



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

April 1993

Town elections add new faces to town offices

In town elections held on March 9, more than the usual number of new people were elected to hold office because of the contested elections, incumbents choosing not to run, and filling positions for the newly created Cemetery Board.

In a major upset, Marcia Keller defeated incumbent Dick Hambrecht for the Selectman's opening. The only other contested town office was Cemetery Commission for 3 years. In that race, Laurie Sweet Brown defeated Tom Riley.

The town budget committee began the campaign period with two openings and one candidate. It became a contest of write-ins, with Marvin Rich defeating Robin Steiner and Madeline Mullen. Peter Fenton, the board member up for reelection, won with 321 votes.

Both KRSD positions, school board representative and municipal budget committee representative, were open due to incumbents choosing not to run

Town Meeting 1993

This year's town meeting was marked by a spirit of cooperation and support for town departments, but a call for more detailed information and increased long-range planning. Voters reflected an understanding and appreciation for the town's responsibilities, but asked to be informed on matters which they were being asked to vote on.

This lack of information and upfront planning was the reason behind the one large war-

rant article defeat. Both were fierce contests, with Dick Keller defeating Ken Smith for school board rep and Bernie Lamach winning the municipal budget committee position, defeating Jon Steiner.

Voters were also asked to decide on ten proposed amendments to the Bradford Zoning Ordinance. Most were "house-keeping" matters, but Amendment 7, which concerned the process for approving gravel pits, had an intense campaign mounted for its defeat. The opponents succeeded in defeating that amendment 239 to 155. All other zoning amendments passed.

Here are the election results with final vote counts:
Selectman: Hambrecht, 192; Keller, 227
Trustee of Trust Funds: Du-mais, 350
Library Trustees (3 elected): Sil-lars, 351; Leathers, 323; Hunt-Szymkowitz, 346

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rant article defeat. The request to purchase a fire department pumper, at a total cost of over \$180,000, was defeated by seven votes, with 2/3 required for passage. Residents asked many questions concerning the bid process and exactly what was being purchased. The confusion raised when it was noted that the necessary public hearing had not been held prior to the vote eventually led to the defeat of the warrant article.

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Gas contamination problems continue on Main Street

The gas leak problem which has kept the Lake Sunapee Savings Bank building closed since January became visible to the community on Thursday, March 25, when gas bubbled out of the ground in the area of the gas pumps at the Bradford Marketplace. The gas ran down the side of Main Street, collecting in low areas. Officials from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services responded to the situation by placing absorbent materials along the side of the road. They determined that the leak did not pose a danger to residents in the area. It appeared to the engineers that the emergence of the gas at the surface resulted from changes in the water table due to thawing of the ground.

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Bradford's block grant monies inching closer to disbursement

The Selectmen met with state officials in Bradford on March 26th to discuss the status of the community development block grant. Bill Ray, Office of State Planning, called the meeting to inform the Selectmen of changes made to the process by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The changes involve more detailed accounting of the grant monies during the period that the state is involved and more stringent regulations on the money's reuse.

Following the meeting, state officials toured the New Kearsarge Corp. facilities with the owners.

Bradford's application is on the agenda for review by the CDBG Advisory Board on March 30.

Naughton sentence linked to Bradford cleanup

Judge Peter Fauver cited the defendant's "atrocious environmental record" as he sentenced George Naughton to three years in jail following his conviction on three counts of illegal dumping in the town of Alton. The actual time in jail is linked to the required clean-up of the Bradford landfill. Of the three years, one and a half years must be served, six months are suspended, and the third year will be deferred only if Naughton proves that he is in compliance with all outstanding court orders and fines.

Assistant Attorney General Leslie Ludke reports that this very definitely includes the closure of the Bradford site and full payment of back taxes. To date, the engineering study for the closure, which was due on January 1, 1993, has not been submitted, nor has any request for an extension been forthcoming.

An appeal to the NH Supreme Court within the required 30 days is expected and, pending the outcome of such an appeal, Naughton is free on \$25,000 personal recognizance bail.

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M.C. Perley Strout reports that little Jessica Wheeler (she stole the show last year) will give her not-to-be-missed rendition of "It's a Small World." Reappearing this year is Peter Lawlor with his guitar, the Whitestones gospel group; Marcia Strout tapdancing to "Buttons and Bows"; students from Camille's Dance Studio. The Coyote Chorus will be singing country and western songs, with solos by Clark Phillips and Bob Shevett.

For nostalgia buffs, the "Barn Dancers" will perform two square dances, called by Bradford's own Frank Fortune. Fred Brown will tell stories with a down-home flavor. The talented two-some of Lindsey Wheeler and Stacey Page will not only dance, but sing too. Barbara LaPlume and Bob Shevett will compete with each other in singing "Anything You Can Do."

Director and publicist is Michael LaPlume; hairstyling and makeup, Marlene Freyler; sound system, Whitestone; staging, Perley Strout; stage manager, Lucille Shevett; and production support, Dick Whall.

Members of the chorus are Barbara LaPlume, Judy Brown, Marcia Strout, Lindsey Wheeler, Stacey Page, Jessica Wheeler, Clark Phillips, Bob Shevett, Perley Strout, Bernie Lamache, Peter Lawlor, with Debbie Lamach on piano.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12, and are available at the door.

Conservation program with Dr. Dunlop presented by ABWM

In keeping with our theme, Rooted for Ministry, the American Baptist Women Ministries will present a program on conservation with Dr. Debra Dunlop on Tuesday, April 6. Dr. Dunlop is an assistant professor of biology at New England College. Her talk will focus on slides of peatlands in eastern North America and slides of the Bradford Bog. Debra is a long-time local resident who first worked in the Bradford Bog as a student at New England College in 1976.

ABWM members will meet at 7:15 pm for a business meeting. The program with Dr. Dunlop will begin at 8:00 in the church sanctuary and refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome to attend. —Marcia Strout

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Pauline Dishmon is a retired news reporter who wrote weekly columns and news articles for two Massachusetts weekly newspapers and was also a reporter for the *Argus Champion*. Her stories, articles and word games have appeared in magazines such as *Jack & Jill*, *Child Life*, and *True Love*. She is presently working on two long-term writing projects.

