



# The Bradford Bridge

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## Kearsarge Reel in negotiations with Canadian company

In a surprise move, Selectman Hambrecht interrupted the town budget hearing on February 12 to ask that a visitor be permitted to make a presentation. The visitor was Albert Dauray, a business consultant from Stratham. He announced that he was representing a Canadian firm negotiating to make a business deal or possibly purchase Kearsarge Reel Co.

The Canadian firm, Multiplex, of Drummondville, Quebec, had decided to expand a portion of its operations from Quebec into the United States because of the advantages of exporting out of Portsmouth. The firm produces railings, kitchen cabinets, and other wood products for export to France.

Denis Labreque, owner of Multiplex, has made a proposal to Peter Moyer, President of Kearsarge Reel, involving the Bradford property and the pallet equipment from Warner. The proposal has several contingencies, including FDIC approval. (The FDIC took over the old NH Savings Bank, which holds the mortgage.) FDIC approval is expected by April 1. As part of the deal, back property taxes of approximately \$105,000 will be paid.

Currently, Kearsarge Reel has 55 employees. Mr. Dauray anticipates that with increased export business, the number of employees could grow significantly. Current export sales for Multiplex total \$2 million a year. Growth projections show the possibility of increasing sales to \$10 million.

■ See Kearsarge Reel, page 10

## RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY FOR BRADFORD

Republican:		Out of 874 voters, 599 voted (53 absentee)
Buchanan	128	
Bush	180	At the start of the day we had:
		339 Republicans
Democratic:		129 Democrats
Brown	28	2 Libertarians
Clinton	58	404 Undeclared
Harkin	25	
Kerrey	22	When the polls closed, the count had changed to:
Tsongas	77	342 Republicans
		241 Democrats
Libertarian:		16 Libertarians
Marrou	13	164 Undeclared

## KRSD School Meeting to vote on tax apportionment formula, by Kathleen Bigford

If you own property in Bradford and are interested in the amount of property tax you pay, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the School District meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 21.

75% of the property tax Bradford residents pay goes to the Kearsarge Regional School District. Bradford property owners can make a difference in their tax bills by attending this meeting and voting.

The article which could produce a tax savings of approximately \$200,000 to the town has to do with the district's tax apportionment formula. Since the district was established in 1967, each town's portion of the school tax has been decided 75% on the number of students attending school from the town and 25% on the equalized valuation of the town's property. In 1988 an article appeared on the warrant to change the above percentages to 50% for each category. The resulting vote was 964 in favor and 855 opposed. Since a two-thirds majority vote was and still is required to change the formula, the article did not pass. (1201 votes in favor would have been needed then to pass the article.) Subsequently, the towns of Bradford and Warner brought a suit against the school district, which they lost. Details of this were reported in the February Bradford Bridge.

What has become known as the 50/50 formula will appear on the warrant again this

■ See Apportionment, page 6

### ANNUAL TOWN REPORTS

Available March 3

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### TOWN MEETING VOTE

Tuesday, March 10 at Town Hall  
Polls open noon - 7:00 pm

Town meeting continues  
Wednesday, March 11 at  
Bradford Elementary School  
7:00 pm

### Mark Your Calendar!

## Meet the Candidates Night

Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 pm  
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### Bradford Women's Club news

Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club, will be held on March 3 at 7:30 pm at the elementary school. All candidates for town office have been invited to participate. Babysitting is available at the school and refreshments will be served.

Plans are underway for the Bradford Women's Club Fair on Saturday, August 29. Carol Fullerton is holding a "Calico" workshop on March 9th at 9:30 am at the Mountain Lake Inn.

The monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at 1:30 pm in the church vestry. The program will be "The Legacy of the Loon," by Betsy Poirer of the Loon Preservation Committee. The public is invited to this program.

Another project being pursued are street signs for the town. The Bradford Women's Club has set aside funds for this expense. We hope to have them in place by summer.

Mrs. Paul Koehler (Margaret) has been accepted as a new member. Margaret and her husband, Dr. Paul Koehler, are residents in Mountainside, South Newbury, and are newcomers to the area.  
--Ann C. Hallahan



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### Budget Committee Hearing

At the February 12th budget hearing for the town of Bradford, the committee presented for public comment the proposed 1992 budget, which will be voted upon at town meeting.

Of critical importance this year is the new format imposed by the NH Department of Revenue. The use of the new format will not allow a direct comparison, line by line, of last year's budget and the proposed budget.

Warrant items proposed are now included in the departmental line budget to which they correspond. Whether the warrant is voted and passed or failed will determine the actual line total.

A form was distributed to the public to assist in understanding which items were combined in the new categories, and will be available again at town meeting.

