



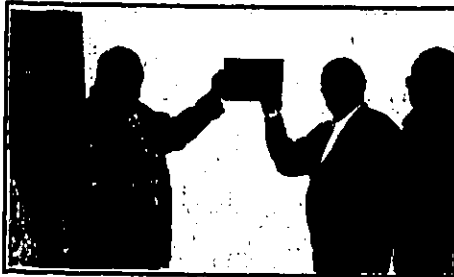
The Bradford Bridge

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Commemorative plaque at Town Hall

A plaque commemorating the placement of the Bradford Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places was presented to the Selectmen at their November 25th meeting. The plaque will be hung in the town hall. The inscription says "Bradford Town Hall, c. 1797. Moved to this site 1853 Has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places By the United States Department of the Interior."



Left to right: Dick Keller, Joe Battles, Dick Hambrecht, Dick Whall

The Bradford Bicentennial Committee joined with the Bradford Historical Society to purchase the plaque. This culminates the efforts begun in 1980 to place the building on the National Register of Historic Places. Registered places are eligible for federal matching grants for protection or preservation work.

Evelyn Lammert, who spearheaded the paperwork for the Town Hall Restoration Committee, now resides in Florida. Other members of the committee in 1980 included Carroll Butman (deceased), Gene Schmidt, Bill Curless, and Tillie Wheeler.

Naughton hearing postponed

Due to a schedule conflict on the part of Judge Bernard Hampsey, the hearing set for November 25 on the Naughton case was postponed to an as yet undetermined date in December. In response to the court order issued in October, Chief Al Grindle videotaped the site on Sunday, November 24 and was prepared to present the video to the court.

Apportionment testimony completed

On November 26, Merrimack County Superior Court Judge Kathleen McGuire heard arguments presented by Donald Gartrell and David Garfunkel, representing Bradford and Warner in their suit aimed at changing the apportionment formula by which the towns in the Kearsarge School District are charged school fees.

Arguments for the New London/Kearsarge School District position were presented by their attorney, John Teague, in a hearing on November 12. His presentation summarized the involvement of the seven district towns in developing the Articles of Agreement, including the apportionment formula, that formed the basis for the school district.

Attorneys Gartrell and Garfunkel based their argument on constitutional issues, contending that action taken by the legislature in 1963 established two classes of school districts. The 1963 amendment to RSA 195 was designed to further encourage the creation of multi-town school districts. However, one effect of the amendment was to limit pre-1963 school districts to changes made by majority vote, while post-1963 districts (which includes KRSD) have no such requirement in their Articles of Agreement. In addition, the amendment sets no standards for the Dept. of Education to use in evaluating the voting process. Gartrell and Garfunkel see this as an unconstitutional flaw.

Additional written material is to be submitted to Judge McGuire by the Bradford and Warner attorneys on December 2, following which she will issue her ruling.

Petition process for zoning amendments

Voters may present amendments to the Zoning Ordinance through a petition process provided for in RSA 675:4. During a 30 day period from November 11 to December 11, a petition, signed by 25 or more voters, setting forth the precise wording of a proposed amendment may be presented to the Selectmen. The Selectmen forward the petition to the Planning Board which then holds a hearing to inform the public. The petition should be very carefully worded to meet the objectives of the petitioners because the wording cannot be changed once it has been submitted. The amendment must appear on the ballot for action by the voters at

Voter registration

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be at the Town Hall on December 5 from 7:00-9:00 pm to receive new voter registrations, reregistrations, corrections or to change party affiliations. If you want to check whether you are currently registered, there are voter registration lists posted at the selectmen's office, the inner lobby of the post office, and at the town clerk's office. If you have any questions, you may call Ginny Carter at 938-2551 or town clerk Sue Pehrson at 938-2288. Additional registration sessions will be held on January 28 and February 8.

THANK YOU
The Diaconate of the First Baptist Church wishes to thank everyone in the community who contributed to our Thanksgiving baskets. We extend a special note of appreciation to the IGA for their gracious support of this local outreach effort.

Season's Greetings

from the staff of The Bradford Bridge



School budget meetings

During the month of December, there will be three KRSD school board meetings, at which matters related to the 1992-1993 KRSD budget will be discussed. These meetings, on December 5, 12, and 19, will be held at the high school at 7:30 pm. The agenda for each school board meeting, including the budget portions, will be posted, as always, at least 48 hours in advance at the post office, IGA and library. Joining the school board in budget discussions will be members of the Municipal Budget Committee. There will also be a separate Municipal Budget Committee meeting on December 10 at 7:00 at the high school.

All citizens are invited to listen and participate in these open meetings. The school board welcomes your input on all matters. --Ellen Hersh, Bradford School Board Representative

Massage Open House on December 8

Massage is an ancient art that can produce a state of well-being on many levels. It touches the individual's physical, emotional and mental states to relieve stress and tension. It can improve circulation, help increase elimination of toxins from the body, and increase or maintain range of motion in the joints.

To hear more about the benefits of massage therapy, Vickie Saulter, RN, will be featured at an Open House on Sunday, December 8 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Mauri's Hair Design Salon. Ms. Saulter is a licensed massage practitioner.

