

The Bradford Bridge

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Beautification Committee's work

Bicentennial Park, at the corner of Main Street and Route 103, and Lafayette Square, at the corner of Route 114 and Main street, were spruced up recently by the Beautification Committee of the Bradford Women's Club. Chairperson Clare Bensley was assisted by Kathleen Bigford, Nancy Hibbard, Marica Keller, Kathy Messer, Donna Seabolt, and Louise Signorino. The areas were weeded and trimmed. Merrimack Farm Store contributed two chrysanthemums for Bicentennial Park. Tulips and daffodils were planted at Lafayette Square. The committee also maintains the garden at the corner of Water Street and Cochran Hill.



Selectmen discuss financial crisis with KRSD business manager

Selectmen from towns making up the Kearsarge Regional School District met with the school district's business manager, Dick Petrin, on Thursday, October 24 at one of their periodic "summit meetings." Discussed at length were the severe constraints on all towns in the district, as well as KRSD, because of the current recession and the slow payment of property taxes.

Petrin began his presentation by saying there had been no payments to the district from any town since October 9. He had enough on hand to meet the November 1 payroll in the district, but not enough to meet two later payrolls coming up in November. He noted that the state is also very slow in paying. KRSD now receives about \$500,000 annually in state aid - approximately 4.5% of the \$11.1 million

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Redistricting hearing held in Concord by Thea Braiterman, State Representative

It appears that, for the coming decade, Henniker and Bradford will remain one state legislative district, with two representatives to the General Court.

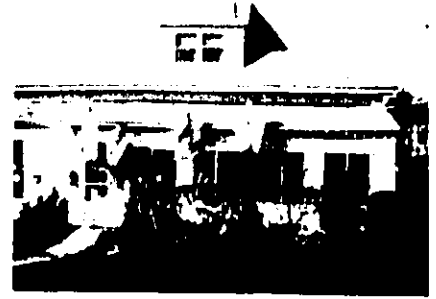
At a public hearing held on Tuesday, October 22 at the State House, a plan for representative redistricting of Merrimack County was announced. State Senatorial districts will be considered by a separate panel.

The current population of the county is 120,005, and 43 seats have been allotted to our county. That means that each General Court member represents approximately 2780 residents. Most of the changes discussed were caused by gains of population in the southern tier of towns and losses in the north country.

According to the 1990 census, Bradford has 1405 residents and Henniker has 4151. Since Henniker is too small for two representatives, and Bradford is too small for one, these two contiguous towns are combined into one legislative district with two representatives elected at large.

The rest of Merrimack County is divided as follows: Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury and Wilmot have two representatives. Newbury, New London, Sutton and Warner have three. Boscawen, Bow, Hopkinton, Dunbarton and Webster have six. Northfield, Canterbury, Loudon and Pittsfield have five. Epsom and Chichester have two. Hooksett has three. Franklin has three. Allenstown and Pembroke each have four. And finally, Concord has thirteen representatives.

Since members of the public who attended the hearing spoke in favor of the plan, and no one spoke against it, it is likely that this plan will be presented to the Legislature and then to the Governor for passage into law.



Lillian and John Sejkousky entertain all who pass by their home on Main Street

Swopes say farewell to Bradford

On Saturday, October 26, Dr. and Mrs. George Swope were honored at a progressive dinner party given by the First Baptist Church of Bradford.

The appetizer course was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winch, where the Swopes were presented with a corsage and boutonniere by Frances Winch. The salad course was served at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shevette's home, where Carolyn Coolidge presented them with a basket containing a loaf of bread, salt and honey.

A turkey pie dinner was served at the Vestry by the Hamiltons, Brennans, Dotens, and Strouts. Donald Garman entertained by playing the piano prior to the meal. Daniel Coolidge, Master of Ceremonies, spoke of his associations with the Swopes, including his flying escapades with George. Allene Hamilton read a poem. A money tree was presented to the Swopes. Dr. Swope then spoke of their lives in Bradford and of his many associations with the church and townspeople.

Dessert was served at the home of Roy and Mabel Parsons. A trio of framed Bradford scenes and mementos was given to the Swopes. Decorated cakes and ice cream topped off the evening, embellished with more remarks by Dr. Swope and some tunes played by Elizabeth Cilley on the piano. The Swopes left for their new home in Venice, Florida on October 28. --Allene Hamilton

Bradford Women's Club News

The Bradford Women's Club will hold their First Annual Holiday Crafts and Antiques Show and Sale on Saturday, November 30th, from 10:00 to 4:00. The show will be held at Ann Hallahan's real estate office just before the Bement Covered Bridge. Included in the event will be Christmas crafts and decorations, gifts of food, toys, cookbooks, collectibles, hand-made ornaments, and dried arrangements.

A Preview Party will be held the day before, Friday, November 29th, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The public is invited to attend. A donation of \$5 is requested for the preview and refreshments will be served.

