



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

Steven Obermiller
High Street Art Studios
see page 13

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

March 1997

Co-op ownership involves no financial liability ... it's a fact!

Many people interested in participating in the Bradford Area Cooperative have expressed concern about exposing themselves to a financial liability. This month's co-op article will attempt to dispel that worry.

Ownership of shares in the Bradford Area Cooperative does not expose owners to any financial liability beyond the possible loss of their \$100 equity purchase. When individuals purchase four shares of co-op equity for \$100, their purchase is refundable, except for a \$7.00 service charge. Requesting a refund is a voluntary termination of membership, for which the individual loses all ownership rights and privileges. Refund terms may require replacement capital. Of course, the cooperative is looking for as many owners as possible to support the organization/business. So we hope to keep our owners happy and involved. In the worst case, should the cooperative open the business and later fail, the MOST that owners could lose would be their \$100 investment.

The Bradford Area Cooperative has been formed under NH corporate law. This means the four shares purchased for \$100 are similar, for this purpose, to purchasing shares of IBM or Lake Sunapee Bank. Shareholders are protected by law from ANY responsibility to cover financial losses on the part of the corporation. In fact, here's the applicable RSA: "301-A:19. Liability of Members. Members shall not be jointly or severally liable for association debts; nor shall a subscriber be liable except to the extent of the unpaid amount on his membership fee."

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Community Visit team collects info

"Amazement at the spirit and volunteerism" was the response given by Kelly Goddard, Executive Director of the NH Rural Development Council, to describe what she'd seen during the day-long Community Visit on February 27. Jeff Taylor, Director of the NH Office of State Planning, said he saw the problems in the village area as "identifiable and solvable." He said having a village center is an opportunity not all communities have ... in other words, "The glass is half full, not half empty."

Fourteen "experts" from around the state came to Bradford to "listen" to residents. Meetings were organized by the Economic Development Steering Committee, focused on topics, such as tourism, revitalization, business, and town officials. During the day, three teams each met with three groups of residents. They also were given a tour of the town and ended the day with an evening session at the town hall. Our level of participation was one of the highest the team had seen, having conducted about ten other community visits.

According to Goddard, what happens next is the team will meet to discuss what they heard and saw.

■ See VISIT, page 5

The School District Charter Proposal by Dick Keller

To be or not to be! That is the question as the school district's charter is presented to voters. If approved by a majority of voters, the charter will change the way the school district conducts the annual district meeting. Adoption or rejection will take place by ballot vote in conjunction with the election of school district officers at the upcoming March town meeting.

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l to r: Michael Campbell, Wausau Loss Control, Peter Moyer, NKC President, Sally Moyer, NKC Safety Officer, John Herrick, NKC V.P., Bernadette Duchesneau, Asst. V.P. Willis Corroon, "Skip" Kendall, Board Chair, Willis Corroon, Jack Jarvis, Mgr., Safety Training & Injury Prevention, NH DOL, Craig Frank, Asst. V.P. Willis Corroon, Robert Griffin, VP & Dir, Loss Control Services, Willis Corroon.

NKC receives safety award

On February 11, the New Kearsarge Corporation was presented with the Wausau Insurance Companies' Safety Achievement Award. During 1996, employees at NKC worked 43,435 hours without a significant lost-time work-related injury. The commendation read "Wausau Insurance Companies is proud to honor the performance of all of the employees of the New Kearsarge Corporation in the promotion of all aspects of management workers compensation loss controls and safe working conditions and prac-

tices, and provide inspiration for the continuation of the high level of safety awareness that the employees of the New Kearsarge Corporation have achieved."

Also speaking at the award ceremony was Jack Jarvis, Manager of Safety Training and Injury Prevention at the NH Dept. of Labor.

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Kathy Russell resigns position as Selectmen's secretary

Selectmen announced at their February 24 meeting that, at the end of her leave of absence, Kathy Russell has resigned as their secretary. Assistant Deb Johnson has also given notice, but will continue working until April 1. Sue-Ann Siarto, Kathy's temporary replacement, will continue to work part-time until the birth of her baby. Selectmen are seeking applicants for the position (see ad on page 20).

Living in Bradford

SCHOOL MEETING

Saturday, March 8
9:00 am, High School

TOWN MEETING VOTING

Tuesday, March 11
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Bradford Elementary

MEETING

Wednesday, March 12
7:00 pm
Bradford Elementary

OBITUARY**Bette Lou Butman**

Bette Lou Butman, 58, of the King Road Individual Care Home, Chichester, died suddenly on February 20 at Concord Hospital.

She was born in Concord, the daughter of Carroll and Muriel (Bryant) Butman. She was a lifelong resident of Bradford until moving to Chichester four years ago.

She is survived by a sister, Brenda Argereov of Bath; two nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

OBITUARY**Jane W. Simonds**

Jane (Webb) Simonds, 86, of Lyon Brook, died February 9 at her home after a long illness.

She was born in Albion, N.Y., the daughter of Orville and Gertrude (Wilcox) Webb. She moved to New London in 1992, previously living in Bradford since 1979.

She was a member of the Bradford Women's Club and the Peterborough Garden Club.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Simonds, who died in 1986.

She is survived by a nephew, Garritt Simonds of Peterborough and a niece, Janet Sweetland of Martinez, Calif.

1997 Artists & Artisans Exhibition will be held in August

The Artists & Artisans Committee announces that an exhibition will be held on Saturday, August 16. All area artists are invited to compile work for display. Information and sign-up forms will be mailed at a later date.

For information, questions, or to have your name added to the mailing list, please call Amy Blitzer (938-5952) or Marj Messer (938-5355).

Bradford Historical Society Notes

On Wednesday, March 26, at 7:30 pm at the Old Post Office Headquarters for the Society, the adjourned Annual Meeting will precede the regular March meeting. At that time, a slate of officers will be elected to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

The program for the March meeting will be a review by Milly Kittredge, archivist, of the additions to our collection. Members are encouraged to bring interested friends and prospective members. We will also be discussing plans for the future.

If the weather continues to be pleasant, the building may well be opened regularly on Saturdays from 1:30 until 3:30 during the month of March. Please phone 938-5386 before you come, just to be sure.

Candidates' night on March 5

The BWC invites all to our "Candidates' Night," on Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 pm at Bradford Elementary. It's a good chance to see the people willing to take an active part in the town's government and hear their ideas. Please call Jane Lucas at 938-2570 if you need a ride.

The nominating committee, made up of Lu Signorino, Jean Gaito, and Clare Bensley, was elected at the February meeting. If you or someone you know is interested in holding an office, please get in touch with a member.

March 18, 1:00 pm, in the church vestry, our monthly meeting will include "Youth Sports in Bradford," presented by Scott MacLean and Kevin Daniels. --Jane Lucas

REMINDER

Town Meeting, a two-act comedy, will be performed Saturday, March 1, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Tickets available at the door.

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

Jane Simonds died February 9.

Vital record not previously reported: Anthony Page and Jean Page were married on December 20, 1996.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax lien letters went out February 14.

Tax deed letters will go out by March 1.

The Town will take tax deed on April 1, 1997 for any taxes levied for the 1994 tax year that have not been paid by March 31, 1997.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 2:00-7:00; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon. Telephone: 938-2288, 938-2094.

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Town budget reviewed at well-attended hearing by Milly Kittredge

At the February 13 town budget hearing, the selectmen recommended an operating budget of \$937,733 and warrant articles of \$301,511, for a total budget of \$1,239,244. The Budget Committee recommended an operating budget of \$976,513 and warrant articles of \$849,511, totaling \$1,826,024. If all articles pass, the estimated tax increase would be \$4.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. This would make the town portion of property taxes about \$11.00 (to which is added school and county portions, unknown at this time). Last year's tax rate was \$27 per thousand.

The difference in operating budget figures reflects the selectmen not recommending \$40,000 for the library capital reserve fund. The difference in warrant article figures reflects the Budget Committee recommending the library bond article of \$550,000, which the Selectmen do not recommend. The Budget Committee explained that it recommended the library bond in order that the voters have the opportunity to decide on the matter. Should an article in excess of 10% of the budget as recommended by the Budget Committee pass, the funds would have to come from other line items, which could cause substantial problems with the town finances. The Selectmen do recommend \$2,000 for a boat launch attendant at Lake Massasecum, which the Budget Committee does not approve.

There are 35 warrant articles. Seven deal with modifying zoning laws and the elderly

exemption. Among the big money items are a new highway truck (\$70,000), town hall renovation (\$50,000), road sealing (\$152,000), fire tanker repair (\$8,000), and the new public library bond issue (\$550,000 total, \$415,000 from bond, \$70,000 from capital reserve, \$25,000 from library funds, and \$36,800 from general taxation).

Chris Frey, previous long-term Budget Committee member, felt the committee had not cut deeply enough. Kathy Grindle spoke for the Police Department, stating that warrant articles for another radar and updated computers were not published. The matter will be taken under advisement by both boards.

On the cheery side, a new worker's comp insurance rating dropped the town's bill by nearly \$10,000.

You are urged to get a copy of the budget and warrants, available at the Town Hall, and spend an hour calmly familiarizing yourself with them all. And come to town meeting and vote.