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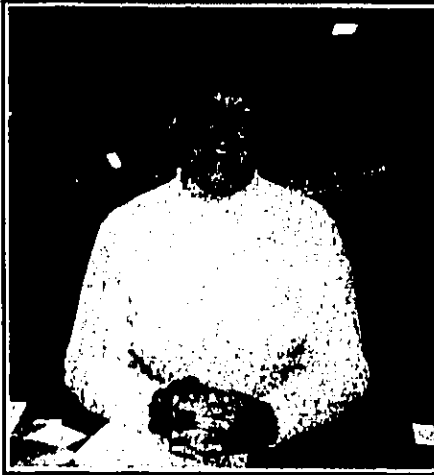
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Ruth Perron promoted to Postmaster of Washington, NH post office

Ruth Perron, who has been a Postal Clerk in the Bradford post office for the past seven years, has been promoted to the Postmaster position in the Town of Washington. This transfer took place on November 22. For the past six years, Ruth worked in the capacity of Post Office Administrator in the absence of the Postmaster. She has also worked as Officer in Charge in the North Sutton and Elkins post offices, as well as working in the Henniker post office for three years.

Previous Postmasters whom Ruth worked with include Ed Damour, Harriet Douglas, and Mike Ripberger. Her dedication, helpfulness and smiling face will be missed by Bradford postal patrons.

Ruth will be replacing Pat Soucy in Washington, who is going to be Postmaster in Hancock, NH.

Due to present and future automation, the position which Ruth is leaving in Bradford will not be filled.

Turkey Raffle

The turkey raffle sponsored by Once Is Not Enough and the Bradford Crossing was won by Susan Latham of Contoocook.

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Square dance at town hall

The Bradford Country Squares will hold a Mainstream Level square dance with Plus Level Tips on Saturday, December 7 from 8:00-11:00 pm at the Bradford Town Hall. The theme of the dance will be Christmas Delight. Dona Prudhomme will be calling and Ed Phillips will cue round dances. Members of other square dance clubs are invited. For more information, contact Ruth and Larry Hall, 938-2954, or Jean and Chris Pinkham, 464-5821.

Women's Christian Guild meeting

The Women's Christian Guild will hold an open meeting on Friday, December 6, at 1:30 pm at the First Baptist Church of Bradford. The program will focus on the work of SERRV, the alternative marketing organization for the work of Third World artisans. A slide show, *Hands on a Future*, will be presented, which illustrates the work and self-help philosophy of SERRV. Items from the Guild's latest consignment will be on sale at the meeting.

The Bradford Bridge would like to welcome to Bradford

James Monahan and Donna Brown who purchased the Susie Glowsky property on Route 114 in October. James is a political consultant currently working for the Kerrey for President campaign and Donna is an attorney practicing as a public defender in Concord.

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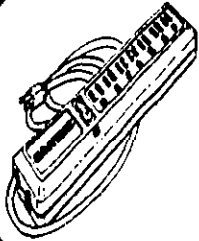


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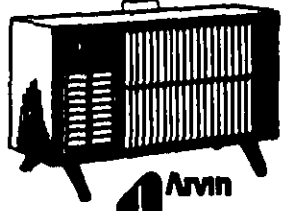
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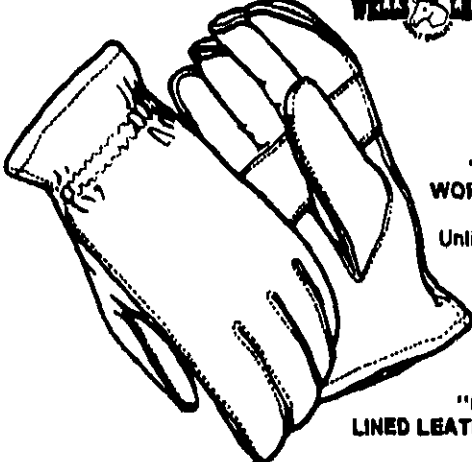
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Bradford School PTC News

The Parent Teachers Club at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford exists to promote a close relationship between home, school and community in an effort to promote the best educational experiences possible for children. Through various fund-raising activities each year, the PTC is able to provide such things as educational field trips, artist-in-residence and visiting artist programs, and skiing and skating on Friday afternoons in January and February.

During November, many parent volunteers contributed to two successful fund-raising events. At this writing, the turkey raffle is going well and will provide two lucky winners with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. For the first time this year, the Bradford PTC and the Warner PTO co-sponsored a ski and skate sale. By all accounts this was a very successful event. Buyers and sellers of equipment were all happy. Thanks to the generous organizational efforts of Mauri Scheffy, Krista Cullen and Cheryl Nepveu, a good time was had by all.

The PTC is holding a Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Bradford elementary school. You are invited to come walk around tables and tables of Christmas cookies - selecting just the ones you want. When you're through, your container will be weighed and you'll be charged accordingly. Why not let us do some of your holiday baking - come buy cookies by the pound! Call Kathleen Bigford at 938-5104 for further information.

Our community volunteer program is in full swing. People from all over the community are giving their time to help the students and staff. We are grateful for these valuable contributions. There is always plenty to do, so if you are interested or curious, please give Cheryl Nepveu a call at 938-5083. --Kathleen Bigford

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The Apple Hill Chamber Players, one of America's foremost chamber ensembles, will perform a free concert at New England College in Henniker on Wednesday, December 4. The concert, made possible as a gift to the college by Priscilla K. Maynard of Keene, is free and open to the public. It will be held in the college's Science Building Lecture Hall at 8:00 pm.