Those responsible for putting together this event include: Children's room, Deb Lamach and Barb McCartney; Country room, Clare Bensley and Luanne Mayo; Victorian room, Nancy Hibbard and Louise Clark; Dealers - Antiques, Ann Hallahan, Crafts, Mauri Scheffy; Preview party, Phyllis Whall and Sophie Burke; Culinary Corner, Tillie Wheeler and Jane Simonds; Set up and sales, Donna Seabolt and Mary Bachelder; Printing and posters, Mim Phillips.

Another upcoming event is the November Guest Night. On Tuesday, November 19, all are invited to attend a lecture by Bud Thompson on the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum. The meeting will be held at the Bradford Baptist Church at 7:00 pm.



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Holiday Items Arriving Daily

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*WHEN? Saturday, November 9, 10 am
*WHERE? Transfer Station.
*WHAT? Ribbon Cutting
*WHY? See the new baler in operation
*HOW? Enjoy coffee and doughnuts;
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Historical Society News

The Bradford Historical Society wrapped up the 1990-91 year of activities at its annual meeting held October 23. There were few vacant seats as members reviewed the many programs and events of the year and projected the 1991-92 calendar with continued enthusiasm. Fred Winch and Millie Kittredge are spearheading the monthly meetings and Luanne and Glendon Mayo, the events at Bradford Center. Stay tuned for announcements and take part. That is where the fun comes in.

The last meeting for this year will take place on Monday the 11th of November at the District 1 schoolhouse in Bradford Center. Bring your lunch box at noon then join in a tour of the East Washington one room school. For particulars, check the posters on the bulletin boards or contact Dick Keller at 938-2877.

The 1992 kick-off meeting has not yet been scheduled, but a look at our long lost railroad by people who worked on it and the development and use of early tools have been mentioned as starters. On-going work includes our effort to gather information and early photographs on and about the older homes in town and any early photographs of Main Street in an effort to recreate Main Street at least in a photo montage. All help will be appreciated. Contact: Luanne Mayo (938-5425) on older houses; Bernie Lamach (938-2095); Dick Keller (938-2877) on the Main Street Project

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Audubon Society events

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter is sponsoring a slide program, open to the public, on Friday, November 8, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. The program, entitled "Turtles in New Hampshire Wetlands," is being presented by naturalist/artist David Carroll of Warner. Mr. Carroll, author of the recently published book, "The Year of the Turtle: A Natural History," was featured as a workshop leader at the 1991 annual meeting of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire. Contact person is John Robie, 938-2057.

On Saturday, November 9, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will join the Audubon Society of New Hampshire on a hike to Lake Solitude on Mt. Sunapee. This event is open to the public, with a rain date of Sunday, November 10. Call Clare Bensley, 938-5482, for information.

Police Department News

Officer Stephen B. Johnson was assigned to investigate the damages done to the Burial Hill Cemetery by recreational vehicles. After a two-month investigation, the guilty juveniles, along with their parents, have agreed to make restitution for all damages. In addition, in the spring they will perform community service for the town. This damage constitutes a Class B felony under RSA 635:6/635:8.

Chief Grindle noted that effective in January, NO open alcoholic beverage container will be allowed in any vehicle, not even in the glove compartment.

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From the Editor

November is traditionally election time. For New Hampshire, November marks the beginning of the participatory political process that culminates at Town Meeting in March. Here in Bradford we have no election this month. But committees and town officials are gearing up for the busy months ahead.

I have chosen the subject of citizens participating in government for my first editorial because I feel it is so important to the future not only of our town, but of our country. On television every night we hear of the consequences of our electoral decisions. The governor has decided to

___ The president has vetoed ___ Our representative has said ___ You can fill in the blanks. The point is these people are in positions of responsibility. In fulfilling their electoral duties, they are making decisions that affect every one of us.

Each of us can make a difference. We must make informed decisions at the polls. We can write letters to our elected officials in which we express our views. And we should also consider running for office and participating in the governing of our town and state.

In March, New Hampshire communities make decisions concerning three areas: electing people to town offices, making decisions on town financial matters, and deciding on new ordinances (laws) to govern our town.

Managing the electoral process is the responsibility of the Town Clerk. Bradford's town clerk, Susan Pehrson, notifies the community about what positions are up for election and the filing period, accepts candidates, prints and maintains the ballots, and announces the election results. Pertinent dates for the upcoming electoral period are: filing, January 22-31; election, March 10; town meeting, March 11. Offices up for election are: moderator, selectman, supervisors of the checklist, trustee of the trust funds, library trustee, scholarship committee, budget committee, planning board, and zoning board of adjustment.

The Bradford, Henniker, Weare Police Explorers, Post #114, would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Higgs of Blaisdell Lake for their generous donation in memory of Mr. Frank Sargent.