The program will be held on Thursday, April 22 at 7:30 pm at the library. A Friends of the Library planning meeting will begin at 6:45 pm, preceding the talk. All neighbors and Friends are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. —Audrey Sylvester

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The spring term begins April 6 and runs through mid-May. Courses presented during the spring term include: Geography, The Civilization of the Etruscans, Art Appreciation, Understanding Islam, King Lear and The Tempest, Emily Dickinson.

Bradford students make high school honor roll

The Kearsarge Regional High School honor roll for the second quarter includes many Bradford students. Congratulations to every one and keep up the good work!

Heather Beaton, Peter Fenton, Sheldon Hall, Rachel Herman, Jodi Lalla, Mark Leonas, Erin McKenna, Summer Sargent, Jeffrey Schou, Nathaniel Sironen, Benjamin Smith, Maori Stanton, Jaye Stilwell, Michael Thompson.

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Rabies clinic and dog licensing offered to pet owners on Saturday, April 10

On Saturday, April 10, Dr. Jolyon Johnson, of the Wendell Veterinary Clinic, will provide a rabies clinic in Bradford to inoculate household pets. The clinic will be held at Joe Battle's barn from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 per pet and is open to all area residents.

Because of the increased incidences of rabies, rabies vaccination certificates are required when licensing dogs with the Town Clerk. As a public service, Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk, will be at the clinic on Saturday to license dogs. It is important for residents to know that as of January 1, 1993, the state requires that cats be vaccinated against rabies. Also, ferrets can carry rabies and should be vaccinated. The clinic is sponsored by the Bradford Bridge.

Historical Society update

Ten inches of snow and dire predictions of freezing rain prompted cancellation of the March 24 meeting of the Society. The rescheduled "Back to Business" meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 pm at the Old Post Office.

Although a final resolution to the Dodge Farm proposal will be the key issue, we will also have reports on the upcoming events, including the Strawberry Festival, a fund-raising dinner, the Bi-Centennial celebration of the District One Schoolhouse at old Bradford Center, and a bi-annual yard sale (so start thinking about those items that you no longer wish to dust or otherwise continue to house).

Come join us on Wednesday the 7th and help us move ahead. —Dick Keller

Conservation Commission news

The Conservation Commission would like to thank Bradford voters for their support of Article 22 officially designating the Pearle Town Forest, and for their approval of the amendment which raised our budget from \$600 to \$1,600.

The additional \$1,000 will be placed in the Conservation Commission Conservation Fund, authorized by RSA 36-A:5. This will bring the balance of the fund to \$1,973.06. Money in the fund can be used for purchases of land or easements or transaction costs. Even if land is donated or a conservation easement is given to the Conservation Commission, expenses are still incurred. Transfers of property require title searches, boundary surveys, and legal work.

The Conservation Fund has been used in the past for land protection projects. In 1990, \$300 was used for the purchase of the Dodge lot in Blood Meadows. Expanding the Bradford Bog tract and obtaining better frontage cost \$350 in 1988.

The Conservation Commission will continue to evaluate properties for their potential to serve the conservation interests of the residents of Bradford. Currently we are looking at ways to protect several important wetlands, the Bradford Springs hotel site, and parcels near the Lowe State Forest.

On April 24th at 9:00 am, the Conservation Commission will take a walk through the Pearle Town Forest and discuss plans for the property. All are welcome. Call Amy Blitzer for more details.

EARTH DAY NEWS. Earth Day is April 17. Take pride in Bradford and join in our road clean-up. Watch for the second annual Earth Day Bake Sale at the transfer station.

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—Tammara Van Ryn and Amy Blitzer

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To the editor:

I would like to personally thank Steve Vitale, the officer who recently filled in at our bus stop, at the corner of Route 114 and Main Street. It was a delight to see that corner calm and orderly. But the real treat was to see this officer walking the younger children down Route 114 to the beginning of Center St. in a single line. For the first time, these children were protected against the fast traffic on 114. Thanks Steve for going the extra mile.

--Mandy O. Mullen

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soar overhead thru the heavens
I watch, I dream
wish I could follow
in my little red sports car.

-- Mildred Schmidt

OBITUARY

Clair A. Stowell

Clair "Buster" A. Stowell, 64, of Woodhill Village, Henniker, died March 7 in Florida Hospital in Apopka, Fla.

Stowell was born in Peterborough and had lived in Bradford most of his life, moving to Henniker in 1988.

He had been employed as a foreman by Walker Power Co. in Warner for many years and had been a security guard with Capitol Security in Concord.

He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member and had been the organist for several years at the Henniker Congregational Church. He had served many area churches as organist, including those in Bradford, Bradford Center, and South Newbury.

He was a former youth group leader at the Bradford Baptist Church and had been a former Boy Scout leader. He was also active in the Concord Players and had given organ concerts.

He leaves a sister, Edna Ferguson of Colville, Wash.; nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his mother Myrtle B. (Ashford) Cummings, who died in 1988 and a brother, Eugene Cummings, Jr., who died in 1992.

Spring burial will be in the Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Henniker Congregational Church, P.O. Box 625, Henniker 03242.

OBITUARY

Charles H. Page

Charles H. Page, 88, of High Street, died March 7 at New London Hospital. He was born in Sheldon Springs, VT, and had lived in Bradford for most of his life.

Page had been a foreman for the railway postal service for 37 years, retiring in 1972. He had also been a caretaker at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Henniker and St. Mary's Church in Contoocook, where he was a member.

He was a former member of the Bradford Fire Department. He was also a member of the Retired Federal Employees Association and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He leaves his wife, Ruth (Webster) Page of Bradford; five sons, Charles H. Page Jr. of Fredricksburg, Va., Thomas K. Page, Francis A. Page, and Anthony M. Page, all of Bradford, and John W. Page of Concord; three daughters, Annie P. Cash of Tulsa, Ok., and Mary R. Seymour and Jeanette L. Patten, both of Concord; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Carl Page of Gilford; several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on March 11 at St. Theresa's Church in Henniker. Tom Page delivered an eloquent eulogy at the service. Spring burial will be in Sunny Plains Cemetery in Bradford.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Bradford Rescue Squad, in care of James Raymond, Bradford.

