark John Gadoury was born to Michael and Diane Gadoury.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills should be going out within two weeks. The tax rate has been lowered and will be reflected in the second half billing.

TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

In November, the office will be closed on the 13th (Veterans' Day) and the 24th (Thanksgiving). All other hours remain unchanged. My deputy and I want to wish you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving holiday.

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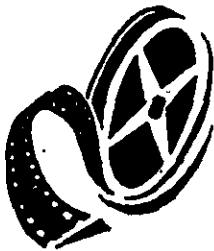
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Bradford Democratic Committee will hold a public meeting

The Bradford Democratic Committee will meet in the Town Hall at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 7. Katherine Rogers, Chairman of Merrimack County Democrats, will be the guest speaker. After her talk, she will join us in a discussion of current issues and plans for the upcoming election campaign. Henniker Democrats will also take part.

All democrats, independents, and other interested persons, are encouraged to come to this open meeting and to participate.
—John Robie

Bradford Conservation Commission news

At the October meeting of the Conservation Commission, held at the Fiske House, members discussed plans to continue the development of a natural resources inventory for the town. Using a series of large-scale maps and overlays provided by Perry Teele, the commission will identify where roads, buildings, wetlands, lakes, rivers and streams, farms and pastureland, forests, trails and scenic areas are located. This information will eventually be incorporated into the updated Master Plan.

The final stages of the Bradford Bog project ... the boardwalks and tower ... are underway. Special thanks to Breezy Hill Lumber for their gracious donation of lumber for the project. Members agreed on plans to place a box near the entrance with guides to the bog for use by visitors.

Guest speaker Debbie Soule, Department of Environmental Services, will speak on groundwater protection at the November Conservation Commission meeting, to be held on the 15th at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend this informative and interesting meeting.
—Mary Hopwood



Left to right: kindergarteners Amy Moseley, Justin Hebert, Matt Lombardi, with fireman Steve Lorenze


News from the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool

Preschool and kindergarten children love the holiday season. Dressing up, decorating, baking, and talking about traditions we still practice today. We'll be making paper turkeys, Pilgrim hats, and Native American headdresses, reading stories, and singing holiday songs with Kathy Lowe.

Our school will hold its annual Thanksgiving Raffle this month. Tickets are \$1.00 each and benefit the kindergarten. The prize is a basket of Thanksgiving food, including the turkey and all the trimmings. A second food basket will be donated to a needy family in the community. Tickets will be on sale around town, at the kindergarten, and from school parents.

Our most recent field trip was to the Bradford Fire Station. The children made fire chief hats and wore them on a walk down to the station. Bradford firefighters Parker McCartney and Steve Lorenze gave the children a tour and discussed safety to commemorate Fire Safety Week. A big thank-you to Parker and Steve.

Lastly, if you are in a rush around Thanksgiving time, let us do your baking. Homemade pies and sweet breads will be on sale between November 17 and 22 at the Bradford Crossing. Happy Thanksgiving to all! —Mary Keegan-Dayton



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OBITUARIES

Frederick Brown Jr.

Frederick R. Brown Jr., M.D., 72, of Church St., died suddenly at his home on October 5.

He was born in Montreal on August 7, 1923, the son of Frederick R. and Florence (Wilson) Brown.

He spent his early years in Winchester, Mass., and attended Bowdoin College, leaving to serve in the Canadian Air Force and Army during World War II, stationed in England. He returned to complete undergraduate studies at McGill University and then studied at Harvard Medical School, graduating in 1952. He practiced internal medicine until 1961. Dr. Brown was then the Assistant Medical Director of Aetna Life Insurance Co. in Hartford, Conn. until 1965. He was the Medical Director of United Life & Accident Insurance Co. (now Chubb Life) in Concord until 1971. Dr. Brown returned to private practice with offices in New London and then Bradford, until 1985. He was associated with the New London Hospital as an emergency room physician until his retirement in 1988.

Dr. Brown moved to Bradford from New London in 1977. In 1989, he and his wife moved to Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and lived there until returning to Bradford in late 1991. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of New London.

In his younger years, he was a good tennis player and an excellent golfer. He enjoyed hunting and fly-tying and, particularly in his later years, camping and fishing. He was an avid, meticulous gardener and naturalist with a love of birds. He was a gifted storyteller. Scottish culture and ancestry was an important part of his life and he enjoyed attending Scottish Highland games. For the last 20 years, Dr. Brown worked to develop his woodworking craft under the name of "Brown and Son." He built and restored canoes and snowshoes. He was accomplished at woodturning, creating bowls and decora-

tions from exotic woods and making fine furniture. During the last few years, he focused on detailed wood carving, progressing from figures and caricatures to exquisitely realistic song and shore birds. He recently entered four birds in an international competition, winning top honors with all four entries.

He is survived by his wife, Judith (Brown) Brown of Bradford; five children, Frederick R. Brown III, of Cumberland, Maine, Deborah J. Brown of Danville, Calif., Douglas T. Brown of Albuquerque, N.M., Jessie Brown West of Spartanburg, S.C., and Ian G. Brown of Bradford; six grandchildren; three sisters, Louise Johnson of Meriden, Margaret Goddu of Ledyard, Conn., and Anne Hilliard of Winchester, Mass.; nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Lynda A. Furbush

Lynda A. Furbush, 48, of Main Street, died October 28 at her home.

She was born in Natick, Mass., May 12, 1947, the daughter of Wesley Holton and the late Irene (Sullivan) Holton. She grew up in Newton, Mass., and graduated from Natick High School in 1965.

She had been employed by Newport Hospital for many years as a secretary and in the X-ray department. For the past five years, she had been employed by the New London Hospital in Newport as a patient accounts representative.

She had lived in Bradford for the past year and a half, previously living in Newbury for 17 years and in Salisbury, Mass., before that. She attended the South Newbury Union Church.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin A. Furbush of Bradford; two daughters, Lisa A. Cahill of Hillsborough and Laurie L. Furbush of Newbury; a son, Melvin A. Furbush Jr., of Newbury; two grandchildren, Michael and Megan Cahill, both of Hillsborough; her father, Wesley Holton of Phillipsburg, N.J.; a brother, Michael Grande of Marston Mills, Mass.; four sisters, Cheryl Lake of Salisbury, Mass., Diane Hall of Amesbury, Mass., Barbara Holton of New York City, Janet Young of Phillipsburg, N.J.; aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews and cousins.

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The group meets at the Friendship House in South Newbury. The workshop will be followed by lunch at noon, dessert and beverage provided. A planning session will follow at 1:00. Come prepared with exciting program ideas and help plan the future course of this group. -Clare Bensley

"Christmas in the Country" to be held December 3

At press time, plans are underway to coordinate a community-wide event on Sunday, December 3, the first annual "Christmas in the Country." Some of the events being considered are a Christmas Crafts Fair, inn tours, hay rides, and a Messiah sing-along, in conjunction with the traditional lighting of the Christmas Tree. This event is sponsored by the Bradford Business Association and the Bradford Women's Club. For more information, call Lesley Marquis at 938-5220.

Card of thanks

To: Jeffrey and Terri Steingrebe

We want to let you know how much the town appreciates the beautiful flower boxes stationed along the Bement Bridge all through the summer and into this warm autumn. We have received many wonderful compliments, but they really belong to you. Again, thank you for your kind generosity.

