



# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFITEE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

February 1996

## Selectmen confirm that kindergarten must move from Town Hall

At the January 8 Selectmen's meeting, Mary Keegan Dayton formally requested that the Selectmen allow the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool to remain in the Town Hall. She expressed the determination of the BNKP Board to remain in Bradford to continue its 25-year record of service to the community. She also cited the Town Hall deed, which states that the building be used for educational purposes. (It served as the village school until the Central School was built in 1938, and has housed the kindergarten since 1971.)

The Selectmen responded by expressing regret at the defeat of last year's proposal to move the town offices to the Central School, which would have left plenty of space in the Town Hall building to accommodate the classes. But with serious space constraints caused by the building having to house both the police department and the town offices, Selectmen said it would not be possible to guarantee space for the kindergarten beyond the 1996-97 school year.

They encouraged the BNKP Board to investigate alternative sites, including possibilities in Newbury. Selectman Marcia Keller summarized: "It's a dilemma; we don't want to be hard-hearted, but it's important that we create space for the town's business needs."



**BRADFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT.** Rear: Alan McCartney, Stephen Lorenze, Capt. Alan Brown, Lt. Steven Hansen, Richard Moore, Robert Moore; Middle: Lt. Parker McCartney, Preston Starr, Miles Chamness, David Bowie, Lt. James Raymond, Robert MacLeod; Front: Sheila Moore, Ron Tremblay, Tom Pitts, Deputy Chief Ralph Carroll, Chief Mark Goldberg; Not present for photo: Chris Frey, Robert Raymond, Phillip Hall, Greg Magee, Tricia Goldberg, Carl Goldberg, Barbara McCartney, Doris Tremblay.

## Turnabout ... Fire Department calls for help

"Manpower" ... or the lack of it ... has placed the Bradford Fire Department at a crisis point. When the firemen began planning for this year's 4th of July celebration, they were forced to acknowledge that their reduced size is placing an enormous burden on the remaining members.

At a special meeting, firefighters discussed their urgent need for new members. "Manpower is what we need," said Parker McCartney, "both for firefighting and community activities." He quickly clarified his statement, saying women are equally

welcome. To be fully "manned," the department needs at least thirty active members. Today they have only about fifteen or twenty ... and, it was loudly pointed out ... too many are white-haired! The reason for the reductions in the force, they emphasized, is people moving out of the area to new jobs, not quitting because of the demands of the job. While the focus of the meeting was on recruiting new members, they said they would also welcome volunteers just to help with the 4th of July activities.

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## \$500,000 bond proposed for new library

At the January 29 Selectmen's meeting, Bliss Dayton, member of the Library Building Committee, presented the Board with a warrant article asking the town to consider financing a new library with a \$500,000 bond. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$550,000, \$30,000 to be withdrawn from Library Expansion Capital Reserve Funds and the remainder to be paid through fundraising. A public hearing on the bond will be held February 14 following the Town Budget Committee's public hearing. Selectmen responded that they could take no action on the article until they receive the required petition with signatures.

Accompanying the warrant article was a memo from Bliss Dayton with suggestions for the Selectmen to consider for locating the various town facilities. These included: new library building on Naughton property, town offices at Central School, and police and kindergarten at the Town Hall.

At the same meeting, Tom Scribner, representing the Bradford

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## CDBG grant money begins its recycling phase

At its January 10 meeting, the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee received word that the Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) had approved the first two loans recommended by the committee. Autocraft has been approved for a 10-year loan of \$20,000 and Colonial Woodworking, a 5-year loan of

\$25,000. CRDC is a non-profit agency that acts as a bank to manage Community Development Block Grant monies.

With the granting of its first loans, the committee has begun the recycling of Bradford's Community Development Block Grant through the Revolving Loan Fund. The original grant of

\$350,000 is expected to grow as the money earns interest as it is loaned out. Niel Cannon, Executive Director of CRDC, reported that the fund has a balance of about \$70,000 with New Kear-sarge Corp. now repaying its loan

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Living in Bradford

## Candidates' Night

Tuesday, February 13  
7:30 pm  
Bradford Elementary School

**Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news**

Please join Gary Stansfield for a "Hike in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting, Friday, February 9, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Gary's slides will depict his solo trip slogging through the Alaskan tundra to reach the Arctic Ocean, and show viewers the type of topological and ecological environment where the proposed oil drilling would take place.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

The following day, Saturday, February 10, Gary will lead a winter birding trip to Plum Island and Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Newburyport, Mass. to look for snowy owls, waterbirds, and other winter migrants. This field trip is open to all interested persons and participants should be prepared for cold, windy weather. Meet Gary at the Warner Park and Ride, Exit 9, off I-89, at 8:00 am. Bring lunch and binoculars. Storm date is Sunday, February 11. For information about either program, call Gary at 763-7462. -Phyllis Curtiss

**Environmental issues forum in Warner on February 7**

The Warner Conservation Commission will hold a public forum on Wednesday, February 7, to discuss several important bills currently before Congress. These bills will (or should) be topics addressed by the presidential candidates. The bills, if passed, will significantly affect our towns and our federal taxes ... in addition to the specific environmental issues.

Speakers at the forum will be Commissioner Robert Varney, NH Dept. of Environmental Services, and Rick Russman, NH Republicans for Responsible Conservation. Senators Judd Gregg and Bob Smith have been invited to send representatives. Also attending will be Dick Ober from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period.

The event will begin at 7:30 at the Kearsarge Regional High School and is supported by the conservation commissions of Bradford and other area towns. All are welcome to attend. -Ann Eldridge

**News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office****TOWN CLERK**

There were no vital records to report in January.

Absentee ballots are now available for the Presidential Primary on February 20. Any one not registered to vote may do so on the day of election at the polls (Town Hall). The polls will open at 8:00 am and remain open until 7:00 pm.

Reminder: Sign-ups for candidacy for town offices close at 5:00 pm on Friday, Feb. 2.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Notices of outstanding balances and lien notices will be going out before the end of February. Lien date is planned for March 30, 1996. Deed date will be April 1, 1996.

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

The office will be closed Monday, February 19, for the President's Day holiday and Tuesday, February 20, for the Presidential Primary.

Monday, 2:00-7:00; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon.

Telephone 938-2288, 938-2094.

--Sue Pehrson

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**Modern American Poets: Voices and Visions, library's winter book discussion series**

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library opens the Thursday Winter Book Discussion Series, entitled *Modern American Poets: Voices and Visions*, on Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 pm in the library. Professor of Humanities at Colby Sawyer College Dr. Patrick Anderson will lead the discussion. This year's programs feature videotapes covering biographical, historical, and critical information about each of the poets.

**Readings are:**

- Feb. 8 Walt Whitman
- Feb. 22 Emily Dickinson
- Mar. 7 Langston Hughes
- Mar. 21 Marianne Moore

Program coordinator and Friends member, Laurie Buchar, invites the community to attend "this year's offering in the annual Mud Season Mind Clearing series. Refreshments for the body and mind will be served." All are welcome. For more information, call Laurie at 938-5372. Copies of the books are now available at the library. The series is sponsored by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

**Candidates' Night on February 13**

All residents are invited to attend the annual Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club, on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 pm at the Bradford Elementary School. Candidates seeking election to all town offices will be speaking and answering questions from the audience. Candidates for the office of President of the United States or their representatives have been invited as well.

Write-in candidates planning to speak are requested to call Mauri Scheffy at 938-2222 so they can be placed on the program.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BRADFORD, NH**

There will be a PUBLIC HEARING immediately following the Budget Committee Public Hearing in the Bradford Town Hall, Wednesday, February 14, 1996. The Budget Committee meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

This public hearing is to be held, pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, to issue a bond or note in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), repayable, with interest thereon, over twenty years, in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; for the purpose of financing the design, site improvements, and construction of a proposed new 6,000 square foot Library with a total project cost of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000).

TOWN OF BRADFORD  
Board of Selectmen

**Library expansion funding update by Sandy Wadlington**

As many of you know, the Brown Memorial Library is hoping to expand in a big way ... just as soon as we can raise the money! Fund-raising efforts have been going on for the past two years, and this is where we stand:

The Trustees of the Library have set up two special accounts to be used exclusively for the purpose of library expansion. These accounts currently total \$58,000; \$30,000 is from our capital reserve funds and \$28,000 has been accumulated from book sales, bake sales, flea market, private donations, and the coffee can on the circulation desk.

The Trustees and Friends have been working hard over the years, but serious fund-raising efforts are just beginning. To kick off the program, the Applesced Inn Restaurant will provide a fund-raising "Valentine's Dinner" on Tuesday, February 13. Tickets will be available at the library and at the door.