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Facilities Committee report available to townspeople

The final report of the Facilities Committee has been printed and is available at the Selectmen's office for \$3.00. Copies are also available for loan at the library. Interested residents should read the report before the public hearing, planned for early June. Chairman Glendon Mayo commented that this report is the recommendation of the committee. It is up to townspeople and the selectmen to assess the recommendations, consider alternatives, and then make a final decision on what facilities are appropriate for particular town functions.

The report provides an extensive evaluation of the three buildings assigned to the committee for study: Town Hall, Library, Central School. It describes current conditions, recommended corrections, and proposed re-use of the buildings. The committee proposes that the town hall be designated as a "town function building," providing a kindergarten classroom, library annex and public meeting space for local organizations. The town offices would move to the Central School, which would be upgraded to serve as the Town Administration Building. The library would continue in its present location, with some upgrading, and would have access to the "library annex" at the town function building.

The committee made three recommendations. The first was for the town to establish a permanent facilities committee. The report noted that "The duty of providing continuity and program management of town-owned facilities falls on elected and staff personnel who are already heavily burdened with other requirements, leading to a lack of a consistent and coherent facilities maintenance program." The committee should review and approve all repairs, remodeling, alteration and renovation of town facilities.

The second recommendation was a proposed five-year chronology for remodeling and re-use of the facilities. Year 1 would be spent undertaking the emergency repairs recommended by the interim report and planning for the re-use of the Central School. During Year 2, work should be undertaken and completed at the Central School; plans made to move the town administration; and planning done for compliance with the Americans for Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) for all other town facilities. During Year 3, the town administration would move to the Central School; repair of exits and remainder of fire code deficiencies at Town Hall would be addressed; A.D.A. work undertaken at all facilities; and begin planning required library work. During Year 4, commence necessary renovations associated with library; finish planning renovations to Town Hall. And during the final year, work would be completed on renovating the Town Hall and the library, as well as all required A.D.A. work on all facilities.

The third recommendation addresses funding grants, which should be investigated thoroughly by the permanent facilities committee.

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Town Clerk's news

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VITAL STATISTICS. Kody Gray Welton was born on March 13 to Debra and Raymond Welton. —Sue Pehrson, 938-2288

Brennans are proud grandparents to triplet boys

Janet and Milton Brennan have had a very busy month grandparenting triplets. Their son Mark and his wife Debbie became parents of three boys on February 25. The triplets were conceived by in-vitro fertilization and are the first to live in New Hampshire. The Brennans reside in Litchfield.

Joshua, 5 lb 13 oz; Wesley, 5 lb, 6 oz; Adam, 5 lb, 7 oz, were the largest triplets ever born at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Janet commented that their births have created quite a stir ... not only were there articles in the Concord Monitor and the Nashua Telegraph, but they were interviewed for the news on Channel 9 and Channel 60.

The triplets had no health problems and were able to be discharged just a week after their birth. Bringing the boys home from the hospital was even more of an adventure than they expected when a snowstorm arrived that day. Janet and Milton then spent two weeks in Litchfield helping Debbie and Mark get settled and scheduled. Mark and Debbie were overwhelmed by the support they received from their neighbors and friends. Debbie describes it as "pieces of help." According to Janet, the boys are very good-tempered and have adjusted to schedules very well. At first they all ate every three hours, but now that they are a month old, they go 4 hours between feedings.



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Gene Fox of the Boy Scouts of America, Daniel Webster Council, presents Eric Chamberland of the Bradford Police Explorer's post #114 with the outstanding Male Explorer of the Year award. This award is reserved for those Explorers who show exemplary community service and a dedication to the post and its activities. In addition to participating with the Bradford Police Department, Eric is also active in the Bradford Fire Department. He helped at the 4th of July celebration by setting up and taking down the equipment, and has been active in all activities relating to these departments since.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

A slide program, "Moose in New Hampshire," will be presented by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter on Friday, April 9, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. Kris Bontaites, Regional Wildlife Biologist and Moose Project Leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, will provide information on this largest of deer species, its habitat requirements, and its relationship to the whitetail deer population. All are invited to attend. For more information, call John Robie at 938-2057.

Due to inclement weather, the Audubon Owl Prowl and Woodcock Watch has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 10, 7:30 pm. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Call Clare Bensley at 938-5482 for information.

The Chapter will sponsor a birding hike to French's Ledges in Plainfield on Saturday, April 17, to look for spring migrants. Experienced birders will be on hand to help with identification. Participants should bring a lunch and meet at Park 'n Ride near Exit 12, I-89, in New London at 10:00 am. Call Clare Bensley at 938-5482 for details.
-Phyllis Curtiss

ELECTION, continued

Scholarship Committee (write-in): Marshall, 65
Cemetery Commission, 2 years: Kittredge, 362; Cemetery Commission, 1 year: Tremblay, 111; Cemetery Commission, 3 years (1 elected): Sweet Brown, 265; Riley, 128
Budget Committee (2 elected): Fenton, 321; (write-ins) Rich, 169; Steiner, 19; Mullen, 72
Planning Board (2 elected): Van Ryn, 286; Verity, 287
Zoning Board: Scribner, 270
School Board rep: Keller, 207; Mitchell, 48; Smith, 147
KRSD Municipal Budget Committee: Lamach, 281; Steiner, 95



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KRSD School Board meetings, by Dick Keller

March was a quiet month, based on the two cursory public sessions of the KRSD School Board, although the month also witnessed the public receptions/interviews of the candidates for superintendent, the annual meeting, and failure of final resolution of the teachers' contract.

As to the superintendent interviews, the time slot for each candidate was a one-hour period on one of three consecutive days in the late afternoon, which certainly limited public participation. Comments by attendees were in support of Dr. Jean Richards, who was the eventual candidate selected by the school board to fill the post.

March 4. Several brief announcements were made, including: approval of funding for the ITC Summer Youth Program, to be available at Bradford Elementary; signage for the federal 'Drug Free School Zone' program; possible increase in state funding to offset town assessment of the KRSD costs; an amendment to the vocational school funding bill, sponsored by Senator David Currier, that would allow the multi-location annual meeting of the KRSD.

Betty Erickson, math teacher at Bradford Elementary, was recognized for a recent award for her article "Mystery of Discrete Math in Elementary Grades," which was accepted for publication in the May issue of the New England Math Journal.

