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PROFILE

Peter and Mary Beth Fenton, proprietors of Appleseed Inn Restaurant see page 9

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

March 1994

### A Message to Bradford Voters ... from your school board representative

Can the school funding issue be resolved this year?

YES! if each and every one of us gets out and votes on March 5th.

As long as Bradford's share of the school budget is \$2.50 for every \$1.00 of New London's share, I find it difficult, as Bradford's representative, to support the spending items on the warrant, including the basic budget.

The issue of disparity in school funding is not new. The question was first raised in 1972. After an extensive two-year study, a revised formula based on 50% average daily membership (attendance) and 50% equalized property valuation, was presented in 1988 and rejected. Twice since then the necessary votes could not be mustered to approve what became known as the 50/50 apportionment.

■ See MESSAGE, page 9

### OPEN HOUSE

The Facilities
Committee
invites
all residents
to an
Open House at
the Central
School

Sunday, March 6 11:00 - 2:00

DRESS WARMLY!

Coffee will be served.



# Dick & Phyllis Whall receive Citizen of the Year honors

The Bradford Voters Coalition presented its 1994 Citizen of the Year award to Dick and Phyllis Whall at the Winter Town Forum on February 16. Fred Winch made the presentation, honoring them for their many contributions to our community. He read the following citation:

The Town of Bradford is fortunate to be the beneficiary of Dick and Phyllis Whall's energetic efforts. Since they moved to town just a decade ago, they have pitched in wherever they saw a need. Dick and Phyllis Whall give volunteerism a good name.

Dick's contributions have involved the Historical Society, the Conservation Commission, the First Baptist Church, improving education, and his favorite hobby, computers. Dick's church support includes nine years on the Board of Trustees, the renovation of the church kitchen and parsonage, and recently the wielding of a paint brush on the Fiske House restoration project.

The history of Bradford has been burnished by Dick's unflagging energies. Not only did he coordinate the 1987 Bicentennial celebration ... and win a Governor's award recognizing his errorts ... but he was also a prime mover in renovating and reroofing the Old Post Office, the relocation and restoration of the Old Schoolhouse #1 at Bradford Center, and the acquiring of additional acreage for the Bradford Bog. Having worked for Exxon Research & Engineering, Dick was able to obtain several substantial Exxon Annuitant Volunteer Involvement grants for these projects.

Dick has long and vigorously supported efforts to improve the quality of the education process in the Kearsarge Regional School District. He worked a number of years with various multi-town groups researching the correlation between how district monies were spent and the quality of education received by the students. Today he coordinates the use of retired and active professionals

See WHALLS, page 14

### **Budget Committee report**

Once again the hard work of the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen has resulted in a lean proposed operating budget. The 1994 budget is a modest 4% increase over the previous years' level budgets. Anguish over areas of the budget has been the result of recognizing improvements that would be desirable, yet not affordable in light of current economic conditions.

Of concern to citizens will be the careful evaluation of numerous warrant articles that have an impact on the budget total.

In brief, a listing of warrants that are of budgetary concem: 25 & 26. Cemetery trust fund change to allow use of funds for maintenance.

28. Loader/backhoe to be purchased from \$20,000 reserve funds and \$32,000 in taxes for next 3 years.

■ See BUDGET, page 15

### Living in Bradford

### SCHOOL MEETING

Saturday, March 5 9:00 am - High School

# TOWN MEETING

VOTING Tuesday, March 8 noon - 7:00 pm Town Hall

MEETING Wednesday, March 9 7:00 pm Elementary School

### \$1,000 Scholarship

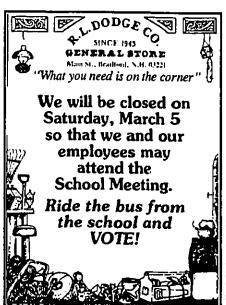
The Bradford Women's Club is offering its second annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Students from Bradford and surrounding communities who have been accepted by or are currently attending a college, vocational school, or professional program are invited to apply for this scholarship. The scholarship is available to students of all ages and academic backgrounds.

The application deadline is April 15. Applications are available at R.L. Dodge Co. on Main Street.

# Friendship 4-H seeks help with dog obedience project

The Friendship 4-H will be conducting a dog obedience project this spring. Several 4-H members will be participating in this project.

We are in need of a person or persons knowledgeable in dog obedience training to assist us with these classes. Anyone who would be willing to help, please call Lauri at 938-5308 or Debbie at 938-2837.





### Town Insignia unveiled at forum

Lou Signorino, chairman of the ad hoc Insignia Committee, presented samples of the colored version of the new town insignia, designed by Oona Tropeano, at the town forum meeting on February 16. The insignia had been presented to the Selectmen at their January 24th meeting and received their approval. The black and white version will be used on town stationery and the colored version will be used on town vehicles and police uniforms. This insignia will be used to represent the town, but does not replace the offical town seal.

The project of producing a new town insignia began in early 1993, with a request from the Selectmen. The Women's Club offered to sponsor a town insignia competition. The first step was the formation of an ad hoc committee, which represented the community. The committee members, Amy Blitzer, Steve Hansen, Dick MacLeod, Tom Scribner, Bob Stewart, Sr., Audrey Sylvester, and Lou Signorino, developed specifications for an open competition.

Seven designs were submitted. Two professional graphic design judges, Ralph Lapham, Lapham Miller Associates, New London and Andover, Mass., and Joe Hruby, Professor of Graphic Arts, Colby Sawyer College, reviewed the entries. The design by Oona Tropeano, graphic designer from Bradford, was selected as the winning entry. The cost of supplying the insignias will be covered by fund-raisers, to be held during the summer months.

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### News from Town Clerk/Tax Collector

#### TOWN CLERK

January 28. Jenna Lynn was born to Barbara and Michael Carter. February 11. Caleigh Anne was born to Debra and James Six.

Town elections will be held on Tuesday, March 8. The polls will be open at noon and close at 7:00 pm. The town meeting will be the following night, March 9, at the Kearsarge Elementary School starting at 7:00 pm.

### TAX COLLECTOR

Notices of tax liens/deeds have gone out. These processes will take effect on March 31 and April 2, respectively. Please avoid costly filings and make prompt payments of these outstanding taxes.

