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Community News - By and for our neighbors

January 1996

Agreement reached on Naughton property

In Superior Court on December 6, the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Bradford, and George Naughton agreed to a settlement "in final resolution of all pending matters." When all the terms of the stipulation have been satisfied, remaining legal actions against Naughton will be closed. This will end more than twenty years of legal activity to clean up the 22-acre Main Street site contaminated by materials illegally dumped by George Naughton over a number of years.

\$200,000 was the amount agreed to that George Naughton owes the State and the Town to satisfy the criminal contempt finding. To meet a portion of that obligation, the Town has agreed to take a tax deed to Naughton's property on Main Street ... providing certain conditions are met.

First, Naughton must remove all junk, scrap and other debris

■ See NAUGHTON, page 2



These young men, photographed in front of Danforth's Store, are preparing to ride their decorated bicycles in the 1946 Winter Carnival Parade. Do you recognize anyone? See Milly Klutroge's article on page 11 for their names.

Ordinances address snow removal and rights-of-way

At their December 18 meeting, Selectmen approved a new ordinance, "Appurtenance" and amended the existing "Standard Operating Procedure, Inclement Weather Conditions."

The Appurtenance ordinance states that the Town will not be responsible for damage or destruction of appurtenances to property placed within the town's right-of-way during maintenance operations of any season. Examples of appurtenances include

mailboxes, fences, hedges, trees, shrubs, landscape timbers, grass or turf. The ordinance also forbids residents to discard leaves and debris "by or near ditches and culverts so as to interfere with the natural flow of precipitation."

The Inclement Weather Conditions ordinance establishes parameters for Bradford's maintenance response and objectives during inclement weather. The ordinance requires the road agent

■ See ORDINANCE, page 10

Survey of Police Department will assess liability exposure, by Kathy Grindle

Beginning in January, the Bradford Police Department will be taking part in a professional management review conducted by the Professional Standards Committee of the NH Association of Chiefs of Police. The survey will help the department and the town by identifying specific areas that may need improvement. It is not meant to lay blame on any individual and could not be undertaken without the consent of the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police, both of whom are very enthusiastic and supportive.

The survey scope and details were presented to the Selectmen and the Chief of Police at a December Selectmen's meeting. The survey will assess many important issues in the department, such as space, records storage, evidence storage and manpower, as well as compliance in several high liability areas. The study team follows a checklist of accepted practices of successful operations that covers six major areas: organization and staffing, management, field services, support services, demo-

graphics and trends, and special issues.

The survey is an overall look at liability risks and how these risks can be minimized or eliminated. These liabilities could cost the town a significant amount of money if not corrected.

A written report of the findings of the assessment team is expected before summer.

Filing for town offices begins January 26

The start of the new year marks the beginning of the town's political season, culminating in March with Town Meeting.

There are fifteen positions to be filled by election in March. Residents who haven't participated in civic affairs should consider this an opportunity to make a contribution to the community while meeting new people and learning about how our town functions. Contested elections benefit the community by offering voters a choice. So whether you've considered running before or not, think about it!

To run for office requires filing for candidacy with the town clerk. The dates and times to file are: Friday, January 26, 8:00-noon; Monday, January 29, 2:00-7:00 pm; Tuesday, January 30, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; Friday, February 2, 8:00-noon and 3:00-5:00 pm.

Offices to be filled by election in March:

- Moderator for 2 years (1), \$1.00 fee
- Selectman for 3 years (1), \$1.00 fee
- Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years (1) \$1.00 fee
- Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years (1),
- Trustees of Brown Memorial Library for 3 years (3),
- Scholarship Committee for 3 years (1),
- Budget Committee for 3 years (2), for 1 year (1)
- Planning Board for 3 years (2),
- Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2 years (1),
- Cemetery Commission for 3 yrs

Town of Bradford Planning Board PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bradford Planning Board will hold public hearings on January 9 and January 23 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall to discuss changes to the Zoning, Subdivision, and Site Plan Regulations. (See changes on page 12.)

Burdette Auctions receives extension to continue operation

In November, Bob Burdette received permission from the Selectmen to conduct a final few auctions at the Car Care of Bradford site. He was ordered to cease operating the business at the end of November because the owner, Jerry Holloway, had not corrected fire code violations required by Fire Chief Mark Goldberg, particularly a central fire alarm system.

On November 30, Goldberg received notification that Holloway had contracted to have the alarm system installed in early December. Goldberg then extended Burdette's permission to hold auctions in December while the alarm system was installed. During the month, Holloway postponed the installation, citing a delay in receiving financing. As of December 30, Chief Goldberg has not been notified that the system is in place and he intends to take action early in the new year. Goldberg expressed frustration that Holloway was notified of fire safety violations in April and yet the issue has remained unresolved for eight months.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop news

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet on Thursday, January 11 at 11:00 am at the Friendship House to carpool to Clare Bensley's home. The program will be on Healthy Living Ideas for Seniors. Bring your own craft project to work on and a bag lunch. Dessert and a beverage will be provided.

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currently on the property by February 15. Police Chief Al Grindle is monitoring the activity and reports that work is progressing. Dumpsters have been installed, a flatbed truck is being used to remove heavy equipment, and he is "attempting to live up to the court's requirements." Concern was expressed over whether severe winter weather could delay completion of the project, and it was stated that "New Hampshire's normal winter weather" could not be used as an excuse for non-performance.

Second, the lease now held by Joe Wilcox to operate Autocraft in the Naughton barn must be terminated and Wilcox must remove all his equipment.

When these conditions have been met, the town will take the property and this will satisfy all claims of the Town of Bradford. Other actions dealing with property in Danbury will satisfy the remaining portions of the court order.

The Town of Bradford also agreed that it will be responsible for continuing to check the monitoring wells on the property. The State will transfer to the Town funds held in escrow to pay monitoring costs. The wells were installed to assure that the cap installed to prevent polluted groundwater from running off the site continues to function properly. The cap was part of the court-ordered closure plan completed by Naughton in 1994.

The future of the Naughton property will be considered once title to the property is received by the Town. Selectman Dave Pickman says he has "mixed feelings." He sees the potential for using the property for town facilities, such as the town sheds, or for parks and recreation. On the other hand, he feels that with our low tax base, it might benefit the town most to sell the property at a good price, returning it to tax-paying status. As a Selectman, he says he'd need a good reason to agree that the Town retain ownership of the property.

Selectman John Signorino says that while he would prefer additions to the tax roll, "the options available are limited only by the imagination." The property could easily be subdivided, allowing both a commercial enterprise (affordable housing for the elderly, for example) and town use. He noted that if the town sheds were moved to that property, recreational opportunities could be increased at Brown Shattuck Field.

Selectman Marcia Keller emphasized that determining the best use of the property deserves serious consideration because the decisions will have long-term consequences. It is important that the Selectmen receive guidance from the Planning Board, Master Plan Subcommittee, suggestions from town departments, and input from all residents. She said "The time to begin the process is now."

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS:

Frederick Gordon Betz, born November 25, 1995 to Charles and Carolyn Betz.
Hayley Mae Moore, born December 11, 1995 to Robert and Joann Moore.

DEATHS:

Kenneth E. Smith, December 4, 1995.
L. Harold Bullock, December 17, 1995.

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TAX COLLECTOR

1995 tax bills were due on December 15, 1995. All payments after that date are assessed interest at 12%.

Office hours:

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—Sue Pehrson

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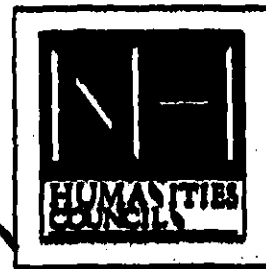
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**MOON MOUNTAIN ARTS
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Try outs were held at Town Hall on November 29, for Rebecca Rule's two-act comedy, *Town Meeting*. This hilarious play will be presented on Friday, March 1. A surprising number of townspeople turned out and all parts were filled. Rehearsals will start on Sunday, January 28, in Town Hall at 2:00.

The cast includes Ev Kittredge, Nancy Bruzzer, Carol Tonkin, Glen Mayo, and Vern Hall.

Also, Sue Vitale, Laurie Buchar, Kim Lowe, George Beaton and Tom Scribner. Edythe Craig, John Harris, Dick Keller, Sarah MacLeod, Lois Bradicich, Perley Strout. And Tillie Wheeler, Phyllis Whall, Marcia Keller, Ruth-Ann Harris, Dick Vitale and Wally Brown. A pretty good cross section of town.