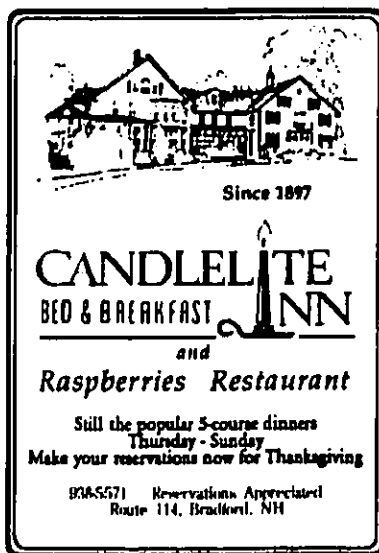
Educational Commendations to two Bradford residents

John Leonis, senior at KRHS, has been named as a "Commended Student" in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He was presented with a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation by the director of guidance. Commended students have shown exceptional academic promise by placing in the top five percent of more than one million program entrants.

Marshall MacKenzie, Physics teacher at KRSH, has received special recognition from Tufts University. Entering students are given the opportunity to nominate for special recognition teachers who had seriously challenged them or who had contributed significantly to their intellectual and personal development. Marshall MacKenzie was nominated by two students. Tufts University expressed its gratitude for the work of this inspirational teacher.

215 names removed from voter checklist

During 1991, in compliance with state statutes that called for the removal from the checklist of names of those who had not voted at ONE of the following elections - 1991 Town Meeting, 1990 state election, or 1988 presidential election, 215 voters were removed from the checklist. If you have not voted at a recent election, your name may have been removed. If you wish to vote in a future election and your name has been removed, you must reregister to vote. You are urged to call the Supervisors of the Checklist (938-2551) or the Town Clerk (938-2288). They will be glad to check the list to determine whether or not your name has been removed. There will be four elections in 1992. The Supervisors will be at the Town Hall December 5th from 7:00-9:00 pm to receive new registrations, reregistrations, or to change party affiliations.



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Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Several proposed amendments to the Bradford Zoning Ordinance were accepted by the Planning Board at a recent combined meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The amendments were suggested by the ZBA to clarify some concerns raised by appeals to the Board during the past year. The Planning Board will present the amendments for public review and input at one or more public hearings in January. Voters will make the final decision to accept or reject the amendments by ballot at Town Meeting.

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

OBITUARY

Marshall W. Gilchrist

Marshall W. Gilchrist, 84, died October 15 at Concord Hospital after a long illness. He was a resident of Bow and had summered on Lake Massasecum for many years. After graduating from UNH, Mr. Gilchrist worked for Public Service Co. of NH, retiring in 1971 after 45 years with the company.

He was a member for 62 years of the Aurora Lodge F&AM and Henniker Chapter OES, both of Henniker, as well as Past Master.

Mr. Gilchrist and his wife Betty recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth C. Gilchrist of Bow and Bradford, a son Bruce Gilchrist of Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, a daughter Fay Gallant of Nashua, and two grandchildren, Jay D. Gilchrist of Bradford and Noel Malinowski of Concord, and two great grandchildren.

The Rev. Russell Rowland, pastor of the Henniker Congregational Church, officiated at the committal service, which was held on October 18 at the New Cemetery in Henniker.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

It was with some dismay that I went through Mr. Keays' recent article on the problems between the Bradford selectmen and the Kearsarge school system. In almost every particular, it seemed to me, the reporting was inaccurate or bypassed the central facts.

They are not hard to ascertain. For some months, Bradford has been tardy -- markedly later than any other town in the district -- about making its prescribed payments to the district. Repeatedly, one or another of the selectmen has assured school officials that payment was in the mail when it was not. The claim has been made that the selectmen were not informed as to what was due, although billing has always been more than unequivocal. Only constant pressure, sometimes in public forums, has produced overdue payments. This puts a burden on others in the district, is embarrassing to responsible Bradford officials and townspeople, and ultimately costs all the taxpayers interest money.

As Mr Keays' article suggests, recently the Bradford selectmen have come up with a kind of rationale for withholding Bradford's share of support for the school system. Bradford, along with Warner, is now contesting the original 75-25 apportionment ratio by which the district has operated since its founding. When the 75% student load-25% property appraisal basis was reaffirmed in 1988, Bradford joined in an appeal to reapportion on a 50-50 basis. Obviously, as in any other pending appeal, the original procedure stands until the court has acted. For the Bradford selectmen to take it upon themselves to withhold funds until the court acts is in clear violation of every principle of contemporary jurisprudence.

The truth is, property taxes everywhere in New Hampshire are far too high. Lacking an equitable taxing pattern, the burden of supporting the schools falls squarely on New Hampshire home owners in a country in which -- on average -- 47% of local school costs are paid at state levels.

The Kearsarge District runs close to the bone -- \$5000-8000 per pupil; national costs range from \$5000-14,000 per pupil. Several efforts to permit the townspeople direct oversight of the school budgeting process, most recently the development of the municipal budget committee, have in

the end produced substantial agreement between the school boards and the budgeting committees as to the district's practical needs and the money it has taken to meet them. In fact, we are all victims of governmental policies of the last decade -- the curtailing of Federal grant-in-aid money, the capping of the New Hampshire lottery proceeds intended for education, and the imposition by the New Hampshire legislature on the local communities of the costs of very expensive programs.

Once we face up to our local problems, and shift the burdens fairly, the dodges and misstatements which trouble so many of us will not be necessary.