# Conservation Commission questionnaire

In order to best serve the town, the Conservation Commission will have a questionnaire to distribute at the Town Hall on Election Day. Please take the time to fill it out. The questions are about the use of the lands the Conservation Commission maintains. Your answers will help us with this year's planning, Maps of Bradford, showing conservation lands, will also be available.—Amy Blitzer

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### Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Come share your best nature slides at the "Community Slide Show," sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter on Friday, March 11, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Bring 10-15 slides of flowers, wildlife, or other natural history topics of general interest. A fun quiz of bird calls, led by Bob Vernon, will be included in the program. For details, contact Gary Stansfield at 763-7462.

A field trip to Low Plains Natural Area in New London to showshoe old trails and explore the new land acquisition will take place on Saturday, March 12. If snow conditions permit, animal tracks will be identified. Fred Sladen will be the trip leader for this event. He requests that participants meet him at the Four Corners Grille (the former "Gray House") in New London at 9:00 am. Hikers should dress for cold weather and bring binoculars. Snowshoes can be supplied if needed by calling Fred at 526-4321. --Phyllis Curtiss

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Forty-five children between the ages of 4 and 15 braved the cold winter weather to participate in the Bradford Fish and Game Club's annual ice fishing derby on February 13. It was a big turnout with lots of good food and cheer. A record number of fish were caught. The contest was divided up by categories of fish, with three prizes awarded in each category. The winners:

### Perch

1st Lindsay Wheeler, Sutton

2nd Chris Eaves, Antrim

3rd Matt Gerald, Warner

#### Bass

1st Chris Benedict, Sutton

2nd Chris German, Kittery, Maine

3rd Matthew Raymond, Bradford

#### Pickerel

1st Brenden Kay, Warner Michael Meany, Bradford

2nd Chris Eaves, Antrim Lindsay Wheeler, Sutton

3rd Rick Gray, Bradford Carolyn Schmidtke, Sutton

We would also like to extend special thanks to the Bradford IGA and H&H General Store for their help with the derby.

We will be holding another fishing derby this spring ... hope to see you there! --Bradford Fish & Game

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# American Baptist Women host open meeting

The guest speaker for the American Baptist Women's Ministries meeting on Tuesday, March 1, will be Carol Conforti-Adams, who will focus on "the integration between our belief system and our health and wellbeing." Carol holds a Master's Degree in Health Education and is the manager of the Health Education Department at Franklin Regional Hospital.

The public is invited to attend this interesting presentation, which will begin at 8:00 pm in the Baptist Church vestry. Members of the ABWM are asked to meet at 7:15 for a business meeting. Refreshments will be served following the program. For further information, contact Marcia Strout at 938-2716 or the church office at 938-5313.



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# OBITUARY Adam M. Lammert

Adam Maria Lammert, 96, of Largo, Florida, died February 13 at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Florida.

He was born in Germany and had lived in Bradford before moving to Florida in 1988.

He was a graduate of Darmstadt University in Germany, and had been a tanning chemist for the American Cyanamid Co. in Salem, Mass., and later a partner and vice president of Chemtan Co. in Exeter.

He leaves his wife, Evelyn Lammert; a son, Peter R. Thomaston of Maine; and two grandchildren.

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# Clinic to be held as rabies continues its march northward

A rabies clinic will be held in Bradford on April 16 at Battles Farm with veterinarian Jolyon Johnson. The following article, provided by State Veterinarian Clifford McGinnis, explains the seriousness of the rabies threat to animals in our area.

The Mid-Atlantic strain of rabies in raccoons continues to spread west, north and east from the Mason-Greenville area on the Massachusetts border. In 1993, 95 raccoons, 26 skunks, 3 woodchucks, 2 cats, 6 bats, 1 pony, and 1 domesticated rabbit tested positive for rabies. This was 135 out of 1,107 specimens tested. Only animals which have caused a human exposure, direct or indirect, get tested. A surveillance animal gets tested if it is in a town where no positives have been diagnosed.

There have been positives in 42 towns in the counties of Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Rockingham.

The domestic rabbit found positive in Raymond was bitten on the legs and feet in its hutch by a rabid animal, most likely a raccoon. An animal can come down with a clinical case of rabies from two weeks to six months after exposure.

The rabies control law requires dogs and cats be immunized by veterinarians. It is highly recommended that all other domesticated animals — cattle, horses, sheep, goats, pigs and rabbits — be immunized. It is cost effective and provides a barrier of disease control from infected wildlife to humans. It is also very important to immunize barn cats that could come in contact with farm animals or neighbors domestic animals.

# A Point of View

### by Luanne Mayo

This morning the tea in my cup got stony cold as I sat watching the birds swarming around our bird feeders. Yes, swarming is the right word. There were eighteen grosbeaks, twelve blue jays, a sprinkling of morning doves, and a few chickadees on the peripheries. They are rude to each other, some downright nasty; it's a "me first buddy" attitude.

When we put the feeders out in the fall, we knew our obligation was to continue feeding until nature replaced us in the spring. My husband, half joking, calls them my welfare recipients. ... Last week he came out of his cave and asked me to guess how much we had spent on the dog and the cat and "those birds" in 1993. He What?! Yes, he really did and if I hadn't bought all the food at one place and entered it on this blasted machine, the subject would never have come up. We have practiced "well animal" checkups and shots. We have been blessed with no health problems, no big vet bills. Food-wise, we don't spoil our critters. So how did we get ourselves into such an expensive situation? We chose to .....

As I sat there with my cold tea, some sort of correlation between our individual choices and our local and national financial predicaments tried to sort itself out. There isn't much you and I can do about the national part, except try to elect honest, sensible representatives, then stay on their backs to keep them doing their best for us and the country as a whole.

We are the only ones who can police our own in-house spending habits. We choose where we spend our own dollars, sensible or not. Next Saturday (March 5) we, Bradford's registered voters, have the chance to make a difference in how our local tax dollars are spent. We have the perfectly wonderful opportunity for instant, powerful gratification. If we get our collective selves up to the KRSD's annual meeting and vote FOR fairness in funding and AGAINST the multi-million dollar playing fields, we will each be part of a substantial financial decision. This vote will affect every one of us, individually, with real \$\$\$ benefit.

On March 5th, go to the high school in Sutton and VOTE. 9:00 am SHARP! You're on your own with the bird food question.



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### **Bradford Business Association**

At their February meeting, the Bradford Business Association heard Will James describe the success of the cable Shopping Channel in New London, encouraging local businessmen to try this mode of advertising.

President Perley Strout then led a discussion of ways for Bradford businesses to increase their exposure in the area. He suggested generating a local map with business advertising. The Association voted to support the project, with Glen Mayo assisting Perley.