The program for this concert features a newly commissioned piece by Apple Hill's Composer-in-Residence Jon Deak. "Eeyore Has a Birthday" is based on the sad little donkey named Eeyore, from "Winnie the Pooh," by A.A. Milne. The evening's program also includes Johannes Brahms: "Hungarian Dances" for piano four-hands and Antonin Dvorak: "Piano Trio in B-flat, Opus 21."

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News of the First Baptist Church

The Board of Christian Education and Missions is pleased to announce that approximately \$150 was raised for world hunger relief as a result of the "Dinner for World Hunger" held on November 16. Board members who contributed to the success of this mission effort included Joyce Teele, Judy Marshall, Teresa Bryant, Debbie Lamach, Miriam Phillips, Donna Shultz and Sue Dodge. Community support was greatly appreciated.

Following worship on Thanksgiving Sunday, members of the Diaconate assembled and delivered 17 Thanksgiving baskets, complete with turkeys, for area families. Preparations are already underway for Christmas baskets, which will include donated gifts for children.

On December 7, the church will sponsor its third annual "Hands-on Family Advent Crafts Program" from 1:00-3:00 pm. Children of all ages (adults included) are welcome. Participants will have the opportunity to make wreaths/swags, construct Christmas tree decorations, design felt refrigerator magnets, decorate cookies, etc. Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies will be served. This event is open to the public at no charge.

The Sunday School program will present a special Christmas Pageant during morning worship on Sunday, December 15. The community is welcome to attend this heartwarming service, which begins at 10:00 am.

Members, friends and guests are invited to gather again at the church at 4:00 pm on December 15 for a caroling party. The singers will travel on foot down Main Street bringing glad tidings to "shut-ins," then return to the church to carpool to outlying residences. Following the caroling, a light supper will be served in the vestry. Carolers are reminded to come dressed in layers and to bring a flashlight. Candles will be used if weather permits.

On December 24, the church will hold a special Christmas Eve Service of Scripture and carols beginning at 7:00 pm. The evening will close with the traditional "Silent Night," sung in the beauty of our candlelit sanctuary.

In January, the church will begin a youth group for teenagers (and near teens) age 12 and up. Initially, the group will meet at the parsonage (across from the IGA) on the first Sunday of the month from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. For more information, please contact Pastor Joyce at 938-2899.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

In recent letters to the editor, the key issue in the school debacle is apportionment of the funding. This item in itself, however, does not address any reasonable ratio between the quality of education and the cost to operate the district. In a 1990/91 summary by the NH Department of Education based on reports submitted by the school districts, KRSD ranked as the ninth most expensive per student out of 71 public high schools, while the testing grade level was at the mid-range. The eighth grade ranked 21st out of 120 schools in per student cost with the testing level at the two-thirds mark; the fourth grade costs were noted at 41st out of 147 schools with test results in the lower third.

When such scores are high, schools point to their achievements; when low, we hear that "We don't teach to the tests." Now, to say the least, teaching to the tests would be a travesty. But in its proper perspective, these test scores are indicators of basic comprehension in the grade levels. Kearsarge is not doing too well, balancing test scores against the cost.

Preparedness of students entering the work place or going on to college is another criterion. An in-depth study here will most likely place KRSD in the same comparative level of achievement.

The \$14,000 study proposed to look at the curriculum and its effectiveness is but another study. I would hope that our able administrators already know where the break down is occurring.

In 1988, the Municipal Budget Act was applied to the district to help bring the ratio into line. This past year, the Town voted to have our school board member hold the budget to a zero increase.

I am hardly advocating a median cost for a median level of education, but instead, a level of education that reflects the cost. I hope that a reduction in cost is not the only way to get this simple message across.

Dick Keller

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To the Bradford Selectmen:

We, the undersigned, have paid our property tax bills in full. We are very concerned that the Town of Bradford has not paid the taxes it owes to the Kearsarge Regional School District. We strongly urge the Selectmen to make every effort to pay these taxes as soon as possible so the school can remain open and so our tax liability will not be increased by the costs of litigation.

Respectfully,

Kathleen M. Bigford	Thomas J. Bigford
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Friends of Brown Memorial Library News

Since 1989 the Friends of Brown Memorial Library have been providing enriching activities for the community, such as children's programs, adult reading groups, crafts workshops, literacy programs, library volunteers, and outreach services.

In October, at Halloween, the Friends organized two gatherings for children. On Friday evening, October 25, school-age children were treated to some scary sights and spooky stories. Pre-school children and parents gathered in the Town Hall on Halloween day for games, dancing and lots of goodies.

On Thursday, December 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Laurie Sweet-Brown will conduct a wreath-making workshop at the Library. This is a cozy and wonderfully fragrant event that provides each participant with a balsam wreath. Pre-registration is necessary because space is limited. The cost is \$12. For information, call Mary Keegan-Dayton at 938-2868.

Again this year, the Friends will assist Librarian Maggi Ainslie with the story hour held in conjunction with the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 14. The story hour will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Young and young-at-heart are welcome to hear stories of Christmas and join in some caroling around 5:00 pm when the town tree is lit for the season.

Watch for announcements of the short story discussion groups to take place in February and March. Patrick Anderson will join us again this winter to discuss written and film versions of popular short stories. --Kathleen Bigford

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

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This is where the TALKING BOOK SERVICE steps in. This is a free service available to us through the Library Services to the Handicapped, a division of the New Hampshire State Library.


The service is provided by the Library of Congress, which supplies the tape player and cassettes. There are thousands of tapes available to qualified listeners.