Burton Hersh



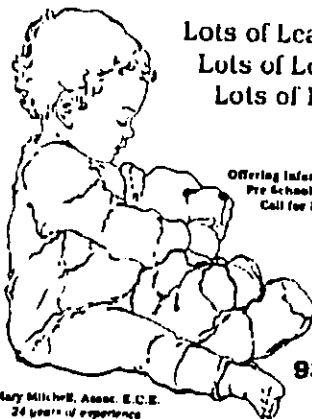
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To Senators Rudman and Smith:

I am incapable of expressing the depth and totality of my disgust and dismay at your vote of support for Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court. How on earth can you in all honesty say that the man's 18 months (that's 1 1/2 years) of experience as a judge qualified him to sit on the highest court of the land?

Having 12 years' experience investigating sexual harassment charges, I found the Senate reaction to Ms. Hill boringly predictable. "She's lying, she's out for personal gain, she's vindictive, she made it up, she's this, she's that, she's, she's, she's ..."

I believe you were forced to redeem yourselves once it was made known to the public that you knew about the harassment allegation early and consciously chose to consider it immaterial. The route to that redemption was to (try to) slaughter the accuser. How typical.

Understand me well. I wholeheartedly believe in the principle of innocent until proven guilty. Proven here is key. You completely change the legal standard of such cases from one of a preponderance of the evidence to the higher and more difficult one of clear and convincing evidence for Mr. Thomas.

Why this new and higher standard? Is it because you were willing to use any means, unscrupulous or not, to wiggle out of your embarrassing position? Or more insidiously, is it because Thomas is the perfect pawn, regardless or in spite of how unqualified or tainted, to further the right-wing agenda of retrenching the institutionalization of racial segregation and of forcing women of all colors back into the kitchen, preferably poverty-stricken (barefoot) with no place to run and, of course, pregnant.

You have sacrificed the integrity of the Supreme Court by voting as you have. You have dishonored me as a woman, as a New Hampshire citizen and as an American. You have brought shame upon yourselves and upon this country. Should you make the unfortunate decision to run again for elected office, I will do all I can to see that you are unsuccessful in that endeavor.

Susan McKevirt

UNsung HEROES

The Bradford Voters Coalition would like to recognize local residents who, through their good deeds and volunteer efforts, are making a difference in our town. These efforts can be humanitarian, civic, educational ... anything that you feel has improved or is improving Bradford. We would like to spotlight one person each month, beginning in January.

You must know someone who would qualify as an "unsung hero." If you do, please send your suggestion, with a brief description of why he or she is deserving of this recognition to:

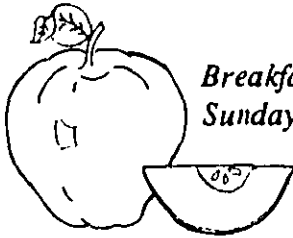
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**Bradford Cooperative Kindergarten and
Preschool News**

The Bradford Cooperative Kindergarten will be holding a craft fair at the Town Hall on December 7th, selling homemade pies, goodies and assorted local crafts. Christmas wrapping paper will also be for sale to benefit our kindergarten and preschool. Past fundraisers--which included pie sales this summer, a raffle drawing, and flower bulb sales--have helped fuel our program. We are looking forward to another great turnout at the Annual December Craftfair. Craftspeople interested in selling at the fair should contact Fundraising Chairwomen Debbie Bruss at 938-2621 or Janet Peters at 938-2706.

Our Preschool program is looking for a volunteer to work in the afternoon class 1:00 to 3:00 Tuesdays and/or Thursdays with our teacher, Martha Powers. We've increased our Preschool enrollment this year to 10 children and additional hands would be welcomed. Pastor Joyce Ditlevson is volunteering on Wednesdays. We've appreciated Pastor Joyce's time and the children enjoy her company. Interested volunteers should call Liz Bouley, Coop President at 938-5472.
--Mary Keegan-Dayton

School volunteer program

K.R.E.S. at Bradford would like to thank all those who attended our volunteer orientation on Friday, October 4. We now have a total of 24 volunteers, 12 of whom attended the orientation.

Thanks to the volunteers' generosity in giving us their time, we have filled many slots. However, more volunteers are still needed.

It is not too late to become a school volunteer! If you're interested, please call Cheryl Nepveu at 938-5083.

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Library Lantern
by Maggi Ainslie

Brown Memorial Library is pleased to announce that Erick Ingraham, an illustrator/author from Peterborough, will be at the library on Saturday, November 16, 1:00-3:00 pm to discuss how his books come about and how he gets his ideas.

He is well-known to Brown Memorial children for **Hot Air Henry**, a sassy Siamese cat who stows away on a hot-air balloon and ends up taking a fur-raising flight across the mountains. His latest book is **High-Wire Henry**, in which the same cat learns tightrope walking and uses this skill to save the family's new puppy, who is stranded on a high ledge. These books are written by Mary Calhoun. Mr. Ingraham's endearing illustrations bring this cat right into your heart!