Other fund-raising events to look forward to will include: a house/garden/artists' studio tour, an "American girl!" doll tea party (no doll necessary), a teen dance with a D.J. or local music group, an indoor flea market in the library basement, a walk/bike-a-thon, private art lessons, raffles, concerts and more.

Anyone interested in donating goods, services, time or even money to help in these activities would be more than welcome. For more information, call Sandy Wadlington at 938-5088 or talk to Maggie Ainslie at the library.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BRADFORD, NH**

The Budget Committee will hold its public hearing on the 1996 Town Budget pursuant to RSA 32 on Wednesday, February 14, 1996 at 7:00 pm, in the Bradford Town Hall.

Robert C. Stewart, Chairman  
Bradford Budget Committee

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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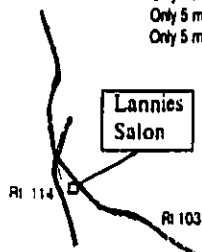
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# Letters



To the editor:

We wish to clarify some library expansion issues in this letter by outlining below the history and the progress that has taken place so far.

The current library building was built in 1932, serving a population of 587 people and is a handsome and sturdy structure. For many years, it has served the community well. However, Bradford has grown almost three-fold, and the library is not accessible to everyone in the community and does not meet current code. Additional space is needed for adult and children sections, a study/tutorial area, staff office/workroom, and reference/computer section. A Building Committee was formed, and with the help of the Trustees and library staff, composed a Building Program Statement. This statement is based on state library guidelines and was established to provide information as to the library space needs over the next twenty to thirty years.

The current library is difficult to expand without sacrificing the integrity of the building. In addition, to allow for current and future space needs, two floors would be needed if this lot were used. This would require more staff to run, and an elevator to meet codes. The building committee, trustees, staff, and interested library users have explored every conceivable option to the two-floor problem, with no practical solutions found. As the buildings stand, both the library and the former school are compromised by being half up and half down.

In April of 1995, the Selectmen offered the Central School location to the library. On November 27, 1995, after countless meetings, extensive research, and much discussion, the Trustees told the Selectmen of the decision to take on the former school site for the library. We also told them that it might be the best choice to raze the school building and start fresh with a one-story building.

The library chose the architectural firm Tenant/Wallace to help us with these decisions. They have built eighteen town libraries in New Hampshire in the last decade, and are very familiar with the issues we are facing, both physical and financial. After having a structural engineer evaluate the building, it was determined that the cost estimates were not significantly different for renovation of either building versus starting new. Therefore it is our wish to explore designs for a new, single story, energy efficient, attractive library building on the Central School site.

Some people have expressed concern about the downtown area; perhaps a new library could be a focal point for revitalization. A good public library is essential to a healthy community. It is a place where people of all ages, backgrounds, and interests come together.

Library Trustee and Building Committee meetings are open to the public. Come along; we welcome your input!

The Trustees of Brown Memorial Library: Janet Sillars, Sandy Wadlington, Barbara Hall, Melanie Leathers, Lorraine Davis, Christopher Payson, Elinor Robie

To the editor:

On behalf of the parents, staff and children of the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool (BNKP), I'd like to thank the Town of Bradford for 25 years of support. That support has included space in the Bradford Town Hall for more than two decades. As an organization, our goal has been to keep tuition low while offering a high quality, licensed school program to young children under the direction of an experienced, professional and loving school staff. This could not be accomplished without town support.

Our school works with the KRES Bradford school transitioning students from kindergarten to first grade. BNKP also works with the school district to offer services to handicapped children. Our N.H. certified teacher, Susan Kingsbury, takes the children to our town library once a week for story hour and to check out books. The Bradford Fire Department gives us tours of their facility, along with a discussion on safety. The Bradford Police Chief stops by our classroom on a regular basis to see the children. They know he is their friend.

The BNKP offers scholarships for families with financial need. We could not offer all of these quality services an important lesson to our students without your support. BNKP tuition would have to increase substantially. A large tuition increase would close off enrollment to the children who require services most.

We need and appreciate continued community support until such time as the State of New Hampshire provides funds for kindergarten in the public schools. Although state legislators have proposed various plans to encourage public kindergarten, it appears we are still several years away from getting state financial support for our school district. In the meantime, local control has worked to provide a high quality kindergarten program for the past twenty-five years.

Along with local control comes local responsibility. As a member of the BNKP Board of Directors, I hope the Town of Bradford will continue to provide adequate space to house our town kindergarten.

Mary Keegan Dayton,  
President, BNKP Board of Directors

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*Lesley Marquis, owner of the Rosewood Country Inn, presents a check for \$500 to KRES Bradford school nurse, Pat Marsh-Thorell, as principal Sharon Knapp looks on. These funds will be used for warm clothing for area children. \$1,000 was raised from the Inn's fourth annual Candlelight Christmas Tea. The remaining \$500 will be used to establish a scholarship at Kearsarge Regional High School. Lesley and Dick Marquis express their thanks to all who supported these efforts by attending the tea.*

**Youth Sports Baseball signups**

The Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports will be holding baseball sign-ups at the Bradford Fire Station on the following dates:

Saturday, February 17 - 9:00am - noon

Saturday, February 24 - 9:00 am - noon

Tuesday, March 5 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and a sign-up fee of \$20.00 per child.

**Bradford Business Association**

news by Sandy Nelson

Big News! Coming the second or third week-end in March, for two big days - Bradford's First Annual Trade Show! If you are a business owner, member of BBA or not, please feel welcome to participate. If you can't be there both days, no problem. Details on location, dates and times will be determined at the February meeting. For more information or to volunteer to help, call Glen Mayo, Marlene Freyler, or BBA President Debbie Lamach.

Niel Cannon, of the Capital Regional Development Corp., was the guest speaker at the January meeting, held at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn (formerly Bradford Inn). Niel discussed the status of the Revolving Loan Fund and the process involved to apply for a loan.

The BBA welcomed a new member, Lannie Simino, new owner of Accommodating Beauty (formerly Mauri's).

Bradford has become a pacesetter for the Business Visitation Program: the seven towns in the Kearsarge Regional School District are following our lead. Training sessions will be held February 13 at 8:00 am and 3:30 pm at Tracy Library in New London. If there are any businesses in town that the BBA missed, or are new, please contact Perley Strout.

"Bradford Bear" will be coming to town in the very near future. Watch this column for details.

Congratulations to the Holiday Decorating Contest winners:

- Rosewood Country Inn, Interior and Exterior (two trophies)
- Joseph and Maryse Conway, \$100 bond
- Mel Pfeifle, \$75 bond
- Dick and Sue Vitale, \$50 bond
- And to Bernie Lamach, winner of the BBA logo contest.

The February meeting will be held at the Candlelite Inn on February 19 at 7:00. The business meeting will feature a roundtable discussion concerning promoting business in Bradford.

**Supervisors of the Checklist meet on February 10**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Saturday, February 10 from 11:00 to noon at the Town Hall to register new voters and make changes and corrections to the checklist. People may register on the 10th to vote at School and Town Meetings.

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## 1996 NH Outstanding Tree Farmer award goes to South Newbury's Bald Sunapee Tree Farm, by Karen P. Bennett, UNH Extension Educator

Each year the New Hampshire Tree Farm Committee designates one tree farm as the Outstanding Tree Farm of the Year. This year, Peter and Susie Moore of Bald Sunapee Tree Farm in South Newbury are the recipients. They received this honor after first being named the Merrimack County Outstanding Tree Farm of 1996.

Peter is a member of the first graduating class of the New Hampshire Coverts Project. After graduation, he lost no time in sharing the Coverts' message. He and Susie hosted a successful tour of his tree farm on November 4. More than 35 friends, neighbors and tree farmers toured the property and ate cake and apple pie to celebrate the award. Afterwards, ten hardy souls hiked with them, in an early autumn snowstorm, up to the top of Bald Sunapee Mountain.

The property is 567 acres of diverse forest that rises from the Old Concord and Claremont Railroad to the summit of Bald Sunapee. Peter and Susie have owned the property since 1984 and, in a short period of time, have made significant improvements with an unusually high emphasis on recreation, aesthetic, and wildlife improvement. They also make a consistent effort to improve the quality and value of the timber on the property.

In 1986, they had forester Clayton Platt of Wilnot create a 50-year plan based on their objectives. They updated the plan in 1992 to reflect additional stewardship goals. This working document guides Peter's activities.

