



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

April 1994

Rabies clinic on April 16

To help protect Bradford against the spreading rabies epidemic, the Bradford Voters Coalition will sponsor its second annual rabies clinic at Battles Farm on Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 to noon. Veterinarian Jolyon Johnson will provide rabies shots for all household animals. He reminded cat owners that the law requires all cats, including barn cats, to have rabies shots. To make sure the clinic runs smoothly, Johnson will vaccinate all animals in the vehicles they come in.

Town Clerk Sue Pehrson will also participate, providing annual dog registrations.

Dr. Carey Rodd, Bradford Health Officer, encourages residents to talk to their children about avoiding contact with wild animals. Make sure they understand the danger posed by wild animals today.

It is a common misconception that an individual must be bitten by a rabid animal to be exposed to the virus. So far this year, more than 25 people in New Hampshire have had to undergo treatment, and none was bitten by a wild animal. The virus can be transmitted by contact with the saliva or blood from a rabid animal. This can happen when a pet owner handles a household pet that has been in contact with a rabid animal.

To illustrate how rapidly rabies is spreading northward, in the first ten weeks of this year, 24 towns have reported a total of 31 rabies cases. Last year, only four towns had reported seven cases by this time. With spring coming, officials are concerned that more rabid animals will be coming out of hibernation.

[See article on tips to avoid non-bite exposure on page 12]



TOP HATS AND TAP SHOES

3rd annual Variety Show chorus will perform on April 15 & 16. Front row, left to right, Bob Shevett, Francis Page, Stacey Page, Lindsay Wheeler, Samanha Wheeler, Jessica Wheeler. Back row, Clark Phillips, Marcia Strout, Roy Hopkins, choreographer Sue West Dodge, pianist Deborah Lamach. Photo by Bob Shevett

Town meeting voters approve major capital expenditures

After all the discussion and concern expressed about the cost to taxpayers of the proposed town warrant articles, voters easily passed most of them. The loader/backhoe passed on reconsideration, after failing by two votes on the first ballot. Lease/purchase of the fire pump truck, at a total cost of \$177,072, was approved. The first year's payment of \$65,000 will be made from capital reserve funds. The lease/purchase contract agreed to requires that each year's payment be approved by the voters.

Easter bunny comes to town

On Saturday, April 2, the Easter Bunny will hide eggs in Bradford. The event begins with storytime at the Church Parish Hall at 11:00 am. Megan Hunt-Szymkowicz invites all preschool children to "meet our furry big-eared guest of the day." An Easter egg hunt follows on the library lawn.

Parents are asked to be prompt for storytime so the eggs can be hidden outdoors. Children should bring their baskets and dress for wet conditions.

After some discussion about the Facilities Committee's plans, voters approved the \$50,000 warrant article to begin work on the Central School. Voters approved \$30,000 for bridge repairs, \$50,000 for road sealing, and \$3,800 (half reimbursed by a grant) for an audio/video system for the police cruiser. The only warrant article to be defeated was for an additional full-time police officer.

A permanent part-time secretary for the police department was then approved, as was membership in the NH

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"Brainstorming" session next step in determining best use of town facilities

The future use of town buildings is up for discussion again. Since the proposed use report was issued by the Facilities Committee and approved by the Selectmen in March 1993, the committee has attempted to follow its guidelines. But in spite of official acceptance of the report's direction, the public, including some Selectmen, has remained unconvinced. This was clearly apparent at the Central School Open House, when residents discussed a variety of alternative uses.

This sense of possibilities unexplored and issues unresolved was a topic for discussion with the Facilities Committee at the March 21 Selectmen's meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that holding a public "brainstorming" session, probably in May, would be a constructive next step. A professional facilitator will be used and all town organizations, as well as interested residents, will be invited to participate. The meeting, sponsored by the Selectmen, will involve pre-meeting preparations to ensure that it is successful in resolving the issue of best use of town facilities.

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Saturday, April 9
9:00 am - High School

OBITUARY**James W. Ainslie**

James W. Ainslie, 87, of Dover, Mass., died February 15 at the Newton Convalescent Home. He was the widower of the late Claire (French) Ainslie, who died in 1969. He was born in Boston in 1906 and had summered in Bradford since 1932.

Ainslie was a graduate of Boston Technical Institute. He had been owner and president of the former Park Gear and Machine Co. of Jamaica Plain, Mass., for 25 years, retiring in 1974.