The play reading will be the first of Moon Mountain Arts' events for 1996. The 1995 season was well received and there was great enthusiasm for having cultural, educational and entertaining events in Bradford. More on *Town Meeting* in the February issue of the *Bridge*. -Lu Signorino



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**Fairgrounds Road bridge repair
delayed until January**

United Construction has submitted a revised construction schedule for the repairs to the Fairgrounds Road bridge. Chuck Bourgault, project manager, expects to begin work on January 2 and complete initial phases on January 19. During this phase, the bridge will remain closed. Between January 20 and April 30, no work will be performed on the project. One traffic lane will be open during this winter shutdown. On May 1, construction will resume, with completion of the project scheduled for May 24.

The start date was postponed because the manufacture and delivery of the concrete box culverts took longer than anticipated.

**Bradford Business Association has
busy December meeting
by Sandy Nelson**

Great food! Warm, inviting surroundings! Congenial atmosphere! Short business meeting! That's what you missed if you weren't able to attend the Bradford Business Association's holiday get-together.

Though the meeting was, in fact, condensed, much was discussed.

Two new logos and the Bradford Insignia were presented to the membership. The vote resulted in a tie, so the decision will be made at the January meeting. Come and vote!

Many exciting ideas were discussed for the Business Fair, including making it a two-day affair or presenting it in two or three locations. Glen Mayo and Marlene Freyler have been very busy getting ready and could use help with booth set-up.

The Inn Thing—Luanne Mayo has some great plans in the offing for weekend special events, with all the inns participating around a theme (i.e. bike touring, ski-mobiling, mountain biking/lessons, hiking, Little League crafts shows). Other businesses will reap the dividends as well. BBA is on the move!

Next month's meeting will be at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn on January 15 at 7:00, with Niel Cannon of the Capital Regional Development Corp. discussing Bradford's Revolving Loan Fund. At our February meeting, we will have a roundtable discussion, "Promoting Business in Bradford."

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Michael J. Signorino

Bradford Women's Club News

Santa showed up at Town Hall on December 16th with gifts for all. He had a lot of help from the Grindles. His elves showed up with lots of yummy cookies. Alma Clinton took pictures for Leonard Sargent who is at home recuperating from surgery. We look forward to seeing Leonard back next year to continue the tradition he started. Thanks also to IGA for providing the candy canes, hot chocolate, and supplies.

A few corrections in last month's letter. Alma Clinton was one of our diligent workers, and Jane Johnson, not Jane J. Lucas also worked hard for our successful fair. Hopefully we'll have Jane J. Lucas with us next year. We have another new member this month, Sally Liston. Welcome Sally.


It's been a busy year for the BWC. Most of all it's been a year of sharing ideas, working and caring about "Our Town" with old friends and new. I wish you all the joys of living in a small town with people who listen and care about one another.

Reminder! Tuesday, January 16th at Lu Signorino's at 11:30 a.m., there will be an "Exchange Recipe Luncheon." Bring your favorite dish and maybe pick up a few new ones. Remember to stop by Dodge's for your pictures with Santa. Happy New Year!
-Jane Lucas, President

**Bradford Country Squares will
hold square dance on January 6**

A Class Level square dance will be held at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, January 6, 8:00-11:00. Don Bachelder will call and Ed Phillips will cue for rounds. Admission is \$4.00 per person. The Bradford Country Squares will provide refreshments. For more information, call 927-2956 or 526-4634. -Grete Rule

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Letters



To the editor:

When I read an article such as "Library May Move," *Concord Monitor* 9 December 1995, it is difficult not to respond. It seems that the direction being promoted in the article is to tear down the existing Central School building and replace it with a new structure (at a cost of about \$700,000, according to the architect). The article justifies this stand based on the present building not meeting current codes, the need for an elevator, the building being plagued by water problems, and the fact that the building is not a solid brick structure.

The fact of the matter is that this particular building is one of, if not the most, substantial building in town. If I had to elect a location as a temporary shelter in an emergency situation, as a structural engineer, I would most likely choose this building or the present library.

The code problem most eluded to is the floor loading required for libraries and as a result the suggestion is to replace the entire floor system. In fact, the only areas that would not meet this code requirement would be the stack areas. The meeting room, computer room, reading room, librarian's desk, passage ways, toilets, etc. are within code requirements. Retaining these floor systems would reduce the proposal cost substantially. The elevator situation could be remedied with a lift, if a more innovative approach would not be considered. The water problem is by no means uncorrectable.

As to the fact that the brick is only a veneer, keep in mind that brick is one of the better exterior building treatments. I am sure that the architect, in his design, can make this an attractive building without the loss of the large windows that provide the advantage of natural light within the building.

If it is the intent of the Library Trustees to, in fact, demolish this building, perhaps the town, with its many needs for effective space, should reconsider what is being suggested here and retain the structure. Last year's proposal, at less than half the projected cost of this one, would at least have resolved the space needs for several town departments.

G. Richard Keller

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To the editor:

In early December, I received a letter from Flossie Jones in Scottsdale, Arizona. She had seen an article on the Rosewood Country Inn in her hometown paper. Flossie lived in Bradford for 50 years, working at the IGA for 22 years. She had been very involved in school and civic affairs. In her letter she said "You picked a great town to have a business ... wonderful people!" She's right. And that statement hit even closer to home the weekend of our annual "Candlelight Christmas Tea."

Thank you to our dear friends, Debi Schiller, Marlene Freyler, Tom Scribner, and Jim and Linda Powell, for all their help and for making this year's event our biggest and best! We would like to thank the local media, area merchants, and all our neighbors who attended the Tea, making it a huge success. Thanks to your efforts, the Rosewood was able to reach its goal of \$1,000. The proceeds will be divided between the Kearsarge elementary schools and a new scholarship fund at the high school.

Again, thank you all for opening your hearts in the spirit of the season!

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To the editor:

Our Town's Downtown ... We really need to keep Bradford alive. Our downtown is shrinking—don't let it disappear. Do you really want it to become just a house that you leave in the morning and come back to at night? The more you go out of town, the more you will shop out of town. It may be the hardware store, feed store, gas station. What happens when you can't have dinner in town or meet a friend for coffee or lunch?.

Even if you shop at a large market, don't be afraid to stop in to the local IGA for that milk or can of peas you need. They are convenient, have the best meats and still have good sales.

Do we just become a bedroom town? Will we have to hire fire and rescue people because all our volunteers are out of town making a living? Just think what it would be like not to be able to run out for a few minutes to do errands and meet people. Let's support the businesses in town. They need us but we need them too. Let's keep Bradford alive.

Jane Lucas

REPORTERS NEEDED

Have you ever dreamed of being a reporter? Of the glory and fame you'd gain? Well, the Bridge cannot offer glory and fame, but it does offer hard work and no pay, with the opportunity contribute to your community.

Polished writing skills are not required; what is is an interest in the community, the ability to attend evening meetings, and the capability to listen and report accurately. If this sounds like something you'd like to try, call Nancy Scribner at 938-2286.

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Ice Harvest Day at Muster Field Farm

On Sunday, January 21 (rain date January 28), the Muster Field Farm in North Sutton will host its annual Natural Ice Harvest Day. The highlight of the day is the harvesting of ice as it was done in the nineteenth century. The ice will be cut at Kezar Lake in North Sutton beginning at 9:00 am until the ice is harvested (about 2:00 pm). Ice blocks will be cut both by hand and by gas-powered saw, then loaded onto wagons and hauled to the Farm. The Ice House will be fully stacked with the ice harvest for use next summer at Muster Field Farm Days.

Other winter activities will take place throughout the day. Sleigh rides will begin at 11:00 am at the farm. It's over the hill and through the woods with the horses of the Granite State Draft Horse and Pony Association (tickets: adults, \$2.50; 12 and under, \$1.00).

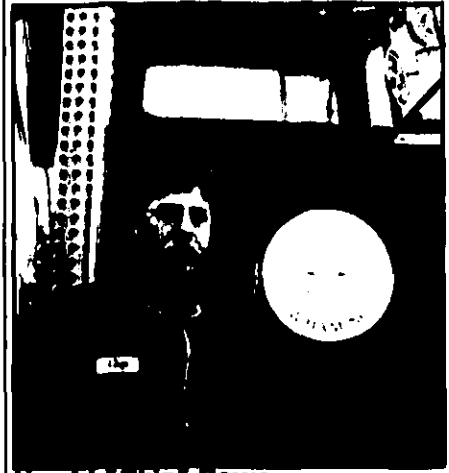
The Ryder Corner School House (circa 1810) at the Farm will be warm and welcoming, serving coffee, cocoa, corn chowder and other items.

Ice skating will be available on Kezar Lake. Or take advantage of the lovely snow cover to cross country ski, snowshoe or sled at the Farm. All are welcome. Come enjoy the best of winter in New Hampshire. See historic perspective on page 18.