Comments from the public were heard concerning the compensation of the town treasurer, advisability of further pursuit of the legal action against the school district, justification for membership in the Central NH Regional Planning Commission, costs of welfare, and concern for capital set aside for future expenses of a police cruiser.

Concern was expressed for the tax level and financial cost of borrowing in anticipation of taxes.

The Budget Committee noted that the proposed budget was being presented at approximately 2% over last year's, with most of the increase in insurance and benefit program costs.

The meeting was formally adjourned with thanks from the Budget Committee to all in attendance for their comments.

--Bernie Lamach

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### Report from our School District Rep

Since my report in the February Bridge, the Kearsarge Regional School Board has begun its comprehensive review of curriculum throughout the district. Some items on the agenda: closer coordination at transition points (elementary-middle, middle-high), greater in-depth mastery of material at the Middle School, fewer quarter-courses, more semester and full-year courses at the high school.

Over 70 citizens attended the districtwide budget hearing on February 6. Many came to a second hearing held by the Municipal Budget Committee on February 20 regarding the need to raise an additional \$80,000 in anticipation of upcoming state legislation requiring higher retirement payments for New Hampshire teachers. If the state does not pass this law this spring, the \$80,000 reverts to the taxpayers.

Warrant articles for the annual March meeting include: budget (\$11,805,622), proposed changes in the apportionment formula (discussed elsewhere in this newspaper), the proposed five-room addition to the current Sutton elementary school (projected at a little under \$575,000, plus an additional \$70,000 for new equipment, possible new staff member, first-year bond interest), and the return of the former Bradford Central School facility on Main Street to Bradford.

Annual school district meeting, Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am, at the high school. BE THERE! Need more information? Call me at 938-2196. --Ellen Hersh, KRSB board member from Bradford

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**Bradford Conservation Commission**

On February 19th, Dr. Debra Dunlop presented a slide talk about the Bradford Bog. She discussed the kinds of plants that grow in a bog, and how they adapt to the acidic bog water. All of her slides of bog plants were made either in the Bradford Bog or the Mud Pond Bog in Fox State Forest. She told us that the Bradford Bog is unique, because of its healthy stand of Atlantic White Cedar. This stand is the most westerly in the U.S.A.

The Bradford Conservation Commission is planning to set up an information station at the entrance to the Bog. There will be a map of the trails, Bog Guides, and other pertinent information. A collection box will be set up on Candidates' Night for contributions for this purpose.

On Saturday, February 22, Will Krantz, Hugh Keays, Clare Bensley, the Blitzers, Glen Mayo and Perry Teele worked on the Loop Trail out in the Bog. Conditions were ideal. Water was frozen underfoot, and no snow meant the brush could be cut down low.


While the group was in the Bog, Perry Teele showed us where the largest Atlantic White Cedars are. The group decided to make a new trail into that area. It will be a shady trail, through thickly growing cedars and sphagnum moss. This will be a contrast to the openness of the loop trail that goes through low growing Heaths.

At Town Meeting, the Bradford Conservation Commission will present a warrant article. This warrant article asks that half of the revenues of the Land Use tax be put into the Conservation Fund. The funds would be used to acquire, maintain, improve and properly use open spaces and other land and water areas. This use of funds is approved in RSA 36-A.

Current Use taxes were created to protect wild and farm lands for the community. In the original legislation, all the penalty taxes would go to the local conservation commissions, to acquire land to replace that taken out of current use. We are asking for only half.

The Bradford Conservation Commission needs to build a fund so that we can acquire land for the town when the opportunity arises. --Amy Blitzer

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**R. Conrad Szymkowicz receives award**

R. Conrad Szymkowicz, of Rowe Mountain Road, recently received a craftsmanship award for his excellence in woodworking. The award was presented by the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Szymkowicz specializes in woodworking and furniture design, utilizing Japanese and traditional joinery. His pieces can be used for home, office and landscape. Szymkowicz is a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen.

**Bradford Historical Society**

The monthly Historical Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 pm at the Old Post Office.

The title of the evening's program is: "Come reminisce about the 30's to ..." and bring your corn cob pipe!

History at its best.

**Tax Office Update**

The 1991 Tax Lien will take effect on March 31, 1992.

The Selectmen will take Tax Collector's Deed for any and all unpaid 1989 taxes on April 20, 1992. Please try to pay these bills before that date.

Tax Collector's hours are Mondays, 2:00-7:00 pm, Tuesdays, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Fridays, 8:00 am - noon.

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 Thomas Scribner

**Supervisor of the Checklist, Six Years**  
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 Carolyn Grindle  
 Louise Signorino —

**Supervisor of the Checklist, Four Years**  
 Vote for One  
 Carolyn Grindle  
 Mildred Schmidt —  
 Caroline Cook Verity

**Supervisor of the Checklist, Two Years**  
 Vote for One  
 Virginia Carter —  
 Caroline Cook Verity

**Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three Years**  
 Vote for One  
 (no candidate)

**Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for Three Years**  
 Vote for Two  
 Lorraine Davis  
 Barbara McCartney

**Scholarship Committee for Three Years**  
 Vote for One  
 (no candidate)

**Budget Committee for Three Years**  
 Vote for Two  
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 George P. Morse, Jr.