Bald Sunapee Tree Farm is open to all types of recreation. Hiking, skiing, and other forms of passive recreation are encouraged. They used the Forest Stewardship Program to create a hiking trail from the railroad to the top of the mountain and continue to maintain this and other trails and roads for recreation and woodlot access.

This woodlot is being continuously managed and improved. Emphasis is on future stock-



Peter Moore, second from left, receives award at Farm & Forest Expo ceremonies on January 27. Presenters are Eric Kingsley, Patrick Hackley, and Dave Pilla.

ing of quality timber and less on exploiting current value. The tree farm is a working woodlot, with two people employed full-time on the property during winter months cutting firewood and delivering sawlogs to local sawmills.

Peter continually plans and conducts his harvesting operations with forest aesthetics in mind. He is a landscaper by profession and uses this experience to create openings in the forest to enhance views in the distance and to feature individual trees or groups of trees. He often clears undergrowth along roads and trails to create "glades" in the forest.

To increase the habitat diversity on this largely wooded property, he created and

improved three grassy openings. Roadways have been "daylighted" and edges thinned as important transition zones of habitat. Areas of specific value, including a mature beech stand, a mature hemlock and oak area, and wetlands, have been improved or preserved. Mast producing trees, native apple trees, and berry-producing shrubs have been encouraged and released. (Mast is the fruit of oak, beech and other forest trees, eaten by wild animals.)

This woodlot became a certified tree farm in 1986. Much has been accomplished in ten years!

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**Blue News ... Report from the Police Department**

by *Kathy Grindle*

The management survey for the Police Department began in January with the team requesting various records and documents. It is expected that the assessment will continue for the next few months.

The bullet-proof vests have arrived for all of the officers. We are still awaiting word as to one for the Chief.

We are sorry to announce that Officer Tom Wade will be leaving the department this month. Tom and his fiance will be moving to Arizona to be near his parents. He will be taking a job with Security at American Express. We wish him all the best in his endeavors.

The Chief and the Secretary will be attending an all-day seminar concerning the Fair Labor Standards Act. Evaluating whether the department is in compliance with the act will be addressed at the seminar. Kathy Russell, administrative assistant to the Selectmen, will also attend.

The total number of incidents through the 23rd of January was 140. This includes 30 assists to other departments/rescue, 14 unsecured buildings, 6 accidents, 5 animal complaints, 3 alarm activations, 2 reports of harassment, and 1 DWI. The department also issued 54 warnings, 41 summonses, and made 3 arrests.

**SKIT to present two-act melodrama in Sutton Mills**

SKIT (Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre), a local community theatre organization, will present a two-act play at the Sutton Mills Town Hall. The production, "Egad, The Woman in White," by Tim Kelly, is an old-fashioned melodrama that has only one purpose - LAUGHTER! The cast includes many local personalities and is being produced by Ellie Norris and directed by Adele Warner. Surprise guests will also make appearances.

Evening performances will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 15, 16, and 17 at 7:45, and a Sunday matinee on February 18 at 1:45. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Sutton Historical Society which, as a result of a 1995 merger, has assumed responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of a 1790 Meeting House and an 1863 School House.

**Bradford Newbury Workshop**

The Bradford Newbury Workshop will meet at noon on Thursday, February 8, at Brown Memorial Library, Bradford, for book reviews by Maggi Ainslie. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

**The History of Snowboards**

by *Jonathan Bodkin & Jeremy Aganos, ages 11*

Recently, we both took up the sport of snowboarding. We're beginners, but we knew enough to ask our parents to buy us Burton snowboards—in our opinion the best brand.

Last week, we called up Jon's dad's partner, David Bachelder, to ask him about snowboarding terminology (he's an old snowboarder from way back). Imagine our surprise when we discovered that he knew Jake Burton—the man who *invented* the snowboard.

David told us how, years ago in Vermont, he and Jake would climb up hills and test out prototype snowboards that Jake had made in his garage. Some had ropes on their noses; on some, the sides were bent upward. He discarded those ideas eventually. Now here it is, years later. Snowboarding is everywhere. It has even become the newest Olympic sport! Other than Burtons, our favorite snowboard brands are Sims, K2, and Killer Loop.

Recently we went to Mount Sunapee to get info about snowboarding from snowboarders. Some of the teen boarders we interviewed had been snowboarding for five to eight years. Compared to us, they are very good, but they told us not to worry if we weren't very good yet, because once they were beginners too.

We know that someday we'll be good snowboarders. But for now, we'll just keep hitting the slopes.

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## TOWN MEETING coming in March

In 1996, *TOWN MEETING* will happen twice in Bradford ... first on Friday, March 1, at 7:30 pm, in the Town Hall with a staged reading of an original two-act comedy by New Hampshire native and Northwood writer Rebecca Rule, and second on Wednesday, March 13, when voters attend the real town meeting at the elementary school. Produced by Moon Mountain Arts, the comedy's cast of characters includes a moderator (read by Ev Kittredge), town clerk (Marcia Strout), police chief (George Beaton), PTA ladies (Laurie Buchar & Sue Vitale), selectmen (Vern Hall, Carol Tomkin & Glen Mayo), a rowdy family named Gooch (Edythe Craig, Lois Bradicich, Dick Keller, Sarah MacLeod as Baby), dumpmaster (Parley Strout), a wanted-by-the-police Gooch relative (Wally Brown), the town's oldest citizen (Tillie Wheeler), a newly registered voter (Kim Lowe), and Tom Scribner, John & Ruth-Ann Harris, Dick Vitale, Phyllis Whall, and Marcia Keller.

The play celebrates the rite of government, "where perceived injuries are never forgotten, retribution is both art and entertainment, but sometimes ... compassion prevails." As the play's Town Meeting begins, the moderator warns the assembly, "I know there will be strong feelings about some of the issues coming up, particularly some of the larger money items. That's fine. But I give you fair warning. I will not tolerate personal attacks." Meg retorts, "That's the best kind." Throughout the meeting, the moderator contends with feisty quibbling, digs, and extraneous remarks as he moves the questions. Will the town buy a new police cruiser? Did the police chief shoot a hole in the roof of the old one? The play's comedy

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## Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

Many of us begin to have a severe case of cabin fever during the month of February. Our Board of Christian Education and Missions has a short-term remedy for this condition. Friday, February 16, at 6:00 in the vestry will be a "Church Family Pot Luck Winter Picnic." You are invited to bring a main dish or salad and your own plates and utensils. Dessert, beverage, cups and ANTS will be provided. Christian Bingo and "Name that Love Tune" are the games for the evening.

Our youth have their own remedy for cabin fever. On Friday, February 9, they will go ice skating at New England College in Henniker from 6:00-8:00 pm. The event is open to grades 4-12. Youth group activities are open to all young people in the community. On Sunday, February 25, the groups will enjoy the movie "Christy" at the parsonage. ("Christy" is about a city girl who wants her life to count for something so she jumps at the chance to teach poor mountain children in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. She finds, however, that the mountains are a strange and hostile place. It's a story of a girl's faith beyond measure and courage beyond belief.) Grades 4-6 will meet from 1:30-3:30. Grades 7-12 will meet from 4:00-6:00.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry has a treat planned for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 6. After a business meeting at 7:00, Lucille and Bob Shevett will provide a slide show at 7:30 of their "trip around the world in 16 days." They visited Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Hawaii, to name a few. This program is open to the public.

The men in the church have started a "Men's Fellowship Group." Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm at the home of Dick and Phyllis Whall. They will play ping pong and other activities enjoy some refreshments, and make plans for future meetings.

The Women's Christian Guild has a special program planned for Friday, February 2 at 1:15 in the vestry. Tillie Wheeler will host a program entitled "Bradford Natural Cornerstones." This is open to everyone.

The people of First Baptist Church are in the process of sharing their dreams and goals for the church's future. Dreams and Goals Sessions are scheduled for every Sunday evening during February from 7:00 to 8:00 at the parsonage. These dreams and goals will be taken to the various boards/committees/individuals for implementation in the spring.

The church will celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 21 at 7:30 pm with an informal worship service. The play "Rose's Costume Shop," a Lenten play, will be presented by members of the church. There will also be a children's story and special Lenten music.

Angels of the month of February (as written by Debbie Lamach). February is the perfect month of the year to honor this couple who are our angel nominees. Wish this devoted couple a very happy anniversary on Valentine's Day. Walter and Vicki Simonds are the ones who provide beautiful flowers for the church and on occasion, yummy refreshments for coffee fellowship hour. You'll usually find them surrounded by lots of family in the back pews on a Sunday morning.