Meet the Bradford Highway Crew



Arnold Anderson, Road Agent



Harold "Chip" Rowe

The fourth crew member, David Brown, was unavailable to be photographed.



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OBITUARIES

Kenneth E. Smith

Kenneth E. Smith, 52, of Rowe Mountain Road, died December 4 at his home.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of Edgar W. and Ebba (Eklund) Smith. He attended the University of Connecticut and received his bachelor's degree in sociology in 1971.

From 1963 to 1966, he served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam and served as president of the New Hampshire Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America 1980-81.

He was on the staff of New England College from 1970, serving as instructor in sociology from 1970 to 1972, assistant professor of sociology from 1972 to 1993, and as associate professor of anthropology from 1993 to the present. He also served as dean of student affairs from 1983 to 1989 and as vice president for student development and dean of student affairs from 1989 to 1993. He also was a teaching assistant at Queens College, a visiting lecturer at C.W. Post College, and visiting assistant professor of sociology at New Hampshire Technical Institute and at the Merrimack Valley branch of the University of New Hampshire. He served as NEC Senior Class Advisor in 1992-93.

He was a member of the Executive Council of the Northeastern Anthropological Association from 1978 to 1980 and was also a member of the Society of Applied Anthropology, the Maine Maritime Museum, the Mystic Seaport Museum, and the New Hampshire Mediators Association. He was a current member of New Hampshire Public Service Compact, serving on the advisory and steering committees, and of the New Hampshire Mediation Program, of which he was on the board of directors. He was N.H. State Director of the National Association of Student Personnel in 1992-1994 and a member of the governing board of the N.H. Community Service Network in 1992-1993. He published numerous articles and poems in literary magazines from 1976 to the present. He loved life and his community.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Susan (Maxwell) Smith of Bradford; a son, Benjamin M. Smith of Bradford; a daughter, Sarah E. Smith of Bradford; a sister, Ellen Ashton of Bradford; nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made in his memory to New England College, c/o Office of Institutional Advancement, 7 Main St., Hanover, 03243-3293, or to Keamsarge Elementary School, Bradford.

L. Harold Bullock

Leonard Harold Bullock, 75, of Main Street, died December 17 at New London Hospital after a sudden illness.

Mr. Bullock was born in Concord on May 27, 1920, the son of Leonard H. and Marguerite (Trombley) Bullock. He had lived in Concord most of his life before moving to Bradford in 1963.

He had been a conductor on the railroad, employed by Concord Electric Company, a subcarrier for the U.S. Postal Service District 7 while living in Concord and in Bradford, a shipper for the Rumford Press, and had worked for C.A. Danforth & Company in the store and delivering oil.

Mr. Bullock was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, receiving the Bronze Star in 1945. Cpl. Bullock served overseas 19 months, earning five battle stars, and also received the Purple Heart. He had received a citation which stated that he "performed many heroic and courageous acts in conjunction with reconnaissance work and exhibited great skill and initiative ... Bullock has on many occasions shown an absolute disregard for his personal safety in order to accomplish the missions assigned to him." Every year, Mr. Bullock would place a flag on Veterans' graves in Bradford cemeteries.

He was a member of The First Baptist Church of Bradford. He was a member of the DAV, the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Contoocook, the Bradford Fish & Game Club, and was an instructor in the Hunter Safety Education Program of the State of NH Fish & Game Dept. He was a member of St. Peter's Lodge F & AM #331 of Bradford, the IOOF Keamsarge Lodge #23 of Contoocook, and the IOOF Northstar Encampment #11 of Contoocook. Mr. Bullock was a member of the American Legion Post #39 of Warner, the Mount Horeb Commandery #003 of Concord, the Horace Chase Council #4 Royal and Select Masters of Concord, the Trinity Royal Arch Chapter #2 of Concord, and the NRA. He was a former member of the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department and had been Director of Civil Defense in Bradford for several years.

Rita Y. (Roux) Audet

Rita Y. (Roux) Audet, 66, of Littlefield Road, Danbury, died December 21 at her home after a long illness.

Mrs. Audet was born in Manchester on December 4, 1929, the daughter of Romeo and Diana (Morin) Roux. She had lived in Manchester all of her life until moving to Danbury in 1984.

Years ago, she had been employed by Jewel Electronics at the Manchester Airport as a coil winder.

Mrs. Audet was a Communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in Potter Place and loved to do embroidery.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Ernest M. Audet of Danbury; two daughters, Patricia Ann Perigny of Manchester and Karen Kay Russell of Bradford; three grandchildren, Joshua and Ryan Russell and Jenna Perigny; four brothers, Leo Roux of Naples, FL, Robert Roux of Goffstown, Richard Roux of Bedford, and Roger Roux of Weare; three sisters, Theresa Henderson of Manchester, Annette Dube of Derry, and Jeanette Lenord of Windham; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heritage Home Health and Hospice, 169 Daniel Webster Highway Suite #7, Meredith, NH 03253.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Eleanor (Wright) Bullock of Bradford; three sons, Russell B. Allen of Concord, Paul Bullock of Memphis, Tenn., and Carl L. Bullock, of Cortland, NY; two daughters, Roberta C. Kelley of Concord and Jarna A. Perkins of Bradford; 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; a brother, John R. Bullock of Bow; three sisters, Avis B. Roby of Concord, Marian B. Scales of Glendale, Calif., and Nancy B. Magowan of Concord; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381 or the Bradford Fire Department, P.O. Box 206.

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'Tis the Season

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A new EMT course will begin in January. For more information, call Gail Olson at 938-2446. —Suzanne Vitale



Legislative Report
by Representative Bernie Lamach

Primary on my mind at this time of year is expressing my appreciation to the many people who encouraged me, helped in my campaign, and who spent time discussing issues so that I would be better informed on many different topics. Many of you recognize that my wife Debbie has been a real trooper and very supportive, both at the store and at home, to make it possible for me to devote the time and effort that I felt was important to this district.

I feel good about the results I've been able to achieve in my first year and look forward to next session, even though it promises to be just as busy and important as last year. At this point, we are scheduling 850 new bills, as well as dealing with about 100 holdover study bills from last session. I have been selected to introduce to committee two bills as the start-off for the new year. I am appreciative of this recognition and continue to work for favorable feeling for this district.

The hot-button issues expected for next year will run the gamut from death to taxes. Bills proposed include assisted suicide, abortion limits, public spankings, deregulation of utilities, cigarette taxes, business profit and enterprise taxes, video gambling, kindergarten funding, regulation of health care provisions, and judiciary reform.

Additionally we expect to see bills that may cover adjustments to the Health and Human Services budget and reorganization. In short, there's going to be "something for everyone" topics. As state government affects us all, it is important that voters stay informed

on these issues and not get drawn off with all the Presidential Primary hype.

As a member of the Science and Technology Committee, I will be helping deal with the utility issues of deregulation, electricity rates, distance learning issues, and telecommunications. Additionally, I am motivated to work hard against any downshifting of state health care costs to the local towns or counties, where they would affect the local tax rate. As a member of both the Merrimack County delegation and the Keenarge Budget Committee, this is a significant concern to me.

Recently we learned, at the County budget presentation, that even though the operating budget was reduced, the total budget was up because of a change in the funding formula adopted under HB-32, which affects state payment of incentive money to the County Hospital. The delegation unanimously supported a resolution to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President to correct this "glitch," as only Merrimack County, out of ten counties, suffers this loss provision.

Our County Nursing Home, particularly with the new Alzheimer's wing, is a fine, well-managed facility and is deserving of our support.

By the time this issue of the *Bridge* hits the street, we will be starting the 1996 Legislative session and will be embroiled with all these issues.

I wish you all a prosperous New Year and thanks again for the many kindnesses shown me.

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The heavy snow in December provided the right conditions for the formation of ice dams. "Roof work" became the order of the day.

"Indonesia, Land of Diversity," presented in New London

The 2nd Monday Niters of the First Baptist Church in New London will host Mari and Dick Hook and their program, "Indonesia, Land of Diversity," on January 8 at 7:30 pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hook will present slides and discuss the island people and their crafts, their dependence on nature, and how the economy reflects their livelihood. Mari Hook, sister of Dr. Steve Jordan of New London, has a background in arts and education. Dick Hook, now retired, was associated with the Harvard Institute of International Development.

The program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. —Glady's R. Smith



Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

The First Baptist Church received an early Christmas gift on December 2: more than \$150 in cash and an overwhelming supply of food items for the food pantry. Several bands played at the Town Hall on that day to help out the pantry. Admission was \$3.00 and a food item. We are grateful to the following bands: Marty Keatone, Gamara/Unfit, Punky's Lips, Thom Gagne, Biscuit Head, Freeks, and Puckerbrush. Also a great big thank you is in order to the following people who were in charge of production/sound system and advertising: Permagrin Productions, Bill Mitchel, John Sullivan, Mike Rich, Marty Aucoin, Alyise Saaha, Kim Firth, Mary Kruger, Kudra MacCaillech, Ed Putman, Jacob Cybulski, Scott Horner, Mark Fralay, Ken Ashton, and Anita Blanchard. Thank you also to Robby MacLeod and Chief Al Grindle from the Police Department.