Bradford Board of Selectmen

Forum on Character and Citizenship Education

On Saturday, November 4, 9:30 - 12:30, a forum will be held at the Harold Martin School, Main Street, Hopkinton, for anyone concerned about the future of our youth. The theme for this event is "Building a Foundation for a Community Wide Character and Citizenship Education Program for Our Youth."

Dr. William Damon, author of the recently published book, *Greater Expectations, Overcoming the Culture of Indulgence in America's Homes and Schools*, will be the featured speaker. Damon is a child psychologist, professor of education, and Director of the Center for the Study of Human Development at Brown University.

The main point of Damon's book is that American society's expectations of its children, including children's character, behavior, and morality, have been steadily declining over the past two generations. He believes that the many social problems plaguing some of our young people today can be attributed to these declining expectations. Damon emphasizes the fact that young people receive messages about what is right and wrong from all the people in their lives. It is important that these multiple messages work in synchrony to guide children in beneficial directions.

To address the problem of declining expectations, Damon recommends that communities develop a "youth charter, a community consensus about the behavior and goals toward which young people should be guided." Damon says that a youth charter is a far stronger predictor of wholesome youth behavior than are such factors as affluence, ethnicity, family structure, or social status.

This forum is open to everyone from Hopkinton and surrounding communities interested in learning more about the role of character and citizenship education in our schools and in the community as a whole. A suggested donation of \$3.00 per person will help cover the costs of the program. A child care program featuring Webster storyteller George Radcliffe will be provided at St. Andrews Church, Main Street, Hopkinton. Reservations for child care can be made by calling the Hopkinton Community Center at 746-5676.

This program is sponsored by the Hopkinton School District and the Necho Trust, an independent, not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization that promotes community-based character and citizenship education programs.

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Indian Museum hosts storyteller and workshop in November

The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum will host Medicine Story, keeper of the lore, as he recounts traditional stories on Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 pm. Medicine Story, also known as Manitonquat, is an elder and spiritual leader of the Assonet band of the Wampanoag nation. Medicine Story is well known for his storytelling and has also authored several books. Admission for this special event is \$6.00 for museum members and \$8.00 for non-members.

The museum will sponsor a workshop, "Spiritual Formation in the Lakota and Christian Traditions, A Dialogue for Transformation," on Saturday, November 11, 10:00 - 3:00. Spiritual formation integrates personal spiritual experience with the community life of action and service. The Christian and Lakota traditions seek the integration of individual and communal spirituality in ways that are complementary and remarkably similar. Discussion will include sacramental and liturgical formation in both traditions, and a comparison of the classical Christian stages of purgation, illumination and union with the Lakota practices of inipi, fasting and visionary living. The dialogue explores practical resources for spiritual formation applicable in the lives of participants and in their communities and congregations.

The program will be conducted by Ron Staley, a UCC minister of the NH Conference. Dr. Staley has been Director of Spiritual Formation at Boston University School of Theology since 1991, where his work focuses on formative traditions and their application in spiritual life and ministry. Strong ties to the Lakota culture and tradition have supported his spirituality and ministry for nearly a decade, during which time he has participated in the ceremonial life at the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota and has attended several Sundances.

Preregistration is required for this program, which is limited in size. The cost is \$30 for museum members and \$35 for nonmembers. To register, please send a check with name and address to Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, P.O. Box 142, Warner, NH 03278. For more information, please call 456-3244.



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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

At this time of the legislative year, the news media does not get too involved with behind-the-scenes activities. The summer and fall are periods of time when new legislation is drafted and study committees are working on re-referred bills from the last session.

Of great concern to many New Hampshire people is the high cost of electricity. Relative to deregulation of the industry, a committee called the "Roundtable" has been engaged in the analysis of methods such as retail wheeling, which may prove helpful in bringing more competitive rates to our marketplace. Their report is due before the next session in January.

Our committee has been working on, and is now ready to present to the full legislature, a bill to allow possible deregulation of the electric co-ops. As member-owned utilities, they may choose to accept more of their own control, rather than the PUC.

Other studied bills of our committee dealt with a long-distance education commission (recommend for passage) and use of metric units on highway signs (recommend to kill).

During the last session, we passed HB-55, which started the process of reorganization of the state Health and Human Services Division. Under Commissioner Morton, a study was completed and a plan presented, which outlined a staff and goals change and also an operational plan to cut \$32 million from its budget. Due to expected changes in the federal budget and New Hampshire's constitutional need to have a balanced budget, I am convinced of the necessity for these cuts. Health and Human Services is the largest increment of the state budget and therefore has to take its share of reductions. Often when we talk of reductions, it is not actual dollar cuts, but reduction of growth percentages.

My major concern with this process is that costs do not get down-shifted to the local

level, where they might have to be picked up by the cities and towns.

HB 32 has now been scheduled to be considered by the legislature on November 1, virtually as the *Bridge* hits the street.

To illustrate the intensity and study given this bill, we have been supplied with 70 amendments comprising 145 pages of text to study and consider prior to voting. All parties to the bill, administration, employees, health care facilities, providers and clients have been very active.

The issue of welfare reform affects citizens and elected officials at all levels of government. It is important that we pass a carefully considered bill now so we will be "grandfathered" in, or we will be forced to accept the federal version, which may not represent the best plan for New Hampshire.

I will be looking for an amendment to allow local towns the same exclusionary rights that the state will adopt, thereby not down-shifting costs, and also language that assures fairness for state employees.

This issue has been the most difficult and hard-fought for me in my freshman year. The implementation over the next year of whatever plan is approved will also be difficult.

My thanks are with each of the people who have contacted me regarding their views of these issues. Often they have helped me understand the complexity of the problem and helped prepare me for the vote.

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Blue News ... report from the Police Department by Kathy Grindle

The Bradford Police Department had the pleasure of hosting the October meeting of the Merrimack County Chiefs of Police. Many thanks to Peter Fenton and the staff at the Applesseed for putting on such a fine buffet.

The guest speaker was Bradford's own Brackett Scheffy. Judge Scheffy, of Henniker District Court, spoke on the importance of the judicial system remaining a neutral entity, specifically in cases of domestic violence.

Victims have many sources of support and several avenues to pursue if an advocate is necessary. The judicial system, however, needs to retain a neutral position so that both the victim and the accused feel that they have an equal voice. It is the job of the judicial system to decide guilt or innocence and impose penalties, not to act as an advocate.

This neutrality is especially difficult in cases of domestic violence since this is such a "hot" topic. Everyone, including police, counselors, and judges, are being asked to advocate for the victim. It is important that victims find support, but it should come from outside the judicial system, from women's centers, counseling/support centers, even from police departments. He stressed to the audience that judges must remain neutral if they are to hand down fair and just decisions.

The Bradford Police Department is a member of the Domestic Violence Council of Henniker and can help victims get the support they need. This year alone, we have made five arrests for domestic abuse. We also have seen four cases of child physical or sexual abuse, some involving very young children. It is very important to remember that

EVERYONE has a right to feel safe, especially in their own homes. Only by reporting abuse can we hope to put an end to it. Mental abuse can be as damaging as physical abuse, if not more so, and also falls under the category of domestic abuse.

On Friday, November 3, 7:00-9:00 pm, at the Simon Center at New England College, Susan Sarno, a victim of severe domestic abuse, will speak on the subject. The evening is open, free of charge, to the public. Many advocates and counselors will be on hand to answer questions and offer support.

The PD has child passenger safety seats available to be given to low income families in Bradford. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be eligible, please call the office at 938-2522.