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# In famous Civil War battle, USS Kearsarge defeats Alabama by Clare Bensley

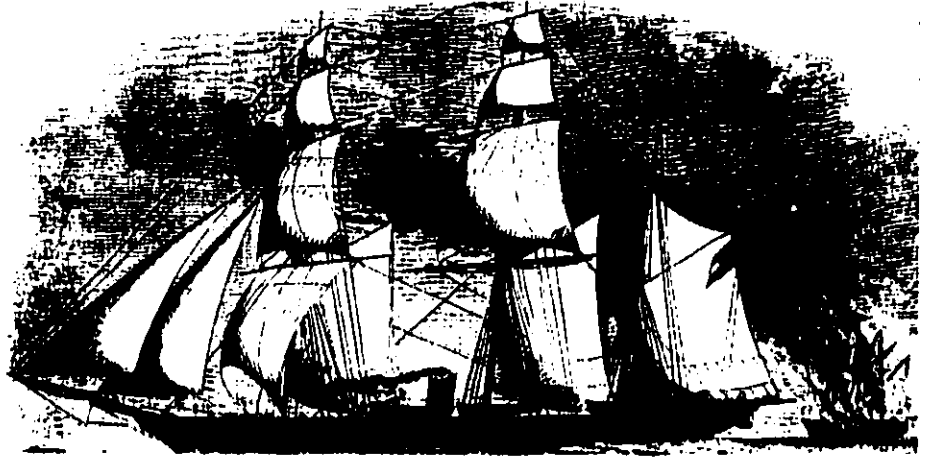
During the Civil War, the famous ship Alabama was the nemesis of the Union Army between 1862-1864. Throughout this time, the Alabama, under the command of Captain Raphael Semmes, ravaged the Union's Merchant Marine in every body of water from the West Indies to Singapore in the east, destroying or capturing more than 80 vessels.

It finally took the action and maneuvering of the USS Kearsarge, built at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in 1861, to track down the Alabama and sink her off the coast of Cherbourg, France, where she had gone for repair and renovation, in 1864.

Whether the USS Kearsarge was named after the mountain in Carroll County or the more familiar one in Warner is a controversial subject; however, current opinion seems to favor deriving the name from the more southerly peak. The name was suggested by the editor of the *Concord Statesman* and was accepted by Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles, whose wife was a native of Merrimack County.

The Kearsarge was built from red oak taken from the slopes of Mt. Kearsarge. White oak and other timbers for the frame came from Hopkinton and surrounding towns. The ship was launched in 1861 from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and sailed under the command of John A. Winslow of Wilmington, North Carolina.

During the Civil War, France was a neutral country servicing the needs of both Union and Confederate forces; hence the repair of the Alabama in her port. The northerners honored this neutrality and, after learning of the Alabama's internment, lay in wait off the



The Alabama, sunk by the USS Kearsarge in 1864 off the coast of Cherbourg, France.

coast and didn't pursue her until she was well out to sea past the limits of protected territory. The Alabama fired first, but within an hour, she was reduced to a sinking wreck by the Kearsarge, thus forcing her captain to surrender. For his bravery and action, Captain Winslow was promoted to Commodore. He continued to serve his country long after the famous sea battle and eventually attained the rank of Rear Admiral.

After the War, the USS Kearsarge served to protect American interests in the West Indies and the eastern coast of Central America. In 1894 she ran aground on a reef off the coast of Nicaragua and was wrecked.

Almost a hundred years after the encounter in Cherbourg, in 1962, it was the aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge, namesake of the former Civil War ship and third vessel with that name, that picked up Walter Schirra and the crew of the Sigma-7 Mercury space flight capsule in the Pacific Ocean. In 1993, the Navy launched an 844-foot modern vessel,

the fourth of its ships to carry the name USS Kearsarge.

[Information for this article was supplied by Milly Kittredge of the Bradford Historical Society and from histories compiled by Alderic O. (Dick) Violette.]

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**New England Handicapped Sports Association Ski-A-Thon on February 10, by Debbie Bruss**

As part of the school's winter activities program, three students from KRES Bradford are learning to ski with the New England Handicapped Sports Association (NEHSA) at Mt. Sunapee on Friday afternoons. This is the first year that students from area schools who have special physical or developmental needs are able to receive one-on-one instruction while their classmates take group ski lessons. Another first grader from the school joins the handicapped program on Sundays while her family skis.

NEHSA provides these students, and others from the area, with equipment, a good time, and lessons. The volunteers are trained to provide "safety, fun and learning" ... in that order. For some children, getting over an intense dislike of the cold or walking in a pair of ski boots, may be enough challenge for a day. But the NEHSA instructors have the patience to teach according to each child's needs. Sometimes a hot chocolate or a few minutes of a movie are all that is needed to warm hands and spirits enough to head back to the slopes.

The program now employs a full-time director, who spends her time both training and organizing volunteers and working directly with the children. For volunteers, a smile on a child's face is payment enough. A classroom teacher wrote of the dramatic change that came over a disabled student who had learned to ski in a similar program: "He now stands tall, smiles, talks, and works efficiently. Skiing has been the catalyst which has enabled this student to recognize his self-worth."

NEHSA runs on a shoe-string budget, relying on grants, membership dues, and fund-raising events. Its next event - the 10th annual Ski-A-Thon on Saturday, February 10 - is open to everyone. Come join NEHSA on the Duckling Trail, to ski or to watch the amazing array of skiers! Participants receive a free lift ticket and barbecue lunch, prizes, and the satisfaction of knowing that they helped to support a program whose motto is: *Witness the triumph of the human spirit!*


Several area students skiing in the Ski-A-Thon are looking for sponsors. For more information concerning the Ski-A-Thon, volunteering on or off the slopes, or participating in the program, call 1-800-628-4484 or Debbie Bruss, 938-2621.

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is enhanced by the infusion of lines read in heavy New Hampshire accents.

Rebecca Rule is Books Editor for the *Concord Monitor*. Her new book, *The Best Revenge* (a collection of short stories) was released by the University Press of New England in the fall, 1995. Her publications include two books on the teaching of writing for Heinemann Educational Books. Her first novel, *Wood Heat: Stories From Up North*, was published in 1992. Her short stories have been published in popular and literary magazines, including *Yankee*, *Penumbra*, and *Echoes*. In 1990, she was a NH State Council on the Arts Finalist. In 1992, she received the "Emerging Writer Award for Outstanding Literary Achievement" from the NH Writers & Publishers Project. She has given numerous public readings in libraries all over New Hampshire. Since 1988, she has been an Instructor in the Summer Studies Program at the University of New Hampshire.

The author will direct rehearsals at the Town Hall on selected Sundays in February. Tickets for the performance are \$5.00 and are available at Dodge's and at the door. Seating is limited. For more information, call Lu Signorino at 938-2608 or Nancy Hibbard at 938-2301.



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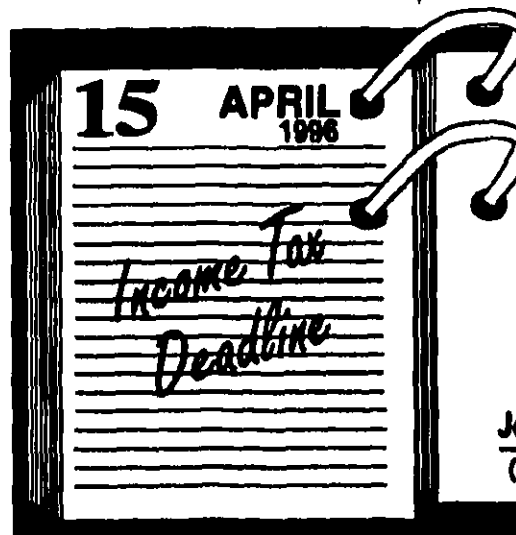
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**Historical Society notes**

The Bradford Historical Society held a workshop in January to update the early 1990s yearbooks and replace protectors in the Businesses, Organizations, and '76 Bicentennial albums. Another workshop is planned during February. All are welcome to contribute to this effort. The original Committee did a wonderful job of collecting and sorting materials and locating some one-of-a-kind photographs. We're fortunate to have this material available to the Town of Bradford. If

**Julia Mather earns academic honors at Northfield Mount Hermon**

Julia Mather, daughter of Nancy E. and Thomas A. Scribner, has earned academic honors for the fall term at Northfield Mount Hermon School, an independent, college-preparatory school located in northwestern Massachusetts.

Julia is a senior at NMH. She received the 1995 Anne Walline Outreach prize for volunteer contributions. A staff member of Mandala, the school art-and-literature magazine, she has participated in junior varsity soccer and varsity track-and-field teams. She has volunteered through the NMH Outreach Program at the Aquarius House Program for troubled youth and with the Youth Outreach Weekend in Boston and has served as a member of the Peer Mediation Program. She has studied Advanced Placement studio art and has served as an aide to the dormitory head.