Another thank you is in order, as well. On December 17, more than 22 Christmas food baskets were delivered to needy families in the area. We are grateful to the people and businesses in Bradford for their generous contributions.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will begin the new year with a meeting on January 2 at 7:00 pm. The theme for the evening will be "World Missions."

The Women's Christian Guild will meet Friday, January 5 at 1:15 pm in the church vestry. They will be cutting squares for the White Cross and will be brought up to date on our Food Pantry Project.

Renovations are still underway to the basement of the Fiske House where the food pantry will be located. In the meantime, we always have food available in the kitchen of the Fiske House for anyone who needs it. When the renovations have been completed,

there will be a detailed write-up on the pantry and how it will operate.

On January 10, our Wednesday night study/support group will start up again by reading Kushner's *Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?* We meet at 7:30 pm at the Fiske House.

On January 11, our Bible Study will continue its exploration of the Book of Genesis. We meet at the parsonage at 7:30 pm.

On January 14, the senior youth group (grades 7-12) will travel to the First Baptist Church in Nashua for their annual "Martin Luther King Service." Prior to the service, there will be an opportunity for our youth to discuss the issue of civil rights with at least two other Baptist youth groups (New London and Nashua).

The first of several brainstorming sessions will be held on Sunday, January 21, 7:00-8:00 pm, at the parsonage. Dessert will be served. This is an opportunity for church members to voice their goals and dreams for the church for the coming years.

On Sunday, January 28, there will be a Food Pantry meeting from noon to 1:00 in the Fiske House. This will be an opportunity to tie up any loose ends and to discuss some of the logistics of opening the pantry.

The community youth groups will meet the afternoon of the 28th at the parsonage. The theme will be FRIENDSHIP: How do we make friends? What do we look for in a friend? What makes a successful friendship? We will also be playing the game Password and creating ice cream sundaes. Grades 4-6 will meet from 2:30 - 4:00 and grades 7-12 from 4:30 - 6:00.

Membership classes will be held on Monday, January 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm at the parsonage.

Nominated for Angels of the Month for January (written by Debbie Lamach) are two very special people in our midst. Our angels are a devoted couple and have been actively involved with the church and the community. HE has served as a valued member of the Board of Trustees and serves every July as Chairman of the plant table. SHE is one of the talented members of the Flower Committee, a member of the Ladies of Threadneedle Street, and makes the Raffle Quilt for the annual fair a possibility. Our nominees are none other than Fred and Frances Winch.

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Route Taken to the Civil War by New Hampshire's First Regiment *by Clare Bensley*

On April 12, 1861, southern artillery shelled Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, thus starting the great War of Rebellion. With the Honorable Mason W. Tappan as its Colonel, the First New Hampshire Regiment began assembling twelve days later. They collected in camps where they organized into squads and companies for instruction and drill. Equipped and outfitted by May 25, the regiment marched through the streets of Concord "to the great delight of citizens who thronged on either side of the column, encouraging the men on with cheers and huzzas." After singing the Star Spangled Banner, the regiment marched to the depot and boarded train cars for the trip to Worcester. Villagers gathered along the tracks all the way to cheer them on; farmers left their ploughs in the furrow and hastened to the track to pay their compliments; flags waved everywhere, and children were dressed in red, white and blue, saluting the troops as they passed, according to Rev. Stephen G. Abbott, A.M., Chaplain of the Regiment.

A grand reception awaited the troops in Worcester, where they were royally fed and entertained at Mechanics' Hall. The reception remained a highlight of their entire campaign and references to it are often found in letters written by the soldiers to their loved ones.

Then on to New York City, where four hundred and fifty "Sons of New Hampshire" met the troops and pledged support for the soldiers and relief for their families in the absence of their protectors. Robert Colby, of New London, and others from around the state formed a Committee of Aid and Corre-



Veterans of the Civil War muster in front of the old South Newbury Town Hall. Zeke (Ezekiel) Hadley is second from the left (with white beard). Photo courtesy of Steve Hansen.

spondence. After great singing and cheering, a procession was formed and the entire body marched to the Brandreth House, where they were welcomed by fellow New Hampshireites, who hailed the willingness of the soldiers to protect and maintain the Union and the Constitution. Colonel Tappan responded for the troops and pledged their support for keeping the Union intact.


Dressed in their gray uniforms, the regiment then marched to the Jersey Ferry, crossed the Hudson River, and proceeded to Baltimore by railroad. Subsequently the First New Hampshire became the first regiment of volunteers from any state to go to the front, fully equipped with uniforms, arms, accoutrements, baggage, hospital and supply train. It was this prompt reply to his request for troops that prompted President Abraham Lincoln to commend Colonel Mason Weare Tappan with the words, "Colonel Tappan,

your regiment looks more like war than anything I have seen."

After the war ended in 1865, veterans from Newbury, Bradford and Sutton continued to gather once a year on Memorial Day to muster and then parade, with brass band and crowds, to the local Baptist Church for prayer and thanksgiving. They rotated towns each year for their gathering.

Zeke Hadley from Bradford is pictured in the photo above standing second from the left. Zeke also appears in *Bradford, Two Hundred Plus*, most notably on page 179 where he is shown playing the fiddle. For many years he had his own band. He was Master of the Grange in 1889 and he appears to have led a productive life in Bradford after his service in the Grand Army of the Republic.

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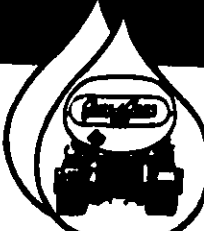
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Blue News ... report from the Police Department by Kathy Grindle

This past month, the police department received notification that the We Care Foundation has awarded us seven more bullet-proof vests. Along with the one previously awarded, all officers, except the Chief, will be equipped with the latest in body armor. Each vest, if purchased, would have cost the department \$450-550, for a total of more than \$4,000. The Chief is also eligible to receive a vest and we hope he will be awarded one too.

The department would like to thank the We Care Foundation and the Law Enforcement Television Network for this wonderful program and for its continued work in ensuring the safety of our officers.

The following article is reprinted with the permission of Mr. Hughes. It originally appeared in the *Claremont News Leader* December 7th. The PD would like to thank him for his bit of humor ... it surely brightened our day. One correction though - Mr. Hughes, you were going 59 in a 40 mile per hour zone!!

Clintspeak, by Raymond Hughes

I was caught speeding in Bradford the other night.

I drive to Concord regularly, and the law of averages says that if you do a lot of driving you're bound to get stopped.

Especially on Route 103, where it's 30 mph one minute in a three-lane section, 50 the next with two lanes.

I wasn't intentionally speeding, but I was doing 59, the top speed on the road is 50, so I can't blame the speed traps.

Which is why when the officer asked if there was a "reason" I was "going so fast," I had no quippy defense.

I read that Clint Eastwood movies are hot as he always has the line we wish we had thought of. You know, you get in a situation and can't come up with the "Go ahead, punk, make my day."

Instead, we without scripts go home bemoaning what we did not say.

So, Monday night I needed Clintspeak and came up with the next best thing—a posthumous column of quippy excuses.

"Holiday stress." Why I didn't think of this, which should have been good for at least an mph or two of sympathy, is beyond me as I had just read about it that day.

"My young kids are home alone." Then again, that's no doubt a jailable offense, and probably better left parked.

"It was too foggy to see the sign." Again, probably worse since I would have been overdriving road conditions.

"I wanted to be stopped—I was being followed." I learned this beaut from a nurse in Denver who used this lie when she was caught going the wrong way on a one-way street. The cops even escorted her home. They probably would have escorted me to the station.

"My speedometer's broken." Of course, that's a defective vehicle offense, so not much of a plea.

"Your radar gun is wrong." Then again, this is not only an insult to technology but to the technician, a poor strategy, and probably a long legal road, anyway.

In the end, though, I consulted real-life logic and found the real reason.

Not two days before this, my oldest son for some reason was asking about speeding tickets as we were barreling along to the movies in Lebanon. I mentioned I hadn't had a moving violation in 10 years.

I did not knock on wood.

Though I am effectively blaming my son once again for my mistake, something he's growing accustomed to, the trouble with this excuse is the implication that I'm an idiot.

Anyone without the sense to bow to superstition is too stupid to deserve a license.

However, I'm not so stupid I thought I could psyche the judge out with any of these excuses, either—I mailed my fine in today.