March 18. This meeting was even briefer: covering notice of changes being considered by Legislative Bill HB 615, which would alter the Municipal Budget Act; an-

nouncing that New London, Newbury and Bradford were the only towns requesting bus service to the annual meeting; and stating that Dr. Richards, who was appointed to the position of Superintendent to replace Dr. Goodrow, would be invited to attend the annual meeting.

A final item was the presentation of gifts by Robert Ragazzo, on behalf of the teachers' union, in recognition of the three members stepping down from the school board, including Ellen Hersh from Bradford.

March 20 Annual School District Meeting. Turnout for the meeting was discouraging, with only 82 voters from Bradford participating.

After Article 3, which attempted to rebalance the apportionment of charges assessed to the seven towns of the district, failed once again to muster the required 2/3 vote, a base budget of \$12,733,268 was passed without comment or discussion. The budget total was further increased by \$106,432 for phase one of a five-year computer upgrade plan and \$30,810 to develop a preliminary plan to improve the athletic fields adjacent to the high school. The latter sum was approved even though it was pointed out that a portion of the estimate has already been accomplished, certain information may already be on hand, and volunteers have offered their services to offset a portion of the expenditure.

The spending spree continued with approval of \$25,000 for an additional full-time teacher at Sutton Elementary School, although the funds for this position are already carried within the base budget. The total budget thus increased by 6.9% over last year's budget.

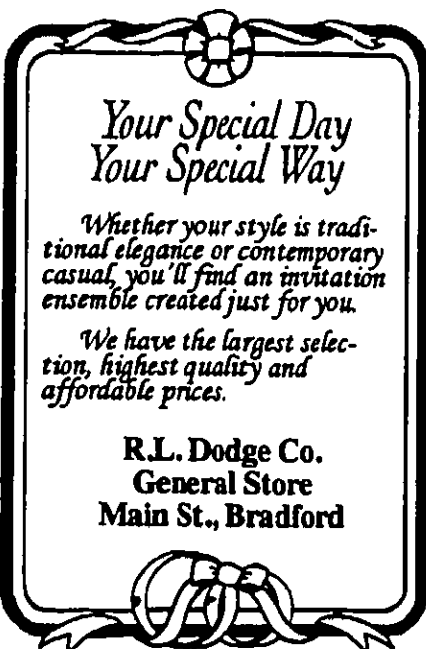
The total cost of the computer upgrade program and estimates for the development of the athletic fields were not forthcoming from either the school board or the administration. However, based on projected costs

and comparable developments, \$600,000 for each would be within the realm of possibility.

Article 10, requesting \$12,000 to finance a multi-location annual meeting with electronic hook-up to Bradford and New London elementary schools, which would offer a solution to the shortage of seating and parking at the high school, was defeated. Article 11, seeking a KRSD kindergarten program, was approved after being amended to create a study committee to address the issue.

The KRSD Taxpayers' Committee for Excellence in Education submitted an article that would require salaries to be voted on as separate warrant items. This was an attempt to avoid co-mingling allocated monies with compensation packages, thus addressing concern for loss of funds for books and supplies. The item was defeated after a bitterly scathing attack on the presenter by Superintendent of Schools Goodrow.

With only 10% of Bradford voters showing up for the annual meeting and only 8 taking advantage of the bus, does this lack of participation indicate satisfaction or frustration? You can be assured that there was no resignation from those who continue to take advantage of and benefit from the apportionment issue, although fairness is at least beginning to creep into the dialogue.



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Review of Selectmen's meetings for March

March 1. Glen Mayo, Eastman Steere and Fred Winch of the Facilities Study Committee met with the Selectmen to submit their report on proposed uses for town facilities. They requested funds to print the report for residents. The Selectmen suggested instead that they ask those interested to pay for a copy to cover the cost of the printing.

March 5, emergency meeting. Selectmen met with Road Agent Arnold Anderson to discuss highway department finances and vehicle maintenance plan. Selectmen also discussed the need to amend the fire truck warrant article, based on information from the Department of Revenue Administration and Town Counsel that a public hearing was required before the town could approve a lease-purchase contract.

March 8. Selectmen met with Budget Committee to discuss unforeseen expenses by the Highway Department, which might create a \$20,000 shortfall by year end. Budget Committee said that their budget was complete and any changes would have to be brought before the voters at town meeting.

Mark Goldberg, Ralph Carroll and Chris Frey met to discuss the fire truck bids. Selectmen suggested that it might be best to amend the article to not reflect a specific fire truck. They also informed the firemen that a public hearing should have taken place prior to town meeting because of the \$100,000 bond/note expenditure. The technicality can be corrected by holding the public hearing after town meeting to ratify the vote, if the article passes.

March 15. Selectman Battles noted the exemplary job of the highway department during the "Blizzard of 93." He suggested a letter of commendation be sent to the department. Board agreed. He also noted that the town was eligible for Federal Emer-

gency Management funds to cover costs incurred during the storm.

Everett Kittredge, Trustee of the Trust Funds, discussed the various capital reserve accounts and how the Selectmen would like them invested. Due to possible early withdrawals, the town building reserve and the highway dept. heavy equipment reserve will be placed in a savings account. It was also decided that the interest from the Sarah Hoyt Memorial Fund will be used for the purchase of books for the library. The Mabel Gardner School Fund will be used for books and magazines for the kindergarten children, which will be made available through the library.

Selectmen received a report from the NH Municipal Association Property-Liability Insurance Trust identifying potential problems with the town hall, library and town shed. The Board will forward the report to the Facilities Committee and will hold a hearing on the Facilities Committee report in June when the full Board will be present.

March 22. Selectman Keller reported that H.C. Gobin has one more year on its contract for trash removal. She noted that Naughton Recycling was behind on its hauler's payments to the town. The secretary will contact him.

Selectmen discussed delinquent taxpayers with the Tax Collector. A list was provided of properties which will be taken for taxes on 3/30/93 unless taxes are paid or other arrangements are made.

March 29. Dick Hambrecht attended to express his concern that a Selectmen's meeting held on Friday, March 26, had not been properly posted. Selectman Battles explained that the meeting had been called on Thursday by state officials to discuss the status of the block grant. Because Kearsarge Reel's financial details would be under discussion, Bill Ray, of the Office of State Planning, informed the Selectmen that it would not be a public meeting.