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# A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

A couple of weeks ago, we were up in Hanover at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital on "a mission on mercy." (Speaking of setting yourself up for a fall, that had to be it. How dare I assign myself such a lofty label?) We were keeping a friend company while her husband underwent surgery. After lunch, they went back up to the waiting room, while I spun into the bookstore for a quick look-see. Stairs are "good for your legs," so I ascended the rather curious square/spiral staircase from the second to the third floor. As I swung a right onto a landing, my feet departed from the stair tread. It was a curious experience; it was as though I were above myself watching my body fly up in the air. It was a quick trip in both directions. My whole weight crashed down on my left hip joint. Now talk about drama...we have a woman scrunched up on a free-floating landing in a hospital rotunda at lunch time. People (mostly doctors) appeared from all directions; a kind woman cradled my head and a wonderful man appeared in front of me, scrunched against the railing. Everyone was anxious to be of help ... "Let me get in there and have a look," "Move over a bit so I can get to her," etc., etc. This wonderful man very quietly, very firmly told everyone to back off. He ordered a scoop stretcher and we waited. There was no scoop. He proceeded to choose five people to lift me in a piece and this was no easy task. The maneu-

ver was so swift and smooth that it was like being lifted by a cloud.

My man came to see me several times after they put my pieces back together. He is an EMT with Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital. I do not know his name and can only thank him this way. I think, here in Bradford, we all appreciate our rescue squad, but I am sure that most of us do not really treasure the hours of training and dedication these volunteers devote to our well-being. What could be more American, more worthwhile, than the dedication of our volunteers who are on 24-hour call to lift us from harm. A thank you to ALL emergency personnel.

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

The January School Board meetings were held at several of the District's elementary schools. In Bradford on the 4th, third grade teachers Judy Blood and Grace Nelson discussed, with much enthusiasm, their instructional program and its assessment process. In Sutton, second/third grades teachers Philomena Landrigan and Patricia Powers "walked" the audience through the lesson plans for what they call their "rocky shore unit," the culmination of a class trip to Odiome Point in Rye and outlined their approach to the multiple intelligence thrust now being implemented throughout the District. Debbie Dale and Nancy Eastman, grade 2 and multi-age teachers at Simonds, presented the concept now being used across the District referred to as the Collins approach to writing. This five-step process takes a student from the capturing of an idea to a finished draft with very specific goals and assessments for each step.

Moving board meetings to the different schools, initiated by Bradford's board member, had several objectives. The first was to allow more convenient communication of school activities to the public, to provide time for social interaction between teachers and board members prior to the meetings, and to give the board a sense of the program and the setting at each facility. To your board member's dismay, the non-staff public who came

out to these presentations was one Sutton parent (who attended each meeting) and one from New London.

Several members of the KRSD Taxpayers for Excellence in Education attended the meeting in Bradford. However, they came for the express purpose of making a presentation on and listening to the deliberation concerning Senate Bill 2 that deals with ballot voting on all school warrant issues.

With regard to Senate Bill 2, Superintendent Richards presented a background on the bill and pointed out potential problems that could occur when the decision is based on a simple majority vote without involvement in the deliberative process. The Taxpayers group, on the other hand, asserted that more people could participate in the voting while becoming informed at the required public hearing and possibly other forums that might be held.

The Board's reaction to the proposed change was negative, based on the very poor turnout at public meetings, the difficulty in reaching out to the public, and the real need for public input into the deliberative process. The vote of the seven members present was unanimous not to support the petition to adopt the provisions in Senate Bill 2. If a change is desired by the voters, the Board would look to the process provided in House Bill 141, which would institute the ballot procedure in a

manner designed specifically to meet the needs and concerns of the District.

Negotiations with the teachers' union came to a grinding halt on the 19th of December and mediation is scheduled for early February. The issue is wage scale vs. performance based pay. At the time of the impasse, the union stated that it would agree to a two-year contract with its proposed salary increases of 6.25% the first year and 5.43% the second, dropping a proposed third year at 5.9% and would agree to evaluate the performance based process over that period. The union's final proposal stated it "will not negotiate a pay package that is based on performance," a stand your School Board is unwilling to accept.

The Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) presented its budget at the Board's January 25 meeting. For the 96/97 school year, its budget reflects a cut of \$18,471 from the Board's proposal, which was \$20,145 less than the current budget. The Board will consider the various areas of concern outlined by the MBC. The projected per student cost will be reduced by 1.55% or \$155 from the current year's cost.

With regard to the warrant articles, the MBC recommended both the high school addition/alteration and the athletic field proposals, but voted 5-3 not to recommend continued funding for the five-year technology plan. This segment of the plan, which is year 4, includes complete computer and networking equipment for the Warner and Sutton elementary school libraries and computer replacement and update at the Middle School, at a projected cost of \$168,258.

The MBC voted to recommend article 7, "to raise and appropriate \$106,400 for two temporary classrooms" should article 1 (high school addition) not carry. Article 8, also recommended, would "raise and appropriate \$382,477 for maintenance projects at the high school," again if article 1 is not approved.

February will start with a three-day strategic planning session. 30 individuals will dedicate themselves to launching this process, which will include many additional volunteers from the seven towns before completion. The goal is to review all aspects of the School District so that the District can be directed on a responsive course for at least the next ten years.



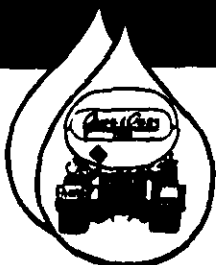
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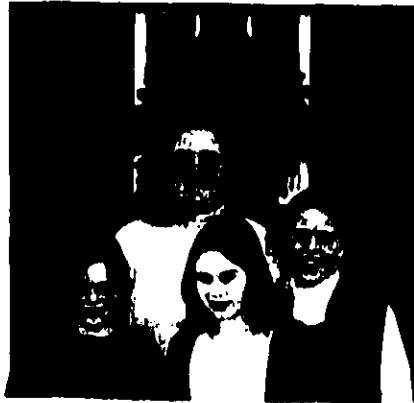
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# At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

**THE COLLECTIVE KIDS!** Three companies! A big idea! A small business. "Who? What? Where? When? and Why?" asked the reporter. The Kids's Mom Manager Tayo N. Sands explained, "Collective Kids is this Mom's way of staying home and yet still work at a business. I realize that I have the best of two worlds. I get to do things I love and call it work." The three companies are named for her children.

Carolyn's (age 11) company is *Carolyn's Classic Catering* that makes cookie dough, dry mixes for coffee cake, fresh bread, and offers catering services. Max's (age 9) company is *Mad Max Food Products* that specializes in Mad Max mustard, barbecue, marinade, and chocolate sauces, and caponata (an eggplant relish). Nicole's (age 6) company is *Nic's Nickel Graphics* (whose company logo is a piggy bank) that creates computer-designed, brochures, flyers, menus, invitations, and personalized greeting cards.



Where does Mom fit into the picture? She does the cooking, catering and graphic design work. Each child has a different response to his or her notoriety on product labels: Carolyn is proud; Max is embarrassed; and Nic just wishes her name appeared more often.

Throughout the year, the "kids" design and make a line of FIMO jewelry, which they sell at a prime summer business location—their lemonade stand on Cape Cod. Substantial profits are shared equally. The "kids" decide how

to spend the money. One year, as they approached a large toy store on their way home, the decision was immediate and unanimous. Spend the profits at the toy store! Last year, the "kids" chose to fill their piggy banks (in actuality, bank savings accounts).

The idea for the business started small—with mustard. Fifteen years ago, Tayo started experimenting with a family recipe. When she produced more mustard than their family could consume, she gave jars of it to her friends, who thought it was good enough to sell. She limits marketing efforts to word-of-mouth advertising and selling products at local craft fairs. One large customer is the Volunteer Office at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital, where Tayo's mom (a hospital volunteer and board member) introduced those first jars of *Mad Max Mustard*. Items are available locally at the Bradford IGA.

Since childhood, Tayo has loved to cook. Her parents were great cooks. She fondly remembered family holidays, reunions and visits at her Wilmot home, especially during the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve, when cooking went on nonstop to feed the large gathering of relatives and friends. She was inspired by memories of summer backyard barbecues and the taste of barbecue sauce. Her recipes are derived from the family cookbook.