The necessary forms are here at Brown Memorial Library. The very latest books, as well as old favorites, are available on tape. The services covers blindness, visual handicap, physical handicap, reading disability, and the deaf. It is available to children as well as adults.

If you know of someone who would qualify for this free service, please contact the library at 938-5562 for more information.

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Illustrator Ingraham visits Bradford

Children's book illustrator Erick Ingraham drew a cheetah playing soccer during his talk on book illustrating at the Town Hall on Saturday, November 16. Fifty-five children and adults enjoyed hearing Peterborough artist Ingraham read his newest children's book, High-Wire Henry (a story by Mary Calhoun), at a program sponsored by the Brown Memorial Library and the Jacobsen Fund. Ingraham sparked imaginations when he asked children to think of a sport and an animal--subjects for the pictures he would draw for the audience. He explained how he made books and answered many questions. Following the program, a book signing and reception for the artist were held in the library.
--photos by Audrey V. Sylvester

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Bradford Inn wins Best Apple Pie contest

The Bradford Inn, owned and operated for seven years by Tom and Connie Mazol, won the "Best Apple Pie in New Hampshire" contest for New Hampshire inns. This was the fourth annual Great New England Inns Apple Pie Contest held at Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston by Yankee Magazine. There were more than 40 entries, and the prize was a lovely Tiffany crystal apple.

Ruth Hall is the pastry chef at the Bradford Inn and Baldwin apples are her first choice for pple pies. The Inn has recently been closed for renovations, and will reopen on Friday, December 6. They will be serving Christmas dinner and YES, their prize-winning apple pie will be on the menu. They will also take orders for pies.

BRADFORD INN'S APPLE PIE

Crust:

2 1/2 C sifted flour
3/4 tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
3/4 C shortening
1/3 C cold water

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1/4 tsp salt
1 Tbsp butter
1/2 tsp cinnamon
cream (for brushing pie top crusts)

Mix and sift flour, salt and baking powder, cut in shortening with pastry blender or knife until evenly mixed and like coarse sand. Add water in small amounts, stirring lightly with fork; use only enough water to hold together. Shape lightly in ball. Roll dough 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured board or pastry cloth.

Slice and peel apples and place in large bowl. Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt in small bowl, adjusting sugar according to sweetness and juiciness of fruit. Mix dry ingredients with apples. Line pie plate with pastry, fill with fruit mixture. Dot with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon. Place top crust carefully over apples. Brush top with cream and bake in 450° oven for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 350° and bake 30 to 40 minutes longer.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



When I grew up in Massachusetts, balsam fir was the preferred Christmas tree, but in our area they had all been harvested from the woods. The best alternative was to cut an open grown "Savin" or red cedar, a conical fragrant tree. Both the fir and the cedar held their needles well and gave off the woody odor I have always associated with Christmas. It was easy, if you lived in the country, to cut a free tree just before the holiday and set it up. However, if you lived in the city, fresh trees were difficult to find, because most were shipped from Maine or Canadian forests where cutting was started in early November.

The Christmas tree farming industry harks back to the abandonment of agricultural lands in the late twenties. These large tracts were left unfarmed in Pennsylvania and central and western New York. Many farms were sold for \$3 to \$10 an acre in tracts of 100 to 400 acre size. The two states sought to have the land planted with trees for timber. Many landowners found they could cut young well-shaped trees from these reforested areas and sell them locally for a dollar or two or wholesale the trees to dealers in the small cities nearby, paying the cost of reforestation as a hundred or more good trees could be cut from the thousand or more planted per acre.

Innovative landowners sought to plant trees only for Christmas tree use and shaped and pruned those that were of desirable species to harvest 75% to 90% of the trees planted. Balsam fir or Tannenbaum was the choice, but it was difficult to grow and took from eight to sixteen years to grow a good six-foot tree. They found that Scotch pine would grow on practically any soil, start fast and grow to harvest size in six to eight years, but really needed pruning and shaping. Many planted spruce, sort of an intermediate tree. Douglas fir, the choice of the west coast area was also tried. Thus the two states became big producers of Christmas trees as thousands of acres were planted with millions of trees. Soon the practice swept north, east and west. In many areas

in the northeast, growers planted only 10 to 25 acres for local markets. By the mid 50's growers had formed associations and sought to have standards developed so that trees could be graded and sold as could any other agricultural crop.

The cultural practices of pruning and shaping wild trees was adopted in the New England states and Canada. The growers of planted trees were replanting cut over areas, putting abandoned agricultural land to work for rural income never considered fifty years ago. The industry spawned the largest nurseries in the world during the early 1950's for reforestation trees of all kinds.

Firs remain the tree of choice for our area; balsam fir, the native species is number one. Other firs, such as Frazier fir, a southern Appalachian species, and a western species, Concolor or silver fir, are also planted in limited numbers. Douglas fir, which is not a true fir, also has a small market here. All these hold needles well, have a desirable odor and soft deep green foliage.

The Scotch pine, once the predominant species of the eastern growers, also has good needle holding ability, but has longer stiffer needles and less of the desired odor. Spruces have lost much of the market as the needles are sharp and stiff and after a few days in a warm room, begin to drop most of the needles.

For other decorations, such as sprays and wreaths, the firs are unbeatable. Red and white pine separately or in combination, make excellent large swags. All may be decorated with cones of white pine, the largest cone of the northeast tree, or red or Scotch pine. These days the Christmas tree, the natural one that is, is not an endangered species any more than corn or cabbages, but a crop with a purpose - that purpose - enjoyment of a wonderful holiday season.