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ORDINANCE, from page 1

to begin snow removal operations when "approximately 2 1/2" to 3" of snow has accumulated on the Town's roads." Exceptions to the normal start of plowing may include times when freezing rain is predicted to follow snow. Snow may be left on town roads to provide traction. Another exception is when gravel roads are not frozen and plowing could gouge the road surface and create a more hazardous condition.

School bus routes will receive priority maintenance. In keeping with state legislation passed in 1995, the ordinance was amended to extend the inclement weather plan to all town premises.

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Midwinter entertainment over the years, by Milly Kittredge

At the turn of the century, there were at least fourteen adult organizations in Bradford. There were weekly dances and special dances, plays, minstrel shows, recitals, and throughout the 20's to the 50's, a winter carnival.

In 1898, "The Annual Old Maids' Convention" was held at the Town Hall (called the "Opera House" for classy productions), with a large number of spectators. Delegates were present from several cities, states and towns, including Newbury. The Delegate from Ireland answered the roll call by responding, "Oh Lord, send us a man!" which quite brought down the house. Among the essays read was a fine one by the delegate from Kansas on Women's rights. The session closed with Professor Blinkinscope and his Remodelscope, an ingenious machine having powers to transform old maids into any other state they chose. Receipts of \$43.50 from this humorous play were turned over to the Vestry Fund of the Baptist Church.

A Poverty Party and Ball, held at the Town Hall by the Women's Relief Corps, brought in a snug little sum to help the Memorial Hall building fund. It was not a large party, but "chaste and proper in all details."

A Masquerade Ball was also well attended, although the comedy which all had worked so hard on had a small audience, due to LaGrippe and weather.

Answer to page 1 photo: Back, next to door: Dick Cilley, Del Harris, Lester Rowell; front: Carl Danforth, Grant Milner, George Cilley, Frank Jones, Fred Stafford.

The Bradford Historical Society would be most grateful if anyone has copies of the 1900-1906 Pathfinder and Visitors which we could very carefully copy.

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

My father had the most extraordinarily extensive vocabulary of any person I've ever known. He expressed his thoughts in a language that told you exactly what he meant; there was never a doubt about his meanings. He, to my knowledge, never used, or needed to use a "swear" word or a blasphemy. I, on the other hand, threw out the occasional zinger, either for the shock value or because I was at a loss for the appropriate words.

When my mother was in her late eighties she expressed a true desire to put together a whole coherent paragraph of vulgarities. Now that had real shock value.

One of our daughters did not choose "Flow of thought" as a high school English course. She said it would just come out as a string of swear words and she didn't think it would be acceptable to her instructor. Talk about shocking your mother!

We were at a party the other night and a darling younger woman told of older girls at the KRS Middle School, physically bouncing the younger girls off the lockers and otherwise physically harassing them. I naively asked if the young ones couldn't turn them in or retaliate. Obviously, I am generationally handicapped to ask such a dumb question.

That conversation, however, has added a piece to a puzzle that has been nagging me. This morning I heard a quote from Senator Robert Byrd, delivered from the floor of the

United States Senate. He decried the lack of "civility" among his fellows and likened their language to a bar-room or beer parlor. He went on to say that such rude language in a bar would lead to fisticuffs, at the least.

Years ago, when the four letter F word muck into our daily lingo, it was completely shocking. Refined ladies were known to swoon when it was used in their presence, some continue to feign shock. We made jokes about it being anatomically impossible and went on using our usual language. It didn't take long for the word to become a permanent part of American language. It's still frowned on, but not shocking. As with all violence, verbal or physical, we seem to have become hardened to its use.

All of this has been leading up to the four letter P word. I am offended by the liberal use of "piss" and am truly astonished when I hear my contemporaries toss it into sentences. The interesting thing to me is that it has become a woman's word of choice. The dictionaries all list "piss" as n.(vulgar) for urine. One of the later editions also lists: pissed-off (vulgar) v.

My question: if we are not capable of expressing ourselves adequately, must we resort to physical abuse to be understood? Is this what is happening with our junior high school girls and our elected representatives and my daughters and my friends?


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

As I sit composing this article during Christmas vacation, I have to agree with our students that it's nice to have such a break. Some of these young friends claim that it is just too short but, on reflection, would not really like to see a shortened summer to accommodate an extra week at this time of year.

Several district staff members are contemplating a much different vacation in the coming year as they look to retirement. Reading specialist, New London/Sutton, Iris "Pat" Clark will retire after serving 32 years with the district. The School Board approved early retirement for George Waring, physical ed teacher at the Middle School, who will have completed his 26th year; Betsy Bidwell, third grade teacher at New London Elementary with 22 years; Julian Leach, music teacher Bradford/Simonds after 24 years; Leo McCabe, seventh grade social science teacher at the Middle School with 29 years; and Joan Coval, seventh grade language arts teacher at the Middle School with 11 years at Kearsarge and 10 years at Newport.

The School Board met three times in December, discussing the budget and finalizing it on the 19th. A meeting scheduled for the 14th in Bradford was canceled due to snow and rescheduled for January 4. The agenda for this meeting is posted, as are all meetings, on the bulletin board at the Town Hall, the post office and the IGA. Two of the items to be discussed at the Bradford meeting are the third grade instructional improvement plan and Senate Bill 2, which deals with ballot voting for all school district warrant articles.

The final School Board meeting on the budget, with the Budget Committee in attendance, reviewed a budget reduction plan submitted by Superintendent Richards. After further discussion by both groups, the Board approved a budget that is approximately \$20,000 less than the current budget. The new budget includes an additional \$100,000 for building maintenance to address a concern expressed at most public meetings. Although the warrant has not yet been finalized, probable items include: \$168,258 for the fourth year of the technology program; any proposed increase that may result from collective bargaining; an item to construct temporary classrooms at the High School to accommodate the increase in student population.

The issue of Senate Bill 2 presents a change that could alter the present open form of government, an historic feature in New Hampshire. The projected advantage would be to allow participation by those currently disenfranchised because of their inability to physically attend the "open forum" town or school meeting. The disadvantage would be the loss of the open interchange that occurs in the historic process of the annual meeting.

Proponents argue that the discussion will take place at required public hearings. Objectors point out that attendance is sparse at best until we reach the point of action - the actual vote.

The real issue is control of the budget. This has been the prime thrust of such organizations as the KRSD Taxpayers Committee for Excellence in Education. This was evident in past petitions to require voting by secret ballot on all money items. When this failed to pass, there was a petition to vote at least on the administrators/teachers salary line by secret ballot. That effort was summarily passed over at past annual meetings.

The District did adopt the Municipal Budget Act process, creating the Budget Committee to oversee the School District's budget. Some still perceive that, even with 18 elected representatives involved in the process, direct control is not adequate.

Control of any budget is necessary, but must be realistic and based on objectives agreed upon by those who will provide the funds to carry them out. This should be the focus of concerted efforts by all those concerned. A classic example is the kindergarten issue. Once again the "State" is looking at requiring public kindergarten to be partially funded (on a temporary basis), avoiding the real cost that includes transportation, facilities, etc. These costs will be forced onto the local budget, increasing as again the State underfunds and eventually withdraws its support. This has been a typical pattern of legislative and court-mandated demands without regard for realistic funding support.

A hearing has been scheduled for Monday, February 19, at Bradford Elementary School at 7:00 pm to address the process and issues related to Senate Bill 2. Please keep this important presentation in mind.

The future lies in the hands of our children. That future depends on how well they are prepared.

Best to all for the New Year.

Changes to town regulations

The Bradford Planning Board will hold public hearings on January 9 and January 23 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall to discuss changes to the Zoning, Subdivision, and Site Plan Regulations, as follows:

1. To add definition of Home Business to Site Plan and to exempt home business from said Site Plan Review Regulations. Under Definitions: No. 5 Home Business (see Page 3 Zoning Regulations), add: "or additional street parking or traffic or other adverse impacts to the Town."

2. To change the Subdivision Regulations to allow subdividing of lots on Class VI roads for agricultural or woodlot or other non-occupied purposes. Add to Subdivision Regulations Article 6:12 C.1 "...woodlots or agricultural lots greater than 10 acres on a Class VI road may be subdivided as such. Lots so designated may be used for growing and/or harvesting of timber or agricultural products. Houses or camps may not be built on these lots so long as the road is Class VI. Motor homes, campers or camp trailers may not be parked on such lots, except during the working of the land, not to exceed thirty (30) days in any calendar year. Land so designated shall meet the frontage requirements of the zone that they fall in.

3. Change the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations to meet new state law 485-A:24,1 regarding approval of subdivisions PRIOR to state septic approval. Change Subdivision Regulation 4:01-a, page 6 to read: "prior to final approval of the plan." Change Site Plan Regulation 7:01-i, page 15 to read: "Prior to final approval of the site plan."