Total number of incidents in October through the 26th was 177, with 21 animal complaints, 8 alarms, 8 unsecured buildings, 4 suspicious persons/vehicles, 4 missing persons/welfare checks, 3 domestic violence reports, 3 bad checks, 2 accidents, 1 shoplifting. The Department also issued 16 summonses, 40 warnings, and made 1 arrest.

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

A Gardner Memorial Wayside Park late fall birding trip is scheduled by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter for Saturday, November 4, under the leadership of birder Amy Whitlock, who once served this park as a seasonal ranger.

Located on Route 4A, "Gardner" is situated in the Gile State Forest at the Wilmot-Springfield town line as a memorial to Walter C. Gardner III, whose father established Gile State Forest.

This area was once part of a vibrant mill community that used Kimpton Brook as a source of water power. Hikers will visit the remains of Josiah Johnson's saw mill en route to secluded and picturesque Butterfield Pond.

Meet Amy at Four Corners Grille, New London, at 9:00 am. Remember to bring binoculars. For more information, call Amy at 927-4532.

For those who have not experienced the thrill of hiking the 68-mile Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Trail System, the opportunity to do so will be provided through Natalie Davis's slide program on Friday, November 10, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road, New London.

Natalie's slides will depict work parties, hikers, and highlights of the trail itself, which is still under construction. Call Clare Bensley, 938-5482, for details.
--Phyllis Curtiss

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Bald Sunapee Tree Farm named Merrimack County 1996 Outstanding Tree Farm

The Tree Farm Program for Merrimack County has awarded its 1996 County Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Award to Peter and Susie Moore, owners of Bald Sunapee Tree Farm in South Newbury. Since 1984, they have dedicated their efforts on the tree farm to managing it with a high emphasis on recreation, aesthetic and wildlife improvements, as well as a consistent effort at improving the quality and value of its timber.

Moore is a member of the first graduating class in the New Hampshire Coverts Program. A "covert" is a thicket that provides shelter for wildlife. The Coverts Project is a special volunteer education program that teaches individuals how sound forest management practices can enhance wildlife habitat. After the workshop, Covert Program Cooperators share information in their communities and motivate others to become part of the volunteer network.

The Tree Farm Program has organized a tour of the property for Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 am to noon, rain or shine. The Bald Sunapee Tree Farm consists of 567 acres rising from the old Concord and Claremont Railroad to the summit of Bald Sunapee Mountain. It includes a wide variety of forest types. For more information, contact the Bald Sunapee Garden Center at 763-4551.

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Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

A great big "Thank You" is in order to all the people in our community who supported the youth group spaghetti supper/bake sale on October 21. It was a stormy night and still we had 70-80 people come out for this event. A special thank you goes out to the Appleased Inn for donating and cooking our spaghetti for us. (After the electricity came back on, we blew a fuse on the stove.)

The church calendar for the month of November is full. The Women's Christian Guild will hold its meeting on November 3 at 10:30 am. Their agenda is to put together the White Cross Christmas package and begin rolling bandages and cutting squares. The women are asked to bring a sandwich. Soup and beverages will be provided. After lunch, they will carpool to the meeting of Church Women United, being held at 1:30 at St. Andrew's in New London. It is World Community Day.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will conduct the worship service on November 5. Their November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7. Pauline Dishmon will present a book review.

The Diaconate is asking folks to bring food items for Thanksgiving baskets to the November 12 worship service. Donations of canned goods, packaged foods, seasonal vegetables and monetary contributions are being requested. Baskets are made up and distributed to needy families in the area.

The Board of Christian Education/Missions will host the annual World Hunger Dinner on Saturday, November 11 from 5:00-7:00. Beef stew, chicken soup, homemade breads and desserts will be served. Donations are \$3.00 for children and \$5.00 for adults (maximum \$15.00 per family). You may choose whether you want your donation to go to our local food pantry or to the Heifer Project.

The youth groups will meet on November 12 for an "Active Scavenger Hunt." On November 26, the theme for our meeting will be "What are you good at?" A game of "What's My Line?" will be played. Grades 4-6 meet from 2:30 - 4:00. Grades 7-12 meet from 4:30-6:00. Both meetings will be held at the church vestry; however, the scavenger hunt will require some travelling to people's homes.

November 19 is our Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service. Our children will sing during the service, we will dedicate our commitment cards, and we will celebrate Believer's Baptism on that day.

At 2:00 pm on the same day, there will be a Hospice Memorial Service at our church to honor and remember all the hospice patients who have died. The service is sponsored by the Lake Sunapee Home Care and Hospice of New London.

A Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm. The service will be informal, consisting of prayers, special music, Thanksgiving sharing, and some poems. The service will last between 30-40 minutes, so people can still get home and prepare their Thanksgiving dinners.



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Who was Mason Weare Tappan?

by Clare Bensley

And why was the bridge at the corner of Jones Road and Route 114 named after him?

Born in Newport in 1817, the son of Weare and Lucinda (Atkins) Tappan, Mason Weare Tappan lived most of his life in Bradford. Through his military, legal and political accomplishments, he emerged as one of Bradford's most distinguished citizens.

In April 1861, when President Abraham Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 volunteers to serve in the Union Army, Mason Weare Tappan was among the first in New Hampshire to volunteer. At the time, he was 44 years old and serving his third term in the U.S. Congress. When the First New Hampshire Volunteer Regiment was called up, he was appointed its colonel by Governor Ichabod Goodwin. When the regiment arrived in Washington D.C., it passed in review before President Lincoln, who complimented its men as having the best and most thoroughly appointed regiment thus far. Lincoln said, "Colonel Tappan, your regiment looks more like war than anything I have seen."

The men were mustered out after three months, as it was expected the war would be a brief one. Many went on to serve another three years. However, Tappan elected to return to Bradford and continue his law practice in Concord.

His father, Weare Tappan, was also a lawyer and an early abolitionist. Mason received his legal education at his father's office, was admitted to the bar in 1841, and started his law practice in Bradford the same year. He



Law office of Weare Tappan, shared by Mason Weare Tappan when he practiced in Bradford. The building was sold and converted to a summer residence prior to 1859. It is located on West Main Street across from the Bradford Inn. Photo courtesy of Steve Hansen.

served in the New Hampshire legislature from 1853-55, and was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1855, where he served three terms. He was also granted an Honorable AM degree from Dartmouth.

He was elected Attorney General of New Hampshire in 1876 and served in that capacity until his death in 1886.

In addition to his military, legal and political accomplishments, Tappan was interested in agriculture and served as the first president of the Bradford and Newbury Fair, which he was instrumental in organizing. His home, "Woodside," on Main Street, is now the home of Burton and Ellen Hersh.

He was also instrumental in bringing the railroad to Bradford. He served as the first president of the Bradford Library Association, formed in 1873 for the purpose of "bringing moral, social and intellectual improvement to the town." He deeded to the town the land where the Town Hall now stands and also the land for the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, retaining for himself "the most beautiful lot," where he now lies.

Although he anticipated celebrating Bradford's Centennial in 1887, it was not to be; he died one year short of the event at age 69. His life and deeds, however, were celebrated in many of the Centennial speeches. The bridge on Route 114 commemorates his dedication to Bradford, the State of New Hampshire, and the Union, which he helped to preserve.



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In and About the KRSD, by Dick Keller, Bradford School Board Rep

You can't miss the sparkle that emanates from the Middle School these days. You can sense it not only in the brightened colors, but also in the hustle and bustle of staff as they immerse themselves in a revitalized approach to delivery of their subjects. Teaming and the integration or inter-disciplinary theme is moving ahead under the guiding hand of Carlton Fitzgerald, Middle School Principal, creating much of the excitement. Fitzgerald described the changes taking place as "going west together" or "padding the boat in the same direction."