He had been a member and Past Master of Quincy Lodge, Quincy, Mass. and a member of St. Peter's Lodge #31 in Bradford. He held church memberships at the First Congregational Church in Hyde Park, Mass., and the Dover Church, Dover, Mass. He was a long-time member of the Lake Massasecum Association.

Ainslie is survived by sons Thomas of Quincy, Mass. and Donald of Bradford; grandson, Benjamin James of Bradford; nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree, Mass.

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Spring news from the Kindergarten Kids

The Bradford/Newbury Preschool and Kindergarten has an exciting April in store.

Starting April 19th, we will be selling raffle tickets for lots of wonderful prizes; a garden basket, a beach basket, and much more. Drawing will be on June 3rd. Everyone is a winner when they support our children!

Wondering what to do with the kids during April school vacation? We have a fun solution! Our Music and Magic shows. On Tuesday, April 26th, Kathy Low Block will perform her wonderful music. And on Thursday, April 28th, Jay Dederian will dazzle us with his magic. Each show will be presented upstairs at the town hall from 1:00 to 3:00 and is only \$2.00 per person, including refreshments. See you there!! For more information, call Barbara Calvert at 938-5186. —Donna Marr

**All are welcome ... Come one
come all, by Suzanne C. Vitale**

Bradford Women's Club members have been meeting informally on Mondays to have a bag lunch, play cards, and try to beat the cabin fever blues. On Monday, March 7, Doris Tremblay, Sophie Burke, Lou Signorino, Ruth Page, and Sue Vitale were just sitting down to lunch at the Baptist Church Vestry when two ladies walked in.

Shirley Regal and Doris Hopengarten from Newton Highland, MA and Waban, MA, were waiting for their car to be repaired at the Bradford Car Care garage. They had been on Route 89 going skiing when they had car trouble and pulled into Bradford.

While getting money at the ATM at Lake Sunapee Savings Bank, they spotted a poster inviting all to join our informal lunch and so they did. They even had their own bag lunch with them. They spent a delightful afternoon with us chatting, playing Rummycube and laughing.

When a poster is put up advertising an event, we never know what wonderful responses we will receive.

Bradford Business Association involved in local projects

The Bradford Business Association, at its March 21 meeting, listened to a presentation by Conservation Commission Chairman Amy Blitzer and agreed to support the commission by donating prizes to the Earth Day Cleanup, which will be held on Saturday, May 7. Any business wishing to donate a prize or prizes to this project should contact Howard Brooks, IAM, at 938-2127.

Sherry Chomitz, Family & Friends Garage, and Marlene Freyler, Marlene's Florist Shoppe, made a presentation to the membership of a "welcome" basket. The membership approved the project, and a basket will be given to new residents in Bradford as a welcome gift from the Association.

A mailing has been made to all known businesses in the immediate Bradford area soliciting membership in the Association. Dues are \$12 per year, and all business and professional persons are invited to participate. The goal of the Association is to support and encourage local businesses. If your business has not been approached, please contact Perley Strout, President, at 938-2716. A local map with business listings is a priority project for the Association, and we would like to include as many business as possible.

The next meeting of the Bradford Business Association will be held at Mauri's Hair Design in the Bradford Corners Shopping Center on Monday, April 18 at 7:00 pm.

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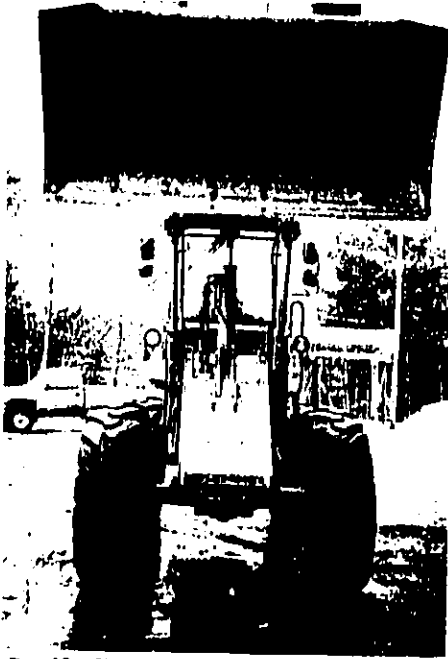
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector news

Town Clerk's office: There will be a Rabies Clinic on April 16 at Battles barn from 10:00 to noon. The Town Clerk will be present to register dogs. The new fee is \$9.00 for males and females, \$6.50 for neutered and spayed animals. To register your dog at the office, a rabies certificate WILL be required.