Alas, the "savin" of my youth is only a memory —

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

From her Bradford studio overlooking pasture and woods, sculptress Amy Blitzer talks softly about her passion for wood: "When carving, I prefer to use native New England woods, because they give me a feeling of mystical connection to the land. I like the warmth of wood and the surprises which come from the grain." The surprises when carving wood are challenging. She remarks, "When you start with a log, you never know what's going to turn out."



Amy Blitzer carves directly into butternut wood with a gouge and lignum vitae mallet as she creates "Mother and Child." She comments, "The hardest thing about the tools is sharpening them. I hate spending the time sharpening them, but it is absolutely essential."

Amy Hughes Blitzer, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, grew up on a farm in Middletown, Delaware. After graduating from Radcliffe College (with a degree in anthropology), she went to New York City, where she studied painting with George Grosz at the legendary Art Students' League.

Her interest in sculpture came later, after the birth of four Blitzer children. She took courses from prominent Boston sculptor, Peter Abate, formerly at the Museum School of The Museum of Fine Arts. During this early training in sculpture, she also studied with Nathaniel Burwash, a Cambridge wood sculptor and teacher at the deCordova Museum in Lincoln, Massachusetts.

It is an interesting coincidence that Burwash, while working as a WPA (Works Progress Ad-

ministration) artist during the 1930's depression, lived in the neighborhood—Washington, New Hampshire. Blitzer's sister also lived in Washington, an important reason for the Blitzer's decision to come to Bradford.

Amy Blitzer, husband John, and the Blitzer children settled into Bradford gradually. Blitzer remembers: "My kids loved skiing and we wanted a place to stay. We first came here on weekends and summers. We bought the house in 1967." Twenty years later, Amy Blitzer and her family took up permanent residence in Bradford.

Blitzer, a juried member of the New England Sculptors' Association and the Copley Society, Boston, has received prizes and awards for her work: the John Hollowchuck Memorial Prize from the Copley Society in 1990; from the Concord Art Association in Concord, MA.; and for work exhibited at the First Federal Bank, Boston. In New Hampshire, her work has been shown at the Library Arts Center, Newport, and the Sharon Arts Center, Sharon.

Blitzer works with clay, wood and bronze. She recently completed a commission in bronze, titled "Ruffed Grouse," for the University of Wisconsin's Botanical Garden. She explains that the process of working in bronze is much more complex than working in wood. "Ruffed Grouse" was first sculpted in clay. Then, a series of steps was performed involving a rubber mold, sculpted wax form, and another mold of hi-fired ceramic. Finally the molten bronze was poured into the ceramic mold. Once the bronze had cooled, the mold was removed, the pieces of the sculpture were put together, and the final polishing of the surface was completed. Blitzer supervised all phases of the production at the Argos Foundry at Brewster, New York.

Bradford Historical Society

The last meeting on the 1991 Bradford Historical Society calendar was held Monday the 11th of November at the District 1 (Bradford Center) schoolhouse. Despite the cold, sleety weather, seventeen members braved the elements and attended with their lunch pails in hand. After lunch, eleven hearty souls continued on for a tour of the schoolhouse located in East Washington. Dick and Katherine Stevens and Linda Roy greeted us with some very welcome piping hot cocoa and cider and delicious desserts. They gave us a brief history of the schoolhouse, describing how the doors of the building were closed in 1937 ... with everything left as it was on that last day of school. The Washington Historical Society, through the East Washington Schoolhouse Committee, now maintains the building and keeps it open for tours during the summer.

The first regular meeting of the Society for 1992 has not been scheduled at this time, but the program committee is already hard at work. So keep an eye out for future announcements. The officers and directors extend their very best wishes for the holiday season and look forward to seeing you all next year. --Dick Keller

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

On Friday, December 13 at 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New London, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor "Project Puffins," a slide program by Diane de Luca, senior biologist and ornithologist on the staff of Audubon New Hampshire. Diane will describe how puffins were reintroduced to a Maine island. Through her slides, she will describe the biological behavior and ecology of these unusual birds. All Soo-Nipi Chapter events are open to the public. Contact person is John Robie, 938-2057.

The second annual Lake Sunapee Area Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, will take place on Saturday, December 28. It will include the towns of Sunapee, New London, Bradford, Newbury and Springfield. This census, which includes North and South America, the West Indies, and many Pacific Islands, will be published in the Christmas bird count issue of American Birds, and will reveal early winter distribution patterns of winter resident birds.

Birders located outside the Lake Sunapee area are welcome to join, but are also encouraged to establish additional "bird count" circles. Volunteers should call Gary Stansfield, 763-5652, for instructions.

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State House News

by Marcia Keller



This month's column features several laws that take effect January 1, 1992. Two complex laws deal with municipal liability and the public's right to know and have important financial and legal ramifications. They should be carefully reviewed by all residents, taxpayers, and local officials who might be affected by the provisions. The full text, by chapter number, may be obtained from: Government Information Services; State Library; 20 Park Street; Concord, NH 03301; phone 271-2239.

RIGHT TO KNOW

Chapter 217 amends RSA 91-A Access to Public Records and Meetings, commonly referred to as the Right To Know Law. The major change made by this amendment eliminates the ability of public bodies to hold nonpublic sessions for the purpose of deliberation. As of January 1, 1992, closed sessions can be held only for one of the specific purposes listed in RSA 91-A:3,II, which include hiring, firing, buying land, matters that would affect the reputation of someone other than a member of the public body itself, and discussion of litigation that has been threatened in writing or actually filed. The motion to enter a nonpublic session must state the specific section of the law and be approved by roll call vote of a majority of the members present.