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Letters



To the editor:

This month, John Signorino will step aside as Selectman, turning his post over to another. The townspeople may not know how many hours John spent working within his position and how much heart he invested in this endeavor. I didn't know John very well before working with him in the Selectmen's office, but I came to admire him greatly. John didn't make decisions without listening and laboring over all sides of the issues. His patience, reasonable approach, kindness, humor, and thinking process have helped to guide this town through large and small problems.

Thank you John for all of the blood, sweat, and tears. Enjoy your retirement with plenty of travel and fun.

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To the editor:

Bradford has the right stuff. As a community, Bradford has consistently shown by its commitment to do the right thing that, when given all the information and alternatives, we don't shirk from our responsibilities. Bradford two years ago passed the Capital Improvement Program which, when activated by the Planning Board, will look at all the capital needs of the town government and put capital items on a prioritized schedule. Of course, if at town meeting we wish to alter the schedule or priorities, it would be our decision. Also, two years ago, we undertook to update our master plan. Much work has been done in this regard and we look forward to seeing the results. It should be noted, however, that in order for a master plan to reflect the needs of the community, it should be updated on a regular basis (approximately every 3-5 years). Five years ago, we formed the Road Committee, tasked to evaluate our roads and bridges and prioritize and schedule repairs. To date, great progress has been made, with bridges replaced and roads rebuilt and/or resurfaced. What remains to be done is to get the information and schedule on our roads and bridges into the hands of our citizens so that they can have the opportunity to see the big picture and appreciate all the effort that has and is being put into our roads and bridges.

Recently, the Selectmen appointed an Economic Development Committee to look at ways of improving the economic health of our community. To that end, the NH Rural Development Council was asked to hold a Community Visit in Bradford, a "listening day," which occurred on February 27. People were able to voice their views to professionals, who will collate all the information they were given and come back with ways and resources which we could use to achieve our goals.

Twenty-five years ago, because there was no public funding for kindergarten, we, the community, agreed to allow a co-op kindergarten to use our town building, and we have voted financial support over the years. Today, there is still no funding for public kindergarten. However, our town government space needs have increased and the kindergarten has been told to vacate the building as of June 1, 1997. **THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT STUFF!** We, as a community, must stand up and be heard on this issue. Statewide we hope that there will soon be funding for public kindergarten, and we should all work toward that end. But let's not be shortsighted and callous to our local families and their children. Giving our children the right start will pay great dividends in the future.

The future ... this leads me to the following thoughts. One, we are contemplating a new library at a new location. Two, we have been told that our town offices are too small. Three, the police study and facilities report both recommend better police quarters. Four, meeting space for public meetings is limited. Five, the village area lacks vitality.

The thought that is screaming at me is that ... We need a plan, man! Piecemeal won't do. Patchwork won't do. Burying our heads in the sand won't do. Being negative won't do. Pity parties won't do. Blaming the other guy won't do. What WILL work is supporting a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of our community now and in the future. I urge you, at every opportunity, to ask if what we are doing today will get us where we want to be in three, five, and ten years. If our leaders can't tell us where they'd like us to be in three, five, and ten years, then let's educate them. Let's focus on common goals and let's reach them together.

Read in the *Monitor*: "Cynicism is the imagination of the mediocre."

Tom Scribner



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BNKP asks for your support

by Mary Keegan-Dayton and Janet Bauer

The future of the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool is in jeopardy. Bradford Selectmen have told the kindergarten to vacate the space at the town hall at the end of this school year (June 1997). In addition, the Selectmen have proposed a warrant article which, if passed, will result in the elimination of space for the kindergarten. Their warrant article includes money (\$50,000) to renovate the first floor of the town hall in order to convert it into office space, even though no plans have been drawn up.

The kindergarten has held discussions with the Selectmen over the last few years regarding the space issue. BNKP board members have researched alternative classroom sites and found nothing that meets state and fire code regulations. BNKP is licensed by the State of NH and must abide by state regulations. For example, there are specific codes regarding the number of children per square foot, appropriate fire exits, limited steps leading up or down to the classroom, etc.

BNKP has used the classroom in the town hall for 25 years. In 1970, a group of parents from Bradford, Newbury and Sutton formed the Bradford Cooperative Kindergarten. They wanted to provide a kindergarten program for the children of the three towns at a very low and affordable cost to parents. Space was available at that time in the town hall.

To gain a historical perspective, the town hall was moved to Main Street in 1863. Public school was held on the first floor in two classrooms on the east and west sides of the building. Town hall was on the second floor. This arrangement lasted 74 years, until the Central School was built in 1937. In 1970, Bradford Cooperative Kindergarten moved into the old primary classroom on the west side of the building. An agreement was drawn up in 1973 between the Bradford Selectmen and the kindergarten to allow use of this room. The agreement listed responsibilities assumed by the kindergarten. The kindergarten paid rent until March of 1973.

At that town meeting, the town voted to allow the use of the town hall to all organizations free of charge. This included the kindergarten, another town organization.

The kindergarten has appreciated town support for 25 years. Because it is a non-profit organization, with tuition kept low, the school has relied upon community support, fund-raising, donations, scholarship monies from a few town organizations, and the towns of Bradford (which donates \$500 per year, plus free rent) and Newbury (\$2,500). The Kearsarge Regional School District recognizes and utilizes our kindergarten by paying tuition for certain students over the years.

Through 27 school years, the BNKP has provided kindergarten to more than 400 children. This school is one of the great things about Bradford. The fire department, rescue squad, police department, town offices, library, road crew, and all the other great town organizations are what make a community great. Let's not lose the kindergarten.

In response to this dilemma, a separate warrant article will address this space issue at town meeting. BNKP wants to stay in the classroom at the town hall until such time as a space becomes available in town that meets our licensing standards, or public kindergarten becomes available.

Please support the children of the area who need the opportunity to prepare for their entry into the public educational system by rejecting warrant article 14 to renovate the town hall and supporting article 33, which would allow the citizens of Bradford to decide the disposition of kindergarten in our community.

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition Hikes for March ... and Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 4. Hike in Sutton ending with a gourmet picnic. Call Ruth White (763-4893) for details.

Saturday, March 15. Hike along Mountain Brook to Huntoon Pond on the east side of Ragged Mountain. Call Bill Hoffman (735-5827) for details.

Saturday, March 16. Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, Route 11, New London. Potluck supper (5:00 - 6:00) and annual meeting (6:00-6:30). Program will begin at 6:30, with Dave Thurlow giving a talk entitled "Home of the World's Worst Weather-The Story of Mt. Washington." Dave Thurlow is the project director of the Mountain Washington Observatory. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Call Ruth White (763-4893) or Natalie Davis (763-5320) to let them know what you are bringing to the potluck supper.

The following people completed walking the entire Greenway and will receive certificates of recognition at the meeting: Neil and Wanda Wallace, Glenda Cottrill, Sylvia Dowd, Alice Perry, Loa Winter.

VISIT, from page 1

They'll generate a draft report, which will be reviewed by each team member, as well as the Economic Development Steering Committee. Once the final report is prepared, the RDC will schedule a public meeting (in about two months) to present the report and to discuss with the community what assistance they can offer.

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Bradford-Newbury Workshop news

On March 13, we'll meet at noon for our annual IFFY, or student exchange program, and luncheon. Switzerland will be our subject; members will bring Swiss dishes they've prepared. In addition, Susan Tonnar, a social worker in the Newport area, will speak after the luncheon and offer some upbeat and helpful hints for constructive grandparenting in this changing era. Susan's specialties are family relations and stress management.

Anyone who didn't receive a recipe for the Exchange program and would like to attend may call Clare Bensley, 938-5482.



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Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

American Baptist Women's Ministries. Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 pm. Guest speaker: Mr. Fred Winch. Topic: Gardening.

Computer Club. The second meeting will be held in the vestry on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 pm. Beginners and intermediate users are welcome.

Women's Christian Guild. The Women will meet in the vestry on Friday, March 7 at 11:30 am, for the first of several planning sessions, followed by a bag luncheon. Those interested will carpool to the First Baptist Church in New London for the World Day of Prayer program, sponsored by the Ragged Kearsarge Unit of Church Women United.

Spaghetti Supper. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 8. There will be two seatings: 5:00 and 6:00. Menu will be spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread, coffee, and a home-made dessert. Tickets are \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 children under 12 and no more than \$15.00 per family. The supper is sponsored by our older youth group.

Membership Class. Men and women interested in exploring membership in the church will meet at the Fiske House on Sunday, March 9 at 11:30 am.

Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry will be open on Wednesday, March 19, 6:00-7:00 pm. Food can be picked up at other times by calling the church office (938-5313).

Men's Fellowship. The men will meet on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 at the home

of Clarke Phillips. The men always have a great time playing ping pong and pool.

Variety Show. Do you remember the Bunny Hop? the Jitter Bug? Songs by Doris Day and Elvis Presley, just to name a few? Take a trip down memory lane and come to the "Fabulous Fifties" Variety Show on Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, at the Bradford Elementary School, beginning at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and will benefit the church's building fund. For ticket information, call 938-2716 or 938-2095.