Tax Collector's office: There will be approximately 100 properties going to lien this year, a considerable drop over recent years.

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Conservation Commission plans to trash Bradford!

This spring, the Bradford Conservation Commission and the Bradford Business Association will collaborate to make the annual Earthday Cleanup more fun and effective. Prizes, donated by Bradford businesses, will be awarded to all who find our specially marked pieces of trash. Conservation Commission members plan to stealthily throw marked trash all around town. At least one piece of trash per mile is our estimate. To participate, all you need to do is clean up Bradford's roadsides on May 7th. (Watch for more details in the May Bridge.)

Come join us on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 am for a work day at the Pearl Town Forest. We want to complete work we started last fall along the front wall - cleaning up brush, freeing up apple trees, etc. We will also do some trail work and try to figure out if more trails are needed.

On May 22 (time to be announced), we'll have a Bog Walk. With a little bit of luck, the Rhodora will be in bloom. Don't be afraid, the black flies and mosquitoes don't appreciate the acidic water in the Bog. Afterward, we'll clean up the brush left at Bradford Springs. -Amy Blitzer

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"China since Tiananmen Square" topic of joint BWC and Friends meeting

The Bradford Women's Club and Friends of the Library will join together for their April 19 meeting. Speaker for the evening will be Dr. Montford Sayce, Professor of Political Science at New England College. His topic will be "China since Tiananmen Square."

The meeting will be held at the library at 7:30. This is Guest Night for the Women's Club. The public is invited to attend and hear this very current topic. Refreshments will be served. Please join us.

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The Fresh Air Fund is seeking families in Henniker, Hopkinton, Hillsborough, Wear, Warner, Bradford, Sutton, and Newbury to host children 6 to 12 years old. If you'd like more information about opening your home and your heart to someone who will appreciate all we have here in New Hampshire, phone Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

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Letters



To the editor:

Public building project planning procedures and basic community safety standards should not be ignored in the rush to "get the police department away from the kindergarten."

I feel the kindergarten can and should find a safer place to operate in right away.

Moving the town offices and police department out of the town hall would be a costly and lengthy process. Years must pass before such a change could be effected.

It is much less expensive to move the kindergarten, and it can be done much sooner. I understand the Central School is restricted to school use; why not move the kindergarten there?

Perhaps the necessary alterations to the Central School could take place during the summer. Three months ought to be enough time to take care of it, and there need be no interruption in kindergarten programs.

The town hall is 247 years old!! It is the major historical building of Bradford, and with proper renovation it will be able to continue to fulfill its historic function beautifully.

So -- let's continue to the use the Town Hall as a town hall -- and bring the kids back to the Central School!

Janet Glover Sillars

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To the editor:

The Pfeifle family always looks forward to Bradford's annual Town Meeting. Over the last 23 years, we have been fortunate to be able to attend each of these important yearly events. It is true democracy in motion; the average citizen has the opportunity to voice his or her opinion and affect the management of their town.

The Town Meeting of 1994 was a memorable event...unfortunately for all the wrong reasons. We spent an historic amount of money without any thought of a planned approach to the capital needs of the Town. There were 15 warrant items which proposed to raise and appropriate funds. The Selectmen and Budget Committee did not agree on 6 recommendations (40% of the time); both bodies jointly recommended against 3 warrants (the Town chose to pass two of the three). Having a consensus on only 45% of the warrants does not provide proper direction.

The Town does not have cohesive character:

- The Selectmen do not seem to agree on anything and seldom take the time to explain their respective positions;
- The Budget Committee and Selectmen are at odds on most significant spending decisions;
- There must be a town five-year capital program;
- The Police Department is off on its own agenda: The Selectmen do not approve of 2 programs involving staffing levels, so the Department decides to put it on the warrant anyway. Who works for whom??
- The Facilities Committee and Fire Department have not sat down and worked on important safety issues; the floor discussion did not leave anyone with a warm feeling.

Bottom line: We seem to be coming apart versus together!! Without direction, the meeting spent money like a bunch of drunken sailors. We were reminded—about ten times—of the importance of the school budget. Believe me, it is important; but it does not make Town business any less important. Let's get our act together and resolve to work to regain a positive attitude and face the future with a thoughtful plan developed with some harmony.