**Planning Board for Three Years**  
 Vote for Two  
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 William Lucas  
 R. Conrad Szymkowicz —  
 Robert Verity >  
 Richard Vitale

**Zoning Board for Three Years**  
 Vote for Two  
 James Hume  
 Marcia Keller  
 Thomas Scribner

**Zoning Board for Two Years**  
 Vote for Two  
 Erin DiBello  
 James Lawrence  
 Russell St. Pierre



# Letters



To the Editor:

Last month as I packed to head west for a visit with daughters and various grandchildren, my thoughts were on Bradford and the reasons that it is so dear to me, and so hard to go away in an election year.

We are "flatlanders," immigrants, refugees, newcomers. We chose Bradford as THE place we wanted to be; we weren't born here or brought by parents. We made a very deliberate choice. We adopted Bradford. Our first exposure to this lovely spot was as house guests; at first we thought it was because our hosts were so gracious. After a couple of visits, we knew it was much more than that. We liked most everything about Bradford: its topography, its climate, its rural charm and open spaces, and its independent self-sufficient people.

We bought an old cow barn, out in the country and, with a lot of kid power, thought, planning, and industry, plus years of delight, turned it into a home (not a house ... it's still a barn). These are a few of the reasons that it is so hard to leave here, especially in an election year. I

retired early, leaving my understanding mate to do a lot of commuting. I wanted to be here. I wanted to be able to vote here, and be counted. In Connecticut or Massachusetts, or New York, you can't make a difference in what really happens in your town or city or state or the country. Here, there is more than a possibility of making a difference.

Where else in the country can you go to the polls in February and register your vote for an alternate candidate for Vice President, or tell the country if you do or don't like the way the President is doing his job and have the whole country sit up and take notice? Where else can you invite a national candidate to your home, or town hall for your neighbors to meet and talk with? This is a very special place to live and truly be able to make a difference.

We in Bradford have a high percentage of voters, voters who get out and exercise their privilege. I am proud to live here and be amongst these folks to turn out to be counted and take part in what happens in our small world and the big one that surrounds us. Now that the primary is over, we must not let the nation discount our voices. We need to stay involved and let people know we meant what we said when we voted.

Debbie Lamach's bumper sticker says "Prayerfully Pro Choice." It is vitally important that we use our power of choice on every issue that crosses our paths.

Luanne Smith Mayo

To the Editor:

Bradford, be proud of what you have. On December 31, 1991, I fell and broke my leg. Marion called for help and Chief Grindle set things in motion. The Chief arrived within five minutes and made sure I was comfortable without disturbing the break. About ten minutes later the Rescue Squad, composed of Gail Olson, Kate Bailey and Mike Dunn, arrived. In short order the stretcher was ready, transfer made and the break cradled. The lack of pain at this point was miraculous.

At Concord Hospital I was transferred to the Emergency Room. At this point Dr. Forbes took over. His first words were, "I can't remember seeing a better job done by a Rescue Squad. Please make sure they know this."

We know THEY have been told. Now is the time Bradford should have a chance to be proud of them too. I KNOW I AM!

John L. Hopkins

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# 13 things every citizen should know about town meetings,

by Bernard Waugh, Jr., NH Municipal Association Legal Counsel

**1. Every voter is a legislator.**

The town meeting is to the town what the Legislature is to the State or the Congress is to the United States. There is no higher authority in town. To participate, you must be a registered voter of the town.

**2. The moderator presides, and can do what it takes to maintain order.**

The town meeting's business is regulated by the moderator, and your right to vote is subject to the moderator's authority to keep order.

**3. The voters can always overrule the moderator by a simple majority.**

The moderator is merely a facilitator, and it is illegal for him to preside in such a way as to make it impossible to overrule his rulings. Some towns, at the beginning of the meeting, adopt some set of rules for convenience. In other towns, the moderator just makes rulings as the meeting goes along. Either way, the ONLY legally binding rule is that the voters can overrule the moderator by a simple majority.

**4. There's no such thing as an "illegal vote."**

While most articles are presented so the vote is legally enforceable in court, non-binding votes are not illegal. If a vote probably isn't going to be binding, then it's best to phrase the motion in a form that recognizes that it may not be enforceable in court, but still lets officials know that it may be voted on at the ballot box.

**5. It's OK to ask questions.**

The beauty of the traditional "deliberative" session of town meeting is that through the process of discussion and debate, the voters can educate themselves about the question at hand.