This program is made possible by the Jacobsen Fund. Mark the date--Saturday, November 16, 1:00-3:00 pm, Brown Memorial Library, Bradford.

Recent additions at the Library are:

- 1992 Writer's Market
- Yellow Bird, by Rick Boyer
- Sleeping Beauty, by Judith Michael (a husband and wife team)
- Needful Things, by Stephen King
- Ginger, My Story, by Ginger Rogers
- Fireman's Fair, by Josephine Humphreys
- The Deceiver, by Fredrick Forsyth
- Covenant of the Flame, by David Morrell
- Comeback, by Dick Francis
- Big Bang Never Happened, by Lerner.

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State House News

by Marcia Keller

Apportionment hearing November 12

The long-awaited Superior Court hearing on the school apportionment issue, the Bradford/Warner vs. KRSD case, will be heard in Merrimack County Superior Court in Concord at 9:00 am on November 12. Anyone wishing to carpool to the hearing may call 938-5182 for information.

Town Clerk now issues license plates

Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk, would like residents to know that in addition to automobile registrations, she is now able to issue license plates. She can handle renewals, transfers, and new plates. Her hours are: Mondays, 2:00-7:00, Tuesdays, 8:00-5:00, Fridays, 8:00 - noon. Her office number is 938-2288.

The topics for this month's update on changes in state laws are naming and numbering of streets and local enforcement of regulations. A complete set of the state statutes (RSAs) is housed at the Bradford Police Station and may be reviewed there whenever the station is open. Anyone directly involved with carrying out the laws, should obtain a copy of the full text of these changes, by chapter number, from:

Government Information Services
State Library, 20 Park Street
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STREET NAMES AND NUMBERS

Responsibility for naming and numbering streets rests with the Selectmen. Chapter 53 adds a new section, RSA 231:133-a, which sets procedures for numbering property along any public or private street. Selectmen must hold a public hearing with notification by first class mail to all owners of property being numbered, posted in two public places, and publication in a newspaper. Chapter 53 also simplifies the process under RSA 231:133 for naming streets. Selectmen may hold a public hearing and may submit names to town meeting for approval. They are not bound by a name given to the street by a developer. In addition, voters may submit a warrant article, by petition, to change the name of any street. When a name is assigned, selectmen notify the town clerk who records it and sends a copy of the record to the State Department of Transportation.

ENFORCEMENT

Several bills were passed in 1991 that simplify a town's ability to administer and enforce local and state regulations.

1. Administrative Inspection Warrants

Chapter 231 expands the scope of RSA 595-B to give local officials who have existing statutory authority to enter private property for purposes of inspection (code enforcement, land use boards, etc.) the ability to request an administrative inspection warrant from district or superior court. In order to seek a warrant necessary to carry out enforcement of a code or regulation, entry must have been denied or unreasonably restricted.

2. Cease and Desist Orders

Chapter 328 adds a new section, RSA 676:17-a, that allows local code enforcement officials to issue and enforce cease and desist orders under supervision from district court. The order is served in the manner of a court summons and must be issued to tenants and mortgage holders as well as the owners of the property. The law details the process of enforcing the order and addresses payment of attorney's fees, which may be charged to the property owner or to the town if the local official is found to have acted in bad faith.

3. Local Citations

Another new tool for local enforcement is found in Chapter 374, which enhances the local cease and desist authority for offenses the code enforcement official decides to charge as a "violation" rather than a misdemeanor. RSA 676:17-b establishes a process similar to a traffic citation that allows a violator to plead guilty and pay a civil penalty by mail. All penalties collected go to the town. The NH Supreme Court is responsible for developing a form to be used for these local citations.

4. Local Enforcement of Environmental

Laws. Effective January 1, 1992, Chapter 340 amends certain state environmental laws dealing with solid waste disposal, filling or dredging of wetlands, and sewage disposal by allowing towns to request an injunction in superior court to enforce these laws. The Attorney General and the department of Environmental Services must be notified and these entities may choose to take over the case. The law's purpose is to allow a town to work in conjunction with the state to correct violations that are more readily identified at the local level.



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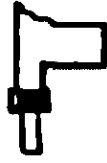
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Bradford Conservation Commission

Early in October, Conservation Commission members Perry Teele, Tillie Wheeler, and John and Amy Blitzer met with the Hillsborough Conservation Commission, a state forester and a representative from the NH Fish and Game Department to discuss Low State Forest. Low State Forest is a 1700 acre tract of wild land between the two towns. Bradford's part of it is mainly high land starting along the ridge of Rowe Mtn. and extending over most of Knight's Hill.

Both Conservation Commissions had hoped that by doing some logging in the forest, enough money could be raised to purchase additional land. However, the state forester said that monies raised by logging are put into the general fund to maintain forests across the state.

The subject of a trail from Bradford to Hillsborough was discussed. The proposed trail will have to be carefully mapped out and approved by both the D.R.E.D. and the Fish and Game Dept. to make sure it will have no adverse effects on the forest or wildlife.