Knowing that products must be attractively packaged to enhance their marketability, She struggles to balance presentation costs with the cost of high-quality ingredients without preservatives, while keeping products affordable. Her husband, Harald Schmidtke (a builder and Weatherization Director for a community action program) brings a good business sense to family pricing discussions.

As a computer designer, Tayo has found a second love. Although a novice with computer technology and terminology, she has confidently expanded the business to include a limited line of business and personal items.

While her children are still young, Tayo prefers to keep her business small. She has all the work she can handle. Meanwhile, the big idea means that the "kids" are getting some great lessons in product development and marketing, customer relations, profit, loss, and consequences of investment choices—whether to spend for personal pleasure or build nest eggs.

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### Selectmen's meetings in January

**January 8** Construction on the Town Hall's handicapped-access bathroom is nearly complete and work is underway on both the front and rear stairways.

Library Trustees and Building Committee Members met to ask the Selectmen about the possibility of constructing the new library on the Naughton property. Trustee Sandy Wadlington said that because residents have expressed concern that the library is considering demolishing the Central School building, they wondered if an alternate site might be available. Selectmen responded that the 22-acre Naughton site was too valuable not to return it to the tax rolls.

A discussion continued concerning siting the various town facilities. Selectman Marcia Keller commented that if the library had refused the offer of the school site, the Selectmen would have asked the voters again this year to support renovating the Central School for town offices, saying "It's a very usable building." And, it was noted, the Kindergarten Board had asked earlier in the evening that the town continue to provide space for their school. Everett Kittredge responded that all involved "need to do what's best" and shouldn't pass up an idea too quickly.

**January 15** Selectmen reviewed a request from Road Agent Andy Anderson to consider a new tractor with cab in place of the used one earlier discussed. Selectmen agreed to increase the warrant article by the \$4,000 difference, to \$19,025.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg reported that Jerry Holloway, owner of the Car Care of Bradford building, has installed a fire alarm and so has met all the fire safety requirements. Burdette Auctions has been given approval to resume holding auctions in the building. Responding to a question from the Selectmen, Goldberg said the fire department cannot burn the Naughton barn while it is standing. However, if it is knocked down, they can burn the pile. He recommended asking the Stocker Brothers to remove any worthwhile materials prior to demolishing the structure.

Selectmen discussed the new bridge report just received from the State. Three town bridges have been added to the red list, the

two on Fairgrounds Road and one on West that are planned for replacement. The State reported that weight limits on three bridges might need to be lowered because of continued deterioration. These are on Breezy Hill Road near Lake Massasecum, one on Blaisdell Lake Road, and the bridge on Fairgrounds Road near West Meadow Road. Selectman Keller recommended that the town begin the process of selecting engineers for the two bridges planned for repairs next year because the process of meeting State requirements is a lengthy one.

**January 22** Selectmen discussed Library Trustees' plan to tear down the Central School building. Selectman Keller again commented that the building is usable and it's not reasonable to tear it down when it can be used. Selectman Dave Pickman responded that they were given the building when they were given the site and "They can do anything they want."

Road Committee Chairman Bob Stewart, Jr. met with the Board to prioritize major bridge repairs in order to get on the list for State funding. The Committee learned recently that State appropriations for bridge repairs, approximately \$8,000,000 a year, have been committed through 1997. To get on the list for fiscal 1998 reimbursement, Bradford must determine which bridges most need repair and approve a warrant article this year for its share of the cost. The work would then be undertaken during the summer of 1997.

All agreed the priority projects are three red-listed bridges that are on bus routes. Pending clarification from the State, two of the bridges will be proposed with this year's warrant article and the third at town meeting in 1997 for work in 1998. This year's warrant article will probably total \$250,000 (80% to be paid by the State).

**January 29** It was reported that one of the two furnaces at the Highway Garage needs to be replaced. Selectmen will establish specs prior to soliciting bids.

Selectmen signed a letter to WPI, Inc., encouraging the company to consider a Bradford site when it develops expansion plans.

Selectmen reported that Bradford payments to the Kearsarge Regional School District are up to date and ahead of other District towns.

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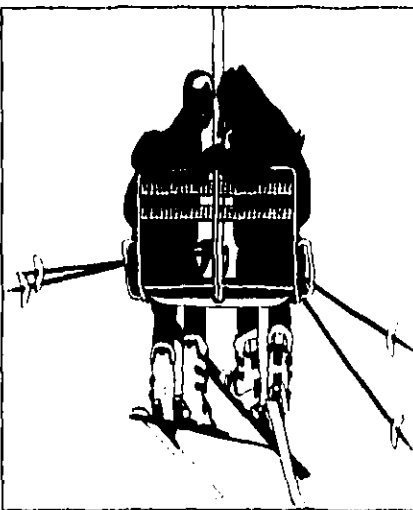
February 1, 1996

## ◆ BREAKING NEWS

### NEW OWNERS

The Behrens Family, who own and operate Best Western Sunapee Lake Lodge, will now operate Murphy's Grille at the Mount Sunapee traffic circle. The popular Restaurant and Lounge was previously operated by a restaurant management company. In recent days rumors of a take-over had been circulating, but it was not until late last month that the changes became official. Tom Behrens who owns the real estate, buildings and

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equipment stated, "... the advantages of local management and control will be apparent immediately." Mr. Behrens previously was an owner of Runtley's Roost Restaurant and Lounge. He will focus his attentions on the restaurant and lounge operations. His wife, Kerry, as well as brother Bob and wife Darlene, who manages the Best Western, are partners in the venture. The restaurant re-opened last Friday with many of its previous employees. "We were very fortunate to retain the staff, many have been there since day one. They've responded with excitement to a family operation versus a corporation," said Behrens. Best Western Sunapee Lake Lodge has hosted many weddings, meetings, banquets and family get-togethers since opening last May. "With operations combined it will be easier to offer an even higher quality experience to our guests," commented Behrens.



Mount Sunapee Skiers enjoying their Super Value Lift Tickets purchased at Murphy's Grille.

### AIR TRAVEL GIVE A WAY

To help celebrate the re-opening of Murphy's Grille, the restaurant will offer eight weeks of coupon values. Savings on entrees, free appetizers, desserts and children's meals are just a few of the specials that will be offered. In addition to coupon savings, 'Super Value' Mt. Sunapee Lift Tickets purchased at Murphy's will include a \$5 gift certificate for the restaurant, a \$10 gift certificate for Best Western and a \$10 off coupon for Skinner's Ski and Sport; all for the same price as a lift ticket purchased at the ski area. Those purchasing 'Super Value Tickets' or using weekly discount coupons will be eligible to win Round-Trip Airfare for 2 anywhere in the continental US. The drawing will be conducted at the March Madness Month Finale on March 31st. Details concerning special events and entertainment during March Madness Month will be announced shortly. Be sure to watch for the next issue of the Murphy's Grille News.

## ◆ FOOD & DRINK

### NEW MENU

Chef Joe Gagnon has wasted no time in preparing an exciting new menu for the re-opening of the restaurant. The new menu features an expanded variety of steaks, poultry and seafood, plus fajitas, stews, stir-frys, and a diverse sandwich menu. "In comparison to the old menu, this one's twice as big and twice as appealing," stated Gagnon. "We've always introduced value in our nightly specials, now we've built it into our new menu," he added.

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Also new at Murphy's will be an expanded calendar of entertainment and local sporting activity promos. Joe Tuohy, bar manager, commented on the better utilization of the restaurant's and hotel's facilities. "We're at the beach and at the mountain. From the restaurant's decks to the hotel's function rooms, the combined facilities have a lot to offer which has not been realized. That's going to change; it's going to be fun".

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**WEEK 2 FEB. 5 - FEB. 11**

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**FREE DESSERT W/ENTRÉE**

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**WEEK 3 FEB. 12 - FEB. 18**

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**MURPHY'S GRILLE**

*FUN — SAVINGS — PRIZES*

**FREE KID'S MENU ITEM**

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**WEEK 4 FEB. 19 - FEB. 25**

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**WEEK 5 FEB. 26 - MAR. 3**

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**MURPHY'S GRILLE**

*FUN — SAVINGS — PRIZES*

**2 FOR 1 DINNER SPECIALS**

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**WEEK 6 MAR. 4 - MAR. 11**

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**MURPHY'S GRILLE**

*FUN — SAVINGS — PRIZES*

**FREE IRISH STEW  
W/DESSERT AND APPETIZER**

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**WEEK 7 MAR. 11 - MAR. 17**

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**MURPHY'S GRILLE**

*FUN — SAVINGS — PRIZES*

**FREE WAFFLE SKINS  
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**BOOK REVIEW**  
**by Pauline Dishmon**

**A DANGEROUS FORTUNE**

by Ken Follett  
Delacorte Press, NY, 1993  
Available at Brown Memorial Library

Prologue: It is a hot day in 1866 at Winfield School for Boys in England. Because six gold sovereigns are stolen from the desk of a teacher, students are ordered to remain in quarters until the thief owns up. Micky Miranda thumbs through a publication as his roommate Edward Pilaster copies a Latin assignment from Micky's work. Because of the heat, the boys decide to sneak out for a swim, knowing full well if they get caught they will be flogged. At the quarry where there is a deep pool of murky green water, they find three other boys (Edward's cousin Hugh Pilaster, Tonio Silva and Peter Middleton). Mischief follows, resulting in a drowning death which turns out to be murder.