**6. No vote can be legally binding unless its subject matter stated in the warrant.**

The warrant is a sort of agenda for town meeting and is posted two weeks in advance. In most towns, it's also printed in the town report. The general subject matter of the articles must be stated to allow voters to know the topics that will come up for discussion.

**7. You can ask for a secret written ballot on any question.**

There are two ways to request a secret written ballot at town meeting. 1. Any five voters can make the request in writing to the moderator before a vote is taken. 2. After a vote has been taken and declared by the moderator, any seven voters can orally request the vote to be taken again using a secret written ballot, but the request must be made immediately, before the meeting moves on to other business.

**8. Virtually any town vote can later be reconsidered and rescinded.**

Later means right up until the meeting is finally adjourned. There are a few exceptions: votes on issuing bonds or notes; ratifying a contract previously negotiated that takes effect immediately upon the town meeting's vote; and actions which are required to be taken using the official ballot (such as zoning amendments).

**9. The actions of one town meeting are not binding on later town meetings.**

The right to reconsider and rescind a prior vote carries over from one year to the next, or from the annual meeting to a special meeting. In addition to the exceptions noted in item 8, a vote can't be reconsidered where action has been taken based on that vote, and a vote to go into debt is obviously binding because as soon as the bonds are issued, the town is legally obligated to pay off that debt.

**10. A vote to go into debt (issue bonds or notes) must pass by a two-thirds ballot vote.**

If the amount of the proposed debt exceeds \$100,000, the moderator must keep the polls open for at least one hour after the discussion ends. "Ballot" vote simply means a "yes/no" paper ballot is required.

**11. You can act on, or amend, particular line items in a budget.**

The amount of any appropriation can be amended up or down, or deleted, but it is not legal to add a new line item (because of item 6 above). What voters cannot do is limit the selectmen or school board's ability to transfer amounts from one line item to another during the year as needs and priorities change. If your town has

adopted the Municipal Budget Law, the voters are legally bound by the "ten-percent rule." The voters cannot appropriate more money at a town meeting than the total amount recommended for that meeting by the Budget Committee, plus ten percent. [ed: this does apply to Bradford.]

**12. Attend school district meeting too!**

A school district is legally a separate municipal entity, on equal footing with the town. Its meetings work the same way. Towns, not school districts, send out the tax bills. Don't lose sight of the fact that your tax bill includes money being raised for the school district too. In fact, usually the school share is higher than the town share.

**13. Democracy - use it or lose it.**

In town meeting, more than any other form of government on earth, your community and the services it provides emanate not from some "they" in the sky, but from YOU, the voters. Remember that people worldwide are throwing off communist oppression to create and secure for themselves precisely the kind of democratic rights we in our complacency take for granted. This is a good year to inform yourself, attend, vote, and make it work.

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### Town Meeting by Mildred Schmidt

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why not have it  
how would we function without it?

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Mothers knit  
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or a word  
listening attentively

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#### Apportionment, continued

year. A vote in favor on this proposal will have the effect of lowering Bradford's portion of the school tax and raising the portion paid by Newbury and New London. A vote opposing this proposal will mean the present formula remains in place.

Many people in Bradford think the only way the apportionment issue will ever be changed is by a vote at the District meeting. Also voting is the least expensive way to effect the change. Monies consumed in court costs could be used to cover other town expenses.

That is why it is very important for Bradford taxpayers to vote. While official voting records for school meetings are not available, personal recollections are that a very small percentage of Bradford voters attend the school meeting. The 1988 apportionment proposal lost by 237 votes. A stronger showing from Bradford would have made a big difference in the outcome.

#### Workshop Group invited to Japanese Doll Festival

On Thursday, March 12, Keiko and Emmy Keays will host the Workshop Group in their home on West Road at noon with the usual bag lunch. Guests will participate in a traditional Japanese harbinger of spring known as the Doll Festival. For directions to the Keays' home, call 938-5182.

Celebrated in Japan on March 3, the Doll Festival involves families displaying dolls and sipping "amazake," a sweet sake. At this time of year, peach trees are in bloom and the petals are floated in the cups of amazake. The girls and ladies of the house, with their guests, sip this sake to promote health and longevity; and mothers pray for a favorable marriage for their daughters.

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### Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie



Presidential Proclamation #5775, issued in 1988, declared March of each year as Women's History Month. Brown Memorial Library will observe this with a list of books about women. Some have been in the collection for a while, some are new.

Daughters of the Promised Land, by Page Smith, covers more than three centuries of American womankind, covering the ever-changing role of women.

They Pave the Way, by Olive Tardiff, is a history of New Hampshire women. Issued in 1980, this book includes information on Hannah Duston, Ocean-born Mary, Elizabeth Page (Molly) Stark, Celia Thaxter, and Amy Marcy Cheney Beach, born in Henniker, the first woman composer to write a symphony of importance.