Palm Sunday Service. On Sunday, March 23, the theme for our worship service will be "Make a Joyful Noise." The service will be almost entirely a musical one.

Youth Groups. Both youth groups (grades 4-12) will enjoy recreational swimming at Hogan's Sports Center in New London on Sunday, March 23. Youth are asked to meet in the church parking lot at 1:30. Pick-up time in the parking lot will be 4:00. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Permission slips are a must.

Maundy Thursday Service. March 27, 7:30 pm. The service will include Portrayal of the Last Supper, Reflections of the Twelve Disciples, Portrayal of the Footwashing, Communion and the Office Tenebrae.

Good Friday. The sanctuary of the church will be open for prayer and meditation from noon until 3:00 pm on Friday, March 28.

Easter Sunrise Service. This service will be held in the front lawn of the church on Sunday, March 30, at approximately 5:30 am (exact time will be announced at a later date). The service is sponsored by the First Freewill Baptist Church, S. Newbury Union Church, and First Baptist - Bradford. There will be a Children's story as well as youth participation in the service.

Easter Breakfast. A breakfast will be served immediately following the Sunrise service in the church vestry. A freewill offering will be taken.

Easter Service. Our Easter Service will begin at 10:00 am on Sunday, March 30.

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Legislative Report by Representative Barbara Conner French

This being my first column in the *Bradford Bridge*, I would like to take a few moments to introduce myself. I am currently serving my second term in the NH House of Representatives (although not consecutive), representing the towns of Bradford and Henniker.

I would also like to take this time to offer some thanks. First, I would like to thank the voters of Bradford and Henniker for giving me the opportunity to represent you in the House. It is truly an honor to serve you. I would also like to thank the *Bradford Bridge* for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts on issues in the State House. I plan to use this column to keep you informed and up-to-date on issues we are all concerned about.

I am serving on the House Health and Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee, which deals primarily with health care, other health-related issues, and welfare. These are areas which use my experience and expertise.

One of the most important bills that I have sponsored this session is HB 765, which establishes an osteoporosis prevention, education and treatment program. The Department of Public Health is developing a Women's Health Issues program, which currently contains components dealing with breast cancer and cardiovascular diseases. My bill would help provide an osteoporosis component to the program. In 1996, there were more than 94,000 New Hampshire women with osteoporosis and low bone mass. In 1995, there were approximately 1,000 osteoporosis-related hospitalizations in New Hampshire, resulting in \$9 million in health care costs. My bill would assist in prevention and early detection, resulting in not only massive savings in health care expenses for the state, but perhaps more importantly, it would result in a better quality of

life for New Hampshire citizens. It was passed out of committee on February 27.

In other news, my Property Tax Resolution, which urges the Governor and the House to take action to bring about much needed property tax relief, has passed the Local and Regulated Revenues Committee and is headed for the floor.

Also, as it became clear that the Governor's budget was not going to rely on revenues from the expansion of gambling, and the two pro-gambling bills were withdrawn, I withdrew my bill to study the issue of gambling to prevent any gambling expansion advocates from using my bill to bring the gambling issue to the floor.

As always, feel free to contact me (428-3366) at any time with issues or concerns of importance to you. I am excited to share this column with my constituents and I look forward to doing it again in two months.

Mud Season Mind Clearing Literary Series continues at library

Sessions three and four of the 1997 American Short Story series will be held in March. Each session features a video and short story discussions led by Professor Patrick Anderson. All are welcome to attend and participate. Texts are available beforehand at the library. For information, call Laurie Buchar at 938-5372.

March 6, 7:00-9:00. *The Displaced Person*, by Flannery O'Connor. A Polish refugee of World War II seems a threat to the farm workers in Georgia where he is relocated.

March 20, 7:00-9:00. *The Music School*, by John Updike. A contemporary writer struggles to find sustenance in a world of technology, violence and rapid change.

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As I See It!*by Joe Conway, Selectman*

Just about this time 12 months ago, I was busy evaluating our community, searching for answers to many of our problems, and trying to relate my ideas and discoveries to you the citizens in the hope that I would be elected to the open selectman's seat in our town. Well, here we are a year later ... I got my wish (?) and what have we accomplished?

1996 was a year of learning, understanding, tying loose ends and initiating ground work to build the future. Our town has gained needed ground in our efforts to initiate change, identify ourselves and plan as a community. Through these efforts, the water/sewer study will be completed this spring, the new/updated master plan will be finalized and adopted, community/economic development initiatives are being launched, and the capital improvement plan instituted.

But, as I observe the positive movements toward a healthy community, I also am dismayed by the overwhelming complacency of many residents. It is absolutely amazing! Here we have an immensely diverse and talented pool of individuals, yet few of them are willing to get involved. Our future is directly tied to the efforts of our community members. It is only a matter of time before those carrying the weight become disillusioned and step aside. Case in point: look at this year's list of (lack of) candidates for town offices. Enough said!

"Our Community" stands poised to embark on the challenging journey of revitalization. We must mobilize grass roots efforts to energize partnerships and take action. But most important, we must join together, listen, and work with each other.

As we approach Town Meeting, please take time to review the various warrant articles and understand the effect of each on the future of our community. Some are ill-conceived with no basis in a well-planned approach to solving this community's issues. Others make sense and take into consideration the bigger picture and impact of funding. You must decide the direction we will take into the future. Don't let the momentum we've started fall prey to minority negative attitudes.

It is far more challenging to see opportunities and find ways to make things happen than it is to criticize or give way to complacency. The rewards however, are not the same. It is said that nothing worthwhile comes easy!

One year ago, you gave me your vote of confidence, a chance to make a difference to this community. When you vote again this year, make a difference ... let's keep the movement going.

Then ...
by Milly Kittredge

Starts on cold mornings. Emission control biodegradable. Assembly on farm.
Photo from Butman/Sargent collection.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from
the Kearsarge Independent
selected by Sandy Wadlington

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - March 1897

Miss Mabel M. Davis is enjoying a fortnight's vacation at home in Bradford, from the high school in Warner, which she has attended for the past two terms.

John French went to Concord, on Saturday, to do business.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - March 1947

The annual school meeting will be held on March 11 at the town hall following town meeting. There are two special articles on the warrant. The first is to see if the district will grant a \$950 bonus to the teachers for the year 1946-47. The second special article is to see if the district will raise and appropriate \$85 for a refrigerator for the Central School lunch program, the Federal government to pay an equal amount.

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

1870 town report... Our schools are growing smaller .. are we becoming a less producing people? Is it the climate, the food we eat, or our manner of living? As our flocks decrease, so do our children; will we again be wilderness? Why not avert it and seek a remedy. *[Guaranteed not to be a subject in 1997 school report.]*

Thank you, everyone who informed me of my name slip in the Del Stevens query. And those of you who didn't, why didn't you? Mr. Stevens was born in 1866 and came east from Wisconsin. He was active on the school board, was the police chief, and a selectman after his custodianship of Harry K. Thaw.

Pearle Woods, of rug hooking fame, and who still owns a home on Bible Hill, alerts us that Alma Davis will celebrate her 99th birthday March 31. Alma and Wesley lived at Sunshine Farm on Route 103 while it was still a gravel road with the railroad running past. Alma was a nurse, worked in Manchester, and later Claremont, commuting by train. Wesley was a conductor on the Concord Claremont line and when Alma was home, she would wave as Wesley rode by. Melvins Mills was a community with store, station, several clubs, and at one time a school. Alma was active in the Grange, Good Will Circle there, and Rebekahs in Bradford. She had ducks which swam down the river to Melvins, but would speed back up when she called them at feeding time. Alma is perky, with a fine memory, plays cards and bingo, and her address is Odd Fellows Home, 200 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301.

Next month, we'll have some expert help with the history of Sunshine Farm.

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In the Woods, by Chris Lincoln

While impending springtime thoughts for a forester ought to be focused on sap buckets or truck weight limits on muddy back roads, another springtime ritual comes to mind ... income taxes. As April 15 approaches, I am not alone in the contemplation of tax guides, tables and forms. If you are the owner of forest land, and especially if you have received income from a recent timber sale, your tax situation may be complex.

Most landowners don't consider the tax implications of their forestry activities until they have had a timber sale and suddenly realize they are going to have to pay income tax on all the checks the logger has been sending them. However, it is advisable to think about the taxes associated with owning forest land well in advance of a timber sale.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember when dealing with forest tax issues is to keep thorough and detailed records. This includes not only documenting forestry-related costs, expenses, and income, but also keeping a log of the number of hours a landowner has worked on his or her property in forestry-related pursuits.

One commonly asked question regarding forestry and taxes is: Which operating expenses and management costs can I deduct from my income taxes? Nothing is every simple ... the answer will depend on how your forestry activity is viewed by the IRS. A forestry enterprise may be categorized in one of three ways: an investment, an active business, or a passive business. Forestry-related expenses are treated differently within each category.

Most forest landowners, especially owners of small parcels with infrequent activity, treat their forest as an investment. In this category, management expenses are deduct-

ible against income from any source ... but only if, when added to other miscellaneous itemized deductions, they exceed 2% of adjusted gross income.