Congratulations are in order to Carl for achieving his goal of completing his doctoral degree at the University of Vermont.

Other steps described by Fitzgerald include staff mentors for students whose grades have dropped, stepped up coordination with the four elementary schools to smooth the transition to the Middle School, and, next on the agenda, a similar dialogue with the High School, to begin to eliminate some of the bumps in the 1 through 12 system. Last, but not least, are the Positive Action Trips for students, based on effort points in classroom activities. A typical destination is a Plymouth State football game.

OM or "Odyssey of the Mind" remains a popular extra-curricular activity at the Middle School, under the leadership of Kathy

Bennett, sixth grade teacher. The present count is six teams, each with seven students (all three grades participating). Bennett described two challenges this year: a balsawood structure to carry an applied weight while being pummeled by billiard balls and a Tall Tales presentation involving script, costumes, and whatever else is needed. Bennett needs volunteers to help carry out this ambitious program, to serve as coaches, support people, and judges. If you want to sense education in action and have fun at the same time, join Kathy Bennett and forty-two+ enthusiastic students in this very worthwhile effort. She can be reached at the Middle School, 526-6415. Students who participated in OM at the Middle School in past years are looking forward to the start of a similar program at the High School.

The Middle School Student Council is in full swing. They meet Tuesday mornings with Emily Campbell, eighth grade teacher, and Liz Feingold, sixth grade special-ed coordinator. One project underway is a recycling effort. They raised money with a school dance for the necessary bins. Since your board member is the Board Rep to the student councils, you'll be hearing more of their plans, projects, and efforts.

The Joint Board of Selectmen, meeting with the School Board on October 3, expressed the hope that a five-year facility plan can be

developed for all District schools. This would be addressed at the Annual District Meeting next March, with special emphasis on a scheduled maintenance plan for the Middle School and the immediate space needs at the High School. At a follow-up meeting on the 24th, as part of this process, population figures were presented, along with an outline of the District's existing buildings and their capacities. Based on the population figures for the five-year period, only the high school, out of six school buildings, lacks sufficient space to meet either student space standards or needs.

As part of the facilities review, the local fire chiefs and the state fire marshal, will be requested to inspect the building in their respective towns. A consultant will review the mechanical and electrical needs at the Middle School. Architect Wendell Phillips will be asked to review the proposed high school addition with Project Architect Clint Sheer. The next combined meeting of School Board and Selectmen is scheduled for November 14, 7:15 pm, at the high school.

Marshall MacKenzie, high school science teacher, discussed the progress of the Tech Prep (preparing students for the world of technology) and the emphasis on applied academics to help resolve the problem of disaffected students who don't learn by just listening. This past summer, a core group from Kearsarge attended a school-to-work conference at Keene State College as part of this program. The resulting goals include integrating career opportunities into the curriculum and forming partnerships between businesses and specific teachers with the aim of developing meaningful student internships. New Hampshire will receive \$2 million this year under the federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act and the District hopes to receive its share of these funds.

On the 26th, the Board reviewed its Statement of Goals for 95/96. (See article, Kearsarge Strategic Goals, page 13) It received information on recent legislation that, if put in place by voters at an annual meeting, would enable voters to address financial issues by ballot vote rather than the town meeting/district meeting method presently used. At the joint meeting on the 24th, Selectmen voiced their objections to the proposed ballot method and requested the school board to take a similar stand. Legal implications are under review by the Board.



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State House News

by Marcia Keller

When the Legislature went home last spring, reorganization of the Department of Health and Human Services and welfare reform were two key issues that remained to be addressed. On November 1, HB 32 will be debated and, perhaps, decided. At this writing, the financial impact on Bradford is uncertain, but potentially very serious. Despite the efforts of local officials statewide AND the continuing support of Bradford representatives, crucial language that would provide protection against passing savings at the state level down to local taxpayers has not been included in this bill.

RSA 165:1 sets the basic legal duty for every community in the state: "Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not he has a residence there." While recognizing, and supporting, the need for reform of the current welfare system - at both federal and state levels - the concern is that any reduction in state welfare spending will have to be made up by increased local spending as long as the town is the "last resort" for those in need of assistance.

Towns are asking for safeguards in two areas. One would require the state to maintain specific program minimums so that reduced state spending or changes in eligibility requirements will not be passed down to the local level. The second area deals with language in the bill that allows the state to impose sanctions on individuals for failure to comply with the state welfare employment program. Towns are not allowed to impose similar sanctions, which means that local assistance can be required to replace state benefits denied because of willful non-compliance with state regulations. More unfunded state mandates? Sounds that way!

It is hoped that reason will prevail this week and that amendments will be approved to protect the local taxpayer against assuming additional, and totally unpredictable, welfare burdens passed down by the state with no possibility of local safeguards against abuse and no state support.

ROAD, continued from page 1

highest priority bridge is the one on Fairgrounds Road that will be repaired during November and December. The next in urgency is the next bridge on Fairgrounds Road toward the east. Repairs are estimated at \$150,000. Third on the list is the West Road bridge over West Branch. This small span should cost \$100,000 to replace. The committee agreed to a warrant article for \$50,000 for bridge repairs (20% of the estimated cost to repair two bridges) and \$10,000 for maintenance on other bridges.

Chairman Bob Stewart Jr. reported that the West Road bridge is almost finished; railings have been installed and painting is nearly done. With the required maintenance and painting of several other bridges nearly complete, once the Fairgrounds Road bridge is replaced, five bridges will have been removed from the red list. As Stewart commented, "Money has been spent well."

Road Agent Andy Anderson discussed his plans for grinding and paving for 1996. Targeted roads include West Road (1 mile), Cressy Road (5700'), and Sunset Hill (1550'). Final schedule for paving and sealing will be determined in November.

The urgency of paving Main Street was discussed. It's a complicated project, however, because of drainage issues. Stewart commented that when it is tackled, they should "make it work." The committee agreed that it should be presented to the voters as a separate warrant item. However, they decided to study it for a year first.

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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

Attendance at the first public meeting concerning library expansion filled our room to capacity. Architect Peter Tennant, of Tennant/Wallace in Manchester, outlined the library's options, seeking people's feelings and ideas. MANY opinions were expressed.

We are hoping even more people will attend the second public meeting, at which costs and drawings will be presented for each option. The meeting will be held at BML on Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 pm. Tours of the Central School are available all day on the 15th and by arrangement any other time.

Harriet Douglass is volunteering on Wednesday mornings to read to the kindergarten students. We appreciate her time and the special bond she has with the children. She brings the sunshine no matter what the weather may be.

On a recent trip to our book supplier, we brought home the following titles

Bogart, by S. Bogart
Choke, by Woods
Sixth Extinction, by Leakey
Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane, by Cole
Murder in the Executive Mansion, by Roosevelt
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Bradford in the Wars ... World War I by Milly Kittredge

The 1914 assassination of the Austrian heir-apparent precipitated the start of fighting, initially with the European nations warring with each other. On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson declared war on the Imperial German Government. He said, "It is a war against all nations. American ships have been sunk. American lives have been taken ... the wrongs against which we array ourselves are no common wrongs; they cut to the very roots of human life."