In Carolyn Heilbrun's Writing: A Woman's Life, she takes a closer look and presents a new way of looking at the lives of women in writing. She also reveals that in 1963 she began a series with a female detective as the protagonist. She wrote under the pseudonym of Amanda Cross.

We discovered that the series by S.E. Hinton was written by a seventeen-year-old young woman urged to use only her initials in order to get published!

A Woman's Eye, edited by Sara Paretsky, is a collection of American and English detective stories with women protagonists.

Founding Mothers, by Linda DePauw, is about women in America during the Revolutionary era, and is used by young people studying this period.

We also have On Your Own, by Laurie Zuckerman, a woman's guide to building a business. Smart Choices, by Anne Bianchi, is a woman's guide to returning to school.

Lastly, Every Woman's Health—Complete Guide to Body and Mind, by 15 Women Doctors, completes this listing. This is just a sampling of what's available to you at your library.

Library hours: Monday, 9:30-8:00 pm;  
Wednesday, 9:30-5:00 pm; Saturday, 9:30-1:30 pm. Telephone 938-5562.

**First Baptist Church news**

As the church looks ahead to the Lenten season, we celebrate the journey upon which participants in the "Becoming Alive In Christ" adult education series recently embarked. The Maxie Dunnam workbook series will resume following Easter with the focus on "Coping As Christians." Anyone interested in joining the group is asked to speak with Pastor Joyce soon, as lead-time is needed for ordering the workbooks.

A special ecumenical Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 4 at 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Hopkinton. Choir members, along with Pastor Joyce, will again be participating. Area residents are invited to attend.

A swimming party tops the list of youth group activities this month. All sixth through twelfth graders in the community are welcome to attend this FREE event on March 1. Please meet at the parsonage (across from the IGA) at 1:45 pm. We'll carpool to Henniker. For more information, contact Pastor Joyce at 938-2899.

On Tuesday, March 3, the choir will sponsor a Pancake Supper, with continuous seating from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The menu includes pancakes, sausage and applesauce. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under twelve. Proceeds will benefit the church's Organ Restoration Fund.

A special Lenten Bible study series will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the vestry beginning March 18. The theme will be the "I am..." passages of Jesus Christ found in the gospel of John. Residents in the community are invited to join us.

**THE COZY CORNER**

by Mildred Schmidt



"Walking in the woods with wet feet" - is a Bog. We attended Dr. Debbie Dunlop's presentation on the Bradford Bog. She narrated the program and showed slides of the wonderful array of flowers found in the bog. "You walk down the corduroy road to start," says Debbie. Summertime is the best time to visit.

If you were there that evening, I made a lemon supreme cake for refreshments. If you weren't there, here is the recipe!

**Lemon Supreme Cake**

- |                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 pkg Duncan Hines lemon supreme cake | 1 C apricot nectar  |
| 1/2 C sugar                           | 1/2 C vegetable oil |
| 4 eggs                                |                     |
| 3 Tbsp lemon juice                    | 1 C powdered sugar  |

Combine cake mix, apricot nectar, sugar and oil. Beat two minutes at medium speed. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Grease and flour 10" tube pan. Pour batter in pan and bake at 350° for one hour. Remove cake from oven and let cool ten minutes. Prepare glaze by stirring together powdered sugar and lemon juice. Turn cake out of pan onto cooling rack. Immediately spoon glaze over cake. Put cake back in oven for two minutes, then take out and let cool.

Rehearsal is presently underway for a Variety Show, to be held at the Elementary School at 8:00 pm on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28. A donation of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12 will benefit the Organ Restoration Fund. Tickets may be purchased from committee members (Marge and George Cilley, Debbie Lamach, Marcia Strout, and Phyllis Whall) and at Dodge's Store. The chorus practices Sunday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 pm and welcomes new members. Anyone wishing to share their special talent of singing, dancing, acting, etc., may contact Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.

Hour at approximately 11:30 am. Friends are welcome.

The church continues to maintain an emergency food pantry and an informal clothes closet for families in need in the community. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from either of these available resources, please contact Pastor Joyce.

Worship services are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Sunday School for all ages precedes worship at 9:00 am. Fellowship Hour follows at 11:00 am.

On Sunday, March 29, the Board of Christian Education and Missions will sponsor its second annual Sunday School "Maple Sugaring Off" party at the home of Perley and Marcia Strout (Sunshine Farm). An afternoon of food, fellowship and outdoor recreation begins following Fellowship

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# TECH TALK

## by Howard Brooks

Games on a PC are popular for children of all ages. Last month I described our favorite, "Captain Keen." But there are plenty of other excellent games available at very reasonable prices. As I write this, Rachel is playing "Catacomb." Without the neat graphics of "Commander Keen," but still requiring the rapid hand-eye reflex action that youngsters seem so pleased to employ, this game is also very captivating and challenging for youngsters.