Another project underway is placing barrels of flowers around town in the spring, in cooperation with the Bradford Women's Club. John Mock, Mariene Freyler, Sherry Chomitz, and Deborah Lamach will coordinate this effort.

The next meeting of the Bradford Business Association will be held on March 21 at 7:00 pm at the Appleseed Inn. Guest speaker will be Amy Blitzer, who will be discussing the Conservation Commission's plans for this year's Earth Day, to be celebrated in Bradford on May 6.

All Bradford area business and professional people are cordially invited to attend the next meeting.



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# Books discussion series continues in March

The third session in the Friends of the Library's reading discussion series will be held on Thursday, March 3, at 7:00 pm. The discussion will feature Walt Whitman's long poem, "Song of Myself," first published in Leaves of Grass in 1855. Whitman subsequently prepared eight other versions of the poem over the next thirty-five years. To prepare for Thursday's discussion, Dr. Patrick Anderson would like participants to read the original 1855 version of the poem, which can be found on pages 675-762 in The Book Bag's Walt Whitman, The Complete Poems, and select two passages of interest from the poem to discuss.

The fourth and final session in the Winter Book Series, "The Question for the American Dream," will be held on Thursday, March 17, featuring Arthur Miller's memorable play, Death of a Salesman.

Multiple copies of the books are available for lending at the library. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For more information, call Laurie Buchar at 938-5372. The program is funded through a grant from the NH Council for the Humanities.



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Gordon Anderson receives Andrew L. Felker Award for 1994

The Directors of the Farm and Forest Exposition presented the Andrew L. Felker Award for 1994 to Gordon Anderson of Bradford at their February exposition. The citation presented by the directors states:

New Hampshire's countryside is dotted with the work of Gordon Anderson, a lifelong designer of bams, sheds and other agricultural buildings and a pioneer in the innovative uses of native New Hampshire lumber products. He blends traditional, practical Yankee building principles and materials with modern technology to create structures which are strong, serviceable and harmonious with the environment. His work will be here for generations.

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From tiny sheds to house a few goats to huge cow barns and riding arenas, Gordon has designed thousands of structures—and created markets for hundreds of thousands of board feet of New Hampshire lumber in the process.

Gordon Anderson is a tireless promoter of New Hampshire agriculture, as well. He gives freely of his time to advise beginning farmers, assist the agricultural fairs and boost countless other worthy causes in rural New Hampshire. He represents the best in leadership for New Hampshire agriculture.

### February Selectmen's meetings

January 31 Representatives of Groundwater Technologies met to discuss the trenching permit required to install the culvert along Main Street to carry the discharged decontaminated water from the Market-place site. The Selectmen refused to sign the permit until the warranty was extended from twelve months to eighteen to cover two spring runoffs. Completing the system to discharge the treated water is the last step before starting up the extraction system.

School Board representative Dick Keller asked the Selectmen to fund buses to the school district meeting. Selectman Battles responded, "If you can fill them, we'll pay for them."

Dick Hambrecht reported that the employees retirement program was ready to go into effect if approved by the voters at town meeting. He was asked about employee vesting and will return next week with information.

It was reported that Neil Cannon has not yet received the copy of the required life insurance policy and is holding the second grant disbursement to New Kearsarge Corp.

The Selectmen were presented with an intermediate plan, prepared by The Turner Group, to remodel the Central School. Discussion among the Selectmen centered around the high estimated costs and elaborate plans, while the water problem was not addressed.

February 7 Dick Hambrecht discussed the costs and complexity of adding vesting to the employee retirement plan. After a discussion, Selectmen approved the plan without vesting because of the legal costs and paperwork involved.

The Facilities Committee met to discuss the interim plan for the Central School. Chairman Eastman Steere explained that the estimates were high because the plan was just a "draft" based on a "wish list" compiled by The Tumer Group in interviews with town employees. The Selectmen expressed displeasure with the plan, Battles describing it as "way out of line." The committee said the \$50,000 request for this year would be used to tailor the plan to needs and budget of the community and produce specs, necessary to get an accurate estimate of remodeling costs. Fred Winch noted that there was grant money available, but that the committee could not apply for grants until it had a detailed plan of what was needed. When pressed by Selectman Keller, the committee

could not explain exactly what the \$50,000 was needed for. It was then agreed that the Selectmen would attend the next Facilities Committee meeting and agree on a direction for the committee's activities.

Selectmen finally received a copy of the life insurance policy on Peter Moyer with the beneficiary changed from New Kearsarge Corp. to Concord Regional Development Corp. With that step complete, they will sign the check for the second grant disbursement next week.

Brian Cote, of Groundwater Technologies, reported that the subcontractor for the Main Street trench was having trouble extending the bond from 12 to 18 months. The Selectmen were adamant that the town must be protected through two spring run-offs.

February 14 A public hearing on library warrant articles was opened and closed with no public or library trustees in attendance.

The trench permit was approved with an expiration date of August 14, 1995. Work will begin on February 15.

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## **Church News** from Debbie Lamach

The American Baptist Women's Ministries starts the month off with Carol Conforti-Adams presenting a program on health issues at 8:00 pm on March 1. The program will be preceded by a business meeting at 7:15. The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet for a potluck lunch on Friday, March 4, at 11:30. After sharing lunch, the ladies will carpool to the Presbyterian Church in New London for World Day of Prayer services, which begin at 1:00 pm. All church women are invited to share in "potluck" and travel to New London.

The annual all church fair will be held on Saturday, July 2. Judy Brown is in charge of the White Elephant table and is looking for your castoffs. When you are doing your spring cleaning, don't throw out that "lovely" lamp that Aunt Gertie gave you! Call Judy at 938-2054, Marcia Strout at 938-2716, or Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.

We are pleased to announce that we now have secretarial staff in the church office at the Fisk House every morning Monday through Friday from 9:00 to noon, provided by Cheryl MacDonald, Judy Marshall, and Miriam Phillips. They will be happy to field your calls and assist in any way they can. Dr. Pearson is in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to noon.

The Music Committee recently surveyed the congregation for favorite hymns. They plan to work these favorites into Sunday worship services. If you have not shared your favonte hymns, please contact Debbie Lamach or members of the Music Committee. Jean Corbett and Barbara LaPlume. The most popular hymn at this writing is "I Come to the Garden Alone.'