Many Bradford and Newbury men volunteered or were drafted. Alfred Ayer returned from the war and, with his wife Elsie, served hot lunches at the Bradford school. Her doughnuts, pies and rolls were sought at any gathering. Harold Ayer wrote from 'somewhere in France' in August 1918, "We have lectures on first aid work...the hospital is filling fast with sick men. For sleeping quarters, we have barns, attic and open shed. I am in the latter, the cleanest and best one." He thought the land looked poor, but there were acres of grapes which looked well, and they had hedges instead of stone walls.

Arthur Bagley, Eastman Blake, William Butcher, and Leon Carr (who with his twin, Lena, had a goat and wagon in which to ride when they were very young) all served in Europe. Veterans Harry G. Cheney and Harold Clement later worked with the railroad and were both in the Bradford Band.

Paul Cilley sent postcards of a peaceful French village. Brothers Everett and Winfred Colby served. Also brothers Charles and Gaylord Cummings, who grew up in "Woodside." Both later served as selectmen, and Gaylord gave Bradford the veteran's monument in front of the Town Hall.

Robert Forsaith, who moved to Claremont; Clarence Fortune, who moved to Providence, Philip Goss, John Nichols, Leon Sargent (who lived at the Center and was road agent), Charles and Leslie Smith, and Harold Wyman all served.

Herbert Stevens wrote the *King's Daughters*, thanking them for the mirror and book they sent; he liked his meals 'somewhere in France' because they'd had but two meals a day while in England.

Later, came Bill Tonks, who was active in many veteran organizations, and Ernest Stewart, a successful realtor.

Will Cressy entertained with the Overseas Theater and his *War Poems* were published, containing this one, entitled O.U. Hoover.

My Tuesdays are wheatless,
 My Wednesdays are meatless,
 I'm getting more eatless each day.
 My house it is heatless
 My beds are all sheetless
 They've gone to the YMCA.
 The saloons are all treatless,
 My coffee is sweetless
 Each day I get thinner and wiser.
 My stockings are feetless
 My trousers are seatless
 Oh gosh, how I hate the Kaiser!

This war introduced poison gas (which hastened Will Cressy's death) and liquid fire. Zeppelins bombed London. At Verdun ("They shall not pass"), the first tanks were used. Armored cars had wire cutters on the front. Hospital trains took the wounded to the rear. New names for those back home: Chateau Therry, Ypres, the Argonne Forest; and different peoples: the Gurkhas, Canadians, Scots with kilts. Poet Sgt. Joyce Kilmer was killed in action. The Marines had to adopt khaki because their proud forest green uniforms faded to resemble German colors.

New Hampshire sent 14,374 men, and casualties were more than 1,000.

The Armistice was signed November 11, 1918 in a railway car, and at 11:00 am, the guns at last fell silent.

Corrections/additions to August 1995 article on World War II:

Charles Delgado was with Patton's 7th in France, Germany, and saw action in the Black Forest with the Field Artillery. Pat (Delgado) remembers the young wives waiting for the overseas mail to be sorted, and Henry Cilley being nearly as disappointed as they were when he had to say, "No letters today, girls."

Cardon Ruchti was a 21-year Navy man.

Help us with the omissions and corrections, please.

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KRSD Strategic Goals

The overall goal for the Kearsarge Regional School District is "To Be Second to None." The 1995/96 Strategic Goals adopted by the School Board include the following:

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- * strengthening interaction between school, district, Board, parent, business
- * improving the way in which people work together to solve problems
- * improving curriculum and instruction in order to "reach" students effectively.

The goals are:

1. To develop a comprehensive facilities plan that will reflect both community and professional expectations of space and service needs.
2. To develop and publish a five-year strategic plan for the district with full community and staff involvement focused on program and fiscal accountability.
3. To strengthen public support and to foster unity in the district.
4. To improve academic performance across the district as measured through state and district assessment techniques showing significant and clear results.
5. To implement and evaluate a teacher performance system based on self assessment, peer review, and student assessment, along with supervisory assessment.
6. To implement the school-to-work program as designed by the Applied Academic Steering Committee.
7. To continue cost effective budgeting through continued resource management as gauged by per pupil expenditure with a target reduction of 3% in the 95/96 school year.

—Dick Keller

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

Since childhood in Australia, aviation and auto racing artist Jane Gilltrap Bready has loved race cars. As a four-year-old, she remembers stepping over the sleeping-bag-encased world class race car drivers on the living room floor of her parents' home—world famous teams that had arrived for Formula One racing. Jane's father and uncle were champion Road Rally racers. Jane's entrepreneurial grandfather had established the George Gilltrap Auto Museum of vintage cars. Jane enjoyed the attention and excitement when the large contingent of race teams arrived in their household. Back then, she recalled, many drivers died. For many years, she avoided the sport. Believing that the sport is much safer today, she feels comfortable returning to the track.



Before meeting her pilot husband, Michael, Jane had never drawn pictures of airplanes. He introduced her to aviation art. She thought she could learn to paint and make aviation art. Even at a time when she was learning to mix colors, she enjoyed an extraordinary commercial success. Her second painting was transformed into a signed, limited edition print of 1000 copies. To her amazement, the edition quickly sold out. Her network for marketing expanded when she joined the American Association of Aviation

Artists. More good luck followed. Her work was chosen for the Air Force Art Collection and she was selected to participate in the Air Force Art Program. One of the program's perks (depending on your point of view) is that the artist is allowed to fly a mission, which will become the subject for the painting that the artist donates in exchange for the trip.

Her oil paintings require meticulous research. Measurements must be accurate, colors and minute details exact. She said, "You have to use the right paint color for the time period. Every little piece of the plane must be accurate." She remembered a white emblem she painted on a World War II plane. She didn't realize that the color had been changed to light grey on the model she portrayed. She laughed, "Some old guys, who had flown the mission, corrected me." Even though she might use historical photographs for reference, they are not always reliable because flight crews often wear traded headgear and jackets from other units and countries when photos are taken. One of her primary resources is the Air Force Art Museum in Dayton, Ohio, which houses a huge library and has a cooperative research staff. Jane also surfs the Race Forum on the Internet.

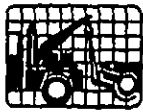
For Jane, the leap into painting racing cars was natural. She uses the same research techniques that she does for airplanes. One difference is that she must obtain copyright permission to use the name of a track, sponsors' logos, manufacturers' stickers, or team emblems. When she creates an historic race, she must know whether it was held on a sunny or rainy day. She relies on *Motor Sport*, *Road*, and *Chequered Flag* magazines for details.

Jane goes to the track where the action happens. She's been to races in Australia, Arizona, California, and New Hampshire. The Gilltrap legacy, a charming manner, and a genuine, knowledgeable interest in racing cars, are her ticket to the pits and access to the teams. While her husband watches the races from the stands, a professionally, but casually dressed Jane Gilltrap Bready is in the garage area where she records the action on slide film and talks to the teams. Whether it is a Formula One, Indy Car, NASCAR race, or a 24-hour rally, Jane loves them all. Her favorite racing car is a 1904 French Darracq, named "Genevieve," which races annually from London to Brighton, England. Do you wonder why she is partial to this car? You guessed it. "Genevieve" was part of her grandfather Gilltrap's vintage collection.

The Bready's moved to the area in 1991. The family now includes a four-month-old daughter, Gemma, and an Akita named Banjo. Remnants of Jane's past are heard in an occasional Australian inflection or when she plays the Didgeridoo (an aboriginal musical instrument) or are seen in her lifesized mural in Gemma's room of Paddington Bear, a lovable character from an English children's book. With all her world and American travelling, Jane loves living in New Hampshire. She said, "It's the only place in the U.S. that I would like to live." Remembering an exciting childhood, she added, "I might also like to live in Australia."