MUNICIPAL LIABILITY

Chapter 385 was passed in response to an important NH Supreme Court decision that declared unconstitutional a statute giving towns complete immunity from highway and sidewalk liability. RSA 231:90 is amended, as of January 1, 1992, to establish town responsibility when it has been notified that a highway, bridge, or sidewalk is "insufficient" for safe travel. The amendment defines "insufficient," details the notice and response procedures, and addresses the question of weather hazards.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association has suggested that in response to this new statute, towns may want to "1. Train police officers, firefighters, selectmen, etc. that it IS their duty to follow through whenever they discover or are told about highway and sidewalk hazards; and 2. Develop formal written bad weather road and sidewalk maintenance policies, and make sure they are followed." (No specific policy is required, but a policy should be in place and followed.)

ROADS

Chapter 36 amends RSA 231:43 to require written notice to all abutters at least 14 days before a town vote to discontinue a road. Note: this affects only roads that are completely discontinued, not those closed subject to gates and bars.

RSA 231:45a says that only town meeting may discontinue a road or make it Class VI. Chapter 124 amends that section to make it clear that selectmen, while they may not instantly create a Class VI road, may indirectly do so by failing to maintain it for a 5-year period. The notice of insufficiency in RSA 231:90 (see Chapter 385, Liability above) may be used at any time prior to the end of the 5-year period.

WETLANDS

Two changes have been made to statutes dealing with the process of applying for a permit to dredge or fill in wetlands.

Chapter 20 amends RSA 482-A:3 to require that a wetlands permit application be filed with the town clerk rather than directly to the State Wetlands Board. The applicant must give the town clerk four copies of the application, the filing fee, and postal receipts proving that all abutters have been notified. The clerk must send the application by certified mail to the Wetlands Board, with copies to the selectmen, planning board, and conservation commission. A fee of \$10 may be charged to cover the clerk's time and expenses.

Chapter 28 amends RSA 482-A:11:III by extending from 10 to 14 days the time a conservation commission has to notify the Wetlands Board that it intends to investigate an application for a permit to dredge or fill in wetlands.

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

As of January 1, 1992, Chapter 300 institutes a procedure to be used by a local land use board (planning, zoning, code enforcement officer) when considering any application for land use permit or approval. When the local board determines that an application will have regional impact, all affected towns and the regional planning commission are considered abutters for any public hearing that is held. The law lists some factors, such as size, location, transportation networks, emissions, aquifers to be used in deciding if an application will have regional impact.

THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Remembering Christmas a long time ago. Dad would say, "We're off to find our special tree!" We'd drop everything, slide into the car, and away we'd go ... to pursue that ever-evasive perfect tree. After a zillion stops, we'd find nothing that would satisfy. "Too small," said Marilyn. "Too tall," said Nancy. "Too scrawny," said Jeanne. "Not just right," said Mom. Finally, when utterly exhausted, we'd give in and say, "Dad, what do you think? Which one is the best?" And patiently, but surely, he would pick our perfect tree. Away we'd go home, with the best tree, to live happily ever after -- until the next Christmas!

Mildred's Best Christmas Cheesecake

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| 1 1/2 C graham crumbs | 3 1/2 Tbsp melted margarine or butter |
| 16 oz cream cheese, room temp | 1 C sugar |
| 1 tsp vanilla | 3 eggs, room temp |
| 1 pint sour cream, room temp | |

Combine crumbs and melted margarine until crumbs are "wet." Press into bottom and 1" up sides of 9" springform pan. Set aside.

For filling, it's important that ingredients be at room temperature. In large bowl, beat sugar and cream cheese until creamy. Add vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each egg until blended. Add sour cream, beat until blended. Mixture will be thin.

Pour mixture into pan containing crumbs. Place in COLD OVEN. Turn oven on to 375° and bake for half an hour. Turn oven off. KEEP IN OVEN FOR ONE HOUR OR MORE. DON'T PEEK! This is very important--trust me!

When cake is cold, remove from oven and refrigerate. There are many varieties of topping, but we like Comstock cherry pie filling (1 lb 5 oz size) the best. When ready to serve, spread fruit topping over top.

Merry Christmas to all!

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Trash Flash

The news from the trash/recycling front continues to be positive. The ribbon was duly cut on the new baler on November 9th before a cold, but appreciative crowd of townspeople. Guests also enjoyed the hot coffee and doughnuts provided by Nora White, Millie Kittredge, and other members of the Recycling Committee.

The diligent recycling efforts have really paid off this year to keep the total tonnage shipped to the incinerator in line. The 1991 Guaranteed Annual Tonnage (GAT) for Bradford was set at 550 tons. The tons actually put in the compactor for hauling will total approximately 480 tons; the rest has been baled, boxed, and stockpiled, providing benefits to the Town in three ways.

Hauling costs for the remaining tons have been saved. Income has been earned from sale of some of the materials. The third benefit results from an agreement between the Concord Solid Waste Cooperative (COOP) and Wheelabrator to reimburse member towns who fall below their GAT and document that the material has been recycled. Records kept by Chris Mock and submitted to the COOP by Will Kranz will result in a return to the Town of \$37.45 for each ton of material recycled.