Richard Spafford has resigned from the Commission for personal reasons. The Conservation Commission expressed gratitude for his years of service. Brooks McCandlish has accepted an appointment to the Commission to replace him. The Commission feels that Brooks will be a valuable member because of his knowledge as a forester.

More trees are scheduled to be planted at the school this fall.

Plans are being made for Debra Dunlop to present a slide lecture about the Bog on January 15th, which will be open to the public.

The Fitness Trail has been cleaned up. The Bog trail needs more work around the loop. When the ground freezes, a work party will go out with clippers and saws to make the trail easier to find. Volunteers are needed. Please call Tillie Wheeler at 938-5431 or Amy Blitzer at 938-5952.



Looking across the Old Bradford Center Green, the Old Schoolhouse is on the left, the new "necessary house" is in the middle, and the Union Congregational Church is on the right. Photo was taken from the southwest corner of the Green, from the site of the original Bradford Meeting House. The Meeting House was carefully moved from the green and placed on Main Street in the mid-1800's. The Meeting House, our town's first community building, is now our Town Hall.

News from Historic Bradford Center

Bradford's newest historic building has been completed, except for a door latch and a granite threshold stone. Perry Teele has recreated an 1830's privy at the edge of the Old Bradford Center Green, probably on or near the site of the old roller shed. The roof of the new building is covered with shake shingles and there are two miniature "eyebrow windows" over the doors. The little structure, with a bit of weathering, will look right at home with its historic neighbors. It sits just to the east of the Pound, within easy access of both the 1838 Union Congregational Church and the 1793 Center School. The central structure is a copy of the privy at Old Sturbridge Village, with the addition of a woodshed on the west side and hidden storage in the rear, for tables and chairs.

The outhouse is a joint project of the Historical Society and the Union Congregational Society. It was found by both or-

ganizations that, with the increase in activities at the Center, a "necessary house" was becoming a real necessity.

It will now be possible for the School House to offer educational programs for the children of the town, including Audubon programs, art classes, and summer day camp. Our fourth grade students are planning to hold their state-sponsored history classes in the newly refurbished school house in the spring.

Update on this year's Arbor Day maple tree: it ended the season with one leaf. Only spring will tell if it has survived last summer's drought and the coming winter. The 1990 tree seems to be doing just fine. All of the now sixth graders who helped plant the first tree should make a special trip out to visit it and see all of the things that have been happening at the Center. --Luanne Mayo

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



I give thanks for Thanksgiving celebrations - and especially for leftovers! Nothing I like better than to have a day when I don't have to cook a whole bunch! This recipe is easy to put together and it makes great use of leftover turkey and vegetables. I serve it with a salad.

Turkey Pie with Corn-Bread Topping

1 can cream of mushroom soup	1 C milk
1 C leftover vegetables	1 1/2 C cubed leftover turkey
3/4 C flour	3/4 C yellow commeal
2 tsp baking powder	1/2 tsp salt
1/4 C margarine	1 egg, slightly beaten
3/4 C milk	

In a saucepan, heat the soup, 1 C milk, vegetables and turkey. Put mixture in a shallow two-quart baking dish. Mix flour, commeal, baking powder and salt. Cut in margarine. Mix egg and 3/4 C milk and add to dry ingredients. Mix well. Pour the mixture over the turkey and vegetables. Bake in a preheated 425° oven for about 25 minutes.

We had a wonderful summer - and our gardens overflowed with a bountiful harvest. Our fall foliage was magnificent this year. Let us give thanks this Thanksgiving for our wonderful blessings!

The Bement Bridge

by John Moore

The present Bement Bridge was built in 1854 at a cost of \$500. It is the third bridge built on the site. The first bridge was constructed in 1790. It was originally to have been paid for by thirty pounds of the so-called penny tax, which was a tax of one penny per acre of land in town. The purpose of this fund was for construction of roads and bridges. The inhabitants instead voted at the 1790 town meeting to construct the bridge themselves.

Apparently this bridge stood until 1818, when the town voted to build a new bridge "near Samuel Bement's." It should be noted that there is a Bement grave marker in the cemetery on Burial Hill.

The town voted in 1854 to rebuild the Bement Bridge. Tradition says that it was built entirely of hemlock by Col. Stephen Harriman Long of Hopkinton, who was the inventor of the "Long truss." There is no evidence to either support or dispute such a claim. It does seem likely that the bridge was built under the auspices of Col. Long's brother Dr. Moses Long, of Warner and later of Rochester, New York.

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Betty Erickson proposes mathematics coordinator position

In a recent presentation to the KRSD board, Betty Erickson, a Bradford fifth-grade teacher, proposed establishing the position of "mathematics coordinator" for the district's elementary schools. One goal of the coordinator would be to "bring in fresh ideas and enhance confidence among students and teachers alike."

During her presentation, Betty spoke of the need to teach children to solve everyday problems with math ... in their heads or otherwise. She said that many kids these days leave school without the capacity to use this valuable tool.