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Selectmen's meetings in October

October 2. Estimates are being received to upgrade the sidewalks on Main Street by applying a coat of asphalt. Selectmen will discuss paving of Main Street during meeting with Road Committee. Tying the two projects together could reduce the total cost.

School Board Rep Dick Keller met to discuss the New London decision to continue pursuing withdrawal from the Kearsarge Regional School District. He commented on its disruptive effect on the district and solicited input from the Selectmen concerning what steps to take next. Concern was expressed that if a plan is not developed before the March School Meeting, there will be another year's delay before the space issue is resolved.

Selectmen have initiated the process to take title to the Naughton property (both the back and front lots) conditional on George Naughton complying with State and Town requirements. If an agreement is not reached with the Town, Naughton would be required to meet court requirements or serve an additional twelve months in prison.

Selectman Signorino reported that arrangements have been made to complete the Town Hall painting project this weekend. Staging is required to reach the upper sections of the building.

October 9. Columbus Day, no meeting.

October 16. Selectmen received the town's 1995 tax rate from the Dept. of Revenue Administration. The rate is \$27.30 per \$1,000 of assessed evaluation, down \$1.31 from the 1994 rate. The town's portion is \$7.41, down 79 cents; county portion is \$2.21, up 31 cents; and the school portion is \$17.68, down 82 cents.

Library Trustees met to review the status of their renovation studies. Selectmen requested that they make a decision by November 27.

Franklin and Isabel Sheehan reported that the well at their home on Fairgrounds Road is contaminated. Results of tests confirm that the West Branch Brook, as it passes by their property, is also contaminated. Additional testing is required to establish where the contamination is coming from. The contamination must be cleaned up before their well can be restored to a usable condition. They were told to contact Dr. Carey Rodd, the town's health officer.

October 23. Selectmen discussed money available for the sidewalk project. Sufficient funds are available to pave the sidewalks between the Bradford Inn and Lafayette Square. The project must be completed by early November, before the asphalt plant closes for the winter.

Members of the Massasecum Lake Association provided the Selectmen with a sample ordinance to guard against the threat of milfoil contamination by requiring boats to be washed prior to being launched in Bradford lakes. They also discussed the effect of beaver dams on Massasecum's water level.

The proposed Mayo trust was discussed. Selectmen will draft a trust document and the Mayos will be asked to select a Springfield florist for automatic delivery of flowers to his parents' graves, a condition of the trust.

Selectmen are reviewing existing street lights throughout Bradford. The bill for street lighting is \$1,100 a month, whether or not the lights are working. Selectmen will determine which lights are necessary and have those bulbs upgraded. Those deemed unnecessary will be eliminated.

The request for bids for the Town Hall remodeling projects has been published. Deadline for bid submission is November 9.

October 30. Tim Bates, the Town's attorney, has left his old law firm and formed a new partnership. Selectmen have decided to

continue using Tim Bates, now with Mitchell and Bates, Laconia.

Mark Goldberg expressed concern that many residents have not put up their house numbers. He said that 911 operators frequently transfer calls to local dispatch with an address, but no name. Bradford firefighters have responded to calls to certain streets, but had difficulty finding particular houses. Selectmen stress that house numbering is critical for prompt emergency response.

Selectmen questioned Sherry Chomitz concerning the status of the Water & Sewer Committee. Chomitz said the committee had been on "hiatus," but should complete the surveys by the end of the year. Selectmen requested that the committee attempt to finish the job by the end of November, perhaps by limiting the survey area to Main Street. Survey results should then be available by early January, enabling the committee to go forward with the feasibility study in 1996.

Perry Teele discussed changes he would recommend to the Building Inspector policy. He felt the fee structure was reasonable, but that collecting the fees was difficult. He estimates that only 40% of applicants call him back for the required inspections. He suggested collecting a set of standard fees at the time the application is submitted and reiterating to all that permits and inspections are required. He also suggested redesigning the permit application to provide the Building Inspector with more thorough information.

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Union Congregational Society annual update

The Union Congregational Society's Annual Meeting was held on September 17 at old Bradford Center. Due to the inclement weather, both the well attended pot luck supper and the meeting were held in the 1792 Schoolhouse, another courtesy extended by the Bradford Historical Society. The following Board of Directors report was presented:

The Board held meetings on Sept 11, 1994, April 23, 1995, and August 27, 1995. Glendon R. Mayo was elected chairman for a second term at the September meeting. Both the Worship and Fellowship committees presented a full slate of activities for the summer of 1995. The annual Christmas pageant was presented at the Meetinghouse, under the leadership of Margaret Hunt-Szymkowitz, aided by her assistants. As usual, attendance was excellent.

An early decision was made to work jointly with the Historical Society on all presentations and place all proceeds in the "Paint the Meetinghouse" fund.

During the last part of 1994, half of the roof was recovered, as well as the two belfry levels. Monies earned in 1993-1994 covered the cost.

Two marriages were celebrated at the Meetinghouse since the Annual Meeting of 1994.

The Worship Committee was successful in arranging the use of the House for the following worship services: Eucharistic Celebration (Roman Catholic); Healing Spring Pentecostal; Unitarian Universalist; First Baptist Church of Bradford. Each was well attended.

The Fellowship Committee provided support for all events and produced the following outstanding events: Fun and Games Day; Sunday Sundaes with the Lowe Sisters (funded by the Smith Fund); The Sometimes Annual Flea and Farmer's Market.

The UCS/BHS production team, with the generosity and assistance of the Lettvins, presented the major fund raiser of the year, "The Lettvins Friends In Concert." Two concerts were presented at the Meeting-

house—an entertainment and financial success! The UCS owes a special thank you to Nancy Hibbard and the Historical Society for the summer's success.

Three members joined the deceased roles this year. Our thoughts will be with Lena Bagley, Parker Craig and John Leroy Hopkins.

Our total fund raising efforts for the fiscal year left us with a net income (from fund raising) of approximately \$4000. This will allow the commencement of the exterior painting this year. Fund raising for next year will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate for the year of 1995-1996: for a one-year term: Moderator, W. Eastman Steere; Treasure, Edythe Craig; Clerk, Marjorie Cilley; Auditor, Bernard Lamach; Historian, Steven Hansen; Representative to Bradford Historical Society, Glendon Mayo; Directors (3 yr. term) George Cilley 1998; Carey Rodd 1998; continuing in office: Glendon Mayo 1996, Robert Blank 1996, John Blitzer 1997, Howard Klein 1997, ex-officio Robert Bell. Worship Committee: (3 year term) Marion Hopkins 1998, (1 year term) Luanne Mayo 1996, continuing in office Clare Bensley 1997. Fellowship Committee (3 year term) Sue Vitale 1998, continuing in office Louise Clark 1996, Jane Dumais 1997. Nominating Committee: Amy Blitzer (1 year term) Mary Keegan-Dayton, Marion Klein, and Deborah Lamach. Following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected Robert Blank as their new chairman. Howard Klein will act as assistant chairman.

As of this writing, the Meetinghouse is almost completely painted. A crew of workers, headed by Robert Blank, are diligently climbing around the belfry and roof, making necessary major repairs that came to light when access was obtained to the upper roof.