The banking business in the 17th century is the backdrop for this novel with Hugh Pilaster as hero. Edward and Micky are anti-heroes, along with Edward's mother, Augusta Pilaster. Augusta is the sort of woman you love to hate. She has two major goals: to see that Edward becomes a senior partner for the Pilaster bank and for herself to become a lady of title.

Micky and Tonio are from Cordova, South America. In thick with the Pilasters, particularly Edward and Augusta, Micky's agenda includes securing money for his father, whose objective is to overthrow Cordova's government. Tonio's role is minor.

Follett's talent for bringing together myriad characters and individual motivations is ever-present. His history of English banking is insightful. Romantic interests are unsettling. Hugh and Maisie love one another but marry other people. Micky and Edward wed; their motives far afield from love. A brothel, setting for many episodes, brings forth "X" rated, yet tolerable, language.

The story ends where it began, with a new generation of boys attending Winfield School. Readers who are intrigued by wars of good and evil will like this one.

## Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Mark this date! Tuesday, February 13 ... Buffet at Applesced Inn, 5:00-8:00, to benefit the BML Building Fund. Tickets are available at the library or at the door (adults, \$10; children, \$4).

Two trustees have donated to our beginning compact disk collection. We are now purchasing CDs and belong to an audio club as well. We plan to build on this and our videos in 1996. Please share your ideas and thoughts on this area with us.

Remember the hot evenings this past summer when the Lettvin Concert Series was held at Bradford Center? Thanks to Merrimack County Telephone and Hi-Tech Video/New London, you can relive these two superb evenings once again. I remember emerging from Lake Massasecum, jumping into the nearest set of clothes (luckily they were mine), and arriving just as the concert began. I happened to sit where I could easily see the hands of the musicians. It was an evening of pure joy to witness the pleasure this music brought forth. The videos are available at the library.

Circulation for 1995 at BML was 12,513. We circulate more than one thousand items each month! We are a reading community that depends on its library.....

Flea market/book sale has been rescheduled for March, date to be announced later. Bring in or call us for items to be picked up.

Books are now available here for the February/March American Poet Series.

We are very proud of our substitute, Eileen Small, for the great work she is doing in her first year at New England College and to learn that she made the dean's list!

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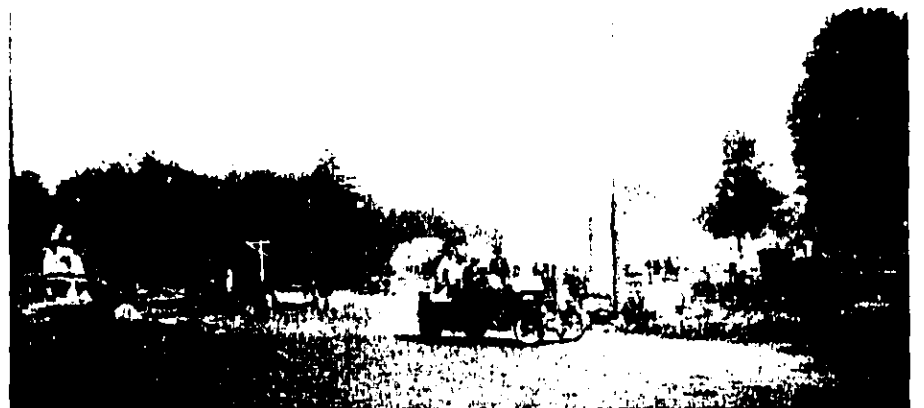
by Sandy Wadlington



Three business blocks on the northeast corner of Main Street and the railroad (what is now Route 103) housed multiple businesses and organizations. They were built after the railroad came through town in 1850. The above photo (courtesy of Bradford Historical Society) was taken around 1910. The locally-harvested wood in the foreground was delivered to be shipped away by train.

In August of 1918 a fire swept through the buildings. The photo below (courtesy of Steve Hansen) shows the aftermath of that fire. Among the businesses destroyed were the telephone exchange, a photographic studio, the post office, a barberhop, a pool hall, Danforth's store, and an ice cream parlor. The fire was discovered around midnight by a group of young people returning from a dance in South Newbury. Firefighters arrived from as far away as Concord, but they were unable to save the buildings.

The bottom photo shows the area today, with Route 103 and Dodge's General Store.



# THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



I like February because it's my birth month. I also like February weather. It's a challenge getting out of the house and into the car when there is fog, rain, hail and snow - all the "good stuff." Well, if one can drive in New Hampshire, one can drive anywhere! Happy St. Valentine's Day to you and yours!

## Strawberry Angel Food Dessert

- 1 pkg angel food cake mix
- 1 box (3 oz) strawberry jello
- 2 pkgs 10 1/2 oz frozen sliced strawberries
- 1/2 C sugar
- 1 C hot water
- 1 C heavy cream, whipped, or use Cool Whip Lite

Thaw berries, reserving syrup.

Prepare cake mix as directed on the package, baking in a 10" tube pan. Cool. Dissolve jello and sugar in the hot water. Add 1 cup of reserved strawberry syrup. Chill until slightly thickened. Cut cake into 1" pieces. Arrange half the pieces in pan or dish (13" X 9" X 2"). Fold drained berries into slightly thickened jello. Pour about half of jello mixture over cake in dish. Top with remaining cake, then with rest of jello mixture. Chill until set. Whip cream. Spread whipped cream, or Cool Whip, over top of dessert. Cut into 15 squares.

### Bradford Country Squares to host dance on February 10

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Plus Level dance on Saturday, February 10, 8:00-11:00, at the Town Hall.

Norm Poisson will also call A-1 level dancing from 7:00-8:00. Ed Phillips will cue for rounds. Charge is \$4.00 per person. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to watch with no admission.

For more information, call 927-4454 or 526-4634.

### "The 10th Mountain Division remembered," program by Newcomb Eldredge

The 2nd Monday Niters of the First Baptist Church, New London, will host H. Newcomb Eldredge and his program "The 10th Mountain Division remembered," on February 12 at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Eldredge will present slides and discuss the specialized training of this all-volunteer unit and its contributions to the effort of the Allied forces during World War II.

The program is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

### Rosewood Country Inn identified as "romantic inn"

The Rosewood Country Inn has been selected as one of the eight most romantic inns in New Hampshire by Chronicle Books. The travel series for incurable romantics makes its East Coast debut with *Weekends for Two in New England*, the definitive guide to the most sumptuous and blissful retreats this popular region has to offer.

The inns and small hotels selected for this guidebook were chosen based on recommendations from respected and well-seasoned travel professionals and personal inn-to-inn searches by the author, Bill Gleason.

In narrowing the list to the fifty most romantic, consideration was given to providing readers with a range of accommodations in terms of rates, size, location, ambiance, and setting.

In keeping with its romantic theme, the guidebook is scheduled to be released for Valentine's Day.

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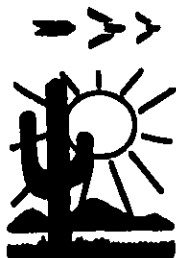
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**BOND, continued from page 1**

Voters Coalition, presented the Selectmen with a petition warrant article asking that the town consider voting: "to recommend that the Town maintain ownership of the Naughton property on Main Street, upon acquisition, until it has been determined that the property is not needed for town facilities. Further, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen determine the sense of the community concerning the future use of the property before making their decision." Scribner said the motivation behind the petition warrant article was simply "to make sure the Selectmen look at all the options before making a decision." Selectmen took no action, waiting for the Town Clerk to certify the signatures.

The subject of whether or not the Library Trustees, when they were offered the Central School as a location for the library, were given permission to demolish the building, was again discussed. Board members strongly disagree, with Selectman Dave Pickman saying they were offered the site with no strings attached, while Selectman Marcia Keller said the building is usable and she believed they were not given permission to destroy it. She referred to a motion passed by the Board in May, allowing the Library "to move to the Old Central School so long as a room is made available for town record storage and a conference room is available for public use."