"OilCap" is a fascinating and fun game, perhaps more so for adults. "Oilcap" does require a mouse. The mouse is used to connect pipe ahead of an impending oil flow. Pipe units come in left and right elbows, straights, and cross pieces. The points gained as you do this from one screen to progressively harder screens causes quite an addiction. (Plumbers please note!)

"Captain Keen," "Oilcap," and "Catacomb" are all shareware games and would be listed in the various shareware library catalogs. Should you opt for a commercial game, we recommend "Prince of Persia." Priced at \$34.95, the graphics are

superior. Our hero walks, runs, jumps, climbs and fights realistic sword fights within the walls and rooms of the Sultan's palace in old Persia. The object is to guide the prince to save the princess from marrying the ruthless sultan. The animation of the players in this video drama are amazing to me. Be sure you have a VGA monitor, and a joy stick is a must. Although the details depicted when our prince meets his often too frequent demise are sometimes a bit too graphic, "Prince" offers the toughest challenge of any game available today...it's hard to beat! No one here has yet.

So we in the Brooks household give two "thumbs up" to the above games. I trust those of you who try them will agree. See you next month. Good gaming!



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### Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a slide program on Friday, March 13 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New London, at 7:30 pm. The topic, "Bats," will be presented by Cheri Phillips of the NH Audubon Society. Contact person is John Robie, 938-2057.

Come build your own bluebird house on Saturday, March 21, at the home of Clare Bensley, Between the Mountains Farm. This workshop is open to families and individuals, with a small charge for materials. Soo-Nipi Chapter members will have the houses cut out. Information for the location, care and maintenance of the birdhouse will be provided. To register for the workshop, call Clare at 938-5482.

The Soo-Nipi Chapter will sponsor a field trip to Holt's Ledge at Dartmouth Ski Way, Lyme Center, to view peregrine falcons. This trip will take place on Saturday, March 28, under the direction of Samuel Smith, who operates a falcon program in the Hanover area. Mr. Smith will provide an orientation prior to the hike. Included in the day's program will be a side trip to Wilder Dam to see the resident bald eagle. Bring scopes and binoculars. Contact Clare Bensley, 938-5482, for details.

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**New babies born to Bradford families**

A son, Austin Donald was born to Mr. & Mrs. Albert LeBlanc of Water Street on January 24 at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester.

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# GARDENING

by Fred Winch  


As I write this, there is less than a week left in February--there is no snow on the ground, much of the ice is gone--amazing for Bradford! The seeds have arrived, there is an itch to plant something. Moreover the sugar bushes are tapped, the hawks are returning. How do we satisfy that itch?

Seed catalogs have ideas to help you with the process. There are baby greenhouse trays, pots, heat pads, and artificial soil. First, consider the needs of the plants to be grown. Will they be tomatoes and peppers or marigolds and asters. Tomatoes take about two months to reach the size for outplanting. The date of the last frost determines that event. Here it is between May 20 and May 30. Thus, to have good homegrown plants, the seeds should be planted March 15 to 20. The marigolds, depending on kind, will take a shorter time to reach outplanting size ... probably six weeks or less.

What's the process? You can invest any amount you wish to get the supplies. I usually use last year's composition seed flats, about 5" X 7" X 3" deep, a bag of growing mix available in plastic bags holding from four quarts to two bushels, and waterproof trays to hold the flat. A "grow mix" of peat moss, ground bark, perlite, and a dash of nutrients based on a formula developed more than twenty years ago by Cornell University. This formula holds moisture, develops a good root structure, and is easy and light to handle. For best results, place enough of the grow mix in a plastic bag, add water, and leave it overnight, mixing it a couple of times.

Place the moistened mix in the flat, firm it slightly, make several rows the length of the flat about 1/4" deep with a plant stick. Then seed your tomatoes thinly. Mark each row, two or three varieties may be

planted in the flat. Then cover with grow mix and firm again. Cover the flat with plastic wrap held in place with a rubber band. Water the flat from below. Once the seeds germinate, remove the plastic. When the seedlings develop a second set of leaves, they should be transplanted into Jiffy peat pots. These are square to take up less room and are usually sold with trays holding a dozen pots. Clay or plastic pots take up more room as they are round. In either case, fill the pots with grow mix, seedlings planted, and keep moist but not wet.

A second method which requires less space is to get trays of Jiffy-7 peat discs, which expand to three times their size when placed in water. Enlarge the indentation with a pencil and place two or three seeds in the hole and cover with grow mix. Cover with plastic until the seeds germinate, watering from below. As the seedlings grow, clip off the weakest in each pot and leave the best. If needed, the whole Jiffy-7 pot may be placed in a clay or plastic pot for further growth.