Remember the annual Christmas Pageant that will be presented Christmas eve at the Meetinghouse. It is always a highlight of our year! —Glen Mayo



BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

THE CELESTINE PROPHECY

by James Redfield

Warner Books, 1993

Available at Brown Memorial Library

This #1 New York Times best seller takes the reader on an adventure into Peru, where an ancient manuscript in the Aramaic language has been discovered.

After hearing about the manuscript from a friend, the narrator, a young American male, ventures to Peru where he connects with an array of Peruvian priests and citizens, along with curious professorial types from around the world.

As the story unfolds, the young man discovers an element afoot trying to hide information about the manuscript. Peruvian soldiers, at the instigation of Cardinal Sebastian, head of the Peruvian church, are arresting people thought to have copies or knowledge of the manuscript. The cardinal's belief is that the manuscript will undermine church principles when, in fact, those who have managed to read all or part of it claim that the manuscript clarifies exactly what is meant by spiritual truths.

While reading some of the statements or ideas put forth, one may say, "I knew that," but with pause, perhaps a reread, quite unexpectedly discover an expansion to a present belief. The first of nine insights presented in the manuscript concerns *coincidence*. Many would judge coincidence as happenstance. Spiritually speaking, according to the insight, coincidence is a leading component in a lifetime journey. Chance encounters offer opportunities for spiritual growth.

Another issue brought out in the book concerns struggles for power or *control*. Some of us tend to manipulate or force others for attention, thus gaining energy. To successfully dominate another, one may feel more powerful but, at the same time, leave others weakened and cause conflict.

Discussion of all nine insights is intermingled in the prose and dialogue. A companion to *The Celestine Prophecy* is *An Experiential Guide* by the same author, with Carol Adrienne. Study groups using both books are in progress across the nation.

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Safety tips to help your dog get through the holidays

THANKSGIVING: Keep the dog out of the kitchen. Do not give in to your dog and feed it table scraps. Be firm with guests not to slip your dog any "treats." Turkey meat is not easily digestible, and turkey bones are dangerous! Tie up garbage tightly and remove as soon as possible so dogs aren't tempted to look for bones and food in the trash.

CHRISTMAS: Train your dog to stay away from the tree. Some dogs will be tempted to lie beneath it, but it's not safe. Dogs can break ornaments and get cut or swallow small pieces.

An animal's stress may result in flight instincts. Stressed-out dogs have been known to bolt through an open door to escape the noise. As the host or hostess, you may not even realize your dog is missing until many hours and miles later.

HAPPY? NEW YEAR: Adult party-goers can be thoughtless. Under no condition should guests give your dog alcohol because they think it's "cute." Dogs can get ill from drinking and eating rich foods which are different from their usual diet. Paws and tails are susceptible to being stepped on while guests mingle and dance.

Some people just don't like to have dogs around. Keeping your dog out of sight may be the best thing for you, your dog and your guests. Confine your dog to a separate area of the house and put up a sign warning guests that there is a dog inside and "do not open the door."

Make sure your dog is wearing traceable identification in case he does get loose.
submitted by Marian Hopkins

THEN AND NOW

by Sandy Wadlington, photo from Steve Hansen



Two views of an old farmhouse on Center Road, built in the early 1800's. The earlier photograph, circa 1920, shows modern windows and an added porch and ell.

The present owner, Bob Blank, moved the house back from the road twenty feet, repositioned the ell, disconnected the barn and moved it further from the house, and added skylights, authentic windows, and doors.



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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



This recipe is light in taste, its consistency is full-bodied, to the eyes, colorful, and to the mouth ... delicious! Great for turkey leftovers.

To all who called or sent me words of kindness, I thank you for caring. In or out, exercising at Concord Hospital keeps my body moving!

Happy Thanksgiving and God bless.

Turkey Corn Chowder

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 8 strips bacon | 2 C chopped onions |
| 4 C cubed potatoes | 1 10-oz can condensed chicken broth |
| 1/4 tsp salt | 4 C cubed cooked turkey |
| 1 17-oz can whole kernel corn | 1 17-oz can cream-style corn |
| 2 C light cream OR evaporated canned milk | |
| 1/4 tsp pepper | chopped parsley |

Cook bacon in a 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven until crisp. Remove to paper towels; pour off drippings, reserving 1/4 cup. Saute onion in reserved drippings until tender. Add potatoes, broth and salt. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer about 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Add undrained corns, cream, turkey and pepper. Heat thoroughly but don't boil.

Serve in soup bowls with crumbled bacon and parsley as garnish. Serves 8 or 9.

Moon Mountain film series concludes November 4

Moon Mountain Arts concludes its Film & Video Series with the Saturday night showing of two award-winning films by native Portsmouth screenwriter Douglas Morse. Mr. Morse will be present to talk with the audience and show *The Clearing* and *Dogs with Wrinkled Faces*. The program will take place on Saturday, November 4, 7:30 pm at Bradford's First Baptist Church.

The Clearing received High Honors in the First & Finest 1994 New Hampshire Film & Video Exposition. This fictional film, shot in New Hampshire, features an old man (Paul Berry) and a woman (Kayla Black) who are caught in a blizzard. Morse collaborated with his brother, cinematographer and editor Richard Morse and composer/pianist Terry Winter Owens.

In a description about the film, Mr. Morse wrote "It is the type of film I always hoped to make—a captivating story told entirely without dialogue. It interweaves spirituality, sexuality, and survival on a stunning snowscape as an old man painfully re-awakens to life."

Dogs with Wrinkled Faces, a 20-minute film story about a "kid" working at a county fair, was drawn from the filmmaker's experience while working at the Plymouth State Fair in 1979. As a student film, it received numerous awards, including a Kodak Screenwriting Prize; United Merchants Foundation Post Production Award; a Polaris Arts Post Production Grant; and awards for producing, directing, art direction, and sound at New York University's First Run Festival.

Since completing a graduate degree in film from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Morse has moved from Portsmouth to New York City, where he continues his career in screenwriting.

This event is being held in the wheelchair accessible First Baptist Church. Assistive listening devices are available. Tickets are available at Dodge's and Family & Friends Garage. For information, call Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.

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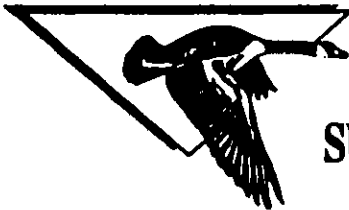
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HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent, selected by Sandy Wadlington

November 1895

E. Lapiere, the clothier, of Concord, will be at Maxson's Barber Shop in this town, Nov. 25, 26 and 27, with a full line of ready made clothing, including samples of fine goods.

The Thanksgiving festivities are over. Many testify to the finest Thanksgiving they ever enjoyed. While the Turks were gobbling the Armenians, the Americans were gobbling the turkeys; and the righteous indignation of a righteous people call for the consumption of the Turkish Empire. We hope the 54th Congress will be equal to the demand of the hour.

November 1945

"Doc" Reardon and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reardon entertained a party of twenty guests at a coon supper at the Bradford Inn Sunday night. The Old Texas Moth Ball King was in his glory seated at the head of the table surrounded by his loyal friends and ardent listeners. The delicious coon supper was prepared by the expert staff, with Chef Elmer Lilja of Newport cooking the three coons that were brought in by Harris Wheeler, Sterling Smith, and Clayton Nutter.

...and from Bradford Historical Society materials, selected by Mildred Kittredge

1899...

At Blodgett's Landing, the Sunapee water level is so low the steamboat, Wenonah, cannot get drydocked and she remains moored to the wharf.