The most advantageous category from a tax standpoint is as an active business. Management expenses are fully deductible against income from any source. However, to qualify for this category, landowners must demonstrate that they are actively involved in the day-to-day operation of the "business." From the IRS viewpoint, this means a landowner must put in a minimum of 100 hours of participation per tax year. This is why keeping good records is so important. Work can include such activities as road maintenance, boundary line maintenance, timber stand improvement, or planting trees.

The passive business category may be beneficial to a landowner who has significant income from passive activities other than forestry. Other passive income sources may include such things as limited partnerships or rental properties. Management expenses are deductible only against aggregate income from passive activities and only up to that income.

Another common question is: Do I have to pay income tax on all the money I received in a timber sale? Again, the answer depends on your situation. In general, timber sale income is treated as a capital gain; however, income tax rates on capital gains are presently the same as for ordinary income. Despite this, it is possible to reduce the taxable income from a timber sale by "depletion of the timber basis." In essence, the timber basis refers to the acquisition cost of the timber. When timber is later sold, this basis can be adjusted or depleted for that portion

of timber sold and deducted from the sale income before computing the income tax.

To realize this tax savings, you must first determine the original timber basis. This is most easily calculated at the time of acquisition. A forester can conduct a timber inventory and determine the fair market value of the timber or its basis. The original basis can be calculated at a later time as well; however, it's more complicated and expensive. Owners who acquired timber land many years ago and have not established a basis may find that the cost to determine the basis is more than will be realized in tax savings. Generally, the larger the tract and the more valuable the timber, the further back in time it will pay to determine the basis. So if you have recently purchased forest land and plan to harvest timber sometime in the future, it's a good idea to hire a forester and have the original basis determined sooner rather than later.

One little known tax incentive available to forest owners is the reforestation tax credit. While reforestation by planting is not very common in the northeast, there are situations where it may be desirable. Federal tax law allows for ten percent of reforestation expenses for the first \$10,000 per tax year to be taken as a direct tax credit. The balance can be amortized over a seven-year period, as an adjustment to gross income, whether or not the owner itemizes deductions. This means that up to \$1,000 can be claimed as a tax credit, not just a deduction. Expenses may include site preparation, planting labor and stock, and tending young plantations. This provision can turn a long-term investment into an affordable consideration.

Tax issues and forestry can be complicated and confusing, but understanding a few key points and keeping good records are a start to minimizing your tax liability.

Chris Lincoln is a consulting forester with New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. and lives and works in Bradford.

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Candidates for town offices

To provide the community with information on this year's candidates, the Bridge asked them to answer four questions: 1) Why do you want to serve? 2) What are the most important issues you will have to address? 3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of office? 4) What are your qualifications? Their responses follow.

Lance Rickenberg, Selectman

1. I want to be able to represent the residents of this community. I believe that town officers work for the people and not the other way around. I want to hear from the people; I want to know their thoughts so I can represent them.

2. Right off, the hiring process for a new Chief of Police. Dealing with the aftermath of the contamination of Main Street, in order to restore the values of the properties so they don't sell for just the price of back taxes. And restore the reputation and credibility of Bradford.

3. Having a Selectman who will hear the voices of townspeople and not ignore them so small programs grow to big lawsuits. Having open lines of communication will allow us to put people who share the same thoughts and ideas together so they can organize and work together to get things accomplished smoother and faster. I would also like to increase voter registration and involvement with government and the workings of the town.

4. I have experience in state and federal legislation, as well as business experience and leadership skills in several organizations.

Dick Vitale, write-in candidate for Selectman

1. I want the people of Bradford to have a choice when they vote for Selectman. Bradford needs leadership in every aspect of the community. With my background, I feel that I am in a position to assist in providing that leadership. When I became acquainted with the town I found that volunteerism is one of its major resources. Among other things, I hope to encourage others to come forward when called. I want to give my time to the community and, since retiring from my position as Chief Check Pilot with a major air carrier, I have the time. That is why I decided to run for the position of Selectman as a write-in. Having made this decision, I am withdrawing my candidacy for the positions on the Budget Committee and the ZBA. I encourage residents to volunteer to serve as alternates to the ZBA and the Planning Board. People are needed -- as a community, we must work together.

2. High taxes in Bradford are a primary concern to all of us. It is an issue that has to be continually addressed. The other big issue, as I see it, is the economic viability of the town.

3. I would like to help in overseeing the implementation of the new Master Plan. I want to work with the NH Rural Development Council and the Economic Development Steering Committee so we can improve the town, and thereby solve some of its problems. When I was Chairman of the Planning Board in Port Jefferson, N.Y., we adopted a new Master Plan. I spearheaded a

project to oversee its implementation and I was able to encourage the business community to help revitalize the downtown area. We were very successful. We helped by reviewing and, when necessary, revising existing zoning laws. Taxes are always an issue and I want to keep a handle on tax increases by working with the various departments in town.

4. I have managerial experience, have worked with budgets, dealt with government mandates, and I find it easy to work with officials. As a member of the Bradford Historical Society, I have come to know the history of this town and have met some wonderful neighbors. As an alternate member of the ZBA, President of the Lake Todd Association, and as a member of the Bradford Rescue Squad, I am active in the community.

Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

1. To continue to modernize and streamline the business conducted in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office.

2. Working closely with the State to try to change outdated laws and institute new laws which help the townspeople, such as: being able to process ALL registrations at the town level; allowing voter registration on town meeting election day as we do for state and federal elections; reverting back to pro-rated dog licenses; making bankruptcy rules uniform; making it the responsibility of the mortgagee to notify the town of their interest in a property, not the other way around.

3. To have proper storage for ALL of the town records. To have the old town records treated and copied for preservation. To be computerized on all aspects of the office. Be on-line with the Registry and Vital Records Departments. To check on the feasibility of paying property taxes with credit cards.

4. I have held the job as Town Clerk for a combination of ten years, and Tax Collector for six years. I have taken various courses and attended several seminars relative to my office. I have been able to steadily increase the income for the town while decreasing the monies outstanding.

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Candidates, continued from previous page

H. Bliss Dayton, Trustee of the Trust Funds

1. To help manage Bradford's trust funds.
2. Investment decisions
3. I want the value of the town's trust funds to increase during my term of office.
4. I have served as both Trustee of Trust Funds and as a member of the Budget Committee. I have a finance background, along with more than 15 years employment.

Everett Kittredge, ZBA

1. Civic responsibility. We need more candidates for the boards, as well as alternates.
2. Coping with Bradford's rampant growth.
3. To ensure that all who come before the board continue to receive a timely, fair and equitable interpretation of the ordinance.
4. Alternate member of the board since 1993. Attendance at ZBA workshops and training sessions.

Edythe Craig, Planning Board for 2 years

1. My small part to maintain our community stability.
2. Helping citizens adapt their plans to conform to our Master Plan.
3. Facilitate communication between our Boards and the community.
4. Resident 18 years; land-home owner; former Planning Board member for six years.

G. Richard "Dick" Keller, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

Editor's note: Dick left on a trip to Australia before the candidate questions were sent out. He had submitted this letter as his "campaign" effort.

Meeting folks at the front door on election day is one way to say hello. Another is this opportunity through the *Bradford Bridge* to look for your support for my candidacy to serve as Library Trustee.

Libraries, long recognized as one of the cornerstones of any community, serve the community in so many ways ... from the storehouse of history to the trends of society, from programs that encourage and stimulate reading to the enjoyment provided by the variety of books available to us.

The Brown Memorial Library has and is serving this community well; and I would like to be part of supporting this effort, helping to move ahead with its development. The present library building has been the keystone for the past 65 years, but how well does it fit into the computer generation? The demands are, and will continue to be, changing rapidly. I would like to be part of a sensible solution as we begin to address these changes.

My connection to Brown Memorial goes back well before the need for library cards and most of you know me either by sight or by my recent service as school board member and member of the charter commission. I would like this opportunity to serve once again, and I look to your support for my candidacy.

Chris Payson, write-in for Library Trustee

1. I feel it's important for every member of a community, especially in a small town such as Bradford, to make a contribution to that community. Although it is difficult for me to find time for extra activities while raising a large family and working full-time at a start-up company, I want to do what I can to make Bradford a better place to live in. I've always enjoyed reading, and I can still remember the excitement I felt when, as a child, I discovered that you could borrow any book you wanted to read from the library. I would like to continue to serve as a Library Trustee to work to improve the ability of our library to serve the reading needs of the community, both for pleasure and for enrichment.

2. This past year has been a year of change for Bradford. The closing of two convenience stores and the IGA has led many people to proclaim that Main Street will soon be boarded up and Bradford will become a ghost town. Meanwhile, the library has outgrown its current building and proposes that the old Central School be torn down and a new library be built there. The selectmen, town clerk, police and kindergarten are all competing for limited space in the existing town hall, which is unable to be fully used due to fire regulations and maintenance problems.

Advances in computer technology and local connectivity to the Internet have opened up major opportunities for the library, particularly in a rural area, to provide new services and better access to resources which, in the past, have only been available in large cities and universities.