John D. Pfeifle

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To the editor:

We have again made the passage through the rites of spring here in New Hampshire: school meeting and town meeting. This year a renewed and spirited effort was made to revise the KRSD funding formula. The group spearheading this drive, the Equity Coalition, had representatives from all seven towns. They raised money to promote the formula change and raised hopes in the towns most burdened by the present funding formula that this was the year for change.

The change was defeated, needing 2/3 of all voters at the meeting to pass. New London and Newbury stood solidly together. However, the Gomezes from Sutton changed their mind and asked that the article be reconsidered. Low and behold, a miracle had happened. Many single-minded people who had only one issue to pursue had abandoned the meeting. Reconsideration passed. A second chance, a rebirth, another day.

My message to all Bradford voters is this: your opportunity to help your community, yourself, your neighbors, your standard of living, your children and your children's children is April 9th. You must attend and vote. Many people will attempt to help you be present on April 9th, but we all know that only through self-motivation will each of us attend.

We will be judged as a community on our commitment to the democratic process. Bradford historically has had high voter participation in elections, but low participation at school meetings. If we want our town to function effectively, then the school funding formula must change and WE must do it. Bradford, it's time to make a difference. Yes we can. See you April 9th.

Tom Scribner



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2. No charge or fee or ticket is required to win.
3. The name of every registered voter, list on the 4/9/94 Bradford voters' list, will be included in the drawing. A name will be drawn and checked against the list. If the drawn name was checked off for voting at the meeting, that person wins. If not checked off, that name will be discarded and the process repeated until a winner is drawn. All subsequent prizes will be drawn in the same manner.
4. The drawing will be held on May 30, 1994, at noon at Bradford Town Hall. The winner is not required to be present at the drawing. To be eligible, the participant need only have been a Bradford voter at the meeting on 4/9/94.
5. Prizes. The first prize winner shall receive the following:
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If not a property owner, one half the amount of their annual rent, up to \$1,500.
The minimum prize will be \$1,000.
Second, third and other prizes shall be as stated by the donors.
6. Any unforeseen circumstances making the above procedures unusable shall be resolved by the Drawing Committee and their decision shall be final.

The funds for this drawing have been deposited in the Lake Sunapee Savings Bank.

Drawing Committee, J. Perry Teele, Chairman

Arts Council invites artists to regional meetings

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts invites individual artists, working in all disciplines, to meet with Arts Council staff to discuss funding opportunities and services offered through the Council's various programs. There will be a special emphasis on the preparation for support materials (artist work samples) for panel reviews. Meetings will be held in Peterborough (May 10, 10:00-noon, at Peterborough Players), Lebanon (May 12, 2:00-4:00, AVA Gallery), Plymouth (May 18, 10:00-noon, Silver Cultural Hall, Plymouth State College), North Conway (May 18, 4:00-5:00, Mt. Washington Valley Art Assn. Gallery on Route 16), and Portsmouth (May 20, 11:30-1:30, Seacoast Repertory Theatre; brown bag lunch).

Artist Services Coordinator Audrey V. Sylvester will offer information on artist fellowships, Percent for Art projects, and the artist slide registry. Council staff will explain opportunities for artists in other Council programs, including Rural Arts, Touring, Arts in Education, and Traditional Arts.

For more information about these meetings or other Council programs, call 271-2789.

Bradford Women's Club news

It's time to think spring! We've had a terribly cold winter, but those crocuses will be up soon. And with them, it will be time for us to refresh ourselves. The winter lunch/card socials are over. Now we will start to prepare for the many other activities planned for the warmer months. We will have our annual Bake Sale on Memorial weekend. We hope to sponsor a dance in July and we will be having fundraisers for the new town insignia. There will also be workshops held during the summer for our major fundraiser, the Craft and Antiques Fair in November.

As sponsors of the new insignia, the Women's Club has appropriated money to order T-shirts, caps, and mugs. These items will have the colored screen-printed insignia and they will be available for sale late in May. The money raised by the sale of these items will be used to place insignia decals on police cars and town vehicles. The new insignia design, by Oona Tropeano, is on the cover of the 1993 Town Report. We appreciate her artistic talent.

Another of our major projects is the installation of street signs on paved roads. This project was started two years ago and new signs will be added as funds allow. There has been great interest in this project and anyone wishing to contribute may do so by calling Nancy Hibbard.