In 1990 Erickson was named New Hampshire Elementary Teacher of the Year for Science and Math. She was presented a Presential Award by President Bush in the White House rose garden. The National Science Foundation has awarded her \$7500, to be used at her direction to "further educational excellence in math and science" in her own school system. Betty has placed this money in escrow and has been writing to businesses in New Hampshire to ask for matching funds to increase the amount available for the kids in local schools.

Betty laments that our society seems to accept the fact that girls do better than boys in elementary school arithmetic, but fall behind during their middle-school years. She noted that we have a social bias against girls doing well in advanced mathematics. Countries we must compete against produce female engineers and mathematicians. She sees "math anxiety" everywhere in our society, even among math teachers. Her proposal would aim to reduce this problem.

--Hugh Keays

School financial crisis

annual budget. In addition, he had "cut" \$40,000 in checks for other contractors who had been pressing him, but could not send them out because he had no funds to cover them.

Joe Battles spoke first for the assembled selectmen, asking point blank if there wasn't something the district could do to trim current costs "to help the towns out." Petrin replied, "Your towns came to the annual meeting last March and voted us the budget, and for the current school year at least, we're locked in legally with that amount contracted in full.

Petrin noted that the school district legally is not able to borrow to make up for town assessments. Several selectmen questioned this because earlier in the evening the KRSD auditor had praised the district for being very low in debt ratio, and for being scheduled to become one of the few debt-free districts in the state by 1996.

Several towns indicated they might not be able to stay afloat under current conditions, and asked Petrin what the school district could do if this happened. Petrin said that "the school board is discussing this, and is preparing for the worst insofar as that is possible. --Hugh Keays

GARDENING

by Fred Winch

November should be the first of the really cold months of the dormant season. That means putting perennials to bed and protecting shrubs and fruit trees from winter damage from sun, wind and animals.

Clean the perennial beds of weeds, frozen stems and diseased leaves, which should be composted or otherwise destroyed. Once the ground is cold and freezes, cover the perennials lightly with compost and then covered with straw. In windy locations, spread pine and hemlock boughs to hold the protection in place. Leaves are less desirable than straw.

In this area, roses must be protected by heaping soil around the stems after trimming them to less than ten inches. The stems may be protected by wrapping in straw or by any of several ventilated plastic rose covers.

This summer seems to have been a good growing season for rhododendrons, if the heavy flower bud set is an indication. Protect these plants in areas exposed either to sun or wind. Many are also in danger of being damaged by snow or ice falling from roofs. Wrapping the plants, especially those which have only been in place 3 or 4 years, with burlap allows the shrub to breathe, yet cuts down the damaging effects of sun and wind. Many people build plywood "tents" to deflect snow and sun from such plants. This does get to be a task as the plants grow. Fortunately, right here in Bradford, the Massasectum Woodworks has developed a wooden plant protector that "grows" as the shrub grows.

From all indications, it has been a good year for mice and voles, which love to girdle trees and shrubs. Young peach trees, apple trees, lilacs, and the like, are prime targets for winter food for these rodents. Fruit trees should have all grass and weeds removed for two or three feet around, down to the mineral soil. Then the stems should be protected by plastic tree wrap or fine mesh hardware cloth, secured in place, to at least the level of the expected snowfall. Be sure the lower edge of the protector is sunk an inch or so into the soil to keep the rodents out. Once the soil is frozen, such protectors are locked in place. In the orchard, it is also well to rake up fallen leaves and fruit, which may be diseased. Place this refuse in the compost pile away from the trees. Such tasks should be complete by Thanksgiving.



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TECH TALK

by Howard Brooks

Everyone has had a virus. Treatment is usually simple: see your doctor, get a prescription, and take your medicine.

Your computer can get viruses, too. Mine just came through treatment for its third virus in the last six months. More on treatment later. Symptoms of an infection on your computer can vary widely. Sometimes you won't notice anything at all. Other times strange messages may be displayed, music may play unexpectedly, or files may be destroyed and not run properly. I spent hours with my first virus attack, working on a possible hardware problem, and then checking and rechecking programs that I had worked on. Finally I spoke to friend (a bulletin board system operator) who was quick to tell me I had a virus. He immediately sent me SCAN72, a shareware virus fix program.

A computer virus is a program designed to replicate and spread on its own, without the operator knowing it exists. Viruses can spread in several ways. Some duplicate themselves when an infected file is opened. Others infect the boot sector on a computer's disk drive and then infect other disks as they are accessed.

A disk containing a demo program can become infected at one customer site and spread to others before anyone knows it is there. Even commercial software is not immune.

For example, last week we reinstalled our network to take care of a different work station. Today I found a virus on the source diskette from the creator of that network software. The virus was not discovered on that diskette when we installed the network last week, but it is there today. Somehow it got there in the interim, which means it is on one of the three hard disk drives that exists in our system. It is the Friday 13th virus, one of the most common, and it has 10 variants. It has been in one of my computers for the last six months.

Symptoms are a slowup of your system, black boxes appear on the screen and every Friday the 13th, each file you execute is erased. If the virus is in memory on Friday the 13th, every program executed will be deleted from the disk.

This virus is the first computer virus identified. It was first discovered at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel in July of 1987 where it caused widespread panic. It infects .COM, .EXE and some overlay files.