A Point of View by Luanne Mayo

We have been engaged, over a number of years, in lively discussion, swirling around the words "expect" and "deserve." When confronted with the statement "I don't expect anything of anyone; that way I will never be disappointed," my instant reaction is - Whoa! That's dreadful. At that point, my scanty debating powers leave me. It isn't right, but I am unable to defend my convictions.

In my reading, I came across the rationale that it is completely unfair not to have expectations of others - Great Expectations.

Where along the way, after World War II, did we slide from "expect" to "deserve"? When did we stop assigning goals for ourselves, our children, and our society? We hear over and over again about the failure of our schools to educate. We don't seem to expect our children, or ourselves, to be responsible for achievement, for self discipline, for excellence.

After World War II, the cry was, "I don't want my kids to have to struggle and go through what I did. I want them to have all of the good things this country has to offer and that I can give them." Was that the moment we lost "expect" and hoisted "deserve" as our banner? Was that when we started to say, "I really haven't the energy to teach you to be a responsible disciplined achiever"? Is there perhaps another "deserve" and are we reaping what we have sown?

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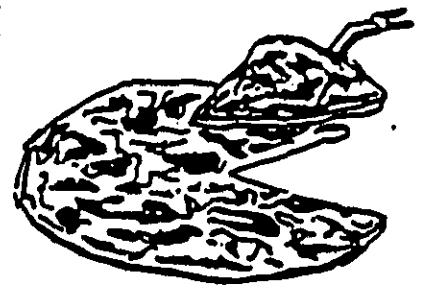
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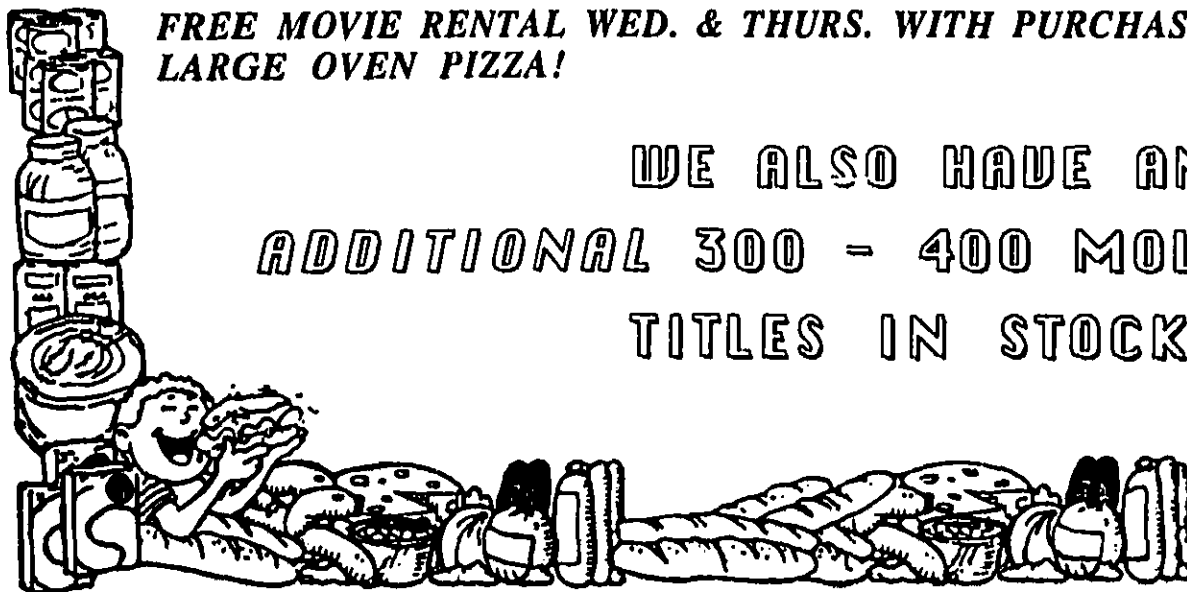
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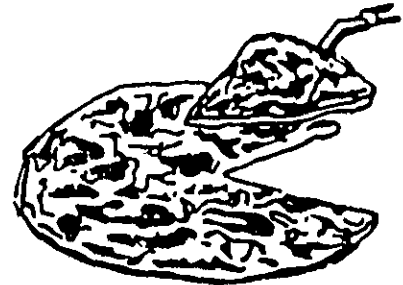
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	Sub	Hoagie, Syrian or Sandwich
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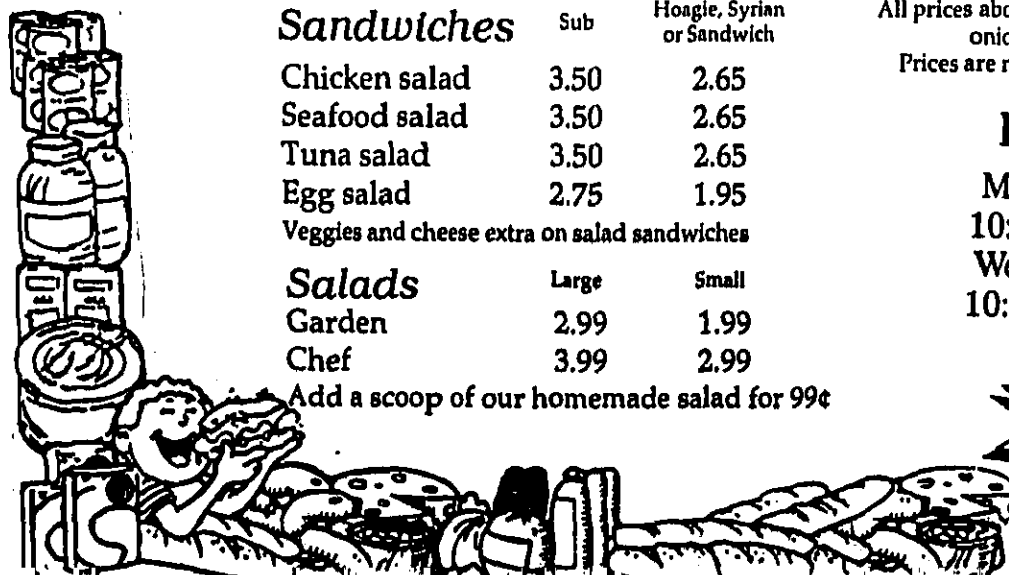
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Some of Pedro's other favorite new experiences were fishing, hiking in the woods, swimming at the town beach, and playing in a grassy yard.