At our annual luncheon, to be held at the Bradford Inn on May 19, I hope to announce definite dates for all our events. Since the fair is our most important fundraiser, the workshops can't be put off. Listed below are the May workshops - Wednesday was selected as the best day of the week. I hope that anyone with an idea for a craft will think about having a workshop. For those of you with no ideas, I encourage you to attend one of these meetings at the homes of the members listed. They are fun and, best of all, those extra hands are helpful.

- May 4 - Stenciling, Luanne Mayo
 - May 11 - Stenciling, Luanne Mayo
 - May 18 - Doll's Clothes, Nancy Hibbard
 - May 25 - Fun with Fleece, Debbie Lamach (at Church Vestry)
- Louise Signorino

A Point of View
by Luanne Mayo

Jeff Smith, the Frugal Gourmet, closes his weekly program with "I bid you peace." This past month I have longed for peace and wondered if just hearing these four words would somehow be soothing.

We went to see *Shindler's List* this past week and it seems to have capped the climax (that's not right, it must be the vortex) that started with passing through the metal detector at the KRSD annual meeting. During this month, peace movements around the globe that had been moving forward seem to have careened into a series of bloody brick walls. One man's actions on a Friday night cost the lives of dozens in a Mosque in one split second. Then the list expands, one by one, as hysterical people shoot each other in the streets of Israel. But this is not new. A decade ago, an Arab man killed exactly the same number of Jews in a Temple in Israel.

This past week, North Koreans have shifted into 100 percent mobilization and told their people that war with South Korea is imminent. Forty years ago I stood on a hilltop in San Francisco, looking out over the Pacific Ocean, as my then-husband sailed for South Korea to fight a war to protect a threatened people in the name of democracy, freedom, peace, and a safer world for us all.

I, now forty years later, stand here in New Hampshire with a daughter who is slated to fly to South Korea within the month as a delegate of her religious denomination, in the name of fellowship, brotherhood and understanding. My thoughts and emotions are again not new.

The recalled KRSD meeting is coming up in a number of days. The metal detectors will not be new to any of us who were there in March; they will be a reminder to us all that we live in a violent world that keeps repeating its threatening and violent actions. Three events will intervene between now and the 9th of April. The Jews will celebrate Passover. The Christians will celebrate Easter. A delayed Spring will be celebrated by us all.

I wish you a Happy Passover, a Happy Easter, and a Happy Spring.

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April Friends meeting has spring theme

Master gardener Erin DiBello will be the featured speaker in the Friends of the Library's first spring program, **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: Container Gardening**, on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 pm. DiBello recently completed an intensive year-long gardener's course through the Cooperative Extensive Service of the University of New Hampshire. Her love of gardening came from her father, who was a wholesale grower. She encourages others, "There's no such thing as not having a garden. Everyone can find a container and a spot to put it in." She will illustrate her talk with slides, discuss growing media, types of plants, suitable locations, and show container solutions from the very inexpensive and practical to the cadillac of planters.

A Friends planning meeting will begin at 6:45, preceding the slide talk. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop news

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will hold its annual International Exchange Student program and luncheon on Thursday, April 14 at noon at the Friendship House in So. Newbury. This year's recipient of the scholarship, which is given to a 4-H student by the University of New Hampshire Extension Service, spent six months living and working in Denmark.

We will have a copy of his slides and a prepared program to share at the meeting. In addition, members will prepare a typical Danish potluck from recipes collected during the student's visit. If you would like to participate, please call Clare Bensley, 938-5482, for a recipe - and come on the 14th prepared for a delightful armchair visit to Denmark.

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Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 am on the Hibbard Memorial Porch (the front of the church) on April 3. The service will begin with a trumpet fanfare and the singing of the hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." The South Newbury Union Church will join us and all are invited to breakfast in the vestry immediately following the service. Bob Stewart is in charge of the breakfast. There will be special music and participation by the children at the tea o'clock service.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet on Friday, April 8, at 1:15 in the vestry of the church. Shirley Cave will lead devotions. A video of the New England countryside will be shown, and refreshments will be served. Our work project this month will be putting together laprobes for a nursing home. We have received a donation of large pieces of wool which will be trimmed and sewn together.

A date to mark on your calendars is Friday, May 6, when the Guild will have a special celebration to mark its 50 years of service.