By either method, germination will be faster if a source of heat is supplied from below, such as a radiator, on top of the refrigerator, or a rack above and to one side of the stove. Sunlight is NOT needed until the green leaves show. Then it is essential. To supply light from "grow lights," arrange lights over the plants for 12-15 hours daily. Follow the directions for use supplied by the manufacturer of the bulbs.

Faster growing plants, such as marigolds and other annuals, will take less time from seeding to planting outside. They may be grown in flats, as the tomatoes, or in "marketpaks," a plastic container of six units in which you place the grow mix and one seedling trans-planted from the germinating flat. If you saved the "paks" in which you bought plants last year, they will work well. Another method is to buy a supply of Jiffy-9 peat pots, and plant 2-3 seeds in each enlarged indentation, covering the seeds. When partially grown, pinch out the weaker ones and grow the plants either under "grow lights" or in a bright sunny window until the "frost free" date of planting.

There are many starting helps available from your garden supply store or your catalog seeds man. It is an early spring challenge to get those plants agrowing.



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# Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

*Ed. note: We welcome a new contributor to our staff, Mary Keegan-Dayton. Mary will be writing on subjects involving young children. She has two children, a daughter, Maggie, five years old, and a son, Padrick, one and a half.*

As a mother at home managing a couple of rascals, I've been searching for children's activities and creative ideas to help occupy our often fun-filled days. I'm thinking of activities which can turn an ordinary afternoon into a magical adventure.

Our trip this month was to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord to see the "Wonderful Sky" program designed for preschool children. From rainbows, to sunsets, to the distant twinkling stars, children are introduced to the wonders of the day and night sky by Sesame Street characters. At the age of five, my daughter Maggie, was enchanted by questions posed by life-size images of Bert, Ernie and Big Bird brought to life on the sky above. She was able to count stars of the Big Dipper with the "Count" and sing a familiar song about rain with Oscar the Grouch.

Maggie and I ventured on this trip with a group of twenty preschool and kindergarten age children. The lobby of the Planetarium has some interesting hands-on, experiential activity tables for children. Building star ships, making pattern puzzles, magnet games, and creating tornadoes are a few attractions offered while waiting for the show to begin.

"Wonderful Sky" was produced by New York's Hayden Planetarium, in conjunction with the Children's Television Workshop. Special rates are available mid-week for school groups by reservation only at \$1.50 per child. Saturday showings at 11:00 am are scheduled for March 7, 21 and April 4 and 18 at \$3.00 per child. Reservations are recommended by calling 271-STAR. The Planetarium is located on the NH Technical Institute campus in Concord.

There are several versions of the "Wonderful Sky" show and Maggie is interested in going to the Planetarium again. Igniting her interest in science and astronomy made this trip educational and worthwhile.

## Kearsarge Reel, continued

Mr. Dauray then briefly discussed a possible economic development grant. While working with the NH Department of Economic Development, they learned of federal grant money available to encourage business development in local communities. Early research shows the possibility of a grant of \$400,000.

The grant would come through the state to the Town of Bradford. The town would lend the entire amount of the grant to help finance the Canadian project and upgrade the facilities. The loan would be repaid with interest in installments. The loan payments received by Bradford would be unencumbered money and could be spent in any way the town determines, providing it was for "development purposes."

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## Hopkinton German Exchange Program

The German Exchange has been an integral part of the Hopkinton High School curriculum since 1975. Since that time over three hundred teenagers have taken part in the program, which is a direct month-long exchange between Hopkinton High School and Mannlich Gymnasium in Hamburg/Saar, Germany.

From mid-April to mid-May in odd-numbered years, a group of 18 to 25 students from Hopkinton stay with host families in Hamburg, where they attend school six days a week and enjoy an immersion experience in the language and culture of Germany.

In the month of October, the German partners come to Hopkinton and are given a comparable immersion experience here in New Hampshire.

The program is offered at low cost to all students of German at Hopkinton High School. It has been rated by virtually all participants as the top academic experience of their high school years.

The only fundraising activity for the program is an annual flea market at Maple Street School, held during the month of March. (See ad to left.) --David Savage

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**Fish and Game Club News**

The Bradford Fish and Game Club's February calendar of events was full with their annual president's breakfast, ice fishing derby, and club banquet.

February 9th, supported by twenty inches of ice on Lake Todd, eighteen young people under the age of 16 faced cold, windy, blustery weather. Warmed by a bonfire on the island, their goal was to compete for \$90 in three categories. The winners were:

**Pickrel Class-**

Joshua Raymond, 18 5/8 inches  
Lindsey Wheeler, 14 1/2 inches  
Brad Wheeler, 13 5/8 inches

**Perch Class-**

Jessica Wheeler, 10 1/4 inches  
Brad Wheeler, 10 1/4 inches  
Hazen Jonah, 9 1/2 inches

No bass were caught.