Some friends and co-workers were concerned that kids in the city "grow up fast" and are "street wise." We found Pedro was just like any other nine-year-old boy. At first, he was shy and nervous; but in a few days, he opened up and became an excited little boy who loved to explore this new world outside the city. He was polite, appreciative, and loved to laugh.

It's not expensive to host a child, just an extra plate at the table. In return for opening up your home, you'll receive the good feeling of helping someone less fortunate than you, and perhaps discover a greater appreciation for the place you call home.

For more information on becoming a Fresh Air Host Family, contact Joyce Foley in Warner at 456-3279. — Jon Steiner



Church News
from Pastor Joyce

The arrival of April heralds a bounty of special events in the life of the congregation. We begin the month with a fundraiser to benefit the ministries of the church — our Second Annual Variety Show, which will be held at the Bradford Elementary School on April 2 and 3. Showtime both nights is 8:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door for a donation of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

On Sunday, April 4 we will observe Passion/Palm Sunday. This year we will NOT be presenting the "Journey Through Holy Week," but through worship we will relive the final chapters of Jesus' earthly ministry.

In keeping with this year's program theme, "Rooted in Ministry," and in celebration of the beauty of the earth, the American Baptist Women's Ministries will present a special program on conservation on Tuesday, April 6 at 8:00 pm. Guest speaker, Dr. Debra Dunlop, Associate Professor of Biology at New England College, will narrate a slide presentation entitled "Peatlands of eastern North America and the Bradford Bog." Guests are welcome!

The Wednesday Night Lenten Series, "Praying Our Goodbyes," draws to a close on April 7. A special closing worship service is planned.

On Thursday, April 8, we will pause to remember and celebrate the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples and recall the Passion of our Lord through the readings of the Tenebrae Service. The public is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm for what has been described as one of the most significant worship services of the Christian year.

The church will be open from noon to 3:00 pm on Good Friday for anyone wishing to

meditate. Silence is requested as people gather for prayer vigil and depart as schedules require.

South Newbury Union Church hosts this year's Community Sunrise Service. Members and friends of the Bradford Baptist Church, South Newbury Union Church and the United Church of Warner are invited to gather at 6:30 am at Fire Pond (across from the South Newbury sheds on the opposite side of 103) to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. A breakfast of french toast and sausage follows at Friendship House. A freewill offering will be received to help cover the costs.

A joyous Easter Celebration, complete with trumpet fanfare, is planned for the entire family on April 11. Please join us as, one body in Christ, we sing "Allelulia!" and rejoice in the gift of God's wondrous love! Anyone wishing to donate an Easter lily in memory of someone, or in celebration or thanksgiving of a special blessing, is asked to contact Tillie Wheeler at 938-5431.

This year's special Easter offering has been designated to go toward renovation of the Fisk House. Contributions will enable the Trustees to complete restoration of the downstairs, which will include two conference/classrooms, a handicapped accessible bathroom, a church office and the pastor's study. Donations may be sent to the church in care of Bernie Lamach.

On April 18, the men of the church will lead the congregation in worship as we observe Laymen's Sunday. Please join us as the Word is preached and God is glorified through the expression of unique gifts.

Do What You Have the POWER to Do, a book by Helen Bruch Pearson, will serve as the study guide for the upcoming Wednesday Night Adult Spiritual Growth Series, which begins on April 21. Designed to "help those who desire to be ambassadors of reconciliation and agents of transformation and who seek ministries that call for the best they have to offer," the book (a study of six New Testament women) has proven to be transforming for both men and women. Anyone interested in participating in the final series of the 1992-93 year is asked to contact Pastor Joyce immediately.

In closing, we would like to lift up the wonderful community spirit which exists in Bradford. What a gift to live among people who care so deeply for one another!

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by Mildred Schmidt



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Coffee Crumb Cake

1/4 C butter or oleo	1 C sugar
1/2 pint sour cream (NOT low fat)	2 eggs
2 C flour sifted with 1 tsp baking soda and 1 tsp baking powder	
1 tsp vanilla	
<i>Topping:</i>	
1/4 C sugar	1/2 C flour
1/4 tsp salt	1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp baking powder	4 Tbsp butter or oleo
1/4 C chopped nuts	

Preheat oven to 350°. To make batter, cream together butter and sugar. Add the eggs and mix well. Stir in sour cream and flour mixture. Add the vanilla. Pour batter into greased 9" X 9" square baking pan.

To make topping, stir together sugar, flour, salt, cinnamon and baking powder. Cut in butter with pastry blender or fork until crumbly. Stir in chopped nuts. Sprinkle topping over batter. Bake in 350° oven for 40 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean.



Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Wednesday, February 24th was a cold, clear, perfect winter day. The library had made arrangements for something special during the school vacation! About 9:00 am, a station wagon arrived with a stage tied to the roof and the back end filled with everything else for a performance by Nancy Sander of Roaring Duck Puppets.

Nancy was busy setting up while the library quickly filled to capacity with children and adults eager to meet Boring Alice, who tried to narrate the stories but somehow always seemed to fall asleep. The first part of this one-woman show consisted of flannel board stories. We all loved "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." The Shadow stick puppet stories started Frog and Toad and adventures in their world. After the final story, we all had a chance to go "back-stage" to see how everything worked. It was a great morning for all and we thank the Jacobsen Fund for making it possible.

On voting day, the Trustees had a table at the Town Hall with a library questionnaire. We thank everyone who took a few minutes to fill one out. For those who took the forms home, please return them to the library by April 10th. If you have not filled one out, please contact the library—we want your input!

Wendy Wireman began working as library page in October. She works Saturday mornings. Wendy is a seventeen-year-old junior at KRHS. At the library, she cards and shelves books, as well as checking them out. She also helps out with other duties around the library. She says she enjoys her mornings at Brown Memorial and hopes to continue her library work as long as she attends KRHS.

Sandy Wadlington has given the library one of her posters. It's on display and very much appreciated.