On Saturday evening, April 9, at 7:30, the ABWM will meet in the church vestry. Rev. John Pearson will present the program, "Celebrating My Family." Emphasis will be on reinforcing family values and will include topics such as communication styles for couples, parenting skills, and the importance of spiritual life in the family. The program is open to the public.

Need to take the sting out of paying your taxes? Well, we have a solution for you - attend the third annual Variety Show to be held Friday and Saturday evenings, April 15 and 16 at KRES at Bradford at 8:00 pm.

The chorus has been busy rehearsing favorites from Broadway musicals and a dance step or two. The show will feature many of your favorite acts from the past two years, plus some new acts we're sure you'll enjoy.

Church News

from Debbie Lamach

Proceeds will benefit the continuing renovations to the Fisk House and the Food Pantry, so get your tickets in advance (\$5 adults/\$3 children under 12) and plan to have a good time! Tickets are available from any chorus member or at Dodge's Hardware.

It's Angels of the Month for April ... and they are Parker and Edythe Craig. The Craigs have been members of our church since 1979 and attended here during their summer vacations much earlier.

Parker was on the Board of Trustees for several terms, has been active in the area men's groups, and serves jointly with Edythe as Financial Secretary and as our delegates to the ABC Conventions. Edythe is presently serving as a Deacon, a position she's held for several terms. She has also taught Sunday School, served on the Board of Christian Education and Missions, and is a faithful member of the choir. Edythe is also on the Board of the ABWM and is president of the Women's Christian Guild. They are both active in Grange activities as well, and enjoy camping.

Plans are well under way for the church fair, to be held on July 2. This month we feature Cheryl McDonald and the Children's Table. Cheryl would appreciate your donations of good used toys, games, etc. that would interest children. She can be reached through the church office at 938-5313 or at home, 938-2879.

The Pulpit Committee is actively searching for a permanent pastor and has already interviewed several candidates.



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

Driving past the Bradford Elementary School, one has a sense of tranquility that belies the activity within. On March 17th, for instance, Cathy Robjent, Bradford's physical education teacher, had 215 students, teachers, staff and parents jumping rope under the 'Jump Rope for Heart' program. Besides the physical part, the program generated \$5,683.39 in pledges for the Heart Fund. School Secretary Dawn Rich says she's still stiff.

The Staff Wellness Team will be putting on a fun-filled variety show in Warner on May 5 & 6. Keep an eye out for details.

Then too, School Spirit Week took place during the week of the 21st. Events included posters with pictures and descriptions of school spirit, letters of appreciation to someone, clothes that clash, dressing in gold and blue, and favorite sports outfits - all while school was in progress.

The School Store run by students for the benefit of students is underway; students purchase, sell, inventory, and repurchase selected items. This does not include the Campbell Soup label contest organized by Carol Green, 4th grade teacher, that will add 14 new books to the school library.

In their spare time, on Saturdays that is, the staff was participating in a Basic and Advanced Cooperative Learning program.

And to keep things a little more orderly, a School Safety Patrol has been organized. Directors are Jan Riley and Nikki Tautkus. Charter members are: grade 5, Sarah McLeod, Sarah Dimitriadis, Eddie Rora-baugh, Emily Kennedy; grade 4, Elizabeth Falicon, Meg Calvert, Jaimie Stratton, Hattie Johnson, Tony Salera, Jon Duncan, John MacDonald, Diana Szymkowicz, Nikki Kienia, Becca Payson.

It was an active month for the Board as well, with the Annual Meeting on the 5th, followed by Board meetings on the 10th, 17th, and 24th. You are most likely aware that on the 5th, the District approved all items in the warrant with the exception of the athletic fields, the fair funding article, and an article on removing tenure provisions from the district/teacher contract (a non-binding article).

Bradford's portion of the approved budget, under the present formula, will exceed last year's tax bite by approximately \$3.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Revision of the formula lost by 116 votes. I hope yours wasn't one of the missing votes. It could have made the difference.

The article on fair funding, as a result of a vote to reconsider, will be reconsidered on April 9th, the only article to be heard at this meeting. The YES vote has never been more important to the health of this District and this Town. Can I count on you?

On the 10th, the regular meeting was preceded by the organizational meeting. Your Board member was elected chair; Harold Wignes, Sutton, vice-chair; Harriet Messer continues as clerk/secretary; Carol O'Brien Drake, treasurer; David Bradley, counsel; Pat Tighe, attendance officer; and Gary Wolfe, negotiator.

Job descriptions for elementary reading specialist and business administrator were presented by