The COOP budget for 1992, adopted at their annual meeting in November, increased the tipping fee by \$1.00/ton for next year to \$38.45/ton to offset an overall decrease in the total tonnage. Bradford's GAT for 1992, however, has been increased to reflect a recent agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and George M. Naughton and Son that allows Mr. Naughton to bring trash from his Bradford customers directly to the incinerator. This arrangement is in line with the COOP's requirement that all trash generated within a member town must be included as part of the town's GAT. Under the agreement, Mr. Naughton will pay the same tipping fee as the Town and reimburse Bradford at that rate for each ton.

Reflecting the recycling that took place this past year, the Transfer Station portion of the GAT has been set at 475 tons and 150 tons has been added to accommodate the private hauler for a total of 625 tons. Continued recycling is imperative to ensure that we do not exceed this figure. Watch for further updates on what and how to recycle as the new baler swings into action.

OBITUARY

William J. Smith

William J. Smith, 67, of Deer Path Road, Hopkinton, died Monday, November 18 at his home after a long illness. He had been a Bradford resident for many years and, for the past six years, had wintered in Florida. He had been Director of Security at New England College for 16 years, retiring in 1982. He was also a member of the Bradford Police Department for six years during the 1970's, as well as a member of the Bradford Fire Department.

Smith was a U.S. Marine Corps World War II veteran, serving on the U.S.S. Iowa in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of operation. He was an aide to President Franklin D. Roosevelt at his "Big Three" meeting with Stalin and Churchill.

He was a 20-year member of Disabled American Veterans No. 19, as well as a member of American Legion and AARP.

Smith leaves his wife of 42 years, Mary A. Smith of Contoocook, a son John T. Smith of Naugatuck, Conn., three daughters, Susan M. Smith of Largo, Fla., Ginny Smith of Manchester, and Christine Burritt of Henniker, a brother, Raymond Smith of Fort Pierce, Fla., three grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Theresa Church in Henniker. Burial was in Sunny Plains Cemetery in Bradford. The Rev. Andre Thibodeau, pastor, was the celebrant. The flag was folded and presented to his widow by Sgt. K. Kerr and Sgt. Bayard Cayer, S.S.M.C.

Memorial donations may be made to Addison County Home Health Care, 20 1/2 Main St., Middlebury, VT 05743 or to the Hopkinton Rescue Squad, Hopkinton, NH 03229.

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TECH TALK

by Howard Brooks

This month is a potpourri of computer subjects. Some have suggested that I talk about Christmas gift ideas. If you are as I am, you probably have a confidence when it comes to gift giving. I mean, one just seems to know that what you buy is just perfect. A couple of ideas come to mind.

How about a chocolate diskette to help your favorite computer addict through those long night forays of computer trivia. That's right, your mall stores should have these chocolate replicas all gift wrapped and ready to go.

Since you may be inclined toward more practical gift giving, may I suggest a pair of dust covers for the computer. Keeping the keyboard dust free is important.

Monitors, as you know, need frequent cleaning due to their propensity to electrostatic attraction of dust particles. A complete cleaning kit might be the ticket. They come with disk drive clearing diskettes (much as are used in tape recorders) anti-static spray for the area and for cleaning, and anti-static handy wipes for the glass monitor. I once heard that static shock upon touching a computer causes undo wear of solid state devices (chips).

While on the subject of cleanliness, I had a computer in for a check-up the other day because it was doing erratic things. The dust and dirt inside was thick. Using a freon type spray canister designed for such cleaning, I gave all the cracks and crannies a good hosing down. That was all it took to fix the computer. It was just too dusty to work right.

Open container law takes effect January 1

The Open Container Law, which takes effect on January 1, 1992, prohibits the possession of an open container of liquor or alcoholic beverage in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle upon any way or in an area principally used for public parking in the state of New Hampshire.

This law does not apply to open containers of alcoholic beverages in a parking lot if they are NOT in the passenger compartment. Therefore, "tail-gate parties" held in a public or private parking lot would be perfectly legal as long as the person in possession of the alcohol is at least 21 years of age and not in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. --Chief Al Grindle

If you do not have a surge and spike protector between your wall outlet and the computer, get one! And I do not recommend an inexpensive one. I know that some of the more expensive units (over \$50) claim no damage from lightning strikes. I do not believe that "UL approved" means much either. It is kind of like insurance...the agent says you're covered, or you think you are, but when the accident occurs...you're not. Surges can occur when the power companies throw switches. Some surges and voltage droppages are handled by the power supply within your computer, but I have always felt "better safe than sorry." Oh, and if the little light on your existing surge/spike protector is blinking or out, you have no protection. Time to get a new one from Santa, but insist on quality.

I sometimes forget how even the simplest matters for some can cause the greatest consternation. To get technical for a moment, let me talk a bit about using the disk operating system (DOS). These points will be in the "did you know" vein.

Did you know that DOS can only address about 640,000 characters of memory? Of course you did! That means it has a limitation. But because some programs today require more memory than DOS allows, they are written to use memory above the 640,000 barrier. These programs (Word Perfect for Windows, Auto-Cad, etc.) however, must have special memory drivers (Ems386.sys, Ems.sys) installed before they will work. These drivers are now appearing with the latest DOS versions and can also be purchased separately. But don't bother with them unless the software you are running is designed to run in extended or expanded memory.