March's "Angel of the Month" is Matilda (most often called Tillie) Wheeler. Tillie has been active in the church for many

years. She has held many offices, including Trustee, secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, and teacher, and her favorite, the Flower Committee. She is a charter member of the American Baptist Women's Ministries and a member and officer of the Women's Christian Guild. Tillie is the epitome of the backbone of any church and we are fortunate to have her!

The Third Annual Variety Show is well into rehearsals and will be held at KRES at Bradford on the evenings of April 15 and 16. The theme this year is Broadway musicals. There is always room for one more, so if you'd like to dust off your act and give a performance, please let me know. It's not too late to join the chorus which meets every Sunday afternoon in the vestry at 2:00 pm. This year, proceeds from the show will benefit the continuing improvements to the Fisk House.

Easter Sunday is on April 3 this year, and this church will be hosting the area Easter Sunrise Service ... place and time to be announced. The Sunrise Service will be followed by breakfast at the church.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 am for all ages. During the month of March, the Baptism and Membership class meets at the Fisk House at 9:00 am on Sundays. Worship service begins at 10:00 am, followed by coffee and fellowship at 11:00. The Lenten Bible series, "From Sacrifice to Celebration," begins at 11:30 am on Sundays at the Fisk House. The Wednesday night Bible study groups meets at the homes of members at 7:00 pm.

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### Community Workshop news

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Plan to gather at Friendshop House on Thursday, March 10, at 11:00 so we can carpool or walk to Shirley's home, where parking is limited. Bring your own project to work on through the lunch hour. Then at 1:00 we'll share some of the above talents. Or just come to enjoy.

Dessert and coffee will be provided. --Clare Bensley

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Two items very important to Brown Memorial Library are in the warrant this year. Item #14 to be voted on by ballot on voting day concerns "income generating equipment" in the library. This means the copier. The money it makes pays for the supplies, repair and upkeep. By law, the town must give permission if this money is to be kept by the library. If the article does not pass, the library will no longer be able to run the copier. Many people rely on the convenience of using this copier. The copier was purchased with money from the Beatrice (Susie) Glowsky Memorial Fund. Please help us continue her legacy.

In the library questionnaires completed last year, 79% recognized the need for library expansion. Item #41 on the warrant, submitted by the Trustees, requests that a capital reserve fund of \$10,000 be created to be used for library expansion. The town retains control of this savings account until a vote is taken at a later town meeting to act. It makes sense to start setting money aside for this important project.

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# Henniker Rotary announces scholarships

Laurie Grob, President of the Henniker Rotary Club, amounced that applications are now being accepted for college scholarrships. These scholarships are available to area high school seniors and college students.

Applicants must live or have attended high school in Bradford, Deering, Henniker, Hillsborough, Hopkinton, or Weare. They are required to have at least a 3.0 (B) grade average and must write a five hundred word essay about community service. Students who wish to apply should contact their high school guidance office or write to: Scholarship Committee, Henniker Rotary Club, Box 695, Henniker, NH 03242. The deadline for applications is May 1.

Since 1984, the Henniker Rotary Club has helped 29 area students by providing a total of \$15,100 in scholarships. This spring the club will award four students a total of \$3,000.

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### Conrad Szymkowicz receives League of New Hampshire Craftsmen award

Conrad Szymkowicz is the 1994 recipient of Highland Hardwood's Wood Award at the League of N.H. Craftsmen Foundation's Nineteenth Annual Juried Exhibition. The show runs through March 25 at the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences, 148 Concord Street, Manchester.

His award-winning piece is an illuminated display cabinet designed for a wall mounting. The carcase is wayn edged curly maple with a bookmatched walnut back. Imported German glass and spalted birch panels are mounted within a curly maple framework door. Door pull, shelves, butterfly keys, and light switches are carved from African padouk.

Conrad lives and works in Bradford. His woodworking shop is next to his home at the end of Rowe Mountain Road. Conrad finds these beautiful surroundings an inspiration and representational in his work of Japanese and traditional designs. His work is most often commissioned and one-of-akind pieces are designed and executed from a variety of local and exotic hardwoods.

Conrad is a member of Bradford's Planning Board, the League of N.H. Craftsmen, the N.H. Woodworkers Guild, the N.H. AIA, and the Society of Arts and Crafts.



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### MESSAGE, from page 1

The proposal in Warrant Article 2 eliminates the "user fee" attendance portion and adds total resident income to the equation. This formula results in funding that is still not completely balanced, but provides substantial relief for our taxpayers. The formula was developed after detailed study by a committee which included members from New London. It provides overall fairness throughout the district and a level of stability from year to year.

Each time a proposal is made to move toward fair funding, New London threatens to withdraw from the district. Undoutedly, the New London Protective Association will try to carry out the threat. However, there is a process that must be followed: New London voters must vote to request withdrawal, a very detailed study must be done, and a plan prepared for whatever new district(s) might be formed. The plan must be approved by the Department of Education and by an affirmative vote at a district meeting. Whether the Protective Association will prevail over the moderate, fair-minded members of their community and the balance of the district is questionable.

Bradford's burden, and that of several other towns in the district, will only continue to increase disproportionately until a change is made. Groups are organized in every town in the district to put a halt to this unfair funding. Join your neighbors on March 5th. Your vote WILL count!

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# At Work ~ At Home

# by Audrey V. Sylvester

The quiet, reassuring manner of Mary Beth and Peter Fenton masks their energetic zest for life which they live to the fullest, juggling several careers—as owners of the Appleseed Inn Restaurant, caterers, parents of two teenage sons, and Bradford Rescue Squad volunteers.

Since the tender age of 11 when he washed dishes for a Norwalk, Connecticut, landmark, Old MacDonald's Farm, Peter has been in the restaurant business. After attending Indiana Northern University and serving in Viet Nam (incidently with Mary Beth's brother), Peter returned home and became the Manager back on "The Farm." Mary Beth grew up with her parents' restaurant and catering business in Providence, Rhode Island, and graduated from Vermont College with a degree in Social Work. So, it seems, Peter and Mary Beth were destined to meet. They did, when Peter came to Rhode Island as a member of Mary Beth's brother's wedding party.



Like their marriage, chance would play a role in their future. They had given up looking for a restaurant business to await the birth of their first son. A friend of Peter's mother drove past the Appleseed sporting its "For Sale" sign and the rest is history-17 years so far-since Peter and Mary Beth have made the Appleseed home and business.