Jane Herbert has completed her term as secretary to the board. She put in countless hours of volunteer work during that time. We thank her and her family for all their endeavors.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment news

The Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment has had a relatively quiet time recently. During the fall, an application for a special exception was accepted and a hearing was held on behalf of Paul and Doreen Fornier. As represented by Don Harrington, the proposed enlargement of their camp on Lake Massasecum was not in conformity with set-back restrictions. After reviewing the evidence, the board voted to grant the special exception.

In January, Sherman and Sharon A. Litchfield applied to build a deck in front of their camp on Lake Massasecum which could not meet the set-back restrictions of the Zoning Code. After visiting the site and holding an open hearing, the board voted to grant the special exception.

The members of the board were issued their official identification cards. When inspecting a site under consideration, a property owner is entitled to verify the identification of the person or persons on his property.

In the election, a new member was elected to the board. Tom Scribner was elected for a three-year term. He replaces Clayton Herbert, who did not seek reelection.

This creates openings for additional alternates on the board. Since it frequently happens that alternates later go on to seek election, this is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested to volunteer. Please contact Russ St. Pierre, chairman of the ZBA, if you wish to be considered for the position of alternate on the board.
-Erin DiBello

MEETING, continued

Voters easily passed the budget and even approved increases to line items for the highway department and the conservation commission. The highway department had incurred an unanticipated expenditure of \$18,500, which required raising their budgeted figure to \$257,500. Tom Scribner requested that the conservation commission budget be increased by \$1,000 to \$1,600 to cover expenses incurred in acquiring properties for the town. The final appropriation for town expenses approved by the voters was \$967,641.

In action on warrant articles, residents voted to purchase a new loader, using capital reserve funds; discontinue the Resident Tax and the use of the Inventory of Taxable Property; establish a town forest on land given by the Pearls; and expend \$13,000 on the first phase of work on town buildings recommended by the Facilities Committee.

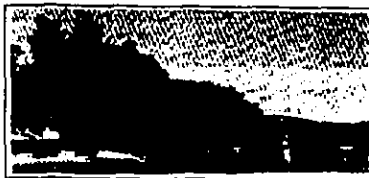
One of the last items of business was to consider changing the classification of five town roads, from Class V to Class VI. After considerable discussion concerning the effect of this action and the lack of official notification of those affected by the decision, voters decided to either pass over or reject each of the articles.



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Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

The alley was cool and our lane was next to the faded orange and yellow burlap wall curtains. The forest green vinyl seats were clumped in small units behind the scoring desk under fluorescent lighting. By day the room seemed dimly lit, resembling a cave. The gleaming wooden lanes stood out amid a dusty decor that hasn't changed much in 26 years.

The bowler stood focused waiting, watching the small candlepin ball slowly roll down the alley heading for its prize. Even at two and a half, he knew what was going to happen. We were Bumper Bowling. Plastic, inflated giant sausage-like bumpers filled the gutters, aiming the ball to the pins set in triangular formation. Bowling has become a family sport. Sixty-three million people in the United States bowl and many alleys are actively seeking this family clientele.

Take B&L Bowl over in Hillsboro. Aside from many adult leagues, they offer children's leagues for ages 6-16 from September to April. The Parent-Child League starts in April on Saturday mornings and runs until June at \$4.00 a week. They are interested in starting a teen league this summer. Bumper Bowling is offered for young children and they invite parents to have bowling birthday parties at the alley.

Sunset Lanes in Newport offers similar embellishments to attract families. But bowling wasn't always that way, according to Leon Valcourt, owner and proprietor of Sunset Lanes. Leon has been bowling for about fifty years. As a young boy of twelve, Leon worked as a pinsetter in a bowling alley in Nashua, a decade before the first automatic pinsetter was used in Brooklyn, N.Y. The game was primarily a men's sport then, according to Leon, and women were infrequently seen in bowling alleys. "Now we try to cater to them, you know, adding flowers and dressing up the alleys a bit."

Bowling alleys resembled pool halls then, with smoke-filled rooms and running late hours. Many bowling alleys still fit that portrait, only the crowd is mixed. And by day, in a sport where there's a certain ease to learning the game, children and their parents are among the bowlers crowding alleyways.

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GAS, continued

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According to Chuck Knox, spokesman for the Dept. of Environmental Services, the state is now negotiating with Karl Salate to determine the best course of action. Under consideration is removing the gas tanks at the Marketplace and replacing them with new ones that meet current standards for environmental protection.

Salate, owner of the Marketplace site, expressed his concern for the environmental impact on the community and neighbors, and is working to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

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Only "transportation enhancement" projects are eligible and each project must go through a selection process. Projects may include:

- Facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- Scenic or historic highway programs
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification
- Historic preservation, including rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Archaeological planning and research
- Mitigating water pollution due to highway runoff

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Robert W. Greer, Director of Project Development for the DOT, says that projects which have the backing of the town will probably stand a better chance of receiving approval. He also stated that simple projects, such as purchasing an abandoned rail corridor, could be approved more quickly than something that requires a great deal of planning and design work.

If you have an idea for a project that Bradford could undertake, now is the time to begin laying the groundwork for the application procedure. For more information, contact Robert Greer at 271-3734. --Jon Steiner

Workshop's April meeting will have Italian theme

An Italian celebration will be the focus of the April 8th Workshop meeting, beginning at 12:00 noon in the Friendship House in So. Newbury.

If you missed the sign-up sheet for this potluck gala and would like to attend, call Clare Bensley, 938-5482, to let her know what you will be bringing. There will be a slide show and musical entertainment; members and guests are encouraged to bring a favorite Italian dish, plus any Italian memorabilia they would like to share with the group.

Anyone interested in helping assemble the Care Boxes that will go to Haven Shelter for battered women and their children should plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early. Guests are always welcome at Workshop meetings and celebrations! Join in by calling Clare Bensley.



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Someone who doubtless knows has said the winter of 1992-93 has totaled 30 snows. One thing we can all agree on is that the heaviest snows came late and stayed long. The ski slopes have had a good year, skiers say an excellent one, but most gardeners are itching to get planting ... at least in the house. It will be some time before our soils warm enough for tilling and planting those spring crops of peas and beets.

There probably are a number of us who are eagerly looking forward to the first vegetable crop of the year - no, not maple syrup, but the crop planted last April or May, good old parsnips. They are a welcome change as they have developed starches from August to December and then changed those starches to sugar with the help of the deep freezes we got from February to April. Enjoy them, they don't last long.