Winter Carnival Parade, around 1936. Korner Kids float driven by Lester Hall. Children include: Vern Hall, Allene Simpson (Hamilton), Alice Cilley (Meyers), Enid Cilley (McKenzie) and Carolyn Cilley (Rowe), Betty Hall (Moore) and Sally Danforth (Wheeler).

**HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent, selected by Sandy Wadlington**

**ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - February 1896**

Thermometer registered 20° below zero here on Monday morning, February 17th.

Mr. Edward Forsyth has a house under contemplation on the Newbury Road, near the R.R. crossing. The cellar is nearly completed and labor on the house will commence in the early spring.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO - February 1946**

Dinner Dance First Event at Ski Carnival... The Annual Winter Carnival and Ball conducted by the Bradford Fish and Game Club was announced last night by chairman Edward Westerberg.

Informal ski events and a big street parade will feature the Saturday program, followed by the Grand Carnival Ball. Coronation of the Carnival Queen in the town hall will bring this gala event to a close.

**...and from Bradford Historical Society materials, selected by Milly Kittredge**

from Allen Cressey's diary ... 1880, Feb. 9, cold and boistrous. Feb. 10, ten below. Feb. 11, twenty above.

1916 Town Report ... school committee recommends the District raise \$200 for books and supplies for the eight schools in Town.

1966 Town Report ... Rebuilding bridges, Melvin Mills, Hoyt Corner #1, Hoyt Corner #2, 4% interest on original notes of \$8,000.

1966 Town Report ... renovation and remodeling Town Hall, \$8,756.89.

In the winter of 1920, there was so much snow the railroad put on four engines to power the snowplow to clear the tracks.

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# GARDENING

by Fred Winch

With the untimely near-disappearance of about sixty inches of snow in the heat and rain of past weeks, we are left with the visage of a mid-March landscape - overflowed streams and green lawns peeking out. This is the impetus to think of the needs of spring.

For some reason, my thoughts turned to some of the first crops of summer times gone by. It may be because of a stop at the fish counter displaying Maine salmon. My father always felt that the way to celebrate the Fourth of July was with poached Maine salmon served with egg sauce, new potatoes, and the first peas of the season. To get those new potatoes, he had to "scrabble" in the hills of potatoes, bring out one or two small tubers and leave the plant to grow more. Peas, usually Smooth Alaskas, were early enough to satisfy our needs. As eastern salmon became nearly extinct, the Fourth was celebrated in other ways. Now Federal Sea Grant Scientists have developed farm-grown Maine salmon, plant breeders have several early potatoes, such as Red Norland, which will produce early in your garden. Little Marvel or Frosty early peas or even the very early pod pea, Sugar Ann, will be there to be picked and popped into the steamer for the Fourth. But to get these garden contributions, one must get in the ground early; peas and early potatoes demand a cool start.

The catalogs are here with colored displays of garden crops, gardening magazines are devoting pages to "the crop everyone grows if they have a few square feet of yard or garden - tomatoes." Not too many years ago, tomatoes were grown as ornamentals and considered "poisonous" by many. Now it is estimated that there are at least 2,000 varieties of tomatoes available to the gardener from plant breeders in Russia, Siberia, Europe, as well as North America. There are large varieties, whose fruits reach two pounds, to others which take 35 fruits to weigh a pound. Colors vary from green to white, pink, yellow, orange, red and range into near maroon or "black." Many are susceptible to disease, others very resistant. It is one vegetable the smoking gardener should avoid. Tobacco from cigar and cigarette butts discarded in the garden carries a virus which can infect the tomato plant and cause a wilt, leading to the death of the plant because the tomato is a close relative of tobacco. Old varieties usually were susceptible to the virus, new varieties are resistant due to plant breeder improvements. With so many (2,000) to choose from - how do you decide what to plant? If you have a variety that has done well for you, keep it, but stretch yourself and plant a new kind or two. For the

most part, buy seeds and grow your own plants. Purchased plants have been passed through many hands before you get them. For a very early harvest, Early Girl will mature nice red 5-oz fruit about sixty days after Memorial Day planting. A red variety, Big Beef, often reaches nearly a pound - hamburger size - and has excellent flavor; it's ready in about 75 days. Sweet 100, a vigorous vine capable of producing hundreds of sweet marble-sized fruit over a long period of time may be eaten like candy. Celebrity, a large late determinate variety tolerant of several diseases, does better if staked and mulched after the soil is warm. A so-called heirloom, pink-fruited tomato originally grown in Amish Pennsylvania, Brandywine, is not disease resistant, but is judged by many growers to have the best flavor of all, though late to ripen. It is one I would grow isolated from the rest of your tomatoes to avoid spreading disease to the other plants.

Fortunately here in New England, there are seed companies selling small packets of seeds (20 - 30 seeds) at small prices for those who want to play the field. Johnny's Selected Seed of Albion ME 04910 and Pine Tree Garden Seeds, New Gloucester ME 04260 do so. Remember, tomato seeds are long lasting, unused seeds may be stored in packages and kept in a tight tin or jar for a couple of years.

## FIRE, continued from page 1

The Bradford Fire Dept. serves the community in a number of ways, usually unseen unless you're unfortunate enough to need their services. Not only do they fight fires in Bradford, they are also on call to provide mutual aid to other communities, respond to all automobile accidents to assure public safety, and support the rescue squad with any manpower needs. In addition, they provide fire prevention information to local students and community organizations. To minimize the cost to the town to support fire-fighting, they raise funds to purchase equipment and also perform most equipment maintenance themselves. And this public service is performed by VOLUNTEERS.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg assures the community that this manpower crisis does not endanger the community's public safety. Those serving are dedicated and are backed up by an area mutual aid agreement. He did point out, however, that an alternative to Bradford's volunteer department could be a paid staff. Some area communities, such as Hopkinton, now have full-time paid fire-fighters to cover the day shifts and volunteers for night calls.

Goldberg encourages anyone with an interest in serving the community to contact any firefighter for more information. No previous experience is required and training sessions are offered frequently. He noted all are welcome, but added that the department could especially use anyone who is available during the workday.



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# February Calendar

## Monday, February 5

Cemetery Committee. Call Milly for time and location, 938-5386.

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

## Tuesday, February 6

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

## Wednesday, February 7

Budget Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

PTC, KRES Bradford, 7:00

Babysitting available

Library Trustees Board Meeting, Open to public, 7:15

## Thursday, February 8

Community workshop, Brown Memorial Library, noon

BML Friends Poetry Series, library, 7:00

KRSD School Board, New London Elementary, 7:15

## Friday, February 9

Whist, sponsored by Fire Department, church vestry, 7:30

All are welcome. Prizes and refreshments.

## Saturday, February 10

SKI-A-THON at Mount Sunapee to benefit New England Handicapped Sports Assn. Call Debbie Bruss, 938-2621, for information.

## Monday, February 12

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

## Tuesday, February 13

Library fund-raising supper, Applesced Inn see ad, page 2

BNKP Board meeting, kindergarten room, Town Hall, 7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Candidates' Night, KRES, Bradford 7:30  
Sponsored by BWC

## Wednesday, February 14

Public hearing on town budget and on library bond, Town Hall, 7:00

## Thursday, February 15

Joint Boards of Selectmen, Brown Memorial Library, 7:30

## Monday, February 19

NO Selectmen's meeting

BBA, Candlelite Inn, 7:00

Senate Bill 2 hearing, Bradford Elementary, 7:00

## Tuesday, February 20

BWC Meeting, church vestry, noon  
"Town Reports" and Pot Luck Luncheon, provided by the Board.

BNKP Parents meeting, upstairs, Town Hall, 7:00

Kindergarten Parents, Town Hall, 7:00

KRSD Budget/Bond Hearing, High School, 7:00

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, February 21

Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Friends of the Library, 7:30

## Thursday, February 22

BML Friends Poetry Series, library, 7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

## Friday, February 23

Whist, sponsored by Food Pantry, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes and Refreshments.

## Monday, February 26

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

To list events for the month of March, call Lu Signorino, 938-2608.

## Classified Ads

TEMPORARY HELP. Bradford Highway Dept. seeking qualified drivers (CDL license, plowing experience) to fill in during extended storms, vacations, illness. Contact the Selectmen's office, 938-5900 for information.

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WANTED. Lazy-boy type chair in good condition. Call 938-2621.

REGISTRATION for the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool 1996-1997 academic year will be held on March 14, Thursday, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the kindergarten room at the Town Hall. Call Maryse Conway at 938-2056 for information.

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