The Fentons offer a Yankee menu of homemade food, from main course to breads, pies, salad dressings, and Peter's speciality—soups. On Wednesday nights, they feature an "all you

can eat" Italian buffet. Their anti-recessionary, diner-friendly "2 'fers" provide a selection of dinners for two.

As caterers, their largest crowd has been the 600 people who came to the Merrimack County Telephone Company's open house. Mary Beth said, "Catering demands great organization, many lists, and attention to detail. Hot foods must stay hot, and cold foods, cold." She remembered the wonderful but stressful evening when they catered Bradford's Bicentennial Gala at Mount Sunapee. Speeches delayed the serving of dinner by one and a half hours! Nevertheless, the food was served to perfection.

As discrete tavern keepers, the Fentons were reluctant to tell even anonymous colorful local stories, but Mary Beth did tell one from long ago. She said, "You get a feeling about people when they walk through the door." One rainy night, a strange man with a backpack came in, ordered and ate a sandwich and soda. Complaining that he had not received his order, he demanded a roast beef dinner. When the stranger became disruptive, the police were called. On route to Contoocook in custody, the man begged to use the telephone, ran into the bushes and disappeared. Peter non-judgmentally commented, "He must have been someone on the move." Mary Beth was mellow. She said, "When you think someone is homeless, you just give them a meal and forgive the charge."

Both Fentons volunteer on the Bradford Rescue Squad, Mary Beth for 11 years and Peter for 8. Peter's most notable moment of glory came with his first successful delivery of a baby. Mary Beth is also a board member of the Kearsarge Youth Hockey Program, where she pitches in to staff the snack bar at hockey games, and is a substitute teacher in the elementary school. Peter serves on Bradford's Budget Committee. As parents, the Fentons value the opportunity to keep in touch with their teenage sons, Peter Matthew and Timothy James, through both hockey and their work at the restaurant.

The Fentons are very glad they moved to Bradford. Mary Beth said, "The only chink in the chain is the tax problem, because running a rural business and paying non-rural taxes is difficult." With their lives fully engaged in town affairs, community events, and family activities, the Fentons have added their Yankee values to Bradford in more ways than food.

### Candidates for town offices

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

### John Signorino, Selectman

- 1. After 18 years as a resident, the time has come when I can contribute more fully to our community and to help to make Bradford the best it can be. I believe in the "we" concept of achievement and in giving back to the community something of oneself.
- 2. I see three major issues facing the town: balancing the growth of Bradford while maintaining the rural character of our community; updating a master plan for Bradford that truly reflects the wishes of all residents of the town; and addressing the environmental impact of the gas spill on water quality in the Main Street area.
- 3. I would like to bring together the talents and energies of our residents to foster a greater sense of community and help to infuse our town with confidence to face the future with enthusiasm and a sense of controlling our own destiny. With my business background, I hope to be able to contribute to the economical and efficient day to day administration of our town functions.
- 4. Establishing and growing a successful business over the past 26 years. Participating and contributing to various civic groups within the community.

# Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- 1. To see through some of the projects I have started.
- Continually trying to make registrations and paying taxes as easy as possible for the Bradford citizens, as well as those who come from out of state.
- 3. Complete transition to computerized registrations and streamlined tax information.
- 4. I have been Town Clerk for five years and additional time served as deputy. I have been Tax Collector for three years.

### Tom Riley, Planning Board

- 1. Each of us has an obligation to do what we can to keep our town a good place to live.
- 2. Growth and change should be guided to be beneficial to the majority of the town, keeping the rights of the individual intact.
- Streamline some of the processes while dealing with growth and change.
- 4. Nine years on the Planning Board, including the years developing the Zoning Ordinance. A working knowledge of the physical area of the town.

### Carolyn Grindle, Town Treasurer

- 1. My reasons for wanting to serve have been monetary it pays my taxes! but it has been a marvelous way to stay involved with the community at large.
- 2. There is really only one issue for the Treasurer: accuracy. I believe that my record shows that I am able to consistently and accurately keep the financial records for the Town and I would like to continue to do so.
- 3. What I hope to accomplish in my next term is quite simple: to make sure that no one—including myself—runs off with the Town's money! Accounting is one area where 'no news is good news." I take pride in keeping accurate and organized financial records so that if the proverbial Mack Truck hits, someone will be able to pick up where I left off with little or no confusion.
- 4. I feel that I am qualified for this position by virtue of the fact that I have been doing the job for the past four years.

# Deborah Lamach, Supervisor of the Checklist

- 1. This is a way that I can share my abilities with the Town of Bradford and its voters.
- 2. Although there are no issues per se in this position, it is one that must be carefully and legally administered as it involves the right of individuals to vote.
- 3. To fulfill the responsibilities of the position to the best of my abilities.
- I have served as ballot clerk in Bradford for several years and served in the same capacity in Boulder, Colorado.

#### Ion Steiner, ZBA write-in

- Contribute to the effective administration and interpretation of the Bradford Zoning Ordinance.
- Coordination between the ZBA, Planning Board, and Code Enforcement Officer on matters of special exception and variances must be improved.
- 3. I would like to help the public better understand the role of the ZBA in the implementation of the town's zoning ordinance.
- 4. I am a full-time local government professional, working for the NH Municipal Association. I hold a Master of Public Administration degree from UNH and teach at Franklin Pierce College.

### Sandra Stilwell, Town Treasurer

- 1. I would like to be able to put my abilities to work for the benefit of the town to help provide a better future for the children of today, the voters of tomorrow.
- I'm sure there is always a challenge in the attempt to keep a balanced budget in an affable manner.
- 3. To upgrade an already successful post into an office of open achievement.
- 4. I have over 20 years in accounting, and am a certified tax consultant and registered member of the Federal Tax Association. I also have 12 years in real estate and construction and am a licensed real estate broker and certified real estate appraiser. I'm also a small business consultant and a justice of the peace. Today I manage the \$1-\$2-\$3 Dollar Store in Gilford.

### Deborah Lamach, Scholarship Committee

- 1. I have served two terms on this committee and I enjoy it.
- 2. No issues, but it is sometimes difficult making a decision, even though the dollar amount of the scholarship is not great.
- 3. I would like to work with the other members of this committee to find more money for the Bradford scholarship.
- 4. I have lived in Bradford for over 10 years now, been involved in business locally, and am acquainted with many of the families.

### David Avanzini, Library Trustee

- 1. I would like to participate in developing the plans for the expansion of the library facility.
- The means of expansion how to accomplish the library's goals. I would also like to see the library address expanding services to children.
- 3. I would like to see the library goals realized with an expanded facility.
- 4. My lifelong love of libraries and 30 years of working with children.

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### **Bob Stewart, Budget Committee**

- 1. Being a businessman in town, I feel that I should try to help manage the expenditures of the town, which make the town not only a great place to live and raise a family, but also affordable.
- 2. It is important that the needs of the town are fulfilled highways, police, fire, etc. keeping in mind that taxes dictate between projects that are mandatory and those that would be nice to have, but raise the tax \$3 to \$4 per thousand.
- 3. Try to maintain continuity from year to year in spending within all departments.
- 4. Twenty-one years serving on the town Budget Committee, five years on Kearsarge Regional School Budget Committee, twenty-two years as a businessman in the town of Bradford, after retiring from the U.S. Navy with twenty years of service.

# Doris Tremblay, Cemetery Commission

- 1. We worked on many new projects during our first year and I would like to be there to see them finished.
- 2. A long term pro-active maintenance plan for the future.
- 3. An update of all records, etc., and make them more available to the public. Work on cemetery maintenance before there is more deterioration to minimize cost to the taxpayer.
- 4. Experience serving during the first year of the Cemetery Commission. Contact with many state and town officials while working on our budget, maintenance, and rules and regulations.

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

Vacation time again, not quite like summer in length or temperature, but still nice to have a week off. Even so, things continue to happen, according to the Middle School Newsletter and the Spectrum. The Newsletter includes guidelines for the use of the new computer lab, chicken nuggets on Thursday, and articles by the students. The Spectrum, written by high school students, covers sports, scheduling changes contemplated for next year, a student forum, and an events calendar. Both papers well done, a salute to all the contributors.

A grant from the NH Council on the Arts will afford an artist-in-residence, Virginia Nichols-Kiley, to work with children at Sutton Elementary to create a mural for the school. The month-long project will conclude March 31st, with an unveiling at 6:30.

Hats off again to Erin McKenna of Bradford and Phil Salathe from Sutton. They have qualified as the district's National Merit Scholarship finalists.

Three public hearings were held by the School Board in February to address the budget, warrant article on changes in school funding, and last one, at least from the standpoint of public attendance, the kindergarten study report.

Among the items discussed at the February 10th Board meeting was the need to clean the ductwork at the high school. Business Administrator Petrin was asked to seek qualified bids, in addition to one for \$22,000 already in hand, to review the condition of ductwork at the other schools.

Mrs. White's eighth grade social studies class took a field trip to the Hillsborough County Jail and Courthouse as part of a study of the judicial system. Behavior is at a new high!

Dr. Richards reported on the Cracker Barrel sessions. The concerns throughout the seven towns were, with minor exceptions, the same. Curriculum, discipline, and communications were foremost and are high on the list for the administration, with a push from the School Board, to address.

The Board adopted, or re-adopted, its policy on public participation. The first 15 minutes of each meeting will be devoted to public input. Each presenter must notify the Superintendent or Board Chair, in writing, at least seven days prior to the meeting. Public input on action items noted on the agenda is allowed as these items are discussed.

At the meeting on the 24th, the Superintendent discussed the new State test to be required of all third graders, starting next year. Details and precautions concerning the annual meeting were also reviewed, as well as the number of students in both the failing and honor categories.

Action items included academic requirements for student co-curricular activities, instructional aid to students not in school due to illness, a weapon-free environment at the schools, and Board approval of the kindergarten report that will be available at the annual meeting.

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### SCHOOL BOARD, from page 11

The minimum standard for co-curricular activities (music, sports, clubs) will be not less than a C grade in five courses, with remedial work if the activity is hurting a student's grades. This contrasts with the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association standard of passing four courses, a standard rejected by the Board.

At your Board member's insistence, there was a discussion of the industrial arts program at KRHS and vocational education possibilities. A cursory review made it obvious to me that these important programs are not effective at Kearsarge. After touring Franklin High, Concord Technical Center, and Claremont and Newport (the latter two both new, well equipped, but under utilized) and discussion of the programs and persistent problems, it became apparent that scheduling is the limiting factor in the success of these programs.

At the very least, we should be looking at double periods for in-house programs and half to full day sessions at the vocational centers. Dr. Ezen and industrial arts teacher Mark Bryer are considering double periods. Ezen and his staff will consider a blocking schedule where longer periods will aid academic as well as vocational classes. Schedule changes will have to be coordinated with the other school systems as well. Implementation is always more difficult than critical judgment, but a program that can affect at least 30% of our students, as well as our 'drop outs,' is worth a critical assessment and some effort. With the support of the Board, I have asked for an update of this on April 28th.

Once again, March 5, Annual Meeting, 9:00 am, High School. I need your help and support through your vote. Please plan to attend.

# BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

THE CLIENT
by John Grisham
Doubleday, NY 1993
Available at Brown Memorial Library

When Mark Sway, 11, and his younger brother, Ricky, are engaged in sneak-smoking in woods behind their trailer park home, they witness a suicide by a lawyer who, before death, confessed to Mark the wrongdoing of a client known as The Blade. The entire episode traumatizes Ricky, who is hospitalized and enters what appears to be a permanent sleep.

Mark reports the suicide to police, but does not reveal the secret. To do so, he senses, will jeopardize his mother and brother. He withholds information and, as desperation enters his psyche, finds a lawyer.

Reggie Love, a fifty-two-year-old divorcee and lawyer who specializes in helping children, takes on Mark's case for the sum of one dollar. This is where the story gets exciting. Reggie's feisty personality and Mark's street-smart experience make them cagey sleuths. As each chapter unfolds, more entanglements arise. Especially exciting is a New Orleans garage scene where the pair seek proof of the secret passed on to Mark. As they near the garage, they come across The Blade's henchmen, who are in the process of removing evidence.



Mark takes control and succeeds in his mission.

Other characters include Reggie's associate, Clint, Mark's mom, FBI agents, Mafia criminals, and a staunch black judge.

Grisham, author of A Time To Kills, The Pelican Brief, and The Firm is an outstanding storyteller. A resident of Mississippi, he appears to be familiar with Memphis and New Orleans, the settings for this story. His knowledge of FBI policies, new identity programs, lawyers, judges and hidden agendas of the good and bad guys is clear. Also, Grisham's sense of humor is everpresent. If you want to participate in adventure, mixed with suspense and discovery, read The Client.



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# Youthful Activities, by Mary Keegan-Dayton

"It's the best part of our day," said Henniker dentist Dr. John Echternach, referring to checking children's teeth. During a recent family trip to the dentist, while hygienist Noreen Boone was cleaning my teeth, Padraid, at 3 1/2, put Mr. Thirsty (aka saliva ejector) in my ear. He was helping. It was his second trip to the dentist and I was hoping he would sit in the chair for a cleaning and check-up. He did,

According to the Mayo Clinic Family Health Book, a guide to preventative home health care, daily brushing and flossing, a healthy diet (low on sugar), water fluoridation, and regular dental checkups are all part of a lifetime program of good dental lygiene. A lifetime program...

"I'm flossing every day," said a friend recently as part of her plan for the new year. She was beaming, proud. I felt a pang of guilt. Oh, yea, flossing. One of those daily chores I keep forgetting about. Our dentist recommends that I should not only be flossing my own teeth daily, but my children's teeth as well. Let's see ... I could probably fit that in between doing laundry and rearranging my sock drawer. Start the brushing-flossing routine early, he tells me, so the children will connect the two.

At his Henniker office, Dr. John (as my children refer to him) and his staff try to educate parents on the proper care of their children's teeth. He recommends starting early with young babies as soon as the first teeth appear. Gently wiping the baby's

teeth clean with a soft wet cloth daily is a good start. Introducing toddlers to the toothbrush and actually brushing and flossing their teeth gently is the next step, even if it's only a few teeth per day. Add toothpaste sometime around two years old. Dr. John recommends that parents brush with their children, make it fun by counting teeth. Supervise the teeth brushing-flossing route until children are about ten years old. Physical coordination to do a really good job isn't there until that age and parents should try to brush the spots the kids miss.

Noreen Boone, dental hygienist, has a routine to encourage children to sit in her chair and have their teeth cleaned and checked. She suggests bringing young children to the dentist's office on a parent's visit when they are around two years old to familiarize them with the surroundings. Dr. John's office provides toys and a child-sized chair in the cleaning room for young visitors. And if parents have been brushing their children's teeth, adds Noreen, the transition is easier for the hygienist. Her small patients get to wear cool sunglasses to avoid the bright lights, use a mirror to see what's going on, and often get to hold Mr. Thirsty for rinsing their mouths. Cherry-flavored toothpaste, stickers, a new tooth brush, and having their picture taken, are all used to encourage young children to feel at ease.

Fluoride drops in water are important too. Echtemach's office recommends having household water tested for fluoride content. Some well water contains little fluoride, while other wells in this area have been found to contain significant amounts. Between one and four parts per million is a desired fluoride level. And always choose a toothpaste with fluoride.

With the rising cost of health care, it makes sense to emphasize the preventative side and step up home care. To become a family of daily flossers, that's our new goal. The good news is that children up to the age of fifteen have fewer cavities than they did 30 years ago, according to John Echtemach.

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by Mildred Schmidt

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I am taking a batch of these caramel nut squares to the school meeting. Ask me for a sample when you check in at the Bradford checklist table.

Caramel Nut Squares

Crust:

1 C softened butter

1 C firmly packed brown sugar

2 C flour

1 C chopped pecans or walnuts

In large bowl, combine butter, sugar and flour. Mix at medium speed, scraping sides of bown often, for 2-3 minutes or until well mixed and particles are fine. Pat firmly into ungreased 13" X 9" X 2" pan. Sprinkle nuts evenly over unbaked crust.

Caramel layer:

2/3 C butter

1/2 C firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 C butterscotch chips

1/2 C chocolate chips

In heavy one-quart saucepan, combine brown sugar and butter. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until entire surface begins to boil. Boil 1/2 to 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Pour caramel layer over nuts and unbaked crust. Bake near center of oven, preheated to 350° for 18-22 minutes or until entire caramel layer is bubbly and crust is light brown. Remove from oven.

Immediately sprinkle with butterscotch chips and chocolate chips. Allow chips to melt slightly, 2-3 minutes. Gently swirl chips as they melt. Leave some whole for a marbelized effect. DO NOT spread chips. Cool completely. Cut into 3-4 dozen bars. Enjoy!

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Finally, as a member of the local Computer Coffee Club, everyone knows that Dick is a ready resource for computer questions, graphics, support, or anything else to do with computers!

It's apparent that the church holds a special place in Phyllis's heart. While she has been involved in other town activities, you can usually find her either at the church or doing church-related work. She has served on the Disconate and the Music Committee, and as a nursery class teacher. She was a moving force behind the kitchen remodeling project. In typical fashion, when the church recently needed secretarial support, she stepped in and managed the church office for three months. She's also an active member of the American Baptist Women's Ministry.

As a town booster, Phyllis spearheaded the Town Hall Restoration Committee's efforts to restore the upstairs of the Town Hall in preparation for the Bicentennial. She has also been a member of the Women's Club. serving on the Board of Directors, the "good cheer" committee, and several of the BWC fairs. Numerous fund-raising bake sales have included her special donations. And speaking of cooking, her talents extend to feeding crowds, including Pastor Joyce's wedding and fund-raising dinners for other groups. She is active on the Conservation Commission as an associate member.

What's special about these two people is that each looks for things that need to be done, putting their efforts into doing the job, finding the resources, and working behind the scenes, expecting no accolades. Tonight, we all recognize their good deeds and express our gratitude for their contributions to the Town of Bradford.

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# GARDENING by Fred Winch

Spring came to Bradford for a couple of days this past month - probably turning gardeners to think of starting seeds. It is time to seriously think of those activities, as a long time from seed to a usable product is required for some plants.

Onions are such a plant if they are grown from seeds. Onions may readily be grown from onion sets, such as those available from the farm store in red, white, and yellow types. Good results may be obtained from such. I have found that in many years I have been able to produce excellent products from seedlings started the first of March in pots in the house. Sweet Spanish types and especially long storage types are available. Of these, Sweet Sandwich is a type for slicing onto your hamburger in late summer and Canada Maple I have stored without sprouting until late May and June. Both are available from Stokes Seeds.

With the coming of enhanced starting media and the new grow-mats available at your farm stores or from seed catalogs, time has been reduced for the starting of peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, and other plants. Growing is enhanced when teamed up with a grow-lite arrangement and automatic light timers, even in less than naturally bright rooms. However, peppers and eggplants take longer to grow into suitable plants for outdoor planting than do tomatoes, which seem to pop up rapidly. As a result, I have continued to start peppers and eggplants earlier, usually by mid-March when seeding them in starting medium.

The catalogs, once mainly black and white artist sketches - usually of larger than life flowers and veggies -- have become slick publications, with color photos of actual plants with the proud gardener alongside, to bait us to try to exceed in our quest for food or beauty. The photos of perennials in color entice us to grow or plant seeds to produce such beautiful plants. Most catalogs sell seeds and plants ... it's our choice. Plants will be available in April or May from the nursery. Or we may grow them from seed and the plant will be of flowering size in a year or two, provided we have the informa-

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TOM WILKINS insured for your protection **Call for estimate** Lic. Arborist #144 Pesticide License NHPC-121 938-2300 tion whether it is suited to the climate of Bradford or not.

Last month I mentioned that our January weather would have an effect on fruits and flowers of our woody plants. Where we are located has a great deal of effect on what we may grow and how well the plants may bloom. For the most part, catalogs now rate the hardiness of their products by a USDA hardiness zone in the plant description and include a miniature hardiness map in the catalog. The map is in zones numbered from 1 in the north to 10 in south Florida. We are on the borderline between 4 and 5. so choose your plants accordingly.

If you wish a more definitive map, one is available to serious gardeners from the Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, 8660 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707. Ask for stock # 001-00004550-4 with a check for \$6.50. Studying the map and your catalogs may save you money as you purchase hardy plants.

March should bring warmer weather and will bring longer days!

### **BUDGET**, continued from page 1

29. Fire pump truck to be purchased with \$65,000 from reserve funds and \$112,000 over next five years.

32. Facility improvement funds of \$50,000 to start first phase of work at Town Hall and Central School.

\$30,000 for repair of bridges

34. \$50,000 for road oil and scaling 35. \$3,000 audio/video system for police cruiser (\$1,900 to be paid by grant)

36. Funding for third full-time police officer 37, \$3,900 to fund permanent part-time sec-

retary for police dept.
38. \$1,195 for membership in NH Regional **Planning Commission** 

39. Purchase of new ambulance for Rescue Squad, \$20,000 from reserve funds and \$25,484 from taxes.

40. \$20,000 for highway heavy equipment reserve fund

41. \$10,000 to establish a library addition reserve fund

42. \$3,000 for Bradford/Newbury youth sports activities

Full discussion of these issues occurred at the budget public hearing. If you were unable to attend, copies of the warrants are available at town hall and the library.

Improvement, growth and economic health of our community require the informed and careful vote on all issues that affect our property taxes. Attend town meeting on March 9! -Bernie Lamach

### Bald Sunapee Garden Center and Florist

Route 103 - Newbury Harbor



\* March is Daffodil month

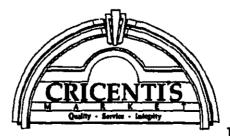
\$2.50 per bunch/10
\* SEEDS, Potting Soils, Flat, Pots

\* Fresh Flowers & Local Delivery \* GREEN CARNATIONS on 3/17

St. Patrick's Day - \* Potted Spring Bulbs, Primroses, Azaleas & Miniature Roses



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# March Calendar

### Tuesday, March 1

ZBA, town hall, 7:00

Fish & Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

### Thursday, March 3

Book discussion, library, 7:00

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

### Saturday, March 5

SCHOOL MEETING, high school, 9:00 am

### Sunday, March 6

Facilities Committee Open House, Central School, 11:00-2:00

Dress warmly!

### Monday, March 7

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Women's Club Bag lunch & Card social, public welcome. Church Vestry. 11:30 Coffee and dessert provided.

### Tuesday, March 8

**ELECTION DAY** 

Voting, town hall, noon-7:00

Planning Board, 7:30.

### Wednesday, March 9

TOWN MEETING Elementary school, 7:00

### Thursday, March 10

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

KRSD School Board meeting, high school, 7:30

### Friday, March 11

Whist Social, town hall, 7:30 Everyone welcome, refreshments & prizes; sponsored by Bradford Bridge

### Monday, March 14

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

### Tuesday, March 15

Bradford Women's Club, Church Vestry, 1:00

Kindergarten, Church Vestry, 6:45

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

### Wednesday, March 16

PTC Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner, elementary school, 6:00

Order of the Eastern Star, St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

Silver Hill/Vesta Chapter #49
Hobo Night, bring snacks, coffee provided

### Thurday, March 17

Book discussion, library, 7:00

### Monday, March 21

Women's Club Bag lunch & Card social, public welcome. Church Vestry. 11:30 Coffee and dessert provided.

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Appleseed Inn., 7:00

Road Committee, town hall, 7:00

### Tuesday, March 22

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

### Wednesday, March 23

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

### Thursday, March 24

KRSD School Board meeting, high school, 7:30

### Friday, March 25

Whist Social, town hall, 7:30 Everyone welcome, refreshments & prizes; sponsored by Volunteer Fire Dept.

### Monday, March 28

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

To list events for the month of April, call Lou Signorino at 938-2608.

## **Classified Ads**

WANTED. Grandmother of four still looking for second hand wooden outdoor play equipment in good condition. 938-5482.

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP. The Bradford Women's Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to post-secondary students of all ages from the Bradford area. Applications are available at Dodge's.

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE. Over the Rainbow Consignment Store. New and used children's clothing and other items. Located behind Bradford Town Hall. Open Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., and Sat., 10:00-2:00. 938-5225.

FRESH AIR FUND seeks loving families to provide summer vacations in the country for New York City children. For more information about a great experience, call Joyce Foley at 456-3279 or Beth Rodd at 938-2692.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET. Antiques, collectibles, and more. March 19, 9:00-2:00 at Maple Street School, Controcook. Snow date, March 26.

DO YOU NEED AN EDITOR? Professional editor with desktop publishing capabilities would like to help you present a polished image. Call 938-2286.

FOR RENT. One bedroom apartment, Main Street. First floor, private entrance, \$330 per month, deposit and references. Call 938-5425.

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

LATE BREAKING NEWS ITEM: Bradford Fire Department to the rescue. When Girl Scout Troup 415 from Cumberland, RI was unable to watch the Olympics on the TV at Camp Wabasso, Scout leaders asked at the IGA if there was a local restaurant with a television. Instead, Bo Raymond and Steve Hansen hosted the troup at the Fire House. Scouts expressed their appreciation for the wonderful local hospitality.