Six months ago Jerusalem strain B (Friday 13th) was identified on my computer using a shareware program from McAfee Associates (4423 Cheeney Street, Santa Clara, CA, 95954-0253, TPH: 408-988-3832, BBS: 408-988-5138, FAX: 408-970-9727). It located the infected .EXE and .COM files and scrubbed them off the hard disk. I had to recopy the removed files from source diskettes, which was about a day's work. About two months ago the virus was back, and I went through the whole process over again. But this time I caught it early enough so that not as many files were infected. The clean up time was shortened, but still I suspected an outside source of the infection.

Imagine my surprise when here it was back again today, only this time it was found before it spread and infected other files. The program that found it was VDEFEND. It comes with the newest version 7 of PC TOOLS by Central Point Software. VDEFEND has been loaded into memory at startup each day.

Once a virus is detected you will need a second program from Central Point called Anti-Virus. Anti-Virus does two things that the VSCAN72 does not do. First, it cleans out the infected file without removing it from your disk, and second, it then immunizes the file from future attack.

All this must seem quite unreal to some, but it's true... There are over 400 viruses out there and more are being created every day. Some are much more destructive than what I experienced. To protect against viruses that write over parts of your command and executable files, make sure you have backups of your hard drives. And do get a good virus protection program, either storebought or shareware.

Well I'm off to my other computer to scan for viruses where this latest attack originated. Thanks to the efforts made by the good guys, I believe viruses will someday be a thing of the past.

Time	Paula
	
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First Baptist Church news

The 1991 Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Church was held on October 20. The condition of the organ was described as in urgent need of extensive repairs. Because of the sagging floor (which has been corrected), some of the pipes were bent and must be straightened. An estimate of around \$6,000 has been received. Any ideas for raising funds for this very necessary, worthwhile project would be greatly appreciated. There have already been several fundraisers, as well as memorial gifts and other donations, which will cover about 10% of the cost of the repairs.

In other business, officers for 1991-92 were elected. These include: Moderator, Clark Phillips; Secretary, Deborah Lamach; Asst. Sect. Tillie Wheeler; Treasurer, Bernard Lamach; Financial Sect., Edyth & Parker Craig; Auditor, Lynn Burdette; Sunday School Supt., Howard Brooks; Asst. S.S. Supt., Joyce Teele; Diaconate Board, Edyth Craig, Alene Hamilton (May-Oct), Addie Stuart (Nov-Apr), Phyllis Whall, Clayton Herbert, Michael Bryant, and George Cilley.

On November 16, the Board of Christian Education and Missions will sponsor an Awareness of World Hunger Supper at the church. The event begins at 5:30 pm, and includes a menu of beef stew or chicken soup, breads, beverages, and cake. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will go to the Community Food Pantry or Oxfam.

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Sports Announcement

Due to a very heavy workload, Debbie Pickman has had to give up her sports reporting responsibilities. Laurie Buchar has agreed to become the Bridge's sports reporter. She asks that anyone with any sports news please give her a call at 938-5372.

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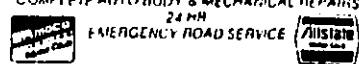


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November Calendar

November 2, Saturday

Harvest Supper, Masonic Hall, Main St., 5:30-7:00 pm

November 4, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

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

November 5, Tuesday

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm

November 6, Wednesday

Joan Bucklin lecture on "Living Wills," Vestry, First Baptist Church, 7:00 pm

November 9, Saturday

Baler ribbon cutting ceremony, 10:00 am Transfer Station

November 11, Monday

Historical Society program, noon Old Schoolhouse, Bradford Center

November 12, Tuesday

Kindergarten-preschool parents' meeting, 7:15 pm, babysitting available

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

KRSD budget committee meeting, high school, 7:30 pm

November 13, Wednesday

Silver Hill Chapter #64, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Hall, 8:00 pm

November 14, Thursday

KRSD school board meeting, 7:30 pm

November 16, Saturday

Erick Ingraham, Illustrator/Author Brown Memorial Library, 1:00-3:00 pm

Awareness of world hunger supper, Baptist Church, 5:30 pm, donation.

November 18, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

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

November 19, Tuesday

Women's Club Guest Night, 7:00 pm (see article, pg 2)

November 20, Wednesday

PTC Meeting, Bradford Elementary School, 7:00 pm

Friends of the Library, 7:00 pm

November 21, Thursday

Masons Saint Peter's Lodge #31, 7:30 pm

November 23, Saturday

Craft and Food Sale, 9:00-4:00 Masonic Hall, Main St.

November 25, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

November 26, Tuesday

Planning Board meeting, 7:30 pm

November 27, Wednesday

NO Historical Society meeting

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service First Baptist Church, 7:30 pm.

November 28, Thursday

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 29, Friday

Preview Party for Bradford Women's Club Antique-Craft Fair, 4:00-6:00 pm; donation.

November 30, Saturday

Bradford Women's Club Antique-Craft Fair, 10:00-4:00 pm (see article, pg 2)

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

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