4. ADD to Zoning Ordinance to allow cluster development in Conservation District to help minimize impact of development in this area. Zoning Article 10.B - insert "...or conservation districts" after residential (line 2).

5. ADD changes to Subdivision Regulations to comply with new state RSA regarding merger of two existing lots. ADD definition - 2:32, page 5 Volunteer Merger of Lots: "Any owner of 2 or more contiguous pre-existing approved or subdivided lots or parcels who wishes to merge them for municipal regulation and taxation purposes may do so by applying to the planning board or its designee. Except where such merger would create a violation of then-current ordinances or regulations, all such requests shall be approved, and no public hearing or notice shall be required. No new survey plat need be recorded, but a notice of the merger, sufficient to identify the relevant parcels and endorsed in writing by the planning board or its designee, shall be filed for recording in the registry of deeds, and a copy mailed to the municipality's assessing officials. No such merged parcel shall thereafter be separately transferred without subdivision approval.

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**ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - January
1896**

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Morse entertained a party of ten on Christmas day. A well-laden tree was one of the pleasant features of the occasion. Among the number present was Mrs. L.B. Corser, now in her 88th year. She was in excellent spirits and enjoyed the day as much as the younger ones. Mrs. Corser has lately spun four pounds of wool and good judges pronounce the work well done.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - January 1946

John Moore, son of Rep. and Mrs. Ruben Moore laid claim yesterday to the state egg laying championship, now held by the flock of Leon Greenwood of Bristol. Mr. Moore exhibited three hens, hatched last May, which produced 75 eggs last month and which broke the former flock average of 19 with a new state record of 25.

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

THE BRADFORD BRIDGE: A Weekend Performance ... directed by Nancy Scribner

Scene I, Last weekend of the month. Scribner kitchen. One half-eaten bagel and a cup of cold tea sit abandoned on counter. Telephone rings. Neighbor rushing last-minute copy knocks on door. Ad rep delivers two more ads. Proofreaders wait their turn. The editor, bracing for long nights, expertly juggles demands on her time. The deadline is real. IT'S NEWSPAPER WEEKEND!

First published in July 1991, the January 1996 *Bradford Bridge* is the newspaper's 55th issue. Editor and publisher Nancy Scribner remembers her panic several years ago when a subscriber sent a check for a two-year subscription. She said, "I nearly returned the check. I was awed by my responsibility to produce another 24 issues and by the subscriber's belief that we could do it."



The idea for a town newspaper evolved over four months as members of the Bradford Voters Coalition met to discuss how they might help the town grow. They wanted to "do something" to support business, involve more residents in the community, promote better communications, and improve the town's self-image. A newspaper was their first idea. Forming a separate nonprofit corporation, the Bridge's Board of Directors sets newspaper policy. Wise decisions were made: to

limit news coverage to Bradford; publish monthly; circulate and distribute 900 papers free to local businesses, restaurants, inns and real estate offices; finance it with advertisements; and most important, produce a quality publication. Nancy said, "When we planned the first issue, the group refused to solicit ads. I think it was hard for them to believe that we really could produce a quality publication." Instead, the BVC donated funds for the first printing.

The newspaper needed a name. To encourage community participation, readers were invited to make suggestions. The winner, "The Bradford Bridge," was selected because it connected Bradford's landmark Bement Bridge with the idea that the newspaper could be a bridge to foster better communications within the community.

Nancy depends on a dedicated staff of volunteers who write, sell ads, distribute, and proofread the paper. She said, "I think we have an amazing caliber of writing in this town. I'm also amazed that people will volunteer to write to a deadline and not get paid a penny."

Submitting "The Bridge" to the national publication *Publish* magazine, Nancy was surprised when *Publish* accepted the paper for a redesign feature. Some of the ideas were incorporated into the paper, but the suggestion that the Bridge be printed on white paper to improve readability was summarily rejected.

Nancy credits the *Bridge's* success to the vision of the Board of Directors and to the hard work and dedication of the volunteer staff. She says, "It amazes me how little turnover we've had during the four and a half years. Everyone is really determined that the Bridge be a quality publication, as well as a success in terms of meeting the town's needs." She feels very lucky that her challenging volunteer job gives her such extraordinary satisfaction. She returns accolades to the community, saying "Community support is 100%. No," she emphasized, "It's 150%."

Scene II, Scribner family room. Telephone rings. "Well, Audrey, it's time to get back to work." End of interview.

Scene III, Publication day, 1:30 am. Nancy turns off the computer.

Scene IV, Same day, 7:30 am. Editor Scribner drops off camera-ready copy to Concord prints on way to full-time job as industrial scriptwriter for Sanders in Merrimack. 6:00 pm, Nancy returns to Bradford loaded down with boxes of Bridges. Family stands ready to stuff inserts into every paper before volunteers can begin distribution.

Happy New Year, Bridge. Keep on communicating!

Robert Steiz serving in Persian Gulf on Navy ship

Editor's note: The Bridge received this letter from Robert Steiz and thought readers might like to learn what he's doing now. His address is DC2 R. Robert Steiz, Box 28, USS Peleliu, LHA-5, FPO-AP 96624-1620.

I am currently in the U.S. Navy, on board the USS Peleliu LHA-5. We are on a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf (Persian Gulf). I thought that your readers might be interested in knowing that one and possibly more of their town residents are in or heading into known danger zones throughout the world.

My ship is part of a three-ship Amphibious Ready Group. The combined ships carry a Marine Expeditionary Unit, Special Operations Capable. My ship is very much like the USS Kearsarge LHD-2. We carry 1700 Marines and an Aircraft Combat Element (ACE). This ACE is made up of six Harrier AV-8B USTOL jets—just like the jets used in the movie "True Lies." We also carry 36 helicopters of different uses, mainly troop transport, and AH-1 Cobra gunships.

The ship has the capability to flood the aft end under water (to 8 feet) to accommodate LCUs. These are small troop carry craft that go right up to the beach and drop a ramp. Also in our inventory is a LCAC (landing craft, air cushion). This is a giant hover craft with a range of over 150 miles at 40 knots (about 55 mph).

To dispel any worries, none of this information is classified. All of this can be researched at a local library. Information that cannot be given out includes current location and areas to which we are heading.

I can say that during our two-week transit across the northern Pacific, we went through three typhoons. These had winds of 75 mph and seas of 25 feet or more. Most people would figure that a ship this size would ride the storm out, but not true. Our ship was rocking and rolling as we call it.

My ship is 805 feet long, with a beam of 106 feet. We are more than 20 stories from mast to keel. We have a crew of about 900 men and women. A very diverse ethnic mixture from around the U.S. and the world. We have personnel from the Philippines, England, Russia and Australia, all coming together to protect our great countries.

Everyone on this ship has to work as a team or we would not be able to fulfill our mission, which is "Forward from the sea." We must be ever present around the globe to be able to protect our interest and for humanitarian aid in the event of a natural disaster.

My job on the ship is not far from what I was doing back in Bradford. I'm a damage controlman, which in civilian terms breaks down to firefighter. I had to go to many schools and get a lot of hands-on training to be able to do my job. Although I was a highly trained firefighter in New Hampshire, shipboard firefighting is much different. First of all, we are not dealing with wood. All steel and everything in it, from bedding and storage components, to ordnance of many types (bombs). In the civilian world, if things get bad, you can evacuate the building and protect exposures. Here, if you have to evacuate, we have to go to lifeboats and abandon ship, something we won't do! My job is to save the ship at all costs, even my life!

A Damage Controlman's job is to keep all firefighting equipment in the highest state of readiness. If something breaks, we can fix it onboard. We also have to train all ship's company in damage control, firefighting, flooding, and shoring weak areas. This ship is a small city in itself. We have our own hospital (300 beds), four operating rooms, a four-chair dental office, post office, bakery, three barber shops, a ship's store, carrying anything one might need, plus our own fully

functional TV station, with current movies and songs.

I started my Naval career in July 1992. I completed three months of basic training in San Diego, then spent four months in damage control school in San Francisco. After that, I was assigned to the USS Peleliu, homeported in Long Beach, California. After six months, we were moved to San Diego, due to the closing of Long Beach Naval Station. I've been in the Navy three years now. I came in ranked as an E-3 (fireman); now I'm an E-5, second class petty officer or non-com (non-commissioned officer).

My main job is to give damage control classes every day to anybody who needs them, from E-1 to O-5. With my job, I meet every new person who comes onboard, and make many new friends.