3. While serving as a library trustee, I hope to be able to work with town officials and other members of the community to better understand how the library can best serve the residents of Bradford. I also hope to be able to communicate to others my feeling that support for the library is critical to our community as we grow and change in the coming years. Although we must have essential services such as police, fire and highway departments, and these services are expensive, we must not lose sight of the fact that literacy and the arts are equally important.

I hope to be able to help the library to be a center of our community, where both children and adults will be able to not only borrow any book they may be interested in or need, but also to support and enhance the education offered by the school system, as well as provide access to the widest possible range of resources, at the least possible cost, using technology and innovative approaches.

4. I have lived in Bradford a little more than ten years and I have five children ranging in age from 1 to 14 years old. We have been active users of the Brown Memorial Library during that time. For the last couple of years I have been a Trustee and I am currently serving as the treasurer of the library.

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H. Bliss Dayton, Budget Committee

1. It is an opportunity to play an active role as a member of our community. I want to help make Bradford a better place to live, work and play.
2. Balance the capital projects and municipal needs with the necessity of holding down the tax rate.
3. I would like to see the town move forward with construction and completion of some of the capital projects, while maintaining a stable tax rate.
4. I have served as both Trustee of Trust Funds and as a member of the Budget Committee. I have a finance background, along with more than 15 years employment.

Richard Vitale, Budget Committee

candidacy withdrawn

Erin DiBello, ZBA

1. I have been involved with the Bradford Zoning Ordinance since it was adopted and I believe my experience benefits the town.
2. The Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment is one of the organizations which will aid the town in achieving the goals of orderly development.
3. I hope to work with the other members of the ZBA to encourage economic growth, while preserving the best that Bradford has to offer.
4. I have been on the ZBA since its inception. The composition of the board is such that each member brings specialized experience to form a balanced working unit.

Richard Vitale, ZBA for 3 years

candidacy withdrawn

Doris Tremblay, Cemetery Commission

1. Our cemeteries are a part of our town's history. All information and epitaphs should be preserved.
2. This year we plan to start a major project of uprighting, straightening and fixing broken stones before they are beyond repair.
3. To continue with the compilation of records of all cemeteries. To put all records on the computer and have the records available.
4. I have been with the Cemetery Commission since the beginning and would like to see all started projects through to the end.

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Bob Griffin, V.P. and Director of Loss Control for Willis Corroon Corporation of NH, worked with the company to overhaul the program, which included employee involvement, training, and financial rewards for safety. Members of the NKC safety committee include employee representatives Steven Burns, Alden Farrar, Dick Greenlaw, Ricky Greenlaw, James MacNab, and Pierre Duseault, working with Peter Moyer, President, Sally Moyer, Chairman and Safety Officer, and Ernie Nichols.

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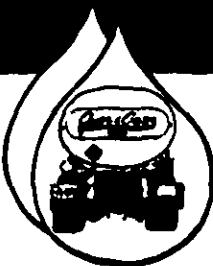
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Our bylaws will state that, in connection with patronage refund allocation, any operating losses cannot be assessed against owners. According to our attorney, there is no other mechanism by which an operating loss could be charged against owners. It is important to understand that this cooperative is organized under corporate law, which is very different from individual ownership of a business, called a "proprietorship."

The success of the business will be determined by good planning, good business practices, and good management. The good planning will be presented in the business plan, which should be available for review in June. Good business practices include not assuming more debt than can readily be paid for by income. Good management is the responsibility of the co-op's board of directors and includes hiring an experienced professional store manager.

It is important to understand that the co-op's board of directors will not make a decision to go forward and open a business UNLESS realistic financial projections indicate that the business is likely to be successful. And we can't go forward unless we receive funds from financial institutions, which will not lend us money until we have proven the viability of our planned business. Throughout the process, we will be advised by many professionals. This project is a serious business venture and is not being planned in a "willy nilly" manner. We will rigorously analyze our projections and reach a point of confidence in our plan before we go forward.

In the possibility that, at some point in the future, our business should fail and the cooperative had to declare bankruptcy, state statutes governing corporations would control the dissolution of the business and distribution of losses (see RSA 301-A above).

The bottom line in all this is that the first step toward achieving a community-owned grocery in Bradford is the success of our membership drive. We must prove to ourselves and to lending institutions that we have broad support for this venture. We ask all of you to consider participating in this worthwhile project. If you still have any questions concerning liability or any other issue, please call BAC Steering Committee Chair, Nancy Scribner, at 938-2286.

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Meet Your Neighbor

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Taking risks is nothing new for Stephen Obermiller. He was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army for 18 years. His house on High Street in Bradford was the first and only one he examined after finding the advertisement in a newspaper. There was no need to look further. "It" had everything he wanted: storage (he is a packrat), water (mill pond behind the house), extra space (potential rental income), location (a "neat" little town), sidewalks (surfaces for extraordinary, ephemeral sidewalk art on pathways connecting one end of downtown to the other), and the clincher ... "All for a steal." In his present life, Steve is an artist.



Before he discovered his artistic potential (he received a bachelor's degree in fine art from Notre Dame College, Manchester, in 1996), Steve's life experience might be worthy of the *Guinness Book of Records*. His career evades precise datelines and categories. While in high school, he was New Jersey Figure Skating Champion. Olympic hopes faded when, at age 18, he volunteered for the U.S. Army. Like buying the house, he accepted the risks as a para-

trooper nonchalantly. He said, "The first time I jumped out of a plane was the second time I had been in an airplane." In total contradiction, he admitted, "being afraid to climb stepladders." In the Army, he served two tours in Vietnam, was stationed in Germany, spent eleven years in Special Forces, and was assigned to a variety of duties--demolition work, welding, security clearances, and parachuting.

Life after the service was record-making. Steve married. His son Ryan (now 17) and daughter Kirsten (15) were born. In 16 years of traveling to make career moves for his wife's occupation as a dietitian, he lived in more than eleven states. With each move, Steve explored the possibilities of work and sport. Maintaining his parachuting "high," he took up hang gliding in Utah, where he also discovered the thrills of skiing down open mountainous fields in powder snow. Much to his surprise, he discovered he was an excellent skier. He had struggled on icy New England slopes. At the University of Utah, he took courses in botany and entomology. He now gets a kick out of pruning branches in tree tops. In New Jersey, he apprenticed in the art of stained glass, but never completed the training after he noticed that all the guys working there had thick glasses with heavy tints. "They were going blind from lead fumes," he said.

Steve adapted to another profound life change. He has been a single parent for nearly ten years. He found comfort, friendship and social contact with others in the same position when he joined a national support group called *Parents Without Partners* (PWP). "PWP is great. It's family oriented. Where do you go with your kids to a social event with adults in the same situation?" He is an open, strong PWP advocate and connects with other parents in local groups in Manchester, Concord, Portsmouth and Nashua.

Finding new sports to replace expensive old ones, Steve became a certified scuba diver. As a member of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, he inspired other families to take up the sport by forming a Parents Without Partners Scuba Club. His logic for preferring scuba diving over parachuting -- "If I'm coming down in the sky, I'm likely to catch a bird on the way down. If I'm in the ocean, I might grab a lobster on the way up." He vigorously exercises on roller skates once a week in Portsmouth. "Where can you go out for \$5.00, socialize, and get a little exercise in a smoke-free environment? For me, it's nice."

This action-man -- energetic, resourceful, and man of many talents -- Steve Obermiller has hope for the future of not only Bradford, but for the role he might play in its future economic health. He plans to offer art courses in clay, drawing and sculpture for young people and adults. The newly renovated second floor will be rented as artist studios. Steve sees himself as a successful business person who can create a dimension of economic activity in the town. "I think that being located between the Thistle and Shamrock and the Applesed Restaurant can help me, but what I want to do may help them, especially if we get an arts festival with a sidewalk art show started."

Report on Kearsarge Regional School District by Mike Hague, Bradford School Board Rep

Different Perspectives

The difficulty that the Municipal Budget Committee and the School Board have had this year agreeing to a common school budget figure is, I believe, because of the way the system in which they operate is set up. Your School Board members are accountable for the policy that guides the day to day operation of the district and are, therefore, kept informed on a regular basis about all the details that go into making proper policy, including: all school and department plans, the latest research results, confidential personnel information, regular contact with the leadership and teachers, salary negotiations, regular presentations from school staff, etc. The MBC members, in contrast, are not accountable for school operations and so do not attend all the endless rounds of meetings and participate in the struggle of decision-making that governs our district. Therefore, the two bodies have two different experiences and two different perspectives of our district. It is no wonder that we came up with two totally different budgets at the beginning of the budget process. If the MBC had to live with the consequences of weekly decisions throughout the school year (i.e. had our experience), I think our budgets would be much more similar no matter who was elected to either board. Though it takes much more time, when you wrestle with the details, you come away with a better understanding.

Charter Commission update

The Charter Commission has completed its proposed charter and the School Board has passed it on to be voted upon by the citizenry. It was revised after feedback from the state and has now been accepted as legal. Basically it proposes that the school budget be discussed and amended at the annual school board meeting, but that it be voted on at the ballot 7 to 10 weeks later. What is unusual is that there could be many budget numbers on the ballot, even some that had been defeated at the meeting. Please read the proposed Charter for the complete picture. Copies can be found at town offices, libraries and schools.

Your School Board has come out against the new Charter for much the same reason as outlined above. It is all too easy to make an uninformed decision if we do not take the time, make the effort (or however else you want to say it) to wrestle with the details. All points of view need to be heard and discussed so that we all can benefit from the wisdom of our neighbors before important decisions about education are made. It is hard to imagine that process happening so well in a school meeting (under the new charter) that has lost much of its authority. The difficult decisions about funding education adequately when the money comes so directly out of our pockets are made so much more fairly within the context of community participation. The

charter was obviously designed to make very easy to cut taxes ... was anyone thinking about the kids?

Important Warrant Articles for March 8 School Meeting at 9:00 am

An article to allow change of the Articles of Agreement by ballot instead of only at the school meeting. An article to raise \$169,771 for the purchase of technology equipment as the last year of the five-year technology plan. An article to raise \$143,337 for funding a co-op program at the high school. An article to approve \$27,162 for school aides and an article to fund \$290,315 for teachers' salaries. An article to raise \$60,250 for the purpose of funding the Strategic Action Plan developed with massive community input.

Non Budget Items

The Bradford Focus Forum on February 6, where anyone could come and ask questions of the school superintendent, Dr. Jean Richards, was the best attended of all the other town forums, 27 people. Topics ranged from the MBC budget to parent education and support, gender bias, high school advisor/advisee program, report card format, and kids falling through the cracks.

High school graduation will be held the evening of June 14 and the students should be in the new addition as you read this (March 3rd).

New London and Sutton elementary schools won a state award for school volunteer participation.

Breaking News: Compromise of the Board and MBC

At the last moment (February 25), the School Board and Municipal Budget Committee have reached a compromise on the district operating budget for the district and so will argue for one budget number at the school meeting instead of two different numbers. The proposed operating budget for next year is \$14,557,696 or a 0.95% increase over this year's budget. It was very difficult for both boards. The further cuts from the school board's budget that it took to reach this compromise mean that some school programs will have to be cut.

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Selectmen's meetings in February

February 3. Police Chief Al Grindle reported that the police department was still short one part-time person. He submitted an application for the board's review.

Selectmen reviewed warrant articles. Selectman Joe Conway submitted an article to establish a capital reserve fund (\$25,000) for town facilities and buildings. Selectman Dave Pickman submitted a \$50,000 article for the renovation of Town Hall to accommodate the police department, town offices and selectmen's office. Three articles submitted by the police dept. were discussed, but only one, for video equipment for the second cruiser, was supported by the board. The kindergarten submitted a warrant by petition to "require that the Town's administrative governmental body/Selectmen obtain a majority vote at town meeting prior to initiating any action(s) to modify, alter, or reconfigure the present town hall building or said deed to same which would cause the displacement of kindergarten from their current location within the town hall without the full voluntary consent of the kindergarten."

February 10. Perry Teele, the town's "perambulator," presented the results of a recent perambulation of the Washington/Bradford town line. He suggested that a surveyor be hired to correctly establish the line across Myers pond. He said the problem dates back to 1907, when a bearing was reversed. The situation is complicated by the fact that the line cannot be walked because it crosses the pond. And, since 1958, there have been no markers visible around the pond... "probably beavers ate the marked trees." Selectmen agreed to hire a surveyor, half of his fee to be paid by Washington.

Selectmen received opinions from town counsel concerning two warrant articles. He noted that the language in the article concerning reclassifying two roads from class VI roads to class A trails does not completely describe the applicable restrictions. Concerning the petition warrant article requesting a town meeting majority vote prior to displacing the kindergarten from the town hall, Tim Bates states that "this article may unlawfully interfere with the Selectmen's authority to regulate the use of all town real estate under RSA 41:11-a."

Selectmen accepted an invoice from Michael Bryant for \$52, \$1.00 per week to wind the town's clock in the church steeple.

February 24. Meeting opened with a sparsely attended public hearing concerning the bond for a new library building.

Road Agent Andy Anderson presented a street-sweeping contract for review and approval. He emphasized the importance of scheduling the work early in order to have the job done by the most qualified contractor.


He then discussed the issue of posting roads for mud season. He noted that Sunapee has set a March 1 to May 1 posting period. Newbury Selectmen were to discuss adopting this policy. Selectmen agreed to adopt the policy, saying it would minimize the telephone calls to both Anderson and the police department concerning whether or not certain roads were open. It should also eliminate damage to sensitive roads. Anderson reported that today they had cleaned out the culvert on High Street that had frozen and caused the water problems along the road.

Selectmen discussed secretarial coverage of their office, reporting that Kathy Russell had resigned and Sue-Ann Siarto would only be able to work two hours a day, and only for a short time, since she is expecting a baby. Debby Johnson will continue working until April 1, when she leaves for another job.

Selectman Joe Conway reported that plans are being finalized for Thursday's Community Visit by experts working with the Rural Development Council. He commented that sixteen people would be spending the day touring the town and listening to residents and officials.

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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

Town Meeting is on Wednesday, March 12th. Article 11 on the town warrant is the library's bond issue. The trustees, building committee and staff have worked on this for three years. The plan we are presenting is for a new library building on the former Central School site on Main Street. Our studies show overwhelmingly that this is the least costly of the options that we considered. A 2/3 vote is required for this to pass. Article 26 is for \$40,000 to be added to the existing Library Capital Reserve Fund should the bond not pass this year.

Increased expenditures to our budget include a second phone line necessary for us to offer public access to the Internet. This will be through the Macintosh Performa 575. The telephone company offers Internet free to public libraries; however, an additional phone line is needed to do this. The State Library now charges for each card set we order. We have appropriated \$200 for this service. The library is responsible for expenses at the former school building, including electricity and security system.

Mark Tuesday, April 1, on your calendar. That's the date of the fund-raising buffet at Appleseed Inn. Remember how much fun we had there last year? Don't miss it!

A Doll Day is also planned for later in April (date will be in April's *Bridge*). We're looking for people to sew and knit doll clothes and make doll house furniture. If you have dolls or a doll house you'd like to display, contact us.

New donated publications this month include the *Washington Post Weekly* and the *Weekly Market Bulletin* from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture.



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

With town meeting close at hand, the Bradford Police Department has several issues to address. First, the Selectmen have not made any allowance in the budget for a Chief's salary. Chief Grindle, who has a money cap due to his Massachusetts retirement, is paid approximately half what a Chief of Police would normally be paid. At the budget hearing, the Selectmen said they don't yet know what they'll do and they may consider staffing cuts and decreased police coverage. The Town of Bradford should understand that if the position is not filled, or if staffing is not kept as it is now, the town will probably lose its COPS FAST funding and be required to pay back to the federal government the amount that has already been expended, at this time more than \$35,000.

Secondly, the P.D. submitted three warrant articles to the Selectmen. Only one of those articles was passed on to the Budget Committee. The Department was not notified that these articles had not been passed on to the Budget Committee; so they didn't have an opportunity to submit them by petition. These were for the purchase of a radar system for the secondary cruiser and a new computer system for the department. These items may be brought up at town meeting, with requests to increase the police budget.

The radar is needed because the hand-held system in the secondary cruiser is no longer reliable. It is more than ten years old and no longer holds a calibration for extended periods. It must be sent to the State for adjustment and recertification frequently. The cost of the new system is \$2,165, which will bring the secondary cruiser up to the same standard of radar monitoring as the primary cruiser. The primary cruiser already has a stationary unit which cannot be moved for use in another vehicle. Without the purchase of this system, the secondary cruiser cannot be used to monitor speeding and affects our chances of receiving grants for increased patrols, since we do not have two cruisers to effectively monitor traffic. There is no grant available to cover the cost of the system, since it is considered a replacement, not a new purchase. The reason given for why this item was not passed to the Budget Committee was that there was no grant to cover its cost.

The second article concerns the purchase of an updated computer system, for a cost of \$7,100. The Police Management Survey cited several areas where our record-keeping should be updated, including accessing records and changes to filing and classification systems. The State of NH has provided us with its recommended software, the life of our current computer system is very tenuous at best, and cannot effectively run the new software. The Selectmen asked the P.D. to

get estimates to bring the computer system up to the standard the Management Survey recommended. This was done. The Selectmen then requested that a smaller computer network be researched and estimates were obtained. We were next asked to submit additional estimates, which was also done. The lowest estimate for the system was \$7033, but did not include sufficient hours of technical support. The P.D., therefore, recommended the bid for \$7100. This system would allow us to report incidents to the State. It would also provide the levels of security recommended by the State and allow for needed evidence and possessions tracking. It is not known why the Selectmen did not pass this article on to the Budget Committee, other than they did not know what to spend the money on at this time and they are still taking the Survey recommendations "under advisement."

The P.D. feels that it is very important to begin working on at least some of the Survey recommendations and not postpone them for another year. A new computer system would allow the department to accomplish many of the recommendations. The department also believes that the citizens of Bradford should at least be given a chance to decide whether THEY want these improvements. During the budget hearing, the Selectmen frequently said the Police Department was not being singled out for cuts. We wonder, however, how many other town departments submitted warrant articles that were not passed along to the Budget Committee and if they were notified of this action.

The P.D. also asked for an increase in the salary and hours for the part-time secretary, again based on a Survey recommendation. The secretary now makes \$7.00/hour and works 15 hours/week. This is at least \$2.25/hour below any other town secretary. The department requested that the salary be brought to at least \$8.50/hour and the number of hours increased to 20. The Selectmen denied this request, saying that the secretary had agreed to work for \$5.00/hour three years ago and that she was the only employee to receive a raise last year when her salary was increased from \$5.38/hour to the current \$7.00/hour. They gave no reason for denying the increase in hours. During last year's budget talks, the Selectmen had said they were well aware of the significant pay difference and were attempting to bridge the gap. The job requirements have also increased in complexity over the last two years and, as the Survey revealed, require more than 15 hours a week to perform.



BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

ABSOLUTE POWER
by David Baldacci
Warner Books, 1996

In this debut sizzling action drama, the author describes how power can seize a person and cause him or her to justify negative acts.

The story takes place in Washington, D.C. beginning with a 66-year-old man, Luther Whitney, practiced in breaking and entering. While looting a country estate, Luther hears vehicles outside and watches as four persons alight from two vehicles. Wondering if these people have robbery in mind, he grabs his bag, reactivates the home's security system, then slips into an open vault and closes the door behind him. Before long, he becomes a witness to murder. On his way out, he grabs a blood-stained letter opener and escapes; however, he is spotted. Later, missing the bloody object, the cadre of murderers set out to discover Luther's identity and get the letter opener back.

Safe in his getaway, Luther travels to various distant points, then returns to Washington where he contacts Jack Graham, a trusted lawyer. The pair had become friends during a period when Jack had dated Luther's daughter Kate, a prosecutor.

This thriller has many characters. Besides those mentioned, there is Jennifer Baldwin, Jack's fiancée; Seth Frank, a police detective; Alan Richmond, the U.S. President; Christine Sullivan, the murder victim; Walter, her husband; Gloria Russell, White House Chief of Staff; and Richmond's secret service agents, Bill Burton and Tim Collin.

Those who enjoy page-turners and are not disturbed by four-letter words will marvel at Baldacci's imaginative talent, his character studies, dialogue and descriptions.

At the story's end, the author assures readers that his depiction is solely fiction and intended to be nothing more. He describes secret service agents as "good, loyal men" who sometimes are put into impossible situations.

ABSOLUTE POWER was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 17 weeks. Surely Baldacci's works will be in demand. The book has been made into a movie which stars Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman and Ed Harris. His next book is titled *Total Control*.

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

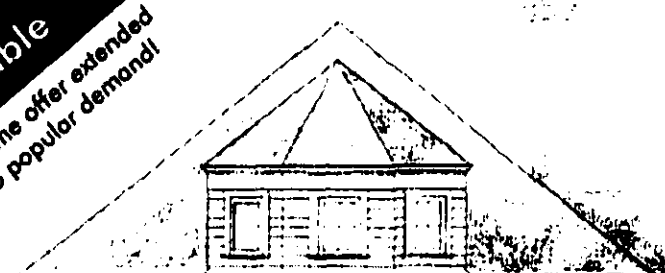
We had one of those split second incidents this past winter that mark the point between disaster, an expensive mess, or a quick nothing. We were visiting one of our daughters in Connecticut; her younger sister and our grandchildren drove up to spend the day. When it came time for them to leave, the children were put into their sleepers, so they could bed down while their mother drove home. My daughter started the car, to make it warm and comfortable for their journey, leaving the motor running. We all went out to bid them farewell. Geoffrey Peter, age six, climbed in first and instead of proceeding to the back of the vehicle stopped, popped the gear shift, and the car started forward. He looked up with unbelieving delight and said "Papa, Look. I'm driving!" My eldest daughter screamed and tried bodily to stop the car, a Suburban, by grabbing the door. My husband stepped back so Mama could move; I grabbed at the door grabber. Mama made one fluid leap, knocked her son into the next county, and stopped the car. She growled some orders to the new driver, got back out of the vehicle and said, "You do what you have to do." ... This really is going somewhere.

Our personal lives are at one of those pivotal points and so, I think is our town's. Town meetings are not usually at the top of most peoples mid-week priority lists, but this year, perhaps, each of you can give up whatever it was you had planned, including early to bed and a good night's sleep. Not only has most of East Main Street become a ghost town, but for the first time in my memory, there are few people who have stepped up and offered to run for office. There are budget expenses to be voted on that will knock your taxes up several dollars per thousand if approved. For example, there is Warrant Article #14 asking for \$50,000 to be used to revamp Town Hall. If approved, it gives the Selectmen permission to use this expenditure and by so doing cause the demise of the Kindergarten as we know it. Town Hall renovations would relocate the Police Department within the building, expand the Town's office space, and eliminate the space occupied by the Kindergarten. Then there is Warrant Article #33, third from the last article to be voted. This article, if I understand it correctly, would make it impossible, without a majority vote at a Town Meeting, for any action to be taken to alter the Town Hall and cause the dissolution of the Kindergarten. If you adopt Article #14, and then adopt Article #33, it surely will put a different complexion on the issue. If you wish your vote to be heard on this one, you will have to be prepared to

stay late ... You also might like to consider Article #11- \$550,000 for a new Library or, that failing, you can consider Article #26- \$40,000 to sock away toward some undesignated future library plans. There are several other expenditures in the Budget, such as Article 29, that you might like to think about. It truly would be lovely to have all of the goodies that are listed, but it's like not paying the rent so you can have a steak dinner and a few beers. We have become a society of "let's do it now if it feels good and make some plans later." Being New Englanders we must know that if you let dry rot set in, instead of looking after the sills when they

first get in trouble, it's going to cost you a lot more. A coat of paint isn't what this town needs. We need to do what we need to do, some planning. Town Meeting is the only way that each of us can stand up and be heard. Hanging onto the door to stop unplanned forward motion isn't going to do it.


Annual Town Reports are available at the Town Hall. You might like to read what is going to be asked of you for the next fiscal year. So vote thoughtfully, or plan to have deeper pockets when your next tax bill arrives.



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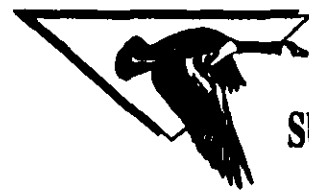
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Adoption will create a school district meeting with two sessions. The first session (held in January to allow time to prepare the ballot for the second session) will determine what questions will appear on the ballot. The second session will be the ballot voting, including the use of absentee ballots, which will occur in conjunction with the town meeting in each of the seven towns that comprise the district.

The recent state law that allows school districts to adopt charters limits the questions that can be placed on the official ballot to articles that deal with funds, i.e., the "raise and appropriate" articles.

Voters attending the first session will discuss, debate and vote on amendments proposed to those warrant articles that raise and appropriate money. The articles themselves, presented by the school board (and including the operating budget), will be voted on by ballot at the second session, along with any such article as amended and approved at the first session. The operating budget article will include both the school board's budget and the budget proposed by the municipal budget committee.


Money articles placed on the warrant by less than 5% of the district's voters will move onto the ballot only if approved at the first session. Likewise, any of those same petitioned articles that are amended and approved at the first session will also be placed on the ballot.

Petitioned articles dealing with funds that are placed on the warrant by 5% or more of the voters will automatically be on the ballot together with any such articles as amended and approved at the first session.

Warrant articles that do not deal with money will be finalized at the first session. Amending the district's Articles of Agreement remains an action by the district and cannot be part of the official ballot.

For Bradford voters, the second session will take place in Bradford (second Tuesday in March) and will include a ballot for the election of officers and the official ballot to raise and appropriate funds for the district's expenditures.

Adoption of the charter requires a majority vote across the district and would take effect June 1, 1997. Should the charter fail to be approved, school district meeting, part of New Hampshire's heritage, will continue.



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by Mildred Schmidt



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Cranberry-Ham Grill

Place a one-inch thick (about 1 1/2 lbs) slice of ham in a shallow baking dish. Combine the following:

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| 1 C cranberry juice cocktail | 1/4 C orange marmalade |
| 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce | 1/2 tsp dry mustard |
| 1/8 tsp ground cloves | |

Pour mixture over ham. Cover and refrigerate 4 to 24 hours. Turn ham occasionally.

Before serving: Drain ham; reserve marinade. Mix 2 Tbsp sugar and 1 Tbsp cornstarch; stir in reserved marinade. Cook and stir till thick and bubbly. Keep it warm. Grill ham over slow coals, 15 minutes on each side, brushing with warm sauce.

Stir one 8-oz can whole jellied cranberry sauce into warm sauce. Garnish ham with orange wedges and parsley springs. Pass warm sauce with ham.

Sale completed

On Friday, February 28, The Bradford Group, a limited liability company, assumed ownership of the former Bradford IGA property. At this time, the Group plans to lease the facility for use as a "produce market," to be managed by George and Marge Cilley, opening May 1.

Bradford Country Squares


The Bradford Country Squares will hold a Shamrock Jubilee, a Mainstream & Plus level square dance, on Saturday, March 8, at the Bradford Town Hall, 8:00-10:30 pm. Caller, Dan Guin; cuer, Elaine Lavoie. \$4.00 per person. For info, call 863-9775.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

The recent thaw has put most gardeners, as well as maple producers, in the mood to get out their equipment. It seems that Washington's Birthday always brings a spell of sunshine, warmth and a thaw. Gardeners' unused muscles search out seed starting equipment, rearrange sunny rooms, and test grow-lights. They ponder what is needed for those plants that require a long growing season or an easy inside start or just a spot to germinate and get underway.

The last few years have seen some great advances in home seed-starting gadgets. In many cases, they've become necessities since they are so helpful and easy to use. Some of us used to start our seeds by placing trays on top of the refrigerator until germination occurred -- the heat from the motor warmed the trays from below and hustled the seeds along. Now there are kits available with heating cables that are buried in the starting medium, thermostatically controlled. They do the job and are worth it, even for the small garden. They come with artificial "soil" properly mixed and with starter fertility included -- water is the only thing needed. Once up, the seedlings can be planted in trays of "grow mix" which encourages the young plants to keep growing.

Of course with modern equipment, we may ignore the sunny window and grow plants with excellent results under "grow lights," even in the basement or a dark room. The grow lights make a "day" for the length of time needed by timers switching "on and off" as needed. However, plants do require a period of dark (maybe rest?) for the best growth. The newest lights now are manufactured with the right mix of rays and colors that have been found to be as good as or better than natural sunlight. All of these items are available at your local garden center or from your favorite garden supply catalog ... and I suspect you have been inundated with such for the past couple of months.

Probably there are more tomatoes started by gardeners than any other vegetable, and many home gardeners start more than one variety. There are the standby "reds" - large and small. But there are also yellow, orange, pink, green and even white ones! One does not need only to have fried green tomatoes!

Tomatoes require a shorter time from transplanting into the garden to fruiting (as few as 40 days for some varieties) than for some vegetables like peppers or eggplants. So it is important to start those crops earlier than tomatoes. If you have room, there are crops such as Swiss chard or even beets which may be started before tomatoes if earlier harvesting is desired -- a little more work but those greens from the garden do taste good!

Of course flowers, too, may be an ideal item for starting for early bloom if you have room inside. I guess about now everyone wishes they had even a small greenhouse -- that light is also good for the human condition as well.

These days the cookery pages in everything from hard books for country life to the *Concord Monitor* and the *Union Leader* are printing recipes for many veggies that have been long ignored -- maybe because the gardener has not known how to use them. Old fashioned, perhaps ethnic, veggies are worth growing. I can remember, when I was in primary school, that Dad came home from the Boston market with something he called "broccoli." One of his crew said it was good to grow. We tried it and when we found seeds, grew it from then on.

We are so used to seeing the catalogs carry a great variety of vegetables, we just postpone trying them. How many grow okra? It's a delightful productive vegetable which does well here in my garden. If you have been to the Gulf states, you will find it in many dishes as gumbo. Kohlrabi is a good early crop as both a cooked vegetable or as one served in a dip, like carrots or celery. Kale is probably grown more to be used as decoration at the restaurant salad bar than as a vegetable, but come fall after frost, those blue young leaves are a nice change from spinach. Parsnips are finding their way now into many table vegetable dishes and have the advantage that you may grow them in '97 and the best eating is after the ground thaws and they are dug in '98! Probably one of the most neglected crops is chard. Start it indoors, set it out early, and enjoy fresh greens. They will certainly beat those available in wilted condition in the supermarkets -- and I have never seen them in frozen packages.

Be adventurous in '97 ... chart a new course!

Planning Board actions in February

February 11. A preliminary informative meeting was held concerning a proposed gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road, submitted by Good Night Sand & Gravel. Bob Stewart, Jr., speaking for owner Peter Isham, reported that the ZBA had granted the project a special exception with conditions. The conditions included buffers and berms to protect abutters and a common traffic pattern.

They discussed the traffic issue, agreeing that if all trucks entered at the south end and exited to the north, visibility concerns raised by the ZBA, police and highway department would be resolved.

Stewart raised a question concerning whether all appropriate applications had been filed, since the owner wishes to speed the process in order to open the pit in time for spring construction. He was told two public hearings would be required, one to accept the application and a second to determine whether to approve it. The first hearing was tentatively scheduled for March 25.

In other action, the Board accepted the application of Eleanor Hopwood to serve as secretary, welcoming her and offering her the opportunity to "straighten them out."

Chairman Perry Teele raised the issue of non-attendance, commenting that elected member Jim Lawrence had attended only sporadically but refused to resign. Lawrence told Teele he would try to attend 75% of future meetings. The board discussed the removal procedure, which involves asking the Selectmen to hold a public hearing on the matter, after which the Selectmen have the authority to remove the member.

February 25. No quorum, no meeting.

There will be no meeting on March 11 due to Town Meeting elections. A public hearing on the acceptance of the gravel pit application for the Good Night Sand & Gravel Co. is planned for the March 25 meeting.

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March Calendar

Saturday, March 1

Moon Mountain Arts play, *Town Meeting*, Town Hall, 7:30

Monday, March 3

Cemetery Commission Call 938-5386

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, March 4

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Library Trustees, 7:15, Open to public

Wednesday, March 5

Revolving Loan Fund, Town Hall, 7:00

Candidates' Night, Bradford Elementary, 7:30; Sponsored by BWC

Thursday, March 6

Winter Book Discussion, library, 7:00-9:00

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Saturday, March 8

Kearsarge Regional School District meeting, High School, 9:00 am

Sunday, March 9

Bradford Business Day, Bradford Elementary, 10:00-4:00

Monday, March 10

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, March 11

Town Elections, Bradford Elementary, 8:00 am -7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 12

Town Meeting, Bradford Elementary, 7:00

Thursday, March 13

Bradford/Newbury Workshop, Friendship House 11:00 am

School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, March 14

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Rescue Squad

Monday, March 17

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00

Tuesday, March 18

Women's Club, Church Vestry, 1:00

"Youth Sports in Bradford"

BNKP, Town Hall, 7:00

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 19

PTC, Bradford Elementary, 7:00

Guest Speaker, Carlton J. Fitzgerald, Middle School Principal.

Book Fair, 8:00-3:00 and 6:30-8:30.

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

O.E.S. St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

Thursday, March 20

Winter Book Discussion, library, 7:30
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Friday, March 21

Fabulous Fifties Variety Show, Bradford Elementary, 8:00, sponsored by Baptist Church

Saturday, March 22

Fabulous Fifties Variety Show, Bradford Elementary, 8:00, sponsored by Baptist Church

Monday, March 24

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, March 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 26

Historical Society Annual Meeting, Old PO, 7:30

Thursday, March 27

Family/School Assembly, Bradford Elementary, 2:00

School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, March 28

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by the Food Pantry.

Monday, March 31

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

To list events for the month of April, call Tom or Nancy Scribner, 938-2286.

Classified Ads

HELP WANTED. To operate golf course snack bar from mid-April to mid-October. Call 938-2876 between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm.

PET CARE. I will care for your animals in my home ... daily, weekly, monthly. Large and small animals welcome; reasonable prices. Call 428-7630.

FOR SALE. Victorian walnut Esty organ. \$40. Call 938-5211.

WANTED. Used washing machine for the Bradford Rescue Squad. Please call Suzanne Vitale at 938-2852.

HELP WANTED. Individual experienced with handling fish to work Thursday, Friday and Saturday selling fish in Bradford. Call 938-2286.

VOLUNTEER WANTED. The Steering Committee of the Bradford Area Cooperative is looking for an energetic numbers-oriented person, ideally with some co-op financial experience, to guide the development of the financial aspects of the co-op. Rewards include working with a motivated group of people on a very worthwhile project. Call 938-2286.

HELP WANTED. Ramp truck operator; FT/PT, good driving record a must, CDL not required. Call 938-2623

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Town of Bradford seeks to fill the full-time position of an administrative person responsible for the daily activities within the Town of Bradford's selectmen's office. The person selected must demonstrate initiative, communicate well at various levels, be multi-task oriented, and be able to work independently. Skills required include: computer literacy, proficient keyboard and data entry, some bookkeeping and accounting knowledge, and the ability to deal with the public. Competitive salary/benefit package. Please send resume with salary requirements and references to: The Town of Bradford, Board of Selectmen's Office, Bradford, NH 03221.

FOR SALE. Cement mixer, electric, 110 volt one-bagger, \$100. Cedar clapboards, 35 cents per lineal foot. Call 938-2539.

HELP WANTED. Sign shop assistant. Part-time leading to full-time. Computer knowledge helpful, but not a must. Salary \$7-\$8/hr, based on experience and willingness to learn. Call Steve at ALL SIGNS, 456-2206.

QUILTING CLASS. March 22, 10:00-3:00, with Bunny Herman at Thistle and Shamrock Inn. Bunny will be teaching "whole cloth needle turn applique" with a table runner for the class project. Call 938-5571 or 938-5533.

To place a FREE classified ad, please call Beth Rodd at 938-2692.