But this month is the time to get on with plantings. One crop needing a long season is onions. I like to start a few flats of onion seed on April 1st. They are easy to start and there are several varieties bred to store well. One of these is Canada Maple. We have been using these late sprouters for the last couple of months. Another good storer is Sweet Sandwich, which seems to get sweeter the longer you store it. The easy way to raise ordinary onions is to plant sets; Stuttgart does well. These sets may be planted as soon as the ground can be worked and they will take right off. I do find that some years the crows (?) seems to pull up the new sprouts once they are an inch or so tall. Do the crows think they are early corn sprouts?

Everyone plants tomatoes! Nearly everyone has a favorite variety and there must be at least 366 different ones in the world. Pick your own, it probably is worth growing. They should be planted inside about 60 days before putting them out (on that first frost-free day). Most of us have probably held off planting them because of the deep snow - "Won't even be able to till the soil for a month," we say, so why clutter up the window sills? However, now that water runs, daylight savings time is here, as are the blackbirds and robins, we're anxious to make up for lost time. To get the seed germinated, plant them in a prepared seed planting mix in flats, pots or cartons. I use Burpees tomato starting mix (which works very well for peppers, eggplant, leeks and the cabbage family too). After seeding the

container and dampening the mix, I cover it with plastic wrap. Set the container in a waterproof tray, and the tray on a heating pad out of the way. Set the heat level to medium for a day or so. Then turn the heat down to low. Usually in five days the seeds are cracking the surface. It's then time to put the trays out on the window sill or under gro-lites until transplanting time. It is amazing how fast they get under way with that bottom heat. What variety to plant? I try three or four varieties each year. Last year my most prolific and earliest staker was Early Cascade, also free-est of disease. Other good choices include Ultra Boy, Early Girl, Delicious or Celebrity.

For my peppers, I try several since each season seems to have a quirk which favors one or another. But the one which seems best two out of three years is Early Niagara Giant. Lady Bell, Ace, Early Canada Bell, and Yellow Bell also do well. Eggplant narrows down to Dusky or the Japanese Ichiban. I like an old standby Early Jersey Wakefield cabbage for a quick spring crop and Stonehead for a later variety. All may follow the same process as for tomatoes with success.

The rapidly melting snow has exposed my early daffodils planted next to the mammoth granite blocks of the house foundation. Today the leaves, about three inches tall, are yellow from the lack of sunlight. But the buds are visible and the promise of blooms within a week or ten days is fairly certain. When I see those, I know that even with a couple more snowfalls (I won't call them storms), the King Alfreds will be ruling the border. And, by the way, the catalogs for the plants of fall bulbs have already started to arrive - be prepared!

New England College Theatre presents "Les Liaisons Dangereuses"

NEC's Theatre Department presents "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" Thursday, April 15 through Tuesday, April 20 in the Little Theatre in Bridges Hall in Henniker. Performances are at 8:00 pm nightly, except Sunday, April 18 when there will be a 2:00 pm matinee only. Tickets are \$5.00 general admission, \$3.00 for NEC students, faculty and staff.

Written by Christopher Hampton, the play is set in France in 1780, just prior to the French Revolution. The play is a keen reflection of life, with the aristocracy, who, to occupy themselves, team up against unsuspecting souls and plot against each other.

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Marcia Keller, Selectman

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April Calendar

Friday, April 2

Variety Show, elementary school, 8:00

Saturday, April 3

Variety Show, elementary school, 8:00

Monday, April 5

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, April 6

ZBA meeting, 7:00 pm

ABWM open meeting on conservation with Dr. Dunlop, church sanctuary, 8:00 (see article, pg. 2)

Bradford Fish & Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 8:00

Wednesday, April 7

Historical Society rescheduled meeting, Old Post Office, 7:30

Thursday, April 8

KRSD School Board meeting, high school, 7:30

Friday, April 9

Whist (\$1.50 pp), refreshments, prizes, Town Hall, 7:30

Saturday, April 10

Rabies Clinic, Battle's barn, 11:00-1:00

Monday, 12

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 13

Planning Board, 7:30

KRSD Budget Committee, high school, 7:30

Wednesday, April 14

Cooperative Kindergarten and Preschool board meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Monday, April 19

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Road Committee, town hall, 7:00

Tuesday, April 20

Cooperative Kindergarten and Preschool parent meeting - dinner meeting, First Baptist Church Vestry, 6:00

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Thursday, April 22

Friends of the Library program, 7:30 (see article, page 2)

KRSD School Board meeting, high school, 7:30

Friday, April 23

Whist (\$1.50 pp), refreshments, prizes, Town Hall, 7:30

Monday, April 26

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, April 27

Planning Board, 7:30

Wednesday, April 28

Historical Society meeting, program to be announced, Old Post Office, 7:30

To list events for the month of May, call Tom Scribner at 938-2286.

Classified Ads

VENDORS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE WANTED. For a children's May Fair in Bradford, sponsored by the Bradford Cooperative Kindergarten and Preschool. For more information, call Barbara Calvert at 938-5186.

FOR SALE. Panasonic word processor, Model #W1505. 713 Kb memory. Excellent for home or school. \$200. Call 938-5310.

FOR SALE. Full-size bed frame with headboard, box spring and mattress, and two matching dressers, appropriate for girl's room. Deacon's bench. Call 938-2350.

ROOMMATE. Log home to share. 4-bdrm, 2 bath; very private. Must like children. If interested, call 938-5403, mornings, early afternoons, or weekends. References a must.

FOR SALE. 1986 Buick Century 8-passenger station wagon, A/C. \$1,500 firm. Call 938-2286.

FOR SALE. Fisher woodstove. 70,000 BTU; takes 16" logs. Excellent condition. \$350. 938-5310.

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APRIL

Snow may come in gusty squalling
Or on fragile flowers be falling,
Then the crystal rain.

Watering the earth still frozen;
That which nature's bounty grows in,
Silver showers again.

Diamond drops from skies descending
Which become with each rain's ending,
Prisms in the sun.

Wisps of winter disappearing,
Tinge of color reappearing,
Greening has begun.

Pale moss green in fronds uncurling,
Yellow-green in catkins twirling;
Trees in bloom once more.

As the many signs of spring show,
You may see the first mosquito
Through the open door.

—Joan Peterke