I hope you will be able to inform your readers of what we are doing out here away from our families for such long times. We were gone for Thanksgiving and will be away for Christmas and New Years. This is my second such deployment in two years. My last one took us to Singapore, Somalia, Kenya and Australia. These tour lengths are 181 days. Last cruise we were only in port for 20 of those days. It's too early to tell how busy we will be this time. I enjoy reading the Bradford Bridge way out here. My mother sends them to me in Care packages. My coworkers like to see a small town paper and see what New England is like.



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Mauri's is no more. At the end of December, Mauri's Hair Design and Tanning Salon was purchased by Lanie Simino of Lempster. According to Mauri Scheffy, the seller, the shop will be closed during the early part of January for refurbishing and then will reopen with a new name and expanded services.



BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

AN ENDURING LOVE
by Sheila M. Cumberworth
and Daniel V. Biles
Thomas Publications
Gettysburg, PA. 1995
Available at Brown Memorial Library

The Enduring Love contains entries from seven diaries written during the Civil War by Bradford residents Benjamin Franklin Pierce and his wife, Harriett Jane Goodwin Pierce. At the time, Franklin was a member of the 14th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, while Hattie and their children lived with his parents on Breezy Hill Road.

The diaries were found by Joseph and Joanne Murname as they remodeled their family's homestead at Bald Eagle Lake, near Minnesota's twin cities. The house had been built in the 1880's by Joanne's grandparents, Archie and Bertha (Pierce) Thompson.

Documents indicate that Hattie was born in Ohio in 1836, the daughter of Vermont natives Sidney and Hannah Hill Goodwin. Some time later the family kept a boarding house in Terra Haute, Indiana, where Pierce boarded. (Yes, Pierce was related to America's 14th president, Franklin Pierce.)

Because some diary entries were obliterated, the family saw them as a curiosity and merely put them aside. Now forty years later, Sheila Murname Cumberworth, great-great-granddaughter of Franklin and Harriet Pierce, has brought the diaries to light with assistance from co-author Daniel V. Biles.

For the most part, diary notations are brief. Overall, both writers report on daily weather and activities. Pierce focuses on Army chores, meals of bread and milk, clearing land, putting up tents, guard duty, and military travels. Hattie's chronicles pertain to family news, harvests, food preservation, neighbor visits, and household chores. Hattie's notations lack punctuation, which her author descendant has fixed in some places; however she kept Hattie's spelling as originally written, i.e. afful (awful). Readers may find themselves smiling, and most certainly will admire Hattie's steadfastness and faith.

In 1865 Pierce received an Army discharge with a disability pension—\$4.00 per month. He died at age 63. Hattie survived him by almost 10 years. Both are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Civil War buffs and Bradford historians will want to purchase this title for their personal libraries.

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

As most everyone knows by now, the Library Trustees, with recommendation from the Library Building Committee, have chosen the former Bradford Central School site for the future library in Bradford. Fundraising will begin this month. This long-term project will involve many ways to earn the monies for this big project.

Everyone who uses the library realizes this major need. The central location will provide ample parking, technical services (all book processing), young adult area, public computers, larger children's area ... these are a few of the services we hope to offer. The main goal is to provide a library that will serve our town for many years to come.

On Thursday, January 18, the Friends of Brown Memorial Library will present Allen Koop from Dartmouth College, giving a slide show and lecture on "The White Mountain Huts: 100 Years of Mountain Hospitality," at 7:00 pm at the library.

We are looking for a VCR loan for the February and March Poet Series sponsored by the Friends. Please call the library if you can loan this item on 2/8, 2/22, 3/7, and 3/21.

We welcome the donation of items for an indoor flea market and book sale to be held in February. Items may be brought in during library hours or call the library for pick up.

New titles recently added.....
Cousins, by Jaffe
Garcia, by Editors of Rolling Stone
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Pavarotti, by Pavarotti
Hundred Secret Senses, by Tan

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THEN AND NOW

by Sandy Wadlington, antique photo courtesy of Steve Hansen



Pleasant View Inn, circa 1920

The Rosewood Country Inn, formerly the Pleasant View Inn, opened in 1896. Entertainment back then was provided by a bowling alley, dance hall, golf course, and a casino. Over the years, guests have included actors Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Gloria Swanson, Charlie Chaplin, and author Jack London.

The inn is currently open 365 days a year; owners Dick and Lesley Marquis have just completed renovating the grand dining room (which seats 100 guests) and have plans to open a restaurant.



Rosewood Country Inn, 1995

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Signed, Bradford Marketplace
 Ron, Barbara, Penny, Cookie & Karen

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



The New Year is here! We seek health, wealth, and happiness. In order to receive, let us remember to be caring, courteous, respectful, and most of all, gentle and loving of one another. Have a good one!

Pork Loin Roast

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| 5 lb pork loin roast | 1/4 C sugar |
| 2 tsp paprika | 2 tsp salt |
| 1/2 tsp pepper | 1/2 tsp garlic salt |
| 1 tsp onion salt | 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce |
| 1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce | 1/2 C lemon juice |
| 1 C vinegar | 1 C water |
| 6 large baking potatoes | 1/3 C melted butter or marg |

Put pork in open roasting pan. Mix remaining ingredients, except potatoes and butter, in saucepan. Heat to boiling. Spoon some over meat. Roast in preheated slow oven (325°) for 3 1/2 hours, brushing occasionally with sauce.

About 1 3/4 hours before meat should be done, peel potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch slices. Place each potato on square of foil. Brush with melted butter; wrap tightly. Put in oven and bake until meat is done. Serves 6.

"White Mountain Huts," talk sponsored by Friends of the Library

The first event of 1996 sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library features a slide talk entitled, "The White Mountain Huts: 100 Years of Mountain Hospitality," by Allen Koop on Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 pm. A New London neighbor and professor at Dartmouth College, Koop has researched the history of the Appalachian Mountain Club's unique backcountry hut system, which provides shelter, food, friendship, and safety for thousands of hikers, skiers, and travelers in the White Mountains. The hut system's story provides a glimpse into New Hampshire's mountain history, tradition and legends.

There are eight AMC huts, spaced a day's hike apart along the Appalachian Trail. They span the White Mountains from Lonesome Lake to Carter Notch and range in surroundings from lowland deciduous woods to alpine tundra. Each hut is operated by young men and women who pack in much of the food and supplies on pack boards weighing 70 lbs when loaded. Hearty meals are served to overnight guests. Daytrippers can enjoy hot soups and cold drinks in season when the huts are open.

Koop is the author of several books, including *Stark Decency: German prisoners of war in a New England village* and *American Evangelical Missionaries in France, 1945-1975*. He balances a busy speaking and teaching schedule with work on two new books and serving as Pastor at churches in Elkins and Wilnot Flat.

The free program, arranged by Laurie Buchar and sponsored by The Friends and the NH Humanities Council, will be held at the library. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Laurie Buchar at 938-5372.

Selectmen approve warrant articles for March Town Meeting

During December, Selectmen have reviewed and approved a number of warrant articles for March Town Meeting. Others will be proposed and reviewed in January. Warrant articles may be submitted by petition until February 6.

Proposed warrant articles to date include:

\$250,000 for repair of two bridges, 80% to be reimbursed by State funds. The bridges are on Fairgrounds Road and West Road, adjacent to the bridge currently being replaced.

\$128,500 for road paving and oiling, including West Road, Cressy Road, and Sunset Hill Road.

\$42,000 for Forest Street repairs from Jackson Road to Rowe Mtn. Road to stabilize it as a class V seasonal road and to meet requirements of a notice of insufficiency presented to the Selectmen in 1993.

\$15,000 for used tractor with cab.

\$10,000 for railings and painting of town bridges to continue to address recommendations in the 1994 Bridge Inspection Report.

\$5,000 for well at transfer station.

\$5,000 capital reserve for ambulance.

\$5,000 capital reserve for reevaluation.

\$5,000 capital reserve for Town Hall repairs.



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Selectmen's meetings in December

December 4 Eastman Steere, chairman of the Facilities Committee, agreed to act as general contractor supervising the Town Hall renovation projects. He was asked to solicit additional bids for the handicapped ramp project because those received appeared to be too high. The possibility of installing a chair lift in the front stairwell in place of an elevator to provide handicapped access to the second floor was discussed. Steere commented that the wall would have to be reinforced, which means a decision on the chair lift must be made before upgrading the stairwell can begin. Selectmen agreed to set money aside for the project while continuing to research it.

The Facilities Committee expressed concern over whether the town sheds meet building code requirements and said the sheds should have a fire alarm system installed.

Selectmen received notification from United Construction that the Fairgrounds Road bridge repair project had been delayed while they waited for materials to be delivered.

Selectmen completed their survey of street lights. The cost to the town has been \$1,100 a month for 72 lights, many of which were not working. They agreed that adequate street lighting could be provided by upgrading every other light on Main Street and High Street to the brighter sodium bulbs. Almost all other town-provided lights will be eliminated.