The foundation for the Memorial Hall building is being put in and many are getting work.

Our five soldier boys returned to Camp Ramsdell in Concord last week; it is not known whether they will be mustered out or ordered to service in Cuba or Puerto Rico.



2nd Monday Niters program in New London

The 2nd Monday Niters of the First Baptist Church, New London, presents "Christmas in Bavaria" on November 13 at 7:30 pm. Robert Houston, retired UNH professor, will describe this Interhostel program.

Professor Houston received his Bachelor's degree from Michigan State and his PhD in Physics from Penn State. He was a UNH professor for 35 years, department chair for 12 years, and was involved in the research to send rockets into the ionosphere.

Dr. Houston was the recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award and the Distinguished Professor Award in the same year and has led several Interhostel programs.

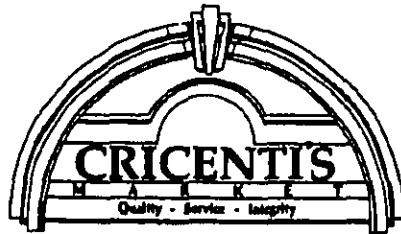
The public is welcome and refreshments follow the program. -Gladys Smith

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

October 1996 proved to be a notable month in Bradford in terms of natural events. While many predicted that we would not have a colorful foliage season, by and large they were wrong. In my experience, dry late summers and early falls bring good color to sugar maples, our state tree (as well as Vermont's and several other eastern states). The drought did affect some trees, depending on the site of the individual tree. So more individual trees stood out. An old symmetrical sugar maple south of Lafayette Square was spectacular. It was alone in an open area and it had no competition for moisture all summer. In the church/library area, the young sugar maples had excellent color. In other years, those trees acted in unison. This year, however, some turned early and lost leaves early. They were succeeded by their neighbor, the Norway maple, which, true to form, held leaves late, but was dull as far as color. In general, the foliage color came early and did not hang on its usual length of time. For the most part, white oaks did not turn their usual red-yellow, but went early into the yellow-brown of late fall. But no one could say we did not have color.

The red-orange color continued as many people noticed the phenomena of the appearance of thousands of ladybirds (bugs to some). There were the bright red and black ones, which are our usual fall visitors. But new to us were myriads of orange and black fliers. For a week, these beneficial insects were visible in the air, on trees, windows, doors, inside and out, and clustering in cracks where they usually seek a spot for over-wintering, denned up for the cold weather. I first noticed them clustering on a mass of aphids on a wild apple tree, doing their thing of eating aphids. A couple of days later, the aphids had disappeared! A little reading informed me there are 250 species of "lady beetles" worldwide; only two eat plants: our Mexican bean beetle is the scourge of the bean patch. If you succeeded in counting the spots on the beetles and found 18, it was an imported species which has been found frequently in western states and is lighter colored than our native character, celebrated in nursery rhymes.

We have an abundance of other wildlife, some good, some bad. Notable this year has been the rodents. Red squirrels and grey squirrels have become pests, especially around bird feeders. There are few acorns this year and the corn ears left on the stalks or stacked in ricks has been found free of kernels far in the woods. The chipmunks have ceased being lovable cartoon characters and are in barns, sheds, everywhere food

might be found (including bird feeders where they chase the birds as well). Mice are common in the same haunts and moles have taken to their usual task of burrowing for earthworms now that rain has brought the worms out of hibernation.

A couple of times, I have seen a fisher cat running across the road, and I've heard other reports of sightings. As evidence of their presence, I have found a partially eaten porcupine. Within the last week, I had the unusual experience of watching a weasel chase a chipmunk around the lawn several times at very high speeds, catch and dispatch it, and sit upright, survey the area and the ground feeding birds, catch its breath and proudly gallop into the rhododendrons to eat.

Deer are common, or at least their tracks are. They have succeeded in digging up the stunted carrots, eating the remnants of alfalfa in the field, and nibbling the peach and plum trees. Then of course, there are the reported bears and moose ad infinitum. It's been a year for the books!

Our rainfall, at least at my rain gauge, indicated more than 7 inches this month, enough to recharge our streams and hopefully the water table. It's no longer necessary to water those trees and shrubs newly planted in '95. Now it remains to protect the plants from the rodents, bank up the roses, and once the freezing nights come, cover them with evergreen boughs for the winter.

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The workshop will be held at the Rosewood Country Inn on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per person, reservation deadline is November 29.

MASTER, continued from page 1

Town where we stand and what we want for our town's future.

If you have not been contacted by your street Warden or area Captain by November 11, please call one of the Master Plan Update committee; Glen Mayo 938-5425; Harriet Douglass 938-5314; Dick Whall 938-2650; or Kathie Messer 938-2157.

If you would like to talk about any part of the questionnaire that bothers you, call one of the committee members. Do please take the time to tell your town where you want to see it in ten year's time.

LIBRARY, continued from page 1

understand the questions and to solicit input. The concern that elicited the most discussion was the meeting room. 990 square feet is a significant portion of the library's size and cost, and some felt eliminating it would be an easy way to reduce the cost. Trustees mentioned that the room would be built to library load standards so it could be used for expansion space. It could also be used to house the kindergarten.

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November Calendar

Wednesday, November 1

BWC workshop, Lucas's, 9:30 am

PTC, KRES, free babysitting, 7:00

Library Trustees, BML, 7:15

Thursday, November 2

BWC workshop, Lucas's, 9:30 am

KRSD School Board, high school, 7:15

Friday, November 3

Share sign-up, Warner CAP, 10:00-2:00,
4:00-6:00

Domestic Abuse Forum, New England Col-
lege, 7:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, November 4

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Moon Mountain Arts Film, Baptist Church,
7:30

Monday, November 6

BWC workshop, Freyler's, 9:30 am

Cemetery Committee, call 938-5386

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, November 7

BWC special meeting, church vestry,
11:30 am; see article, page 2

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

High School parent forum, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Tuesday, November 7, cont.

Kindergarten board meeting, Town Hall,
7:00

Democratic meeting, Town Hall, 7:30
see article, page 3

Wednesday, November 8

BWC workshop, Lucas's, 9:30 am

Thursday, November 9

BWC workshop, Lucas's, 9:30 am

KRSD School Board, Bradford, 7:15

Friday, November 10

Whist, church vestry, 7:30

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Saturday, November 11

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, November 13

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, November 14

Kindergarten, Town Hall, 7:00
for child care, call 938-5443

Middle School parent forum, 7:00

KRSD School Board & Joint Boards of
Selectmen, high school, 7:15

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, November 15

Library expansion public meeting, 7:00

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Conservation Commission meeting, Town
Hall, 7:30

OES, St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

Saturday, November 18

Share pick up, Warner Church, 8:30-10:00

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, November 20

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Candlelite
Inn, 7:00

Tuesday, November 21

Women's Club, KRES, 1:00

Friday, November 24

BWC Holiday Crafts & Antiques Fair, Hal-
lahan's, 9:00-4:00

Saturday, November 25

BWC Holiday Crafts & Antiques Fair, Hal-
lahan's, 9:00-4:00

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Sunday, November 26

BWC Holiday Crafts & Antiques Fair, Hal-
lahan's, 9:00-2:00

Monday, November 27

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, November 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, November 29

Casting call for *Town Meeting* play, Town
Hall, 7:30

Thursday, November 30

KRSD School Board, high school, 7:15

To list events for the month of December,
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