Everyone had a great day. Hungry fishermen were fed hamburgers and hot dogs donated by the Bradford IGA. Special thanks also go to Dickie's Bait and Tackle and Digger Day's Artesian Wells for furnishing the ice augers.

The president's breakfast preceded the annual derby. Members and guests dined on a fabulous meal cooked up by master chef and club president John Mock. This year a special treat of venison sausage was donated by member Jim Wayland.

On Tuesday evening, February 11, Bryanna's Restaurant in Mt. Sunapee hosted the Fish and Game Club's annual banquet. 35 members and their guests enjoyed a relaxing evening, complete with a social hour and delightful meal.

The Clubhouse is located on Gillingham Drive. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 pm. All are invited to come and join. --Lance Rickenberg

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# SPORTS *By Laurie Buchar*

Do you ever tire of your morning commute? Sipping cold coffee with one blurry eye on the road? Dreading the pressures of the work day ahead? Picture yourself sheathed in Spandex, adrenaline pumping, travelling that same road on a bike! That's what Frank Bagley does every day en route to his job at Yankee Book Peddler in Contoocook.

Frank is in his 40s and is not your typical jock. He never went in for sports much until about a year ago when he spotted a bike that he just had to have in a catalog. At that time Frank, an ex-smoker, was experiencing the weight battle that commonly accompanies the quitting of the habit. So he ordered the bike and committed himself to fitness.

This has involved a few changes for his family too. They have added health food to their diet, although daughter Felicia, age 18, says, "There are some foods I won't try!" Frank also shares his home on Bagley Hill Road in Bradford with wife Sally and son Phillip, age 15. The whole family likes to bike for fun. Last summer Phillip and Frank took a week to bike north through New Hampshire to the Canadian border and back. For Frank, clearly biking has become more than a commitment and commute.

Maybe you've seen him on his daily 30-mile trip. Frank and his bike hit the roads in all types of weather. In winter, the Spandex is hidden under his overalls and boots. A stocking cap pads his helmet and the tunes from his Walkman fill his head. No grogginess nor stress for this man who has found a way to start the day right!

If you think biking would be a good addition to your lifestyle, you should check out the Ped'ling Food bike shop in Hillsboro (464-5286). They offer all types of equipment and service, plus guided rides every month of the year. Maintenance clinics, community education, racing information, and a great newsletter are all a part of the infectious enthusiasm of the place. I've heard that March is the best month for fun in the mud on a mountain bike. Gear up for a healthy spring!

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# March Calendar

## March 2, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Order of the Rainbow for Girls, 7:15 pm

## March 3, Tuesday

Meet the Candidates Night, Elementary School, 7:30 pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, First Baptist Church, 5:30-7:00 pm

School district bond hearing and public review of proposed addition to Sutton School, school at Sutton Mills, 7:30 pm  
tour of existing building, 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm

## March 5, Thursday

Library short story discussion series, "The Displaced Person," by Flannery O'Connor, 7:00-9:00 pm

KRSD meeting, high school, 7:30 pm

## March 7, Saturday

"New Hampshire - the first 10,000 years," with Howard Sargent. First Baptist Church, 7:30 pm. Free program sponsored by the American Baptist Women's Ministries.

## March 9, Monday

Women's Club Calico Workshop, Mountain Lake Inn, 9:30 am (see article pg 2)

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

## March 10, Tuesday

Town meeting voting, Town Hall, noon - 7:00 pm

## March 11, Wednesday

Town meeting, Elementary school, 7:00 pm

## March 12, Thursday

Friends of the Library, 7:30 pm

## March 16, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Order of the Rainbow for Girls, 7:30 pm

## March 17, Tuesday

Bradford Women's Club, Church Vestry, 1:30 pm; "Legacy of the Loon," public invited

Preschool-Kindergarten meeting, 7:15 pm

## March 18, Wednesday

Parent-Teacher Club, childcare available, 7:00-8:30 pm

Order of the Eastern Star, St. Peters Lodge, 8:00 pm

## March 19, Thursday

Kearsarge Regional School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 pm

## March 21, Saturday

School District meeting, 9:00 am High School  
(NOTE MORNING START)

## March 24, Tuesday

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

## March 25, Wednesday

Historical Society, 7:30 pm

## March 27, Friday

Variety show, Elementary school, 8:00 pm; benefit for Baptist Church Organ Restoration Fund

## March 28, Saturday

Variety show, Elementary school, 8:00 pm; benefit for Baptist Church Organ Restoration Fund

## March 30, Monday

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

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

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