December 11 In non-public session, the Board and Police Chief Al Grindle discussed requesting a management study of the police department. All agreed to ask the NH Association of Chiefs of Police to conduct a professional management assessment.

Selectmen reviewed and approved budgets for the police, town offices, employee benefits, and civic defense. All were unanimous except the police budget. Approval of the Highway Dept. budget was delayed until a discussion could be held with the road agent.

December 18 Road Agent Andy Anderson met to discuss the Highway Dept. budget. Equipment rental was discussed, with Anderson describing numerous projects which require equipment not owned by the town, including road sweeping and gravel screening. It was suggested that the town look into using the Court Diversion Program for hand mowing along town roads. The parts and repairs line item is being increased because "the equipment is getting older."

Public hearings were held on the Appurtenance Ordinance, the "Standard Operating Procedure, Inclement Weather Conditions" ordinance, and changes to the Town's personnel policy. With no comments from the public, all passed unanimously. Personnel policy changes include offering employees working 15 or more hours/week the opportunity to participate at their expense in the town's health and dental insurance policies.

Natural ice harvest

From early times, ice was a precious commodity. Lakes, ponds, streams and canals provided this natural ice in the winter months. The first ice houses were root cellars. Before spring thaw, the farmer would shovel ice and snow into his root cellar and cover it with meadow grass. By 1830 ice houses were standard farm buildings. In the early 1800's, larger ice houses were built in towns to store the natural ice harvest from local ponds and lakes. Railroad tracks were laid for trains to transport the blocks of ice to huge ice houses in the cities, which supplied America and foreign parts with this natural harvest.


In 1799, blocks of natural ice were transported by ship for the first time from New York City to Charleston, South Carolina. In 1805, the brig Favorite out of Boston arrived in Martinique in the West Indies with 130 tons of natural ice blocks. By 1815 Cuba and India were being supplied by America's natural ice. In 1847, Boston records show 51,887 tons of ice sent to coastal ports in America and 22,591 tons sent abroad. In 1894, there were more than ten thousand ice cutters in America harvesting natural ice in the winter months. The monetary value for these tons of block ice from Boston was well over the million-dollar mark. Natural ice was a major business in America. Today fragments of ice house foundations and railroad tracks near ponds and lakes are the only evidence of this once vital natural ice industry.

-Jeanne Bradley, Muster Field Farm Museum



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

We welcome 1996 with a good white cover of 1995 snow. How welcome it is to have the insulating blanket on the perennial gardens and the shrubs; it has not been this way for several years. Here in Bradford the temperature has been moderate, not too warm to melt the snow, though it has settled some, nor is it so cold as to make being outside very uncomfortable. Let's hope it stays that way for the next two months. I think we all welcome the longer afternoon daylight hours.

Garden catalogs keep coming in with brilliant color photos of new vegetables and flowers, quite different from those black and whites of a couple decades ago!

It seems that technology has proceeded along at a great pace. Last week my daughter brought me a catalog she has used to acquire new peonies for her gardens. It is twenty-four pages, slick, and every photo in color... nineteen pages devoted to peonies! It is unusual that even the well recognized mail order companies list more than five or six different herbaceous peonies and the same number of tree peonies. This catalog describes well over 150 varieties. Reath's Nursery, County Road 577, N-195, Vulcan, MI 49892 truly specializes. It so happens that David Reath has corralled the works of hybridizers Gratwick, Sanders, Siedl, as well as his own, supplemented by many Japanese varieties for this catalog. It was interesting to me that I ran across the work of a New York tree peony hybridizer I worked with on managing his farm forest back in the early 50's. He pointed out some of his prizes which I could have had for \$50 to \$60, which was half price. Much as I coveted them, those prices were far beyond my means.

These plants are grown in northern Michigan, which proves their hardiness. Most gardeners avoid tree peonies both from lack of familiarity with the plant and concern for its hardiness. Tree peonies bloom much earlier than herbaceous (the usual ones we have in our yards) followed by spring bulbs, in turn followed by herbaceous varieties. Colors of tree peonies range from yellow, white through pink, red and purple, single, semi-double to double petaled.

The bird population at my backyard feeders has fallen off dramatically the last couple of weeks. My sparrows have disappeared. The only residents, few in number, seem to be the "little grey birds," the few chickadees, a pair of small nuthatches, the larger single nuthatch, and a pair of titmice. The other day I noticed a larger grey bird, robin-sized, which I thought was a Canada Jay. But "he" seemed

to sit around motionless, which is not characteristic of jays. The chickadees froze in place and seemed to disappear. This a.m. I noticed my grey jay was staring at the ground, working his way down the lilac bush, when he dove into the snow and came up with a grey mouse, pulled it apart and flew off with it. There was the clue. It was a Northern Shrike, very helpfully reducing the rodent population. He returned after an hour and assumed his vigil watching the ground.

Now is the time to be checking out the seed starting equipment if you start your own seedlings. Much has been done to make the process more pleasant and less stressful. The old days of setting the newly seeded plant flats on top of the refrigerator to take advantage of the waste heat or using a heating pad from the sick room to set the flats on a cool spot are past. Now there are plastic seed starting trays available in several sizes in which heating cables may be placed, covered with soil into which seeds may be placed and where they will sprout. Some of these plant trays may be of the type in which one may place wicks from a bowl below which will draw up water to keep the soil uniformly wet, then growlites above will make even a dark, cool room into what may be called a grow-chamber so that after your seeds have been chosen, then planted, growing healthy stocky plants "is a piece of cake."

January is the time to read the catalogs, prepare plans for the '96 garden, make lists of needed supplies, then order starting soil, seeds, equipment ... and clear the decks, or the dining room table, for the fun job ... planting seeds. Good luck!

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Richard Ober, senior director of communications and development for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and co-author of the recently published book, *The Northern Forests*, will present a slide program at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting on Friday, January 12, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London.

Ober's slides document the drama of a rural society struggling to maintain itself in one of America's last great forests - the 26 million acre Northern Forest of New England and New York. The Northern Forest is the largest contiguous woodland east of the Mississippi River. New Hampshire's share of this tract is a 1.2 million acre "woodlot" providing 12,000 jobs in a \$1.5 billion forestry business.

A four-year study by the Northern Forests Land Council and the subsequent Northern Forest Stewardship Act being considered in Congress would work to support the forest products industry, retain large tracts of land for managed forestry, while at the same time preserving the forest ecology.

Copies of Richard Ober's book will be available for purchase at the meeting. A reminder, too, that the Soo-Nipi Chapter Library, under the supervision of librarian Amy Whitlock, loans books at each meeting on a variety of environmental subjects. For information, call Clare Benaley at 938-5482.

A Gloucester, Mass. Cape Ann winter birding trip will be led by birder Bob Vernon on Saturday, January 20. Participants should bring lunch and binoculars and meet Bob at Warner Park and Ride, Exit 9, I-89, at 8:00 am. This is an excellent opportunity for beginning birders to hone their skills and for the experienced ones to note the unusual sighting as they search for seagulls, ducks, grebes, and the "unexpected." While most observations will take place in the vicinity of the vehicles, folks should be prepared for a quarter-mile walk in the cold. For details, call Bob at 526-6216. Storm date will be Sunday, January 21. —Phyllis Curtiss

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January Calendar

Tuesday, January 2

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, January 3

PTC, KRES, 7:00
free babysitting

Library Trustees, Library, 7:15
open to the public

Monday, January 8

Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

KRSD School Board, Bradford Elementary School, 7:15

Tuesday, January 9

KRSD facilities/school board meeting, High School, 7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, January 10

Revolving Loan Com., Town Hall, 7:00

Forest Management program, Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, 7:30

Thursday, January 11

Bradford/Newbury Workshop, Clare Bentley's, 11:00 am

KRSD School Board, Sutton Elementary, S. Sutton, 7:15

Friday, January 12

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Prizes, refreshments, beginners welcome.
Sponsored by Fish & Game

Monday, January 15

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, 7:00

Tuesday, January 16

BWC luncheon meeting, Signorino's, 11:30 am

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

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, January 17

Budget Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, January 18

"White Mountain Huts," slide program sponsored by Friends of the Library, Library, 7:00; see article, page 17

Monday, January 22

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, January 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, January 24

Historical Society Archive Workshop, Winches', 1:00-3:00

Thursday, January 25

KRSD School Board, Simonds Elementary, Warner, 7:15

Friday, January 26

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Prizes, refreshments, beginners welcome.
Sponsored by Food Pantry

Sunday, January 28

"Town Meeting" play rehearsal, Town Hall, 2:00

Monday, January 29

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

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

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