Did you know that memory between 640,000 and 1,000,000 bytes of RAM has some space available that you may use to help give you more memory below 640,000 characters? This area of memory is called hi-memory. A program like Himem.sys that comes with the new DOS 5.0, DRDOS or QEMM-386 will permit you to move some programs up into the free spaces of hi-memory, thus freeing up memory in the lower area to run programs requiring more memory under 640K.

So start the New Year off right with a sweet, clean and updated computer. Merry Christmas.

SPORTS By Laurie Buchar

On the sports scene, December is a time of regrouping and adjusting to seasonal changes before competition starts up again. But there is still a lot going on in the area.

There are many local basketball teams that serve Bradford youth (both boys and girls). Students from third grade on up may participate. These teams are practicing now and will be playing through the winter months. If you are interested in signing up your child, you may call Ed Rehor (763-2686) or Dave Duncan (938-5026) to check on spaces available. Middle school students are currently enjoying intramural basketball. You can stop by the school in New London most afternoons between 3:00-4:15 to see rousing scrimmages as they prepare for inter-scholastic play after Christmas. For the high school schedule, call 927-4264. Games at KRHS provide great family entertainment and community support is always appreciated.

Many sports enthusiasts are already gearing up for the ski season, hoping for some cold temperatures (if not some of the white fluffy stuff) to aid the snow machines in getting the slopes ready. Mt. Sunapee boasts expanded trails and facilities and is scheduled to open by early December. Pats Peak in Henniker plus Norsk Ski Touring Center and King Ridge in New London also provide great programs for all ages and abilities. Our local elementary school Parent/Teachers Club recently held their first ski-skate sale. Over \$3000 worth of used equipment was sold on commission basis, thanks to the help of many volunteers. This provided a great way for community members to exchange used equipment and outfit themselves for the coming season.



Brackett and Spencer Scheffy won first prize in the 1991 Father-Son tennis tournament at King Ridge on November 17. There were 19 teams competing and Spencer, 11, was the next to the youngest participant.

And here is some good news for skaters. New England College has opened its brand new Lee Clement arena in Henniker. There are youth programs, stick & puck hours, plus free skate times. Private ice rentals are also available. For information, call 428-6321.

On the fitness scene, there are two new facilities available in the area. Camille's Dance Studio on Main St. in Bradford provides instruction for all ages in all forms of dance and gymnastics, plus low impact aerobics three times a week. Call 938-5558 for schedules. And in New London, Colby Sawyer's new Hogan Sports Center has a wide variety of fitness opportunities available, including a generous pool schedule. For info, call 526-2010, ext. 412/413.

On this page we'd like to highlight local sports stars. This month's "Jock Award" goes to Kathleen Bigford! She and her trusty mountain bike entered the Second Start Enduro Race this fall and after 13 miles of rugged terrain, she became the fifth fastest female biker in the state. Kathleen has also been known to mount her road bicycle and complete several "century" (100 mile) rides in record time. At this time of year, she trades her wheels for skis and can be seen instructing on Mt. Sunapee. If you know someone who you think deserves recognition or if you have any sports scores or information to report, please call me at 938-5372.

And instead of getting all stressed out this holiday season, why not enjoy some of the sports activities listed here, either as a spectator or participant. Remember that even a brisk walk can give you a new outlook and help make life merrier. Share the glow of well-being with those you love.

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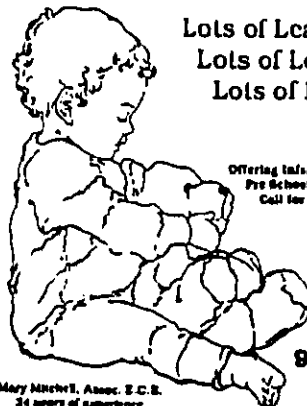
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DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 2, Monday

Selectmen's meeting 7:00 pm

December 3, Tuesday

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm

December 5, Thursday

Supervisors of the Checklist, Town Hall, 7-9 pm

KRSD School Board Meeting to address 1992-93 budget matters high school, 7:30 pm

Wreath making at Brown Memorial Library, 7-9 pm
see article, p. 4

December 7, Saturday

Preschool-Kindergarten Co-op Christmas Craft Fair and Pie Sale, Town Hall, 10-3

Hands-on Family Advent Crafts Program Baptist Church Vestry, 1-3 pm

December 9, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

December 10, Tuesday

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

KRSD Municipal Budget Committee high school, 7:00 pm

December 11, Wednesday

Eastern Star St. Peters Lodge, 8:00 pm
Bring gift for needy family

December 12, Thursday

KRSD School Board Meeting high school, 7:30 pm

December 14, Saturday

Christmas Cookie Walk, elementary school 10:00-1:00
see article p. 6

Christmas story hour, library 3:30-4:30

Santa in residence, Church vestry, 4:30-5:30 pm

Tree lighting, carols 5:00 pm

December 16, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Warner Lodge, 7:15 pm

December 17, Tuesday

Pre-school/Kindergarten Parents Meeting Church vestry, 7:15 pm
Babysitting available, call B. Raymond, 938-5480

December 19, Thursday

KRSD School Board Meeting to address 1992-93 budget matters high school, 7:30 pm

Masons, St. Peters Lodge #31, 7:30 pm

December 22, Sunday

"Caroling through Bradford," sponsored by Baptist Church 4:00 pm
All are welcome, light supper will be served afterward

December 24, Tuesday

Old Bradford Center Church Christmas Pageant, 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service, Baptist Church, 7:00 pm

December 30, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

To list events for the month of January, call Louise Signorino, Calendar Editor, at 938-2608.

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