

THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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"Brick Business" at the Bradford Area Community Center



Phyllis Whall looks on as Bliss Dayton presents a check to John Mock of the Lumber Barn.

Bliss Dayton, Treasurer of the Bradford Community Corporation, presented John Mock of the Lumber Barn with a \$1,000 check for the material cost of bricks used to pave the front walkway leading up to the Community Center. The check was awarded to the Bradford Community Corporation by the ExxonMobil Foundation's employee/retiree (and spouses) Volunteer Involvement Program in recognition of Phyllis Whall's volunteer community service at the Bradford Area Community Center. Phyllis is a member of the BACC Governance Board and is the wife of Dick Whall, a retired chemical engineer with 33 years of service in Exxon Research and Engineering and Exxon Chemical Central Engineering. John Mock completed the project by donating his time and skills to lay the bricks.

In other BACC news: The Bradford Area Community Center Youth Center

will be hosting an Animal Rock Painting Session Friday, March 30, from 3:00-6:00pm. Local artist Ann Marie will be on hand to help spark that creativity we all have inside of us! Second through eighth graders are invited to attend at no charge. Snack is provided and so are all materials—all you have to do is show up! Space is limited, so please RSVP today by calling 938-6228.

The Community Center would like to thank those who gave generous donations for the rummage sale on February 17 and those who worked very hard to make this fundraiser a success. The funds raised from this event will help tremendously in keeping the Community Center running. We plan to have another rummage sale in the future, so watch for the announcement in the Bridge and flyers posted in the Bradford area.

Bradford Author Publishes Children's Book

Book! Book! Book! is a charming, not-to-be-missed children's book by Bradford author Deborah Bruss. The mother of two boys and twin girls, she lives on a farm herself and knows well what could happen if a barnyard full of bored animals should decide to head to the library! Of course, no one can communicate with the librarian, but when she figures out it is books that they need, the fun begins!

The watercolors, by British artist Tiphonie Beeke, are gorgeous; all pastels and fun that make this the perfect book for a young child. Published by Scholastic, it is a joyous introduction to libraries and those wacky barnyard animals. This is a big hit for our neighbor and you are invited to join in the celebration as she premieres the *BOOK!* at MainStreet BookEnds on Saturday April 7 at 2:00pm. Come and meet her and join the fun!

—Katharine Nevins

Living in Bradford

Town Elections
Tuesday, March 13
8:00am-7:00pm
Town Hall

Town Meeting
Wednesday, March 14
7:00pm
Elementary School

Voter's Guide
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Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by March 20.

Selectmen's Update

February was highlighted by an old-fashioned snowstorm, which dropped over three feet of snow in our area. Our highway crew worked excessive hours to keep our roads open. They should be complimented for their efforts. The storm played havoc with our road equipment. One truck got stuck in a snow bank for five hours. Five men and five trucks battled the storm continuously as the snow piled up into wind driven drifts. Thank you to the highway crew for a job well done.

The Bradford Women's Club will hold a "Meet the Candidates Night" on March 6 at 7:00pm in the Senior Room at the Bradford Area Community Center. Our voters will vote at the polls for various town offices on Tuesday, March 13 at the Bradford Town Hall. There are contested races for Selectman, Budget Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board. Our regular Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 14 will be at the K.R.E.S. at Bradford school at 7:00pm. Good luck to all our candidates.

Kudos should be given to Cheryl Behr and Sue Pehrson for putting the finishing touches on the Town Offices. We even have new blinds to go with the decor.

The Budget Committee and Selectmen went over the final budget and warrant articles, which were presented at a public meeting. The Town Report is being completed and will be sent to the printer. Copies should be ready for distribution prior to the Town Meeting. February was a relatively routine month for your Selectmen with reviews of various departments, budget meetings and meetings with Public Service relative to energy conservation.

See you at the polls. Remember, everyone smiles in the same language.

—Marv Rich

News From the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

February 12, 2001. Edwin Maylin and Susan Townsend were married in Bradford.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office. Town elections will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at the Town Hall. Polls will be open from 8:00am-7:00pm. Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00pm at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road.

I am still anticipating being on line with the New Hampshire Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Notices of Lien and/or Deed have been mailed out. The lien is scheduled to take place on March 31, 2001. Deeding will take place on April 1, 2001.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, March 13 for the election.

The position of Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector is still open. This is a pay while you learn opportunity. Some computer knowledge is a plus. Please write or call the office to receive an application and appointment. P.O. Box 607, telephone 938-2288.

—Sue Pehrson

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BWC Candidate's Forum March 6

The Bradford Women's Club will host "Candidate's Night" on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00pm in the Senior Room of the Bradford Area Community Center. Gerri Dickerson is the Chairman. Most of the town offices are contested in this election to be held in the Town Hall only a week later. The Women's Club forum is the perfect opportunity to see the candidates up close and personal, ask the questions, and get the answers so that you will be an informed voter. If we have learned anything in the past several months, it is the importance of every vote. Put the Forum on your calendar, and remember to VOTE!

In other Women's Club news, the Board of Directors will meet at Mountain Lake Inn on Monday, March 12, at 9:30am. At this meeting the Board begins work on the *Holiday Crafts and Antiques Fair*, the Club's principal fundraiser held annually over the Thanksgiving weekend.

On Tuesday, March 20, at 1:00pm at the Community Center, the regular meeting of the Women's Club will feature our own famous edition of "Antiques Roadshow" with Eleanor Harris and Robin Sanborn. Bring a favorite treasure for analysis by the experts. Co-chairs Mim Lovett and Maggie Ainslee will provide hospitality. Prospective members are always welcome to attend regular meetings of the Women's Club.

To celebrate its 60th Anniversary, the Women's Club will publish a new edition of the Cookbook. Sue Vitale and Nancy



Bradford is home to two people by the name of Bruce Edwards. Above is Bruce E. Edwards, candidate for Selectman.

Hibbard are co-chairing the Cookbook Committee and ask that all members and friends send their best tried and true recipes to them before April first to allow time for testing, editing, and printing over the summer. Publication date is set for fall, with debut at the FAIR in time for holiday giving and entertaining.

Membership Chairman Louise Clark, has applications for Women's Club membership. Our members live in Bradford, Henniker, Newbury, Sutton, and Warner. All women who are interested in having some fun while serving the community are welcome to join.

Flamingos Flock to Bradford's Library!

The Brown Memorial Library is going to the birds! The "flamingos" are projects that your friends and neighbors have created over the long winter; they may be silly or not. These will be exhibited in March and April. Plans are being made for a closing party to meet the artists. The exhibit will be open during normal library hours.

—Laurie Brown

Backyard Compost Bin Sale

Bradford will hold a backyard compost bin sale for Earth Day 2001. Turn your kitchen scraps into a rich soil amendment.

Through April 23, a home compost bin and how-to guide with a combined retail value of \$80 can be purchased for only \$30. The bin is black, has a ten-year warranty and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It is estimated that 25 percent of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps that can be easily composted.

Bradford residents save \$40 for every ton of waste they compost because it is not shipped out of town for disposal. Look for order forms at Town Meeting and at the Town Hall.

Tuning Up for 2001 Band Concert Season

Two area bands are beginning their 2001 concert rehearsals and are open to new members.

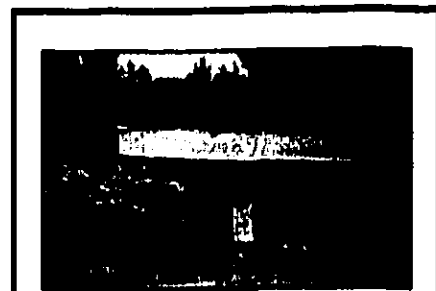
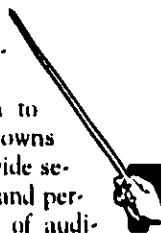
The Kearsarge Community Band holds rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School's Music Room, Cougar Court, New London. No auditions are required. For information contact Pam Waltzer 763-8944 (maurer@srnet.com) or Nola Aldrich 526-2942 (kenola@tds.net).

The Hopkinton Town Band will begin weekly rehearsals for their year 2001 concerts on Wednesday, March 7 from 7:00-9:00pm at



the Contoocook Methodist Church.

The Band is open to musicians from area towns who enjoy playing a wide selection of band music and performing for a variety of audiences. Woodwind, brass and percussionists will be welcomed. This is an opportunity to join a community group of dedicated players which is led by an enthusiastic, talented and experienced conductor. For further information about the Hopkinton Town Band or to arrange for the Band to perform for events or organizations, call 746-4380 or e-mail pertice_c@conknet.com.



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Letters



Make a commitment to land conservation in Bradford

For the past several months, the Bradford Conservation Commission has written articles in the *Bridge* to present the benefit of open spaces to the citizens of Bradford. There has been much activity in the past year within our community as we find, fund, and preserve undeveloped lands. During Town Meeting, we have the opportunity to increase our commitment to land conservation.

As you may recall from earlier articles, when landowners remove property from current use, they pay a fee called the "Land Use Change Penalty Tax." In 1992, the Town directed that 50% of revenues received from the penalty tax be placed in the Land Conservation Fund to be used to acquire, protect, or otherwise conserve and properly use open space in town. Currently, the other 50% goes to the Town's general fund in the form of an irregular and unbudgeted sum, where it will not be devoted to the conservation issues.

The Conservation Commission wishes to increase that amount to 100% of the Land Use Change Penalty Tax so that the funds derived from the loss of lands in current use (open spaces) are used to acquire replacement lands. Keep in mind that even land that is donated has hidden costs such as surveying and legal fees which can cost thousands of dollars.

What is the warrant article? "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the placement of 100% of the revenues received

from the land use change penalty tax into the Town of Bradford Land Conservation Fund, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25II. This fund may be used to acquire, maintain, improve, protect or to otherwise conserve and properly use open spaces and other land and water areas, as authorized by RSA 36-A."

If you vote yes on this warrant article, it will mean that 100% of the Land Use Change Penalty Tax will go to the fund responsible for purchasing and maintaining conservation lands in Bradford. According to Town records for the last ten years, on average this has been less than \$500 a year. The money would continue to be used for conservation projects such as the Bradford Bog, West Meadow Wetland, our Town Forests, and the Bradford Springs site. Like many other towns that have adopted similar funding measures, it will ensure Bradford's commitment to securing lands that are cost effective to maintain, and which provide maximum conservation benefits to the town.

Your support of this article is appreciated. As always, feel free to contact any Conservation Commission member for more information or to simply lend an opinion.

—Amy Blitzer, Ann Eldridge,
Meg Fearnley, Brooks McCandlish,
Perry Teele, Chris Way, Dick Whall
Bradford Conservation Commission


Vote YES on KRSD contract

Increasing teacher turnover in the face of a growing shortage of teachers is a major concern in the Kearsarge District. Over the past two years KRSD has lost approximately forty teachers with an obvious impact on our ability to maintain and improve the quality of education. The problem has been particularly acute at the High School. It is important, therefore, to maintain a competitive salary structure to assure that we can retain and recruit quality teachers.

Unfortunately, our salary structure has become less competitive over the past few years and approximately one third of the districts in the State now pay more than Kearsarge. Were we to take no action this year we would fall below the mid-point in the State. To correct this condition, the School Board and the Kearsarge Regional Educational Association have negotiated a three-year contract which will return our salary schedules to a level where we can attract and retain a high quality professional staff. Voters will have an opportunity to support the new contract by voting YES on Article 2 at the March 13 election.

The cost impact of the contract for next year is \$464,027 which represents a 5.8% increase. The increase will be \$494,863 in the second year and \$369,197 in the third, which represent increases of 5.8% and 4.1% respectively. The future years' increases will be included in the operating budgets for 2002 and 2003 and voted on at that time. Both the Municipal Budget Committee and the School Board support the Article. We urge you to vote YES on Article 2.

Dean E. Bensley, for the Kearsarge
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KRSD Children's Book Challenge

Everyone knows *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McClosky. In children's literature, it's a classic. And there are 99 more classic New England children's books that Yankee Magazine chose, creating the "100 Classic New England Children's Books." Students at KRES Bradford are being challenged to read as many of these books as possible. The subject matter varies widely—from the true story of a bear who watched over a little girl to the fictional story of a bear lost in Boston, from maple sugaring to lobstering, from the hysterical *Five Dog Night* to the gentle seasonal poems of John Updike. Katharine Nevins, of MainStreet BookEnds in Warner, kicked off the reading challenge on February 22. At the school's Library Media Center, she showed the students many of the books, and read a few titles, too. BookEnds recently hosted the reception for Yankee's top 100 list and still proudly displays all 100 titles—even those that are out of print. Brown Memorial Library also has many of the books available.

On Monday, March 8, when the students return from vacation, the PTC will treat them to a weeklong artist-in-residence with Perry Alley Theatre. The New England theme will continue as each class works with puppeteer Andrew Periale.

They will create their own shadow puppets and scripts. The fourth graders will have the special treat of working with the puppeteer every day, creating their own original New England story. On Thursday, March 8 (6:00pm at KRES Bradford), both 4th grade classes will perform their works. Perry Alley Theatre will perform a few of their own classic tales, too. Perry Alley Theatre has been performing internationally for over 13 years and has even been nominated for an Emmy. The public is encouraged to attend this special performance.

The "Yankee 100 Reading Challenge" will continue into April and will culminate with a surprise celebration. As the children continue reading, they will begin to make connections between these stories and their own lives, increasing their understanding of the history, geography, and people that make up our six-state region. They are also encouraged to add other New England stories to their reading lists. If your child attends KRES Bradford, make reading the classics a special family time. And if you don't have a child bringing home the list, you can find it at MainStreet BookEnds. You'll be surprised of the diversity of children's books.

—Debbie Bruss

Local Republicans Choose Leaders

Bradford Republicans held a joint town caucus with Henniker on February 20th at the Henniker Grange Hall. Elected as Town Chairmen were Steven Pierce of 97 Old Sutton Road, Bradford and Barbara Provencher of Henniker.

Plans were discussed for an event later in the spring to rally other interested voters. Town Chairmen are responsible for coordinating local information and the nomination of inspectors of the checklist.

—Bernie Lamach

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen

Meet with other parents to share ideas and discuss ways to help your children be responsible, caring and self confident in this six-week parenting course "How to Talk so Kids Will Listen." The course will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm on March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10 at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford.

Topics covered include: Helping children deal with their feelings, engaging cooperation, alternatives to punishment, encouraging autonomy, praise and freeing children from playing roles.

The course costs \$15 and includes six meetings and two parenting books. Parenting seems easy—until you have kids. Join with a friend for more fun. The Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention sponsors this course. For more information call Cathy Mayne at 938-5959.

Parks & Recreation Update

In April, our Baton Twirling program will begin again with Donna Acker. Donna is a dance instructor with Jenkins School of Dance. We are looking forward to the girls doing another great job in the Firemen's Parade on July 7. To register, please call Jane at 938-2570.

In April, our Kids' Dances will also start back up. Watch for posters. More plans for spring and summer are in the making.

—Jane Lucas



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Obituary

CHARLOTTE RUTH CARMICHAEL

Charlotte Ruth Stafford Carmichael, 76, of Sonoma, CA died January 12 at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, CA after a sudden illness.

Mrs. Carmichael was born December 25, 1924 in Meredith, NH, daughter of Wilbur and Edna Dow Stafford. She graduated from elementary school in Bradford and Simonds Free High School in Warner, Class of 1942. She and her family moved to California in 1948. She was employed as a psychiatric technician at the Sonoma Developmental Center for 26 years. She was a devoted gardener, traveler, and dedicated homemaker.

Her parents and two brothers, Clayton and Frederick, predeceased her. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, William A. Carmichael of Sonoma, CA, daughters Connie Hare of Oak Harbor, WA and Sharon Ester of Sonoma, CA, a son David Carmichael of Napa, CA, a sister Mrs. Claude (Marjorie) Gardner, George's Mills, NH, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

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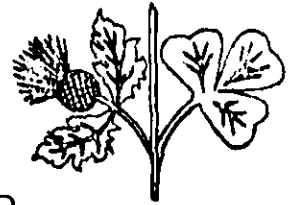
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IRISH SODA BREAD

Last March I gave you the recipe for the heavy, whole-wheat variety of soda bread. This is the sweet one with currants that most are familiar with. (This is my mother's recipe.)

Combine:

2 cups milk
2 Tbsp. vinegar
Set aside

Sift into a bowl:

4 cups flour
½ cup sugar
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. baking powder

Add to flour mix:

2 Tbsp. softened butter
2 tsp. caraway seed
¼ cup currants

Work with your fingers or a pastry blender until the butter is incorporated.

Add the soured milk and mix lightly with a fork. Do not over mix.

Put the dough into a buttered 8" cake pan or two one-pound coffee cans.

Brush the top with 1 Tbsp. melted butter and sprinkle with 1 Tbsp. of sugar.

Bake at 375°F for 10 minutes, lower the heat to 350°F for an additional 45-50 minutes. Enjoy!

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 624 calls for service between January 18 and February 17. The breakdown is as follows: One alarm activation, one ambulance call, three animal complaints, one arrest warrant, one assist to the Fire Department, 12 assists to other agencies, three attempted suicides, one burglary, 347 business checks, one check on welfare, three citizen assists, one criminal threatening, one dog bite, one harassing communication, seven incident/services, one lost property, five motor vehicle accidents, two motor vehicle complaints, three open doors, one paper service, one pistol permit issued, three stranded motorists, one suspicious person, 53 traffic citations, 168 traffic warnings, two 911 hang-ups.

—Pennie M. Spooner

Community Workshop

The Community Workshop will meet on Thursday, March 8 at the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford for book reviews to be given by the library staff as well as reviews any of the members might like to share with the group on books they've enjoyed reading this winter. Here's your opportunity to learn about new books at the library and to hear about books, old and new, we've been reading recently. Also, if you haven't yet had a chance to tour the beautifully renovated Brown Memorial Library, this is the time to do so. Come early and have a look around; then after a bag lunch (dessert and beverage provided) at noon, we'll gather for the program.

—Clare Bensley

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Country Dance with Two Fiddles

Adventures in Art: A Country Barn Dance, played and called by Two Fiddles (1999 Smithsonian Folklife musicians, Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman from Canterbury, NH) will be held on Wednesday, March 28, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Bradford Elementary School, Old Warner Road, Bradford, NH. Dudley said, "These old time social dances are the same that people danced in New England 250 years ago and are still doing today. Dances are such that no experience is needed." The free, inter-generational event is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The school is handicapped accessible.

Dudley has been playing and calling traditional New England dances for more than 50 years. In February, he celebrated his 70th birthday. Both Dudley and Jacqueline are self-taught, having learned by the oral tradition. They play while calling and clogging their feet at the same time. Jacqueline apprenticed to Dudley more than 13 years ago and continues to pass on this way of learning to her own fiddle students. Dudley has toured widely in the US, England, Greece, and Turkey. He has published several books of poetry, dances, and documentary cassettes. He plays accordion, concertina, harmonica, and is a Yankee storyteller.

The Country Barn Dance is one of three events taking place on March 28 when Two Fiddles visits Bradford. The Laufmans will give an All School Concert from 10:00-10:45am and school programs during the day. Children will learn the Virginia Reel, Grand March and Circle, Paul Jones and the square dance.

Adventures in Art Programs, sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library, Bradford-Newbury Parent/Teachers Club and Library Trustees, are made possible by a "Community Arts Grant" from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Friends' Vice-President Laurie Buchar said, "What a treat to be able to offer to the town the talents of these wonderful musicians! These dances connect us to our own town's history—those Saturday night dances held for years in Fortune's Barn. We invite children, young adults, their parents and grandparents to dance or listen to the lively fiddle tunes." For more information on in-school programs or the evening's Country Barn Dance, call Adventures in Art Project Director Susan Rayno at 938-2849.

Independence Day Parade Plans Under Way

If it's the first of March, can the Fourth of July be far behind? This year's theme is "Bradford—The Good Old Days" and the parade needs floats, vehicles, groups, etc. to join in the fun. The parade will be held on Saturday, July 7 beginning at 4:00pm as a part of Bradford's renowned Independence Day Celebration.

What do the good old days mean to you? Was yours ten years ago, 20 years, 50 years, or 100? Is it the old school house and the fun times in front of the old potbellied stove? Is it the "kissing" bridge? Or is it canoeing on Lake Massasecum or Lake Todd? How about Lafayette's visit? Take up the challenge and start working on your entry for the parade. There will be prize ribbons awarded for the best in each category.

The next meeting of the Parade Committee will be Monday evening, March 12, at the Town Hall. If you would like to join in on the planning for this year's parade, please come.

—Debbie Lamach

St. Patrick's Day Sale at S. Newbury Union Church

The South Newbury Union Church is planning a "Fabulous Spring Flea Market" plus pie and bake sale for Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, from 9:00am-2:00pm. You can take \$1 off your purchase if you are wearing green. We will have something for everyone. Join us at the Friendship House on the corner of Village and Sutton Roads in South Newbury. Handicap accessible. For further information call 938-5369.

—Gail Bostic



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- Cheryl Kordas
- M. Lee Leppanen
- Jeffrey Russell

Cemetery Commission, for three years—
vote for one

- Mildred Kittredge

Planning Board, for three years—vote
for two

- Jane Johnsen
- Marcia O. Keller
- Jeffrey Russell

Planning Board, for two years—vote for
one

- "Bob" Four

Scholarship Committee, for three
years—vote for one

- M. Lee Leppanen

Selectman, for three years—vote for
one

- Bruce E. Edwards
- Jeffrey Russell

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Li-
brary, for three years—vote for two

- "Meg" Fearnley
- Jane Lucas

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Li-
brary, for one year—vote for one

- Laurie A. Brown

Trustee of the Trust Funds, for three
years—vote for one

- Everett Kittredge

Zoning Board of Adjustment, for three
years—vote for two

- Lester Gordon
- Mildred Kittredge
- Jeffrey Russell

- 2) In general: balancing what the citizens of Bradford want to accomplish in our town with the reality of a finite amount of money with which to do it. Specifically: the resolution of the current education funding issue—whatever the outcome—will have a major impact on our budget process in addressing our safety, family and the elderly, growth, and environmental concerns.
- 3) To be a valued member of the Budget Committee by quickly familiarizing myself with the committee's procedures, maintaining an objective viewpoint, and working hard to help fulfill the committee's responsibilities.
- 4) As a 20-year U.S. Navy Nurse Corps veteran, I know how to make a commitment and the value of serving others. As an attorney in practice for thirteen years I have dealt with finance in many varied situations, have learned to do the research before forming an opinion, and am able to see both sides of an issue objectively. I have been the treasurer for the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association for the past two years creating its first comprehensive budget. As a registered nurse, I have in-depth understanding of medical and social issues. As a faculty member at Franklin Pierce College, I am well aware of the importance of education for our youth as well as the contribution it makes to our community.

Mildred Kittredge, Cemetery Commission

- 1) I like Cemeteries.
- 2 & 3) Keeping accurate records and repairs of stones. We have a master list of our 17 cemeteries and are continually checking the accuracy of the older sites.
- 4) I have been a member for several years. Attendance at State yearly seminars on duties and laws.

Jane Johnsen, Planning Board

- 1) I moved here in the spring of 1993 and knew I wanted to be active in my community.
- 2) Appearing before the Planning Board should be a place of assistance and guidance. We are all volunteers who wish to abide by the state laws yet have a sense of town needs also. The issue of proper growth will surely come to the Planning Board this year with development all around us.
- 3) Develop and implement a Capital Improvement Program. Accept the Master Plan as laid out and already accepted by the Town. Develop a guide for signage.

To provide the Community with information on this year's candidates for town offices, the Bridge asked each candidate to answer four questions:

- 1) Why do you want to serve?
- 2) What are the most important issues you will have to address?
- 3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of office?
- 4) What are your qualifications?

Diane Gadoury, Budget Committee

- 1) The budget of this town has always interested me.
- 2) Keep the budget within reason so that services may still be offered to the community.
- 3) To make intelligent decisions concerning the budget.
- 4) I have a background in business finance. I also have a small bookkeeping business.

Cheryl Kordas, Budget Committee

- 1) I have lived in Bradford for approximately 20 years and have not been able to provide public service to the town due to my pursuit of higher education. I now feel I am in a position to become actively involved in local affairs.
- 2) The most important issue that I foresee is the effect that the GASB mandates will have on the town's financial

picture and ability to raise money through bonding or receiving federal grants.

- 3) To keep the town of Bradford progressing to make it a better place to live while keeping the tax rate stable.
- 4) A Master's degree in Business Administration and Bachelor's degrees in both Business Management and Marketing. Legislative, contract, budget, and regulatory experience throughout various departments of the State of New Hampshire and private sectors.

M. Lee Leppanen, Budget Committee

- 1) I love living in Bradford and plan to stay. Serving on the Budget Committee would be an opportunity to express my interest in community affairs in a tangible way. I believe my background and abilities would be very helpful to the Budget Committee.

4) I began serving as an alternate in 1998 and in 2000 a one-year term as a member. I would like to continue as a regular member. I attended the Saturday seminar in Concord for Planning Boards. If elected, I will probably attend again. It takes time just to understand the responsibilities of the Planning Board.

Marla Keller, Planning Board

- 1) During my first term on the Planning Board, a project was begun to organize the Board's files. I would like to continue this process so the historical records can be used effectively as part of the on-going work of the Planning Board.
- 2) Review of the Master Plan recommendations to determine any changes to the Zoning Ordinance that may be needed to bring it into compliance with those recommendations. Help to develop an understanding of the importance of good planning for Bradford's future appearance and development.
- 3) Update the Zoning Ordinance and move towards its implementation.
- 4) Many years of planning and zoning experience with the NH Office of State Planning, service on both the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board, and lifelong ties to Bradford and concern for its future.

M. Lee Leppanen, Scholarship Committee

- 1) I have a strong interest in helping students achieve their academic goals.
- 2) Participating in the selection of worthy students for scholarships.
- 3) Learning the functions of the Committee. College is very expensive—perhaps there is a way to increase the amount of the scholarship.
- 4) As the Director of Paralegal Programs and a law instructor at Franklin Pierce College, I know what it takes to succeed in college.

Bruce E. Edwards, Selectman

- 1) I am self-employed, Bradford does not have a town manager I feel I have time to conduct Bradford business daily.
- 2) Marshall property, work with the BEOC on developing the Marshall property, upgrading the roads. Work with existing selectmen on energy conservation throughout the town.
- 3) Initially learn the job by attending seminars put on by the N.H. Municipal Assoc. for new elected officials. And apply what I learn in helping the existing selectmen, and working with the Budget Committee in keeping tax rate stable.
- 4) I'm self-employed and keep my own budget. I have supervising experience in forestry and believe it will help me maintain the rural quality of the town of Bradford. Thank you.

Meg Fearnley, Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library

- 1) I have learned a lot in the past three years working with the exceptional library staff and fellow trustees. I would like to continue to work and plan for one of Bradford's great resources, the Library.
- 2) The Library will work to improve the steps and walkways, and, as always, strive to provide the best library service to the community.
- 3) I hope to work with librarians and trustees to reach these goals.
- 4) I have been a trustee for three years and have lots of experience working in libraries.

Laurie Brown, Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library

- 1) I want to serve as a trustee for the library for two reasons. One, libraries have always been special places for me; a place to explore new worlds; a place to learn. I have spent many pleasant hours in libraries both as a child and as an adult.

My second reason for wanting to serve is that I feel that it is very important to be a part of the community where I live and being a Library Trustee is a way to give back to the town in a way that I enjoy.

- 2) One of the most important issues that I will have to address is the fine balance between service and budget concerns. The trustees have worked hard to provide as many services as possible and to keep the budget in line.
- 3) One of the things I hope to accomplish is to continue the integration of arts and the community in the library. The community has shown a lot of interest in the various shows that have been exhibited in the new Brown Memorial Library and I hope that this can continue.
- 4) I feel that I am qualified to be a Library Trustee because I am currently a Library Trustee. I was appointed by the selectmen last year and wish to be elected this year. I am a middle-school teacher who understands the importance of a good library and have been involved in the arts in town for many years.

Jane Lucas, Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library

- 1) The Library is such a needed and important part of our community.
- 2) Maintenance and growth of the Library.
- 3) The completion of the Library inside and out.
- 4) Two terms as a trustee and community involvement.

Everett Kittredge, Trustee of Trust Funds

- 1) I enjoy the challenge of proving Robert Frost wrong, as in *The Hardship of Accounting*—"Never ask of money spent/ Where the spender thinks it went./ Nobody was ever meant/ To remember or invent /What he did with every cent."
- 2) Issues: the continued well being of Alan Greenspan
- 3) Accomplish: Prudent investment of entrusted funds.
- 4) Qualifications: Incumbent for over six years. Annual attendance at State Seminars.

Mildred Kittredge, ZBA

- 1, 2 & 3) We are a board to help ensure flexibility in the zoning ordinance with "reasonable consideration." I feel we have done this in as fair and speedy a manner as RSAs, Federal, and Local Ordinances will allow. I would like to continue to be a part of this process.
- 4) Current ZBA member, have attended State Seminars which update procedures and interpretations.

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What does THIS mean? A primer on the proposed Zoning Amendments

When you go to the polls to vote for town officials on March 13, you will also have the opportunity to vote on seven proposed amendments to the town's zoning ordinance, including two that address the issue of future cell towers in Bradford. Bob Foor, chairman of the Planning Board, provided the Bridge with the following explanations of the proposed changes.

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Added to Zoning Ordinance Article III General Provisions, Section D.

"By special exception, the front yard setback may be the average of the depth of existing buildings on either side of the lot in question."

This article is proposed so that a building being built, where there are already buildings on both of the lots next to it, may petition the Zoning Board of Adjustment to allow the building to be built closer to the road. This only applies if the line from the two buildings is closer than the setback rules allow.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: The word "rear" to be added to Article III, 1, 2, f so the sentence will read:

"Any development of more than two rear lots must conform to either the frontage requirements for the district or the cluster development requirements. Rear lot provisions will not apply."

This article simply adds the word "Rear" to this paragraph to ensure all understand it is related to "Rear Lots" only. Although it is included in the Rear Lots section, a question arose as to whether this paragraph applied equally as well to other types of lots.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend definition X (Rear Lot) by adding the underlined sentence at the end:

Rear Lot - means a lot which has no frontage and is served by at least a fifty (50) foot wide, two hundred to four hundred (250-400) foot long deeded right-of-way, corridor, or common driveway. This determined right-of-way, corridor, or common driveway must be approved by the Planning Board as a street plat.

One of the things the Planning Board did in December 2000 was to add the Street Plat option for lots that were bought previous to the existing Zoning Regulations whose owners are looking to be able to build on them. Without this adoption, people would have to build a Class V road to build a house on these types of lots. Now, deeded right-of-ways can be used to access and build. This added sentence shows that a Street Plat can be applied for. The current Subdivision Regulations has added Section 4-A relating to Street Plats.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: The following underlined portions of the sentence shall be added to Zoning Ordinance Article IV, B, 1, c), (6) (Residential Business District):

The conversion of a dwelling unit to either a business or more than two dwelling units will require full compliance with State regulations and applicable sections of this ordinance. Conversion of a business unit to multiple or other uses may require a site plan.

In this article, the Planning Board wanted to clarify what was written. It used to be confusing and was called into question multiple times for its meaning.

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: The following paragraph shall be added to Zoning Ordinance Article IV, B, 3 (Residential Rural District):

The conversion of a dwelling unit to either a business or more than two dwelling units will require full compliance with State regulations and applicable sections of this ordinance. Conversion of a business unit to multiple or other uses may require a site plan.

This article is in because it was left out of the Residential Rural District. This

"Conversion" from a residence to a business, or a business to multiple business is intended to be for both Residential Rural and Residential Business Districts.

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To adopt the Wireless Telecommunications Facility ordinance as Bradford's method of limiting Cellular Tower placement and design.

This article, as well as the entire ordinance, is being proposed to ensure that cell towers built in Bradford are not able to be erected just anywhere, nor allowed to be eye-sores to the town. Cell towers are going to be built here, and we just want to ensure it is done within bounds, and without a Mt. Kearsarge type controversy. Please review this ordinance which is posted at the Post Office, the Lake Sunapee Bank here in Bradford, and at the Town Hall. Without some type of ordinance in place, we would be obligated to allow cell towers to be constructed anywhere where the company bought the land. The town would have no say in where and how the tower should be built.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: The following shall be added to Zoning Ordinance Article VIII, A, 2 (ZBA Special Exceptions):

If the proposal is for a new Telecommunications Tower, a draft site plan is required to be submitted.

This article is to add a Special Exception requirement that, if a Cell Tower is proposed, a draft site plan has been through the Planning Board and all the proper markings are on a surveyor's plat. This is to ensure that a company can't just get a special exception from the ZBA without having to visit the Planning Board on this tower, documenting all proposed construction and impact to the town.

If you still have questions, first read the appropriate section(s) in the Zoning Regulations, available at Town Hall, and if you are still not clear, contact one of the members. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00pm. Public involvement starts at 7:30.

—Bob Foor

Editor's Note: You will also be able to vote on the KRSD school budget and warrant articles, including teacher contracts and starting public kindergarten in the district and other important issues. Please read relevant articles in the *Intertown Record*, *Argus Champion* and other sources. Information is also available at the KRSD web site at www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us/ or by calling the SAU office at 526-2051.

Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The following articles will be voted on at Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 14 starting at 7:00pm at the Bradford Elementary School.

Voters will be asked to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,035,549 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage this and of all articles with the exception of Article 16. For a breakdown of the budget, see the Town Report. The report is available at the Selectmen's Office and at the polls.

The remaining articles are as follows, all with a majority vote required, excepting article 28.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$25,500 for the purchase of a new police cruiser.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for energy conservation measures for the Town Hall. This is to be a non-lapsing account pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2006.

14. To see if the Town will vote to create a Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a pumper and raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in said account. This sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount will be raised by taxation.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,470 for the construction of new steps and walkways from Church and Main Streets to the front entrance steps of the Brown Memorial Library, with associated landscaping. The entire amount of \$9,470 shall come from library improvement funds currently held by the Board of Library Trustees, and no amount to be raised by taxation.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the placement of 100% of the rev-

enues received from the Land Use Change Penalty Tax into the Town of Bradford Land Conservation Fund, as authorized by RSA 79-A:2511. This fund may be used to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, or to otherwise conserve and properly use open spaces and other land and water areas as authorized by RSA 36-A. Petition warrant article. Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,000 to be raised by taxation for the completion of a full revaluation of the town.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. The sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Town's Facilities and Buildings Reserve Fund. The sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the continuation of the reconstruction of East Washington Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2006.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the drainage construction on High Street. This is to be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2006.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of completing final engineering plans/drawings, applicable state and federal permitting, bid specifications, and replacement of bridge #063/141 located on Fairgrounds Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2006. Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the reconstruction of a portion of Fairgrounds Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2006.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to cover the deductible on a Petroleum Cleanup project on the former Naughton Property.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purchase of a sander for the Highway Department.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of operating the Bradford Rescue Squad. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Bradford Rescue Squad Special Revenue Fund previously established. No amount to be raised by taxation.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the installation of guardrails on Center Road.

28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey title to two adjacent parcels of land on Fortune Road and West Road taken by tax deed in 1995 to Habitat for Humanity of the Kearsarge-Sunapee Area, Inc. to provide decent housing for people in need pursuant to authority already granted to the Selectmen under RSA 80:80:3.

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The AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety course is approved in every state and graduates may be eligible for discounts on their auto insurance. To register for the course, send a check for \$10 (made out to AARP) to the instructor, Bob Vernon at 55 Pingree Rd., New London, NH 03257. For more information, call Bob at 526-6216. Space is limited so call early.

—Bob Vernon

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Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Women's Christian Guild: The women will meet in the Church vestry on Friday, March 2 at 11:00am. They are invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Soup and beverage will be provided. There will be a sing-a-long after lunch and then they will travel to St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New London for a Church Women United program.

Worship Opportunities during Lent:

The sermons during Lent will be based on a series entitled "Behold the Tree". We will look at a number of significant trees in the bible and compare them to the life-giving tree known as the cross. We will also be honoring some of the other church traditions during Lent with special readings, prayers and hymns.

March 4, "Behold the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil". A look at the significant tree in the Garden of Eden. We'll enjoy some of the readings, prayers and hymns from the Catholic tradition.

March 11, "Behold the Oaks of Mamre". We'll look at the tree where God made a promise to Abraham. Readings, prayers and hymns will come from the Episcopal tradition.

March 18, "Behold the Burning Bush". We'll look at the bush where Moses spoke to God. Readings, prayers and hymns will come from the Methodist tradition.

March 25, "Behold the Shade Plant". We'll look at the plant that shielded Jonah from the sun. Readings, prayers and hymns will come from the UCC/Congregational tradition.

People who were brought up in these traditions are invited to share prayers, readings and hymns with Pastor Lynne so she can include them in the respective Sunday morning worship services.

Trustee clean-up Day: The Board of Trustees and any other volunteers are needed to help clean the attic of the extension of the Fiske House on Sunday,

March 4 at 11:00am. Pick-up trucks are also needed to make dump runs. The clean-up is needed so that construction can begin for our renovations.

Youth Groups: Wednesday, March 7 is Movie and Popcorn Night. Grades 4-8 will watch a movie in the Vestry and Grades 9-12 will watch a movie in the Fiske house from 6:30-8:30pm.


American Baptist Women's Ministry: The March meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00pm. Edythe Craig will enlighten us with pictures and a talk on her trip to France and Germany. Dolores Hansen will share her experience on a cruise to Buenos Aires, Argentina and Barcelona, Spain.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held on Saturday, March 17 at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. There will be an Irish sing a long after dinner. Proceeds will benefit the earthquake victims in El Salvador and India.

Youth Group: Grades 4-12 will enjoy an afternoon of swimming and basketball at the Hogan Sport Center, Colby Sawyer College on Sunday, March 18. Youth are asked to meet at the church at 1:00pm and will be back at 4:00pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person.


Food Pantry: The Bradford Community Food pantry will be open Wednesday, March 21 from 6:00m-7:00pm. Food can be picked up at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Parenting Support/Study Group: A study and support group will be held for parents on Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00am in the Pastor's study beginning, March 22. We will be using the Serendipity series: *Family: Stages of Parenting*. Please call Pastor Lynne to reserve a book and to let her know if you need childcare.



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Real Estate Hints:

Negotiating

by Laura Hallahan

Never did I realize how important being a good negotiator is to closing a deal, any deal, and not just a real estate transaction. This month I would like to share some tips with you as well as remind buyers and sellers that how you negotiate can mean the difference between a sale completed or lost. Remember, too, that each time you go back and forth, the relationship weakens. So do your homework and be ready when the time comes.

- 1) *Take stock of your weaknesses.* Admit that maybe you aren't a great negotiator and look to people you trust to give you some pointers. Getting what you want does not come about by making demands and digging in your heels.
- 2) *Determine your bottom-line goal.* What is the one true thing that you want to come away with? Pick it and don't lose sight of that goal and know what the deal-breakers are to achieving that goal.
- 3) *Learn as much as possible about the other party.* In real estate, this can be difficult as fiduciary duty and confidentiality may preclude you from learning too much. However, it would be helpful to get a feel for their reputation.
- 4) *Establish a relationship before the negotiation begins.* Again, tough in real estate, but if you meet during a showing, be personable and size up the other party. Also, don't forget that the realtors are a significant part of the negotiation, so try and get a feel for who they are and what they bring to the table.
- 5) *Create and stick to an agenda.* Stay on course and try to guess how things will go so you are prepared for any issues that may come up. Be careful, however, not to be too rigid so that you seem inflexible.
- 6) *Don't let the talks get personal.* This is a major point and the one where I've seen negotiations fail in most cases. The key is to sit back and not join in the fray if the other side attacks. Stay focused and return to any sensitive subject later in the negotiations.
- 7) *If there is a stalemate, find the underlying cause.* It always seems to be the small things that clog things up, so talking through what is really at the heart of an issue may help.
- 8) *When a deadlock looks hopeless, buy time.* If tensions are getting high and no solution looks likely, take a break and review what you've been stuck on and try coming at the subject from a different angle.

Negotiators are made, not born, so get out there and learn this skill well so you can win the best deal possible for yourself. You'll use it more than you think.

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The program is inexpensive; \$35 per individual membership (\$50 per household) and then \$10 for a term of all the scheduled courses one wishes to take. Each offering is peer-taught by one or more volunteers who possess exceptional training, interest and experience in their given field. Participants are encouraged to contribute to discussions. In fact, it is the opportunity to exchange opinions and ideas and the development of camaraderie which represent the heart of LINEC. The courses are non-credit and there are no examinations.

LINEC is a member of the Elderhostel Institute Network and exists for the sheer pleasure of learning. For membership information: write to LINEC, NEC Box 75, Henniker NH 03242, telephone LINEC's Registrar at 428-7524, or visit the LINEC website at nec.edu/info/linec.htm.

—Nancy Hibbard



Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News

by Lance Rickenberg

The Annual Ice Fishing Derby was held on Sunday February 18 on Lake Todd. 37 youngsters registered to brave the blustery sunny day. Breakfast and lunch were served and our thanks to John Mock for coming through and filling the propane tank when it ran dry. The 2001 derby winners are: Jacy Parker, Largest Crappie, Perch 1st Place Andy Losik (11 7/8 inch), 2nd place Andrew Parker (11 inch) and 3rd Place Ken Barker (10 1/2 inch). In the Pickerel category Andrew Stewart cleaned house winning all three places (20 1/2, 18 1/2 and 18 inch). We all had a great time and our thanks to all in the community that help to make our events like this happen. Hope to see everyone back next year.

Identifying and Protecting New Hampshire's Significant Wildlife Habitat, a guide for towns and conservation groups, is now available through the NH Fish & Game Department. This is an important guide for our community. Learn how to: identify and protect significant wildlife habitat, use GIS mapping, identify rare wildlife species, and get support from the community. The guide was written and edited by John Kanter, Rebecca Suomala and Ellen Snyder and published by the Non-game and Endangered Wildlife Program of the NH Fish & Game Department. This important work is available for \$13.95 plus \$5.00 shipping & handling. You can get a copy by contacting the NH Fish & Game Department. I also picked up a couple of order forms if any one would like one. I will make my copy available at meetings for preview.

Protecting habitats, restoring wildlife and giving people opportunities to see and learn about wildlife are all among the possibilities from a new federal grant to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. U.S. Senator Judd Gregg and Wayne E. Vetter, executive director of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, announced the grant amounting to \$483,933. It comes from a \$50 million conservation package that amends the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act. The funding will help all states with an array of wildlife conservation and education projects. This grant represents some exciting opportunities for helping wildlife and habitats in New Hampshire. Vetter said, "Because of Sen. Gregg's work and because of these funds, we can start doing many things that we've wanted to do but haven't been able to do because of lack of funds. We'd like to be able to protect habitat along the rapidly growing Merrimack River corridor, restore vestiges of New Hampshire's pine barrens and other declining habitats, and help wildlife that's in the greatest need of conservation."

Thanks to the diligence of volunteer eagle watchers from the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, a new pair of bald eagles has been spotted building a nest. The latest bald eagle nest was found recently along the Merrimack River in Bedford. Along with Audubon's conservation staff and local volunteers, biologists from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are closely watching the Bedford nest to see if the eagles incubate eggs and raise young this spring. Bald eagles are classified as threatened on the federal list of endangered and threatened species, and they are on New Hampshire's endangered list. In recent years, eagle populations have been increasing throughout the country. Even so, New Hampshire's breeding population has been slow to rebound since the elimination of DDT from the environment in the 1970s. The Merrimack River nest is now the fifth confirmed bald eagle nesting territory in the state, according to Chris Martin, senior biologist at the Audubon Society of New Hampshire. Four other bald eagle pairs are maintaining nests along the Connecticut River in Hinsdale, Spoonwood Pond in Nelson, Androscoggin River in Dummer, and Umbagog Lake in Errol. "We're looking forward to this spring to see how these nests do," said John Kanter, coordinator of Fish and Game's Non-game and Endangered Wildlife Program. "Last year, because of poor weather in the spring, none of the three pairs that we knew about produced young. But people may remember that until 1998, this state only had one known bald eagle nest, and that was the one by Umbagog Lake in Errol."

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Profile:

Jaswinder Singh

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Jassi (Jaswinder) Singh enthusiastically goes to work each day as the manager of his New York uncle's convenience store—Cobble Pond Farms (a.k.a. Bradford Quick Stop) on Route 103 in Bradford. How does a 33-year old college-educated man with a law degree and a post-graduate diploma in financial management (he is a former accountant for Indian stock brokers) adjust to living and working in rural America, nearly 7,130 miles from his family's home in New Delhi, India (whose population was over nine million people in 1991)! Actually, Jassi looks forward to the daily challenge of keeping the store open from six o'clock in the morning to ten o'clock at night. In his experiment in living on Main Street America (literally), he practices speaking English, a language he learned to read and write in India, but never spoke. To his great enjoyment, he is learning about American culture and customs as he meets new people and serves his regular customers.



When he took over the store one year ago, he very much felt that he was a stranger to the people who met him. He also felt that the people he met were strangers for him. He said, "I wanted to make the friendship because it is a small town where people know each other by name." Eager to fit in, his basic curiosity has served him well. He continually learns from his customers, seeking out what they need and want, and makes them feel genuinely welcome. He said, "Slowly, slowly, I have learned a lot of things and now I know a lot of people."

His business philosophy is: "The customer is always right." He cannot say "No" to a customer's request. It's the same way he would do business in India. Jassi recalled one night when two travelers arrived after the store had officially closed. They were hungry. He was about to cook a meal for himself, a skill he has learned since moving to New Hampshire. He knew all the local restaurants had closed,

so he said, "You can enjoy my dinner with me." After sharing the meal, they offered to pay. Jassi laughed and said, "I'm not doing business after ten o'clock." Perhaps it's his Indian roots, but he never wants to leave anyone hungry.

In American culture, he has observed a difference in how people socialize. He commented, "No one seems to have time for a spontaneous social life. Social life here seems to be set to a timetable." He misses spur-of-the-moment social engagements he used to enjoy in India, where friends share a cup of tea and conversation no matter how late it is.

Jassi thrives on the long hours. He said, "My whole life has been hard work. I learned everything about work from my dad. I like people who really work hard. If people just work for the money, watch the clock and don't learn anything, that is a waste." Each day brings new challenges. Accepting that good days and bad days go together, he continues to be optimistic, "I don't believe in stopping. I just keep going and learning."

If customers ask, Jassi might be willing to share a sample with them of his home-cooked Indian specialties—a taste of a cauliflower, potato and pea casserole or even a mildly spiced curried chicken and rice dish. This writer didn't ask, but she was given a delicious sample on her way out the door.

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Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd

Things are hopping at the State House these days. Many controversial bills are slowly making their way to the floor even as legislators continue to seek a fair, responsible and fiscally sound solution to the school funding problem. This topic has dominated the time and energy of every representative in every session for at least the past three years since my tenure began. The failure to agree on a constitutional solution, which requires a change in the way we tax and do business, combined with mounting legal challenges to the stop-gap measures enacted last session, assure us an even more tense and combative few months ahead. Governor Shaheen is proposing a 2.5% sales tax on non-essential products (excluding pharmaceuticals, clothing and food) with a significant reduction in the property tax, business taxes, and elimination of the inheritance tax (EXCEL). The Hager/ Below/ Fernald bill proposes an income tax with generous deductions as well. These are two responsible, realistic choices that will fulfill our Supreme Court's mandate to fund education.

Some in the House have proposed a constitutional amendment to remove the judicial branch from the process. This would return the state education responsibility to local towns with high property taxes the primary funding source. Some have adopted a "wait and see" attitude; wait to determine the exact amount of revenues and see if state services can be cut. We already know, and have for some years, the financial data in these areas. This is irresponsible and will usher the state into diminished bond ratings and a continued education funding crisis. I will vote for a responsible solution to school funding as I have in the past and would like

to hear your opinions on the preferred means of addressing this issue.

HB 437, relative to child pornography, had quite a turnout in committee. Essentially, the bill would forbid any depiction of visual nudity of children's genitals. The U.S. Supreme Court has solid rulings defining pornography and requires that it contain lascivious or sexual intent. HB 437 would, according to the artists, naturists and ACLU testimony, forbid all nudity (goodbye Michaelangelo) and would be unconstitutional as a violation of first amendment rights.

HB 592, a bill well received in committee, was sponsored by Representative French, several others and me. It relates to the establishment of a milfoil prevention and grant program fund. There is no known means of eliminating the ever-encroaching type of milfoil that threatens to clog our local lakes. This bill would put resources into combating the spread of milfoil and focus on eliminating the exotic plant from our waterways.

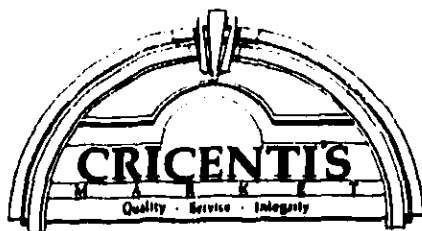
The Death Penalty bill heard 40 witnesses. Among those supporting a repeal of the death penalty were families of murder victims, the clergy, a man released from death row based on DNA evidence (available in only 5 to 10% of cases), Quakers, school children, and civil rights groups. Seven hours of testimony were riveting and emotional. Although many of us support a repeal of the death penalty (replaced by life in prison, no parole), Governor Shaheen has advised that she will again veto the bill if it makes its way through the House and Senate to her desk.

As we prepare the way for public kindergarten in the Kearsarge School District,

we have discovered that, by current standards and statutes, and for perhaps two or three years, our funding would be halved and additional local property taxes required to meet start up costs. In response, your local representatives have joined together to create a bill (as yet without a number) that would require full state funding of kindergarten from the onset. The bill will have substantial Senate and House support and address local kindergarten initiatives.

There are fascinating topics being studied every day in the 21 committees of the House. Studies of health care, gun control, the environment, children's issues, and crime and punishment are some of the topics that shape public policy and set the social, legal, and ethical tone of our community and state. I invite anyone interested in a specific topic to contact me and to join me at the State House for hearings on bills or during session days (Thursdays) when the entire House votes on committee reports before sending them (or not) to the Senate.

I enjoyed meeting with the Senior Group at the Bradford Area Community Center on February 10. It gave me an opportunity to see some of my favorite neighbors and discuss some of the bills related to health care for seniors. With the enjoyment of that day in mind, the board of the BACC has kindly invited me to be available to meet with constituents for two hours (10:00am to noon) on Saturday, March 10 at the Community Center. If you have questions or issues that are relevant to the quality of your life, bring those to me. If I don't know the answers, I'll steer you to somebody who does. As always, I welcome your calls (telephone 938-2692) and e-mails (c_rodd@conknet.com).



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BACC March Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

- Governance Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- No Creating Lasting Family Connections or After School Program

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

- Joint Meeting, Governance Board and Bradford Community Corporation, Senior Room, 10:00am

MONDAY, MARCH 5

- Tutor Training with Sue Jenkins, Senior Room, 6:30pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

- CAP Fuel Assistance, 9:00am-noon
- "Planning Ahead, Staying Ahead"(UNH Cooperative Extension), 4:00-6:00pm
- Bradford Women's Club Candidates Forum, Senior Room, 7:00-9:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

- Hand Quilting Class with Marcia Strout, 7:00-9:00pm. Interested? Call 938-2716

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

- Commodity Food Distribution, Senior Room, noon-1:00pm
- CLFC, Community & Youth Room, 5:45-8:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

- Senior Council, Senior Room, 1:00-3:00pm. Brief business meeting followed by Cheryl Fogwill of New London Hospital Physicians Group speaking on "Patient Assistance Prescription Program for the Elderly." (Public Invited)

MONDAY, MARCH 12

- Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm. Interested? Call 938-5352
- Rainbow Girls, Senior Room, 6:15-8:15pm (call Marion Hall 938-5387 or K. Carruthers 746-4188)

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

- "Planning Ahead, Staying Ahead" (UNH Cooperative Extension), Senior Room, 4:00-6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

- Hand Quilting Class with Marcia Strout, 7:00-9:00pm. Interested? Call 938-2716

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

- Governance Board Meeting, Senior Room, 5:30pm
- CLFC, Community & Youth Room, 5:45-8:30pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

- No After School Program

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

- Healing Touch Offerings, 10:00am-noon (Reiki)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

- Bradford Women's Club, Antiques Road Show, Senior Room, 1:00pm
- Half Day After School Program, noon-6:00pm
- CAP Fuel Assistance, 9:00am-noon

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- CLFC, Community & Youth Room, 5:45-8:30pm

MONDAY, MARCH 26

- Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

- "Taking Charge Of Your Finances" (UNH Cooperative Extension), Senior Room, 4:00-6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

- Senior Luncheon, Senior Room, 11:15am-12:30pm, Public Invited. Call 938-6228 to say you are coming.
- Personal Touch Home Care, Foot and Blood Pressure Clinic, 12:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

- CLFC, Community & Youth Room, 5:45-8:30pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

- Animal Rock Painting, 2nd-8th graders, 3:00-6:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

- Computer Class, Senior Room, 9:00am for beginners, 10:00am for advanced

There will be no Computer Classes at the Community Center on March 10, 17 or 24. Classes will resume on March 31 at 9:00am for beginners and 10:00am for advanced. For further information call Genie Polm at 938-6009.

Selectmen's Minutes

The February 5 meeting was cancelled due to snow.

February 12, Arnold Anderson met with Selectmen to discuss Highway Department issues including storm-related problems. The town received over 36" of snow from the past storm and problems related to equipment breakdowns and vehicles stuck in the road left the crew working for three days straight. The men averaged over 45 hours of overtime during the days after the storm.

The Town Clerk still has an opening for Deputy Clerk.

The Town Report will be completed this week. Last minute changes in wording for warrant articles on zoning will be completed this week and the report should be back from the printers by March 2. The reports will be available at the Town Hall.

The Selectmen discussed the wording for an article to be included in the warrant donating two parcels of town owned land to Habitat for Humanity.

Selectmen signed a purchase order for Donovan Springs to repair springs on one of the plow vehicles.

Chris Frey discussed the NHMA composting bins as a way to encourage conservation. The association is offering them for sale for \$25.00. There will be information and a display at the polls during voting on March 13.

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Library Lantern

By Maggi Ainslie

Brown Memorial Library is pleased to announce that the Framed Print Collection starts with Johannes Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. This print painted by the Dutch master in 1665 was chosen after reading Tracy Chevalier's book of the same title, a fictional account of a young girl entering the Vermeer household as a maid. How the story unfolds and how this servant girl becomes the subject of the painting is deftly written. The print may be borrowed for a month. For a while, the book and print may be checked out together. Come in and see this new acquisition to your library. Treat yourself to the beauty of a famous work of art. Another book, *World of Vermeer* is available for more information about the artist.

Thanks to a grant received by the Friends of BML, on Valentine's Day Dan Pettiglio presented his program of "How to Draw Your Own Cartoon" to a large interested group of middle schoolers. He gave out a packet showing how to get started. Everyone had a chance to learn and practice the basic shapes prior to drawing their

own cartoon. A good time was had by all and we thank the Friends for initiating these very innovative programs.

New books recently added:

The Old American by Ernest Hebert
The Tale of Murasaki by Liza Dalby
Beloved Island Franklin and Eleanor and the Legacy of Campobello by Jonas Klein
Eat, Drink and be Merry: America's Doctor Tells You Why the Health Experts are Wrong by Dean Edell, M.D.

The Cat Who Smelled a Rat by Lilian Jackson Braun

The Marble Mask by Archer Mayor

The Ice Limit by Lincoln Child and Douglas J. Preston

The Constant Gardener by John Le Carre

Beautiful Dreamer by Elizabeth Lowell

The Celts by Duncan Norton-Taylor

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Soo-Nipi Audubon News

Lori Terwilliger, coordinator of the New Hampshire Citizens for Arctic Wilderness, will provide a slide program entitled "The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," for the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting on Friday, March 9 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Her slides will depict the flora and fauna of this region. Throughout the program the story of the Gwich'in Athabascan people, whose culture depends on the health of the Porcupine caribou herd, will also be told. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information please call Clare Bensley at 938-4382.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

KCCC Leadership Meeting

The Kearsarge Community Character Coalition's Leadership Team will meet Monday, March 26th, 7-9pm at the Kearsarge Regional High School. If you would like more information about the KCCC or to RSVP for this meeting, please call Heather Lane at 938-6228.



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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

"Spontaneous generation" is a theory that was discarded by scientists quite a few centuries ago. Snow fleas, however, make one wonder if there might possibly be one or two cases where a life form appears full-blown from the elements. Perhaps you've seen them—thousands or a million nervous poppy seeds collecting in footprints in the snow on warm-ish days in winter. What are they doing several feet above the ground when other insects are dormant?

I am trying to find the answer to this question. Snow

fleas are of course not fleas at all. They belong to a ubiquitous order of insects with the poetic name of Collembula or "springtails". Some form of springtail occupies every corner of the globe that contains at least a little constant moisture, including the polar ice caps. Nearly microscopic in size, they seem to take all sorts of shapes from spherical to elongated, most colors of the rainbow, including luminescent, and all degrees of texture, from very hairy to scaly or smooth. *Hypogastrura nivicola*, the "snow flea", is gray or blue-gray and slightly bristled.

Springtails do, of course, have some features in common which is why they are lumped under a common label. These are insects of ancient origins and have survived hundreds of millions of years of earth's calamities without need of becoming more highly complex. They are rare among insects in that they have no wings and they hatch from their eggs as small versions of the adults, with no intermediate larval stages. Although many of the springtails have multiple eyes, these are not the gorgeous multifaceted eyes of the dragonfly or honey bee. Springtails don't have the usual insect system of air tubes and respiratory openings either but seem to rely on a general gas exchange through their skin surface. They have a reduced number of abdominal segments, six instead of ten

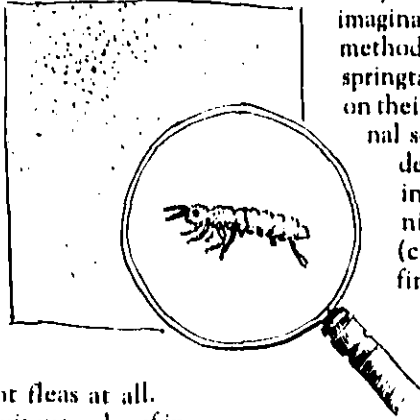
or eleven. Some people are not sure these guys should be categorized as insects at all.

So by now you have gotten an image of a really small creature that looks rather like a little kid's drawing of what a real insect should look like. They are not entirely without imagination, however, in their method of locomotion. All springtails have an appendage on their fourth or fifth abdominal segment that bends under their bodies and fits into a spring-like mechanism on their third (called a furcula, another fine word). When the catch is released the "tail" instantly propels them to amazing heights, thus their common name.

There is also the matter of a tiny tube protruding underneath that one source says might be for respiration, another suggests might be an anchoring mechanism, and yet another proposes is a water collection device.

Collembula are said to be the most numerous of land insects. This is a big deal and explains why the vast majority of the articles about them on the internet are concerned with global warming, the effects of various forms of pollution, and whether they can be used to warn of environmental imbalances. If something goes amiss with creatures that numerous, you can be sure that there will be consequences we would notice. They break down deteriorating plant and animal debris which is then recycled by even smaller organisms.

The question unfortunately remains: why do tens of thousands or even millions of these tiny gray "bugs" migrate to the surface of the snow on a warm day in New Hampshire? They swarm up the thawed crevices at the edges of trees, shrubs, and grasses; hop about in a heap; and at nightfall, flow back down from whence they came. It is probably not for food. It might have something to do with procreation. Do they suffer a seasonal affective disorder? Somewhere a graduate student may be working on this.



Pillsbury Free Library News

Volunteer Tutor Training. If you wish to help adults improve their reading, math or to study for the G.E.D. exam, there will be a choice of two training sessions for tutors on Monday, March 5. You may attend at 9:15am at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner or at 6:30pm in Bradford at the Community Center. The workshops are conducted by Susan Jenkins from Project Second Start in Concord. Tutors should be willing to commit two to four hours a week on a regular basis. Call 456-2289 to sign up. Anyone wishing to be tutored can also contact the Warner Library at 456-2289, the Newbury Library at 763-5803, or the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford at 938-5562.

Poetry Readings. Join us on March 29 at 7:30pm for some wonderful poetry written and read by: Emma Courser of Warner, Katherine Solomon of Sutton, and Laurie Zimmerman of Andover.

Emma Courser has lived in Warner all her life, and attends Sant Bani School in Salisbury. She has been writing poetry seriously for the last few years.

Katherine Solomon teaches at the New Hampshire Technical College in Claremont and Springfield College Extension in Manchester. Her poems have appeared in many poetry magazines and anthologies. She is the recipient of an Individual Artist Fellowship from the NH State Council on the Arts for the year 2000.

Laurie Zimmerman teaches Literature at Proctor Academy in Andover. She edits a column about writers for Ex Libris, the newsletter of The New Hampshire Writers Project. Her poems have appeared in many poetry publications. April is National Poetry Month! April 1-7 is National Library Week!

Sign Language. A weekly class is being held on Wednesday evenings in March, 7:00-8:00pm at the Pillsbury Free Library with instructor Pooch Baker. Come learn and practice American Sign Language.

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March Calendar



THURSDAY, MARCH 1

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Joint Annual Meeting, Bradford Community Corporation & BACC Governance Board, BACC, 10:00am

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Candidate's Forum, sponsored by the BWC, BACC, 7:00pm. Meet the candidates in the local election.

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm (Note: Public Hearing)

Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

BEOC, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

MONDAY, MARCH 12

BWC, Board of Directors, Mountain Lake Inn, 9:30am

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

VOTE, Town Hall, 8:00am-7:00pm

Planning Board, BACC, 7:00pm

Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, Candlelite Inn, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Town Meeting, Bradford Elementary School, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

South Newbury Union Church Flea Market and Bake Sale, South Newbury Union Church, 9:00am-2:00pm

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

BWC, "Antiques Roadshow", BACC, 1:00pm

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for details

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

The Kearsarge Community Character Coalition, Leadership Team, KRHS, 7:00-9:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Country Barn Dance with "Two Fiddles," Bradford Elementary School, 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday, March 29 through Saturday, March 31 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Available at Bowie's Market, Lake Sunapee Savings Bank and Bradford Elementary School

Thistle Spinners, Every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn

Bradford Historical Society Open during the winter months by appointment, call 938-5386

To list events for the April Calendar,
please call Betty Hague at 938-2722 before March 20.

BNSYS Softball/Baseball Sign-Ups

Registration for Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports softball or baseball will be two Saturdays, March 10 and March 17 from 9am-noon at Bruss Construction Offices on East Main Street in Bradford. Children ages six through fifteen may play. Children are eligible to play if they will turn six before August 1st, 2001. A copy of birth certificate is needed for first year players. Registration fee is \$25. Questions? Call Alan Craigie at 938-5154.



Don't wait until it's too late! Bradford Bridge April deadlines

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