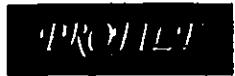




THE BRADFORD BRIDGE



Meet Your Neighbors,
Tom and Sarah Harvey

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Jason Lalla ... goes for the gold

Jason Lalla, son of Betty and Jim Lalla, qualified for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team and will compete in the 1998 Paralympic Games in Nagano, Japan, March 5-14. Lalla will take with him the confidence gained from excellent results in the Columbia Crest Cup, held in mid-February in Colorado. There he placed first in SuperG and second in Giant Slalom.

also traveling to Nagano), he will probably compete in Giant Slalom, and may even qualify for Slalom.

In Nagano, 1300 athletes from 31 countries will be competing. To level the competition, athletes are classified based on degree and type of disability. Athletes with similar disabilities form a class for each event.

Lalla lost most of his left leg as the result of a motorcycle accident just after his graduation from Kearsarge in 1989. After spending a few years going to college and working, Lalla decided to compete seriously on the disabled ski circuit. He now lives in Avon, Colorado, near Vail, which is the home training mountain for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team. To focus on preparations for Nagano, he gave up his job working with the developmentally disabled. He now works as a house-painter ... a more flexible job ... to support himself, supplemented by sponsorships.

Even Lalla's outside activities revolve around his sport. He has been featured in two "extreme skiing" films by Warren Miller, *Snowriders*, and *Snowriders 2*. In *Snowriders 2*, he was recorded on his dream ski vacation, heli-skiing in Blue River, British Columbia, with teammate Monte Meier. In the summer months, he competes in mountain-bike racing (against able-bodied racers) to stay in shape for the ski season.

Town Meeting March 10 & 11

Town Meeting election will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 8:00-5:00 at Bradford Elementary School. Town Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 pm, also at Bradford Elementary School. Here are the warrants to be considered at Town Meeting on Wednesday. (Warrants are recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee unless otherwise noted.)

4. Vote to endorse Community Development Block Grant for the purpose of constructing the Bradford Community Center at Central School site.

5. Convey .15 acre to Lois Bradicich for \$1000, which is site of leach field that services Bradicich property on East Main Street.

6. Town budget, total \$889,927.

7. Vote to transfer and expend \$20,000 from Town Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund to supplement construction money for Bradford Community Center.

8. \$77,080 for paving that portion of West Road currently gravel.

9. \$13,500 to repair and shim Rowe Mountain Road.

10. \$1,000 to hire a part-time attendant for milfoil education/inspection assistance at Lake Massasecum; \$500 will come from funds appropriated by Lake Massasecum Improvement Association.

11. \$8,090.18, the first of three annual lease payments for 1998 Ford Explorer XL four door 4X4 police vehicle. (by petition, not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee)

12. \$5,000 to be placed in the existing Reevaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

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Sewer study update

On February 25, Terry Lorber presented a progress report on the water and sewer feasibility study being developed by Provan and Lorber. He reported that between 75 and 100 questionnaires were returned, a good response. The map of the subject area was updated with state data on replaced septic systems.

Lorber presented plots of recommended wastewater (sewer) and water systems for Bradford, based on study results. He proposed a wastewater system for the village area with five pump stations to transport the septage to a disposal site behind the transfer station. Two options are available for disposal, either subsurface disposal (a community "septic system" with a 3-acre leach field) or tertiary treatment (material treated and released into the river). He recommended tertiary treatment if the community intended to enlarge the service area; however, it's a more expensive alternative.

The water system would cover essentially the same village area. He identified a source on Center Road and elevated storage off Route 114. The elevated storage (which could be a buried concrete tank on a hill) is necessary to provide sufficient pressure for fire protection. The source would involve a gravel pack well at 80-90 feet depth, delivering surficial water. He projected the needed water flow at 75,000 gallons per day.

Lorber noted that these were two separate projects; costs would not be reduced by building them simultaneously because sewer and water pipes cannot be placed in the same trench.

Provan and Lorber will develop cost estimates to present at the next update meeting, scheduled for March 19 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

NOTICE

Rescheduled
Candidates' Night:
Thursday, March 5, 7:30
Town Hall
sponsored by Bradford
Women's Club

New England Handicapped Sports Association events

Race to a gold—support the New England Handicapped Sports Association and join their Corporate Challenge Ski Race. Amateurs welcome. Put together a team of four skiers (age 21+) and sign up for the March 7th race at Mt. Sunapee. 50 teams to compete. \$200 per team, includes lift tickets, lunch and prizes. For more information, call Debbie Bruss at 938-2979.

Bargains! Auction! Bargains! Hundreds of items, including 6 snowboards, lots of skis, boots, goggles, round-trip airfare to San Francisco, backpacks, lap-top backpacks, lift tickets to numerous ski areas, vacation getaways, in-line skates, Bugaboo parkas, fleece wear, and lots more. To benefit the New England Handicapped Sports Association on Saturday, March 7, 4:30 at the base lodge of Mt. Sunapee.

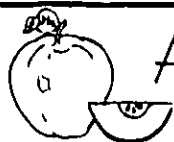
Bradford/Newbury Workshop

The Bradford/Newbury Workshop will meet on Thursday, March 12, 11:00 am at Friendship House, S. Newbury to work on projects. Bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. Book reviews will be given by the staff of Brown Memorial Library.

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Co-op financially unable to prosper, by Diane Gadoury

Yes, that's right. The Bradford Area Cooperative will not be opening its doors in the springtime. Our financial forecast showed we would be unable to support ourselves, with or without a loan from a lending institution.

All current members have been notified and we wanted the remaining community to know as well. Many of you have expressed your appreciation to the Steering Committee for a job well done. Believe me when I tell you we did it for you as well as ourselves. Not only did we want a store here in town that we could be proud of, but also we learned a great many things about the business world in general. We thank you for that opportunity and for having faith that we could have come this far. At this time, I would like to thank, on behalf of the Steering Committee, all those who graciously gave their time, donations, and who answered our business questions, such businesses as Stewart Insurance Agency, Naughton Recycling, IAM Computers, and others I may have forgotten to mention.

Barbara Berison (one of our members) suggested that we donate our refunds to the Library Building Fund. You may do this on your own or contact me and I will be sure they get it for you. The Library will send a receipt to all those individuals who do send their refunds through me. Keep in mind it is also tax deductible!! Their address is: Brown Memorial Library Building Fund, P.O. Box 437, Bradford.

BBA news

Plans for the Bradford Business Day, to be held June 7, are underway. Every member business will be receiving letters and sign-up sheets to participate. We would like to welcome two new members into the organizations, Julie Saxby and Donna Shultz.

The parade committee has met and is looking for volunteers to participate. John Mock's motion was approved to mail meeting minutes to all members. Next meeting will be March 16, 7:00 pm, at the Church Vestry.

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

Colin Robert Moore was born to Robert and Jodi in Concord on February 3.

Elections will be held on March 10 at the Bradford Elementary School, starting at 8:00 am through 7:00 pm. Absentee ballots are available at the office and must be returned by election day. Town Meeting will be the following night at the same place, beginning at 7:00 pm.

TAX COLLECTOR

All outstanding property tax bills will go to lien on March 31 at the close of business.

Tax deeds will be taken for 1995 unpaid taxes on April 1.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

The office will be closed on election day, March 10.

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

Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Greenway hikes for March

Saturday, March 7. Ski or snowshoe in Sunapee. Call Ron Wyman, 763-5822, for details. Tuesday, March 24. Sawyer's Hill hike. Call Peter Sabin, 456-3473, for details.

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Notice from Planning Board

A petition was presented to the Selectmen on February 2 for a warrant article at Town Meeting, asking that voters abolish Zoning regulations for the Town of Bradford.

However, according to State Statutes (675:4), any article involving zoning is required to be filed 90 to 120 days before Town Meeting, or no later than December 10, 1997. This is an earlier date than other petitions because a public hearing is required before such an article is placed on the ballot.

Your Planning Board would like to call attention to the reason for zoning given in the General Laws of New Hampshire, 674:16: for "promoting of health, safety, and general welfare of the community; designed to regulate height and size of building or other structure; lot sizes with the percentage of lot that can be occupied and size of associated open space; density of population; and location of use of buildings, structures, and land for business, industrial, residential and other purposes." If a given ordinance is a hardship to an individual, relief may be sought from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Your Planning Board would welcome the opportunity to speak directly to those interested in this petition. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall at 7:30 pm.



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Bradford 4th of July Celebration

A theme and a Grand Marshal for Bradford's 4th of July parade are needed now! All Bradford citizens are encouraged to submit their ideas for a theme and a deserving person to serve as Grand Marshal of the parade which will be held, coincidentally, on the 4th of July this year! Entries can be submitted to Town of Bradford, P.O. Box 436, or left at the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall.

It's not too soon to be thinking about your participation in the parade. The Parade Committee is looking for decorated bikes, horses and riders, oxen teams, clowns, skateboarders, etc. and floats from businesses, local organizations, neighborhood or family entries. Float entries should contact Perley Strout at 938-2716.

If you would like to have your event listed in the program of activities and advertisements for Bradford's 4th of July celebration, please call Cheryl MacDonald at 938-2879 to be included. This information is needed as soon as possible.

Senior issues

Interested area citizens have been rallying every other month to identify senior/elder issues. The concept of the senior rallies started with a school project of Lynne Smith, Bradford, and fortunately, many elders and advocates have attended the rallies and concerns have been identified. Topics of safety, housing, transportation, isolation, employment, loneliness, physical and nutritional needs were a few of the many recognized.

At present, the focus of the rally group is on the towns of Bradford, Newbury, Sutton and Warner. Participants are working on the following issues: alternative housing for seniors, a senior roster, a directory of services to seniors, and transportation options within one or more of these four communities.

Anyone interested in joining in the efforts is very welcome to call 938-2664 or to attend our next "Senior Rally," Saturday, March 14, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Hallahan's Real Estate on route 103. We will have a guest speaker who will inform us of one transportation option. Please come!



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**BEOC: "Opportunity is knocking...let's open the door!"
by Don Johnsen**

In February, the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC), among other organizations, focused on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal for a Bradford Community Center. The proposal would establish the vacant Central School as our long-needed Community Center, after renovations. Key activities during this period were in support of the "site survey" visit, on February 25, by a team of evaluators from the NH Office of State Planning. This team is tasked to perform the initial evaluation of the site and to assess the overall merits of the proposal. Bradford's organizations, potential users of the Center, were well represented at the meeting and answered questions posed by evaluators.

During the site visit, the OSP team made it clear that while they were impressed with the information and nature of the presentation provided to them, they would await the outcome of Bradford's vote on two key warrant articles which pertain to the town's proposal. Their statement was that "Town support is essential for the proposal evaluation to go forward; we'll withhold further assessment until after the voting."

The message was very clear. Town residents MUST vote in favor of the Community Center articles or the proposal is dead.

This is an opportunity for outside funding that Bradford should not pass up. The potential benefits of our own Community Center are enormous. While CDBG grants focus primarily on aiding low and moderate income residents, having our own Bradford Community Center would offer a site which would benefit the entire population. It would convert a deteriorating building on our MAIN STREET once again into a vital community asset. It would give volunteer organizations a focal point where they could meet and provide services. It would benefit ALL of us.

While the primary benefits are to our kids, our youth and our senior citizens, what more could we ask for at a time when we are so desperate for resources? One benefit is pride in our community... a sense that we are doing something to benefit those who are unable to help themselves; those less fortunate; those who have helped others in the past and now could use a bit of help themselves.

The entire BEOC urges ALL voters to turn out and move this extremely beneficial project along. A CDBG grant for a Bradford Community Center is a very real and immediate opportunity...one we should not pass up.



Letters



How do you say thanks?

I'd like to say thanks to the Bradford Rescue Squad, Bradford Police, and the driver of the town plow. Together they made one hell of an effort to get me to the hospital. Plenty of snow and not plowed (private road), driveway not plowed, and me with what I thought was a heart attack.

They all responded within minutes of a 911 call. Thanks especially to: Kris Dupuis, police dept.; rescue squad members Alan McCartney, Preston Starr, and Dick and Sue Vitale; Steve Hanson, fire dept. (plowed driveway); Harold Rowe Jr., "Chip" (highway dept.).

I now realize that accidents don't just happen to the other guy. Everything is fine now. I had an angina attack, one week in the hospital and then back home. Thanks again.

R. Kennedy

Wake up call!

Take a good look at your tax bill. Now, take a look in the mirror. The reflection you see is the only person who can change that Tax Bill. That's right—YOU!

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee have diligently prepared a realistic budget for the Town of Bradford, one that is accountable to the taxpayer (unlike our friends, the school district). One that reduces your tax rates and spends monies only on the essential items necessary to operate your town effectively.

It's ironic, given the events of the past couple of years, that we still have individuals and special interest groups who want to spend more of your money ... money this community cannot afford; money we don't have. Must we continue to go without and sacrifice at the expense of others? the answer is NO.

These individuals and groups JUST DON'T GET IT! They want, they take, they want more.

Please keep this in mind when you VOTE. Send a message! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!

The budget has been carefully prepared. Very difficult decisions have been made and appropriate recommendations given on all items. The Selectmen and Budget Committee have done the job you elected them to do. Now it's your turn to do your job.

HOW MUCH MONEY YOU SPEND IS UP TO YOU!

Joe Conway

To the editor:

A library is a statement of the cultural value a community places upon itself. Brown Memorial has long held its head high as such a statement of Bradford's values. However, with the increased use and greater call for additional services, the time has come to replace the present facility. If you have visited the library, its limitations are obvious from the lack of space.

The Trustees, for the last several years, have been wrestling with this dilemma, seeking a solution. An early idea was to make use of the Marshall barn, but at the time, it was unavailable. Now the barn is gone, but the lot, an ideal location for a library, remains in the hands of the town. As a result, you will be asked, on the town meeting warrant, to support this use of the front portion of the Marshall lot.

One goal is to keep the library as a strong element of Main Street. The second is to provide an adequate area to meet the growing needs of the town well into the future. With a little vision, a building could be constructed with some elbow room for browsing, relaxing and reading, while providing an adequate area for children and the youth of the town.

In addition to requesting the use of the Marshall lot, the Trustees will be asking to increase the Library Capital Reserve Fund by \$40,000, bringing the fund to \$150,000. This amount, along with other library funds and solicitations, I for one would hope, will make the new library a reality without further funding from the town.

This can be the Main Street stimulant and Bradford's statement of faith in its future. The time is now. We look for your support.

Dick Keller

To the editor:

I would like to personally extend my appreciation to the many individuals in Bradford who have worked exceptionally long hours to develop the plan for the new Bradford Community Center. This project has tremendous potential to provide immediate and long-term benefits for many of our youth, senior citizens, and low income families and individuals. It will also provide added educational facilities (i.e. UNH Co-op Extension Service, Adult Tutorial Program, etc.) In addition, the project will provide a residence for groups associated with the Bradford Green project, which will be directly adjacent to the Community Center.

Building this Center provides the opportunity of a lifetime, as the cost to implement this project will be covered by a Community Development Block Grant, awarded by the Office of State Planning, pending our approval of Warrant Articles #4 and #7.

There are many new and encouraging projects beginning to take place in Bradford. Many of them can and should be implemented concurrently. It is not viable or necessary to accept myopic, single-faceted philosophies for bringing Bradford into the 21st century. There are many talented individuals in Bradford capable and willing to take on these new and encouraging projects. The Bradford Community Center is one of these, and should have our total support.

David W. Blake

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Bradford Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool news

"K" is for kindergarten and "L" is for love. But as those two concepts are a bit challenging to render in construction paper, paste and craft supplies, the students made some colorful kites and lollipops to bring home this month. The children shared Valentines at school and had a party to celebrate the day. The shared warm feelings, combined with El Nino, ought to hasten the onset of spring.

The class learned about the four food groups and the importance of a balanced diet for proper nutrition. They discussed proteins from foods like meat and fish and peanut butter; grains used to make breads and their favorite cereals; dairy products, fruits and vegetables. The children made a collage of foods and organized it by food group.

A field trip to the US Post Office in Bradford was taken by the kindergarten class. Students used the opportunity to mail their handmade Valentine cards to their families. Thank you to the U.S.P.O. employees who welcomed the tour group and made the visit enjoyable.

Watch for the ever-popular BNKP bake sale, scheduled to make an appearance on town voting day, March 10th, starting at 3:00 pm.

March 10th is also BNKP school registration night. Prospective preschool students must be aged 4 by September 30, 1998. Kindergarten enrollees must be aged 5 by September 30th. Registration will be held at the Town Hall, in the BNKP classroom, from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Be on the lookout for BNKP leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day. Mischief will be kept to a minimum.

Thank you for your continued support.

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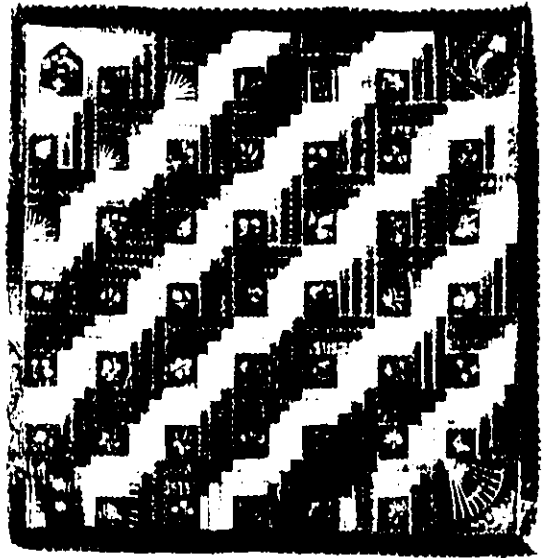
WORLDWIDE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Henniker Mini-Mall Nancy Wright
Main St., Henniker Manager

Bradford quilt part of New Hampshire exhibition

Among the fifteen quilts featured in Part I of the Museum of New Hampshire History's exhibit, *Quilts in New Hampshire: Piecing the Story Together*, is a glorious, colorful, intricately embroidered quilt by Emily Jacobs Gillingham Hadley of Bradford. Milly Kirtledge, archivist of the Bradford Historical Society, pieced together the following information about Mrs. Hadley.

Born in 1817, Emily moved to Bradford in 1840, shortly after her marriage to Madison Gillingham. The couple had five children. In 1845, Madison, while trying to save his nine-year-old adopted nephew, drowned in Todd Pond. His epitaph on the Gillingham



family stone: Vainly trying to save the life of a small boy; He lost his life in the vain attempt; A lost one to restore; And now must wait for his reward; Till time shall be no more.

Emily, a seamstress, lived on Gillingham Drive for most of her life. Her children scattered to Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, and Massachusetts. Her son, George, died tragically while trying to remove a piece of lumber from the path of an oncoming train. Another son, Irving, died young.

In 1862, Emily married a Mr. Hadley. She traveled frequently to Danvers, Massachusetts, to visit her daughter and family. Emily died in 1906 and is buried in Bradford.

In exhibition notes, museum curator Hilary Anderson added, "Emily Hadley's work combines two of the most popular quilt fashions of the later 1800's: the log cabin pattern and the crazy quilt. Family history relates that Emily Hadley's rich daughter in Toledo saved scraps for her mother to use in quilts; it is perhaps more likely that she came by the scraps through her own work—she was a dressmaker. The extremely careful, almost three-dimensional embroidery that decorates the center square of each block, as well as the precisely chosen and placed pieces which form the block, attest to Emily Hadley's skill in her profession."

The "Quilts in New Hampshire" exhibit features quilts made in New Hampshire from the 1708's through the 1940's. The exhibit was organized by the New Hampshire Historical Society and the New Hampshire Quilt Documentation Project. Since 1988, volunteers of the Quilt Documentation Project have examined and documented more than 1,000 quilts from private and public collections all over the state. The quilts selected for the exhibition represent some of the state's most intriguing historic quilts. The exhibit is the state's first major exhibition of New Hampshire-made quilts since 1939.

The exhibition will be presented in two parts, each featuring fifteen quilts. Part I will be on view through May 12 and Part II from May 15 through September 6. The exhibition

also includes other examples of quilters' work, quilting tools, quilt patterns, and photographs.

Quilt-related programs include: March 7, Quilt Care Workshop; March 21, Quilt Appraisal Day; March 24, performance of *It Had to be Done, So I Did It*, and display of the Warner women's work quilt; March 25, a Brown Bag Lunch Talk with curator Hilary Anderson. For more information, museum and program times, call 603-226-3189.

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BWC Update

February's membership meeting, "Potluck Lunch and Town Reports," was very successful and informative. I'd like to thank Joe Conway, Selectman, who spoke about Town finances, Bob Stewart from the Budget Committee, Bernie Lamach, who spoke about the schools, and Carol Adams, who spoke on the "Bradford Community Center."

Regretfully, weather conditions forced us to cancel "Candidates Night" on February 24. However, due to many requests, "Candidates Night" has been rescheduled for March 5, at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. This time around, we will concentrate mainly on the five people running for Selectman.

If any other candidate would like to speak at this meeting, please give your name to Debbie Lamach before the meeting begins.

Our next membership meeting will be on March 17 at 1:00 pm at the Church Vestry. Frances Winch will talk to us about "Quilts and Quilt Making." Refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing everyone at both meetings. --Doris Tremblay

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Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

A Lenten Bible Study has begun and will continue every Thursday evening during Lent from 7:30-8:30 pm at the parsonage. We are studying the Book of Luke.

During the worship service on the first four Sundays in Lent, we will be looking at four parables of Jesus. The title of the series is "Meeting Jesus Again through Parables." Our worship service begins at 10:00 am.

A new members' group will meet Sunday, March 1, at 4:00 pm at the parsonage to share faith journeys with our Board of Deacons. Our new members will be extended the Right Hand of Fellowship (welcome to our church family) on Easter Sunday.

The Executive Board of the American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm; a Fair meeting will follow at 7:30.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet at 11:30 am on Friday, March 6, in the vestry. Ladies are asked to bring a bag lunch. At 12:30, we will carpool to the Salisbury Community Church for the World Day of Prayer program, sponsored by Church Women United. The theme this year is "The Women of Madagascar ask: Who is my Neighbor?"

The ABWM hand-sewn quilt is ready to quilt. Many people helped to sew the squares and we invite anyone interested in helping with the quilting to come to the home of Marcia Strout on Saturday mornings from 10:00 - noon, starting March 7. The quilt will be raffled at the Church Fair on July 4.

We have an exciting Mission program entitled "Being a Christian in China," planned for Saturday, March 14, beginning with a pot luck dinner (Chinese theme) at 6:00 pm. Following dinner, we will enjoy a program

by Margaret Burckes, from Haverhill, Mass. Ms. Burckes is an Occupational Therapist and a member of the American Baptist Church in Massachusetts. Ms. Burckes' missionary experience includes a year in Singapore and traveling on other missionary tours, as well. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our youth groups will meet on Sunday, March 15, 1:00-4:00 (grades 4-12) to make stained glass crosses with Michael Bryant.

Men's Fellowship is Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 pm at the home of Clark Phillips.

Youth Sunday will be March 29. The theme this year is "Winter Blizzard: Together Growing our Camp and Conference Ministries." The American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire own two camps—Gove Hill in Vermont and Camp Sentinel in Ossipee, NH. Youth Sunday will help promote these special places. The skit will be called "Coffee Talk: A theological discussion about Camp." We will be singing camp songs and hearing camp stories from some of our young people.

Our youth will meet in the afternoon of March 29 at the home of Phyllis and Dick Whall for an afternoon of sharing, playing games, and enjoying the Whall's ping pong table, pool table, and dart board. Grades 4-6 will meet from 1:30-3:00. Grades 7-12 will meet from 3:00-4:30.

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Directed by Eric Ruthenburg, Director of Music at Newport High School, the Coachmen will perform many favorites in closeknit four-part harmony. The Concord Barber Shop Chapter was formed in 1956 and has competed as far away as Montreal. The Coachmen are members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

Advance tickets at \$5 are available from MMA members and at Dodge's Store.

Upcoming MMA events include one-act plays in May, An Evening of Vaudeville in July, a Good Old Fashioned Country Dance in August, and a holiday play in December.



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Legislative Report

by Representative Barbara French



As I touched upon in my last column, the big news in the State House thus far has been the Supreme Court's ruling on the Claremont law suit. In the decision, the court ruled that the state's current method of funding public education through the local property tax is unconstitutional. As a result of the ruling, the House had to suspend the rules to allow bills in beyond our normal deadline. There have been myriad proposals to address the issue, including the Governor's ABC plan, several versions of amendments to the constitution which would simply codify the existing system (that the court ruled unconstitutional), and several funding mechanisms including a statewide property tax and a state income tax. While the rules have been suspended to allow these bills into the House for consideration, the bills themselves are not yet fully drafted. This issue is one that cannot be rushed through. It is important that everyone be involved in the solution to this ruling. Any workable solution needs the input of all of us -- parents, taxpayers, educators, business leaders, and legislators.

In order to garner input from constituents, I am sponsoring an Informational Meeting and Public Discussion at the Henniker Community School on Friday, March 13, 7:00 pm. The state's Attorney General, Philip McLaughlin, has agreed to attend to explain and clarify the ruling. Also agreeing to attend are several lawmakers who are working on defining adequacy in education and others who have proposed funding mechanisms to pay for public education. I hope to see a lot of you there so I can hear your input and so we can all hear the insights of our guests.

Clearly everyone in the state is going to be affected by this decision. First and foremost are the children. This decision is about education and the state's obligation to provide equal access to an "adequate education." That is why there is so much discussion going on about defining adequacy in education.

I truly view this decision as a terrific opportunity and a terrific responsibility to make some real positive steps forward in the education of our children. I do not have faith in quick fix solutions and I am aware that this is a tremendous task we are faced with. But in the end, I feel the children of New Hampshire will be better for it. It may even take longer than a year to craft a solution, but I am confident that, with lots of input from all sides, together we can move ahead effectively.

This decision is also about funding. I have always been an advocate for a fair and equitable tax structure. Unfortunately, the present system is neither fair nor equitable. It does not take into consideration one's ability to pay; it merely makes an assessment based on geography and real estate values. This is particularly unfair to people living on fixed incomes (senior citizens, the unemployed, the chronically ill, and the disabled, for the most part).

Political considerations aside, I believe that the fairest and most equitable revenue mechanism would be an income tax, as it is based entirely on ability to pay. Of course, I would only support an income tax if there were an absolute guarantee that the funds raised would come back to local communities for property tax relief. I would also consider a mix of revenue sources to provide property tax relief, while at the same time meeting the state's educational obligation.

In other issues, Senate Bill 360, the bill I co-sponsored, which would establish "a family resource group to study and make recommendations concerning the development and coordination of wellness and primary prevention programs," has been gaining support. Most notably, it was very well received at a hearing on February 3, a hearing at which no one spoke in opposition to the bill. The bill is in a Senate committee, where the prospects are good for it to receive an "ought to pass" recommendation for consideration on the floor.

I would be glad to hear any questions or concerns you may have about the Claremont decision at the education forum on the 13th. (If you have questions about other matters, I will be available after the forum to discuss them with you.) I hope to see lots of you there to discuss this important issue. Presentations will be brief and all questions will be addressed, so please come on down.



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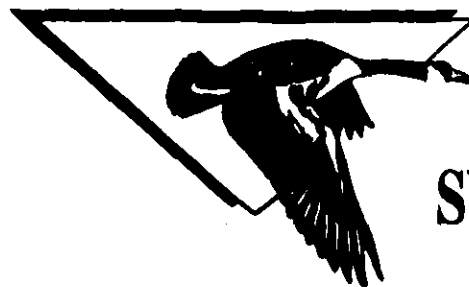
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Candidates for town offices

To provide the community with information on this year's candidates for town office, the Bridge asked each candidate 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?

Chris Chomitz, Selectman

1. As the owner of an in-town business that has been in operation for more than five years, and as a full-time resident, I am concerned for the quality of life we live here, that the future growth of the community be well-considered, and that it doesn't erode the rural atmosphere we cherish.

2. 1) The Community Center project and its funding; 2) Growth and location of the library; 3) On-going sewer and water study; 4) maintain and improving our roads, bridges, and emergency services, etc.

3. To see that we get as much as we can from the tax dollars we do spend and to keep the tax bills from rising so fast. To help the Community Center project as much as possible as a way to define and improve Main Street and downtown.

4. I am extremely hard-working. To those who know me, that seems an understatement. My educational background is in architecture, the sciences, and engineering, all of which contribute to the understanding of the "nuts and bolts" of the job at hand.

Nick Nikiforow, Selectman

1. I've recently arrived in Bradford and wish to become an integral part of the community. The most effective way is to serve in the town administration.

2. Improving the tax base of the town within the guidelines of the Master Plan.

3. Strengthen the process of town governance with a well-reasoned, well-managed, cost-effective approach to problem solving and project implementation.

4. BS in chemical engineering and MBA in finance. Living in eight countries has provided me with a wealth of problem-solving experience and has sensitized me to how people's views and values differ. I have the ability to put myself in other people's shoes... This is important in arriving at solutions and avoiding getting mired in controversy and stalemate.

Marvin Rich, Selectman

1. My wife, Dawn, and I have been Bradford residents for twenty years. We have been involved with many different facts of the town and surrounding communities. Time has made me cognizant of the town's needs. I believe my past experience will meet the challenges of Bradford's future.

2. The diverse groups in Bradford have established a vision for the town. As selectman, I would support and provide a communicative link between the volunteer efforts and the management of the town. The six goals of the newly adopted Master Plan summarize the issues we need to develop.

1. Maintain a small town character.
2. Improve the economic climate.
3. Improve the village area.
4. Examine the potential for economic improvement offered by our "access highways."
5. Preserve the rural landscape.
6. Promote community spirit and encourage citizen participation.

At the same time, it is important to ensure a smooth operation of town affairs.

3. I hope to provide a cohesive environment within the community, support for town employees and vital services in town. The Selectmen's office needs to work with different town organizations to develop a long-range plan for Bradford.

1. Control department costs.
2. Enlarge the tax base.
3. Support education with a concern for tax implications.
4. Organize town facilities.
5. Maintain and improve our infrastructure (roads, bridges, parks, etc.).
6. Explore water and sewage (needs/costs).

4. 1) During my thirteen years as Bradford Police Chief I operated the Police Department with a balanced budget each year. 2) Elected and served on the Bradford Budget Committee for three years. 3) Served as town welfare officer for thirteen years. 4) As a committee member for New Hampshire Police Chiefs Association, I evaluated police departments in the State of New Hampshire as requested by the respective towns. 5) Elected National President for the National Police Conference on P.A.L. and Youth Activities. 6) Served as President of the Board of Education, Irvington, NJ, that operated on a \$19 million dollar budget and employed over 1,000 employees. 7) Last but most importantly, married to the former Dawn Foster, father of Bob, Dawn, John, Donna and Mike. Grandfather to 5 granddaughters and 3 grandsons.

Dorothy Peret, Selectman

1. I want to serve as selectman to get this town back on its feet and to see how this town can be a better place for the future.

2. 1) Highway garage workers and their insurance, to keep the highway crew now. 2) How to develop the town to get more business in the town. 3) To help the other selectmen out where and when needed.

3. To get this town to work more efficiently by looking at our neighboring towns to see what they are doing and see how their ideas can help us.

4. I have been living in this town for 40 years and have seen a lot of changes. I would like to see better changes for the good and I would like to be part of that.

Lance Rickenberg, Selectman

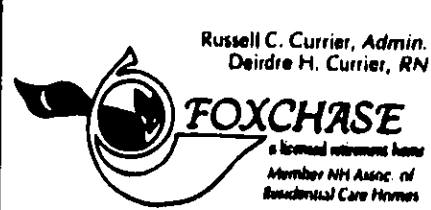
1. I am running for selectman to serve my community and to give my time and experience in order to reach the goals of my fellow residents.

2. Some of the most important issues in the coming years involve the growth of our community. While the plans for a new "Bradford Green" may sound great, I wonder how much the long-term impact is really being looked at. A piece of property that last year was known as a hazardous waste site is now the historic Marshall property and perfect for the new town park. Pretty impressive how a change of ownership from private to town hands can change everything. Let's hope that if the Bradford Green goes in, it never becomes known as "Love Canal II."

There is also a lot of work being done on town water and sewer. There are a lot of good arguments for it. But if someone's well or septic out on West Road or on Lake Massasecum goes down the crapper, so to speak, is anyone downtown going to pay to fix it? I don't think so. So why should they be made to pay for theirs?

3. During my term, I would like to see the creation of a water precinct. That would consist of those properties where town water and sewer would be established. All costs of creating, establishing and using a town water and sewer system would be paid for by those in the water precinct.

I would also work towards ending zoning. There is an old saying that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Well, zoning isn't working in this town. Let's get rid of it and start over.



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Candidates, continued from previous page

Everett Kittredge, Trustee of the Trust Funds

1. I enjoy working with the other trustees, investing trust funds to earn money for the town.
2. Ongoing review and management of investments.
3. Continued productive investment of entrusted funds. Continued automation of receipt of income (direct deposit) and reporting.
4. Incumbent since 1992. Annual attendance at State trustee seminars.

Susan Bunis, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

1. I would like to be a trustee of the Brown Memorial Library to help make the new library building a reality. Our current library space is vastly overcrowded...we are out of shelf space for books, there is no space available for a quiet reading area, the children's area is overcrowded, there is no space for a second computer to provide Internet access, there is no handicapped access...and the list goes on and on.
2. Fund-raising for the new library is the most important issue. I am also interested in helping provide Internet access for the library and I am currently researching ways to make that possible.
3. I would like to use my term to help implement a more active fund-raising program and to help finalize plans for the new library building.
4. I have been an active part of fund-raising for the library for the past two years. My husband, Marty, a current library trustee, and I have managed the library thrift shop for the past two summers, helping to raise over \$17,000 for the building fund. I attend most library trustee meetings and I am familiar with their current policies and goals.

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Carol Conforti-Adams, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

1. I've lived in town since 1983 and been involved with town projects and committees. In the mid 90's, I began attending the library's informational and public meetings about the need for expansion. I agree that the library needs more space, but I've also been honest about my concern of how much expansion is needed and at what cost. I am running now because I feel strongly that a library is a cornerstone in any community. It can promote literacy and expand understanding, knowledge and appreciation for cultural diversity without ever leaving town.

I'm also concerned that ALL groups in town work together. We need to provide an integrated plan that is cost effective and maximizes financial and human resources.

2. Working together as a community, realizing that we all see issues slightly differently. But with respectful listening and a willingness to work together, we can create a solution that benefits the whole community. This winter I had the privilege to sit with the Library Trustees, the Bradford Selectmen, and the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC), to discuss Bradford's financial situation, space needs, and economic strategies. It was a wonderful experience to see this dialogue. I would like to see this type of joint discussion and planning continue. Since I'm involved with the BEOC, I feel I can positively contribute to our community planning.
3. I hope I can contribute, along with all the other wonderful people who volunteer their time, to accomplish our collective visions of Bradford with a vibrant village area and a place where we can be proud to live.
4. Professionally (20+ years), I've worked in the fields of community planning, health care, human services, and education. My expertise lies in building partnerships between organizations to meet people's needs. In my tenure at Franklin Regional Hospital, I received four national awards for developing and managing integrated community service projects. I left my professional administrative job in 1996 to be home enjoying my two children and my husband, with the hope I could integrate my personal and professional life in the community where I live.

Meg Fearnley, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

1. I believe the library is the heart of the community. Bradford is lucky to have an excellent library with committed staff and trustees. I would like to support our library by serving as trustee.
2. Lack of space is still the biggest challenge facing the library.
3. Since fall, I have been completing the term of a trustee who moved out of town. I would like to continue working with the library staff and trustees on planning and fund-raising for more library space.
4. I worked for eighteen years at Harvard's Widener Library. That library was completely automated into a computerized system while I was there. I hope to be able to assist the Librarian and staff as Brown Memorial Library becomes more computerized.

Beth Rodd, Scholarship Committee write-in

1. I am currently chairing the Scholarship Committee for the Women's Club and enjoy the process of assessing and determining financial aid for students pursuing educational goals.
2. From the numerous eligible applicants, it is challenging to weigh the needs of each to choose only one or two students for whom this scholarship can help in easing the financial strain of his/her educational goals.
3. To award a scholarship to a student who will be able to attain educational goals not otherwise possible.
4. see #1.

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George (Bud) Morse, Budget Com.

1. It was not my desire to continue to serve, as I believe it is time for a younger person to take my place. However, the fact that nobody signed up to run for either of the two openings caused me to reconsider.
2. Other than the usual issues, it appears that in the next three years, the committee will be addressing many town development issues that may have a direct effect on annual budgets.
3. Work to control the budget development as much as possible, but not at the expense of appropriate services for the taxpayer. Warrant articles require careful review and discussion prior to recommendation as they usually have considerable effect on the final budget bottom line which directly affects the tax rate.
4. Knowledge gained by experience serving on various town boards and committees over the years, including continuous service on the Budget Committee since 1980.

Jeff Russell, Budget Committee write-in

1. I believe it is incumbent upon all citizens to serve their community in some capacity, at one time or another. Although I am a young taxpayer, I believe I can add a perspective to the budget committee that will help to enhance its mission to provide Bradford taxpayers with sensible, fiscally responsible budgets.
2. Balancing the needs of the town of Bradford with the escalating cost of education.
3. Assisting the other committee members in providing Bradford taxpayers with sensible and fiscally responsible town budgets.
4. 3-year term on the board of directors for LISTEN INC. 1-year as interim treasurer. Currently Terminal Manager for a regional trucking company. Responsible for VT, NH and ME operations; also responsible for adhering to strict budgetary requirements on a daily basis.

Marcia Keller, Planning Board

1. After nine years as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, I recognize the need for coordination of Bradford's land use regulations - zoning, subdivision, site plan review, building code - to simplify the process and allow for effective use of our remaining developable land while protecting the irreplaceable resources that make Bradford the beautiful place that it is. The Planning Board's role in this effort is essential.
2. The Planning Board's major task over the next few years is to review the existing land use regulations in light of the recently adopted Master Plan. The document, produced by the tireless efforts of the Master Plan Update Committee, provides guidance and direction for this review. In addition, as also stressed in the Master Plan, a Capital Improvement Plan is urgently needed for long-term financial stability of the Town. The Planning Board is responsible for initiating this process.
3. Much work will be required to carry out the Master Plan recommendations. How quickly this can be accomplished will depend on the leadership and direction of the Planning Board, with support from the Board of Selectmen and, as always, the tireless efforts of Bradford's dedicated volunteers. A good start can be made in the next three years.
4. My qualifications include nine years on the ZBA, familiarity with current regulations, and twelve years of professional planning experience, dealing primarily with administration of land use regulations. Most importantly, I offer my lifelong interest in the Town of Bradford and my concern for helping to plan for a successful future.

Mildred Kittredge, ZBA (2 years)

1. The updated zoning ordinances, the case file of past decisions, the experience of the board, has allowed the adjustment procedure to move along faster with a need for only four appeals this year. I would like to see the continuance of user/neighbor friendly and speedy decisions.
2. Issues: to understand the legal statutes, and to achieve economic and orderly growth for Bradford.
3. Accomplish: continuous and clear communications between all parties involved. A fair and realistic balance in decisions.
4. Qualifications: Alternate ZBA member for a year. Frequent attendance at Selectmen and Planning Board meetings and public hearings, which often give slightly different perspectives to be considered. Physical presence information is invariably more accurate than indirect information.

Les Gordon, Zoning Board of Adjustment

1. I would like to get involved more in the community.
2. To keep the zoning laws fair for all in the community.
3. To serve my term with fairness for all.
4. I want to help the Town of Bradford.

Jim Monahan, Zoning Board of Adjustment

1. I want to serve on the Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment in order to contribute to the community and its economic vitality. Serving on the ZBA is an opportunity to help balance the town's need for continued growth while maintaining its rural, small-town character.
2. While I view the role of a ZBA member as an arbitrator and reasonable interpreter of the town's zoning ordinances, I also believe that a commitment to successfully revitalizing Bradford's commercial district and developing a thriving Main Street are important goals for the ZBA.
3. During my term of office, I hope to accomplish a fair and reasonable adjudication of our town's zoning issues.
4. I feel I am qualified to serve on the Bradford ZBA because I have served on the ZBA as an alternate and seated member for the past year and a half. I live in Bradford's commercial/residential district and support the balanced development of the town's growth.

Mildred Kittredge, Cemetery Commission

1. I have spent a lot of enjoyable time researching, compiling, dispersing information, and walking the cemeteries of the town. We have history and charm in our cemeteries. I would like to continue for another term.
2. Issues: improving within our budget, continuing repair of monuments and fences. Wishing all family plots would have trust funds established for them.
3. Accomplish: Fence and gate improvements at all cemeteries, and many stone repairs. A personal goal is to put names to the unmarked graves in our cemeteries.
4. Qualifications: member of the commission since its inception, attendance at Attorney General's office seminars, noting what commissions in surrounding towns are doing, member of NH Old Graveyards Association, and continuous information gathering.

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

The library asks your support on two important warrant items to be voted on at Town Meeting, March 11th.

Item #18 "to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the existing Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund. (By Petition)" This fund was established a few years ago and acts as a savings account financially preparing the way towards building a new library.

Item #19 "to see if the Town will make available to the Library Trustees of said Town, a portion of town land, formerly that portion of the Marshall lot fronting Main Street, where the Marshall House and Barn had been located, for the construction of a new Library Building. Said lot contains 3 acres, more or less." This article was submitted by the Trustees as many of our patrons have indicated they would like to see the new library built on this spot. We have met with the Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee regarding their plan to convert the former Central School building into a community center. In giving up the school building, we ask for your vote to obtain this land for a new library building.

Our fund-raiser at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn, hosted by the Horigans, was another great evening of good food and a good time. The Horigans, Trustees, library staff, and volunteers all made it a special evening. Thanks to Heather Payson, Craig Alibrandi, and Beth Thompson for their services and to Susie Janicki and Susan Farber for their creative ads. Thanks also to all who provided our delicious assortment of desserts to top off the famous chicken pie made by the Horigans. Watch the *Bridge* closely for our events in April.

Last chance to get raffle tickets for the Victorian doll house will be voting day, March 10th!



From the kitchen of
Lesley Marquis

It's always a sure sign when we see the sap buckets going up along country roads. Can spring be far behind? This is a recipe adapted from an old issue of Country Essence magazine.

CAKE

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| 1/2 cup shortening | 1/2 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1 cup maple syrup | 1/2 tsp. ground cloves |
| 1 cup unsweetened applesauce | 1/4 tsp. nutmeg |
| 2 cups flour | 1 cup raisins, floured |
| 1 tsp. baking soda | sugar or maple sugar |
| salt | |

Beat the first three ingredients together. Combine all of the dry ingredients together. Combine these two mixtures and then fold in the floured raisins. Pour into a 9x13 greased and floured pan. Sprinkle with grated maple sugar. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes to an hour.

MAPLE TOPPING

Whip 3/4 cup heavy cream. As it begins to thicken, slowly add 1/4 cup maple syrup until stiff peaks form.

Warner workshop: self-hypnosis for relaxation and stress reduction

On Wednesday, March 4, the Alternative Health and Personal Growth Workshops will present the topic "Self hypnosis for relaxation and stress reduction." Would you like to experience relaxation instead of tension during your days? Richard King designs an evening for learning the basic techniques of self-hypnosis to enhance your relaxation response. The Workshop is held in Warner at the Pillsbury Public Library, 7:00-9:00 pm, with a suggested \$5 donation at the door.

Shamrock Hop square dance

Mainstream and Plus Dancers! You are invited to celebrate the "wearing of the green" with the Bradford Country Squares as they host the "Shamrock Hop" on Saturday, March 14 at the Bradford Town Hall, 8:00-10:30 pm. Ed and Corinne Renauld will call and cue this dance. Admission is \$4.00/person. For more information, call 763-4792.

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On Friday, March 13, 7:30 pm, a slide program will be presented, *Flowers Above the Trees*, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road, New London. Jean Buermeyer will take us on a photographic journey up into the alpine zone of the White Mountains to view unique and hardy flowering plants growing in this rugged environment.

GLIMPSES, selected by Milly Kittredge from Bradford Historical Society materials

March 11, 1788. The Selectmen were to petition the General Court for permission to levy a tax of a penny per acre on all the lands in the town for three years.


March 1798. Town meeting was held in the newly built Meeting House at the Center.

March 1864. The Meeting House had been taken down, moved, and reassembled with an added first floor at its present location.

March 1918. ... to pay expenses of citizens going to Franklin to sign for the draft.

March 1958. School district had 60 pupils, expenditures of \$30,105.96, and the officers were: Paul Gove, Moderator; Lillian Frey, Clerk & Treasurer; School Board, Florence Jones, Bob Messer, and Bob Moore. There has been considerable talk of cooperative high schools in the state.

The 1958 Town Reports lists Civil Defense Air Raid instructions: the siren blasts for take cover, turn on your AM radio, go down into your shelter, and if you see a bright flash of light, instantly protect your eyes.



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Meet Your Neighbor

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Tom and Sarah Harvey are quietly investing adventure capital in Bradford. The couple and their two children (Zachary, age six, and Miranda, one and a half) moved into their 1863 House of Dreams in April 1997. Although the realtor warned them, "Are you sure you want that house? It needs a lot of work," Tom and Sarah overcame their apprehensions when they reckoned they could pull off the extensive renovations to transform their 134-year-old home into a treasure with the help of friends of relatives.

Tom's trade: plumber/pipefitter. Tom's brother's trade: electrician. *Team One*. Hired! *Team Two*: floorsander. Hired! *Team Three*: plasterer. Hired! *Team Four*: (oops!) house lifter. Hired! To raise a portion of the house ten inches.

Now that the playing field is level, the house is beginning to show its colors. From historical paint color swatches, the Harveys chose a rich burgundy for the dining room--a color that shows off the room's central feature, a newly smooth curved lathe and horsehair plaster wall. A slate-grey/navy color chosen for the side office will be enhanced later with period wallpaper and a chair rail. Peach-colored entry hall walls, contrasting with the solid mahogany staircase newel post, softly highlight the round-arched framing of a recessed alcove cupboard. With the meticulous care of a pipefitter, Tom is installing a reproduction tin ceiling in the living room.



Amidst the chaos, the Harveys are taking the challenges in stride. Before the ice storm, the new furnace's computer had been malfunctioning. Tom resolved the problems. Then, when everyone lost power, the Harveys' outdoor pipe to the well burst. Tom borrowed water from a neighbor and replaced the water pipe. Sarah said, "Never mind the crumbling plaster. It's good to be warm and have water."

This old house and four-story barn have yielded only a bucketful of antique medicine vials (the first owners were doctors--Farley, Howland, Green, Oliver, Celia McNally, and A. F. Wright), a slat from a crate addressed to Dr. Oliver, and a truckload of 1920's newspapers found under the kitchen floor. Tom guesses they were used to keep out the draft.

The Harveys met drive-by and walk-by neighbors last summer who thought they were selling the cast iron radiators lined up on the front porch. Not for sale, the grungy radiators have been patiently restored, converted to hot water, and connected, steel pipe by steel pipe, to the new furnace. Pipefitter's play, I suppose, to thread each pipe to fit the next.

Before moving to Bradford, Tom and Sarah had lived and worked in the seacoast area, which was losing its appeal as traffic increased as people fled from metropolitan areas. A licensed Master's Plumber, Tom finds work through his professional association (the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union) on commercial jobs around the state, including Vermont Yankee. When Sarah met Tom, she was a fixed-base operator at the former Pease Air Force Base. Her responsibility was arranging for the needs of private planes--fueling, parking, and housing. One day, Tom landed in his boss's private plane

Sarah has taken a "vacation" from her last job as business manager in a Concord doctor's office. With little quiet time to read and write, Sarah enjoys her children, cooking, and dreaming about a modern kitchen. Tom's hobby of fly fishing has also been put on hold. He managed only three fishing trips last year. He discovered that friendly neighbors keep trade secrets. Scene one. Tom chats with local sportsman. Tom: "Know any places to fish?" Local sportsman: "You're not from around here." Tom: "No, I just moved to town." Short silence. Local sportsman: "Try Lake Sunapee."

Tom and Sarah, as investors in the town's future, hope that the little void in the middle of Main Street, where the store used to be, will be filled with a new business that would draw people to town to shop and walk around--perhaps a craft shop, a coffee bookstore, restaurant, or a specialized grocery ... even a Saturday morning Farmers' Market would be a start.

Welcome, Harveys. Thanks for believing in your new town.

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

Snow and Ice Days Excused?

Thank you for your input regarding waiving the 180-day requirement for students due to the Ice Storm of '98. Parents will be mailed a survey to collect their ideas about whether your school district should waive school days and if so, how many (contingent upon state approval, of course).

Voter Information Meetings

Two voters information meetings will be held where the proposed budget will be discussed and all questions answered. One will be on March 3 at 7:00 pm at the New London Elementary School. The second meeting will be held on March 5, 7:00 pm, at Simonds Elementary School in Warner. Be an informed voter, attend and get your questions answered and other opinions heard. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or input also.

Budget Wrap-Up for March 10 Vote

The operating budget proposed by your School Board is up 3.3% for two reasons: inflation (2.3% according to the Feds) and increased student enrollment (about 3.4%). Last year's operating budget was \$15,348,531 and this year's proposed budget is \$15,860,173. The Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) proposed an operating budget \$92,218 less than the School Board's budget, for a 2.7% increase over last year. Please become informed about the reasons for the difference in the two budgets by reading the Annual Report, attending an information session, or asking your elected officials. There are eight other Warrant Articles totaling \$296,421. The MBC proposes \$223,871, supporting three of the eight articles. There are good arguments pro and con--discover them! The School Board and MBC have worked hard to represent you. It is arguably more important WHY you vote a certain way than HOW you vote, because the process is so critical to our quality of life ... and to our next generation.

Basics

Your School Board usually meets twice a month, the first and third Tuesdays of each month (the day was changed this year). Meetings are rotated throughout the district. The agenda for each meeting has been and will continue to be posted at the Post Office and Town Hall as soon as I receive it. An agenda is also mailed to the Selectmen. Our next meeting is March 3, after the voter information session in New London. The March 17 meeting should be at Bradford Elementary. Subcommittees of the Board meet regularly also. I am chair of the Communications Subcommittee. I feel most strongly that any resident should feel free to contact me with questions, problems, opinions, etc., about your school district; it is your involvement that makes public schools what they are. (P.O. Box 351, 121 Marshall Hill Road, lovmts@aol.com, 938-2722)

A Point of View

How about 5 bucks a head? by Don Johnsen

It hasn't always seemed important to attend meetings or to express my own views. I felt that someone else would "take care of things" ... and that they would "do the right thing." Besides we were busy with family, business, or just coming and going. We were so exhausted we just wanted to slump in the easy chair and shift into neutral for a while.

Well, my views have dramatically changed in the past ten years. Whether I've finally "matured" or just seen so many outrageous acts by people I thought were honorable and well-intentioned, it now seems to me that we all MUST speak out. Whether it is to elect our representatives or to make a statement concerning spending tax money on a project, we're irresponsible if we don't express our views.

WHAT? Irresponsible? ME? You betchum! If you haven't noticed, groups dedicated to a cause frequently prevail ... even though only a few are involved. They KNOW what they want! At the federal and state levels, these folks have lobbyists pushing their causes behind the scenes. You think they don't influence our lives? You haven't heard of some of the outrageous ways our money is spent? Of the laws and regulations that are genuinely ill-advised (downright stupid would be more accurate in many cases)? How about the requirements that get on the books to do something, but without a way to pay for it? Or the legislation that is just a tad slanted to favor this or that group? If you don't, you haven't been paying attention.

It seems to me that the time has come to put an end to much of this foolishness. We must insist that all citizens exercise their right and privilege to vote. To me, this is the ONLY practical solution to the problem of having our lives controlled by a small number of "focus groups." If we established a requirement along the lines of (a) if you vote, it costs nothing but your time, or (b) for those of you who don't vote, it costs 5 bucks a head, my best guess is that things will immediately change for the better. We certainly couldn't gripe about it being an unfair vote.

We'd either have one grand turnout at Town Meeting and at the polls or our tax rate would go down from the "\$5 donations" flowing in from the "haves" (those who think they have more money to burn than time to be a responsible citizen). Oh, I forgot to mention the last item in this new requirement. The 5 bucks would be due by Memorial Day...so everyone would remember how we got this privilege in the first place...because those who have gone before us took this responsibility seriously ... BECAUSE it cost them something to get it in the first place! Come to think of it, maybe 5 bucks a head isn't enough

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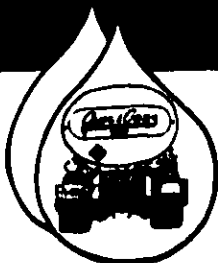
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20,000 copies have been distributed in the area. The booklet is free and available at many Henniker/Hillsborough businesses. It is also on the Henniker Rotary Club's home page <http://Rotary.NH.US> as well as at the Antrim Rest Area.

BUSINESSES: A new printing is in process. Ads cost \$15 per line for 70 letters, spaces, and punctuation. Submit ads and payment by March 15 to Henniker Rotary Club, P.O. Box 695, Henniker, NH 03242. Prospective advertisers are welcome to call Gail at 428-7982 with questions.

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Then & Now

by Milly Kittredge

Carriage Repository



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This site by the bridge may be one with the longest continuous association with travel in town. From early in the 1800's, it was a blacksmith shop, and Hadley and Hall advertised horse shoeing work done at short notice. By the time the need for iron implements, horse shoeing, and related smithy work had dwindled, Zeke Hadley had been a blacksmith for more than forty years at this site. It was a fine location at the four corners of the main road north.

The Hadley Blacksmith shop was demolished in 1901, and in 1903, a

news item says "Frank Messer bought the blacksmith shop of Scott Hall and is to use it for a carriage market. Mr. Hall rented the lower part of the shop to C. E. Hadley, for many years the shop of Jacob C. Bailey, and is to do his blacksmithy there. Mr. Gowell occupies the upper portion for a carpenter shop."

There is also a news item of Mr. Messer and his carriage repository in 1894. The Messers and/or Hadleys owned, at various times the building on the corner of Main and High (since torn down) and the Brick Mill and adjacent block of stores and tenements.



today

The Grange bought the hall in 1912, and met there for many years. They rented to other organizations, which had their locked closets for ritual equipment. (One memory is of a sword fight during off hours by young Grangers.) There was a large kitchen on the first floor to make the plentiful meals for which the Grange has always been noted.

The Hall was auctioned in 1958. It went through various ownerships, eventually being restored to living quarters. In 1976, it was advertised as ground floor original blacksmith/horse barn; 2nd floor, recent craftsman's workshop; third floor, old Grange hall, with rich wainscoting; and fourth floor, sleeping lots. On "Waterfall River."

Owned today by Caryl Walker and Alex Spiliotis, they say the deed includes a right of way beside the (late) house on the east which goes down to the basement river level horsestalls and carriage turn around. They enjoy the rich background of their corner of the Mills.



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Selectmen's meetings in February

February 2. Two representatives from Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports, Scott MacLean and Mike Carter, met to discuss their petition warrant articles (one for \$3500 for BNYS operating expenses and the other for \$2000 to repair the backstop and fence at Brown Shattuck Field). They asked Selectmen whether providing additional information might lead to their support for the articles. Selectmen explained their fiscally conservative approach to this year's budget and said the question they used to determine what budget items to support was "Is this an essential town service?" In all other areas, they said they would "let the voters decide."

Carol Adams provided an update on the CDBG grant application, reporting that 14 applications were received by the Office of State Planning. Preparations are underway for a site visit, probably in late February. Meanwhile, documentations of support for the community center are being collected and a governance committee is being set up.

Adams also discussed with Selectmen her concerns about a public parking area being built by NH Fish and Game on a pond near her house. Because three towns, Bradford, Warner, and Sutton, were involved in the approval process, Adams requested that representatives of the three towns meet to discuss issues such as policing the isolated area. Selectmen agreed to review their approval of this project to ensure that "due process" was followed.

Don Johnsen asked about the status of the "friendly front door" effort to document building permit, site plan, and other application processes that residents find cumbersome. Cheryl Behr reported that the information was given to Andrew Pinard to put on the Bradford web page and she was refining a flowchart. Johnsen offered the services of the BEOC to review the material.

Selectmen received a letter from the Henniker Police Dept. commending Officer Robert Varley on his extraordinary efforts to aid in a domestic dispute that involved tracking the subject for more than an hour through the snowy woods and then saving his life, after he fell into the river, by getting him up an embankment and to an ambulance.

Road Agent Andy Anderson reported that the highway garage had been broken into and a chain saw stolen, as well as a spare tire for a town truck.

February 9. Selectmen discussed the draft of a letter from the town's attorney, Tim Bates, denying the request from NH Legal Assistance to plow the seasonal French's Park Road to the Flemings' property, due to the illness of the residents.

Selectmen agreed that electricity to the Central School should be reconnected so that the

alarms for fire and break-in are operational; the Library Trustees had requested the power be turned off.

A report was presented concerning the Saturday meeting of the 4th of July Committee; Selectmen signed a contract for the Kearsarge Community Band.

Selectman Joe Conway reported that the application to Design NH for a plan to develop the Bradford Green was due on February 13.

A draft charter for the Parks and Recreation Committee was reviewed; comments will be passed along.

Cheryl Behr reported that the town report was nearing completion. Because the town is using a new printer and has eliminated pictures to reduce costs, the cost per copy of the town report has been reduced from \$7.60 for the 1996 report to \$2.60 for this year's report. 500 copies will be printed.

February 16. No meeting, Civil Rights Day.

February 23. Cheryl Behr reported that the tax assessor would be in town for the next two weeks, assessing 55 pick-ups and 9 abatements.

More thefts have been reported at the highway garage, as well as telephone wires being pulled out.

Town reports are expected to be available at the town hall on March 3.

Selectmen discussed the upcoming site visit for the Community Center CDBG grant on the 25th. Fourteen applications have been received by the Office of State Planning, including three for community centers.

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Kindergarten: age 5 by 9/30/98

**Registration: Tuesday, March 10,
7:00-8:00 pm, Town Hall
for more info, call 938-2973**

Book discussion series continues

On Thursdays, March 5 and 12, Granite State Stories reading and discussion series will continue at Brown Memorial Library, 7:00-9:00 pm. Discussions are led by Dr. Patrick Anderson, Colby Sawyer College. *Cora Fry*, short poems by Rosellen Brown, will be discussed on March 5. Brown has lived in Peterborough all her life. Isolated from society's changes, she accepts the limitations of her life, yet she yearns "to understand light years." In her poetry, she muses about everyday concerns in the culture of a small town, shaped by weather, gossip, habit, and family pride.

Trailer Park, a collection of short stories by Russell Banks, is the topic for March 12. When Banks lived in New Hampshire (he grew up here) and taught English at New England College, he was an accomplished, but relatively unknown writer. Today, with his books, *Affliction* and *The Sweet Hereafter*, made into movies, Banks' writing is in the limelight.

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Why not try a butterfly garden? by David Blake

I would like to wish Fred Winch a fast and complete recovery from his heart surgery and also mention how much I have enjoyed (and learned from) his articles. I look forward to many more of his writings in the Bridge.

It's nice to finally leave work during daylight hours ... a true sign that spring is on its way. Unlike some years, this February was kind to us. Don't break out the lawn furniture just yet. Some of our more horrendous snowstorms have occurred in March.

As spring approaches, many of us will spend time sitting in our favorite chairs, staring out at the seemingly never-ending banks of partially melted and mud-ridden snow and ice, wondering what ingenious projects we can tackle this spring that might lead to a sense of accomplishment. If it's the house that needs painting, DON'T ... it can wait one more year! If you're thinking along the lines of a flower garden, why not design one that caters to butterflies.

Butterfly gardens are easy to design and build, and add an extra dimension to the perennial or annual flower bed. There are guidelines to follow and some interesting facts about butterflies that will help you in your design.

When choosing plants that attract butterflies, they prefer heavy perfume scents to those with more delicate scents. They require vast amounts of carbohydrates to provide energy for their flights. Therefore, large amounts of plant nectar are necessary as their food source. To locate nectar, sight plays a very important role.

Butterflies are attracted to many different colored substances. Different species have different life styles, require different habitats, and are attracted to different colors. It is believed that butterflies find their food source (nectar) through outwardly protrud-

ing eyes consisting of thousands of separate lenses, allowing them to look in several directions at once without turning their heads. Their visual patterns, combined with their ability to see into the ultraviolet end of the color spectrum, allow them to easily spot where nectar is stored.

Creating a butterfly garden is easy and can offer enjoyment from spring to fall. The growth rate and blooming sequence of flowers can be combined to attract several different butterfly species. Your design should consider the following:

1. Species of butterflies in the area.
2. Design your garden near a spot that enables you to quietly sit and enjoy (near lawn chairs, patio, screened-in porch or window). Do not design it where children or pets play. It should be in a sunny location, as butterflies need to warm the muscles they use to fly. It should also be protected from the wind as much as possible. Planting the tallest and most dense plants on the site of the prevailing winds is most beneficial. Designing it on the side of a bank will cut down on wind and allow for a sunnier, warmer location.
3. Do NOT plant near areas where insecticides are used.
4. Plant in rows with the tallest plants in the rear, with middle rows containing plants of medium height. The front rows should contain the lowest plants. This will ensure maximum visibility of both plants and butterflies.
5. Consider colors and blooming sequence throughout the spring and summer.
6. Plant from the back of the garden and work forward.

Plan your butterfly garden now and enjoy these beautiful creatures for years to come. Turn to the back page for a simple design and a suggested list of plants.

WARRANT, continued from page 1

13. \$2,500 to be placed in the existing Repair Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund.
14. \$5,000 to be placed in the Town Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund.
15. \$5,000 to be placed in the existing Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund.
16. \$10,000 to be placed in the existing Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
17. \$10,000 to be placed in the existing Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
18. \$40,000 to be placed in the existing Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund. (by petition, not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee)
19. To see if the Town will make available to the Library Trustees a portion of town land, formerly that portion of the Marshall lot fronting Main Street where the Marshall house and barn had been located, for the construction of a new library building. Said lot contains 3 acres, more or less, of the 3.69 acre front lot, leaving the balance for roadway access to the back lot. Should construction fail to commence within a 28 month period from this date, the commitment shall be null and void. Upon passage of this article, the Trustees relinquish any claim on the Central School site. (by petition, not recommended by Selectmen)
20. \$3,530, authorize expenditure by Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses Association to help defray the cost of continuing to provide free and subsidized home health care. (by petition, not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee)
21. \$3,500 and authorize its expenditure by Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports to assist in defraying the organization's ongoing expenses. (by petition, not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee)
22. \$2,000 and authorize expenditure by Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports for the repair of the backstop and fence at Brown Shattuck Field. (by petition, not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee)
23. \$130 for erection and maintenance of a street light at the intersection of State Route 103 and the Old Sutton road. (by petition, not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee)

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March Calendar

Monday, March 2

Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386 for location, 9:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, March 3

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:00

Wednesday, March 4

Library Trustees, library, 7:00

PTC, Bradford Elementary, 7:00

Thursday, March 5

Book discussion series, library, 7:00-9:00

Candidates' Night, Bradford Elem., 7:30

Saturday, March 7

Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 10:00 am

Monday, March 9

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, March 10

Election date. Vote at Bradford Elementary, 8:00-5:00

Bradford/Newbury Kindergarten & Pre-school registration, Town Hall, 7:00-8:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 11

Town Meeting, Bradford Elementary, 7:00

Thursday, March 12

Bradford/Newbury Community Workshop, Friendship House, S. Newbury, 11:00 am

Book discussion series, library, 7:00-9:00

Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Friday, March 13

Informational Meeting and Public Discussion on school funding issue, presented by Rep. Barbara French, Henniker Community School, 7:00 (see article, page 7)

Saturday, March 14

Senior Rally, Hallahan's R.E., 1:00-3:00

Monday, March 16

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Church Vestry, 7:00

Tuesday, March 17

Bradford Women's Club, Quilts & Quilt Making, church vestry, 1:00

Bradford/Newbury Kindergarten Parents, Town Hall, 7:00

KRSD School Board, Bradford Elementary, 7:00

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 18

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Friends of the Library, library, 7:30

Thursday, March 19

Sewer/water update meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Saturday, March 21

Concord Coachmen, sponsored by Moon Mountain Arts, Town Hall, 7:30

Spring flea market/pie & bake sale, S. Newbury Union Church Friendship House, 10:00-3:00

Monday, March 23

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, March 24

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 25

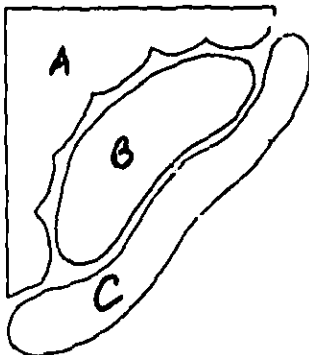
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Monday, March 30

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

To list events for the month of April, call the Scribners, 938-2286.

Butterfly Garden, see article page 17



A. Background plantings

Abelia / honeysuckle
Buddleia / butterfly bush
Helianthus / sunflower
Ligustrum / privet

B. Intermediate plantings

Achillea / yarrow
Asclepias / butterfly weed
Chrysanthemum / daisies
Cosmos
Echinacea / purple coneflower
Eupatorium / joe-pye-weed
Heliotropium / cherry pie
Hemerocallis / daylilies
Monarda / bee balm
Phlox Paniculata / hardy phlox
Rudbeckia / black-eyed susan

C. Foreground area

Petunia
Lantana
Mentha / mints
Sedum / stonecrop
Tagetes / french marigold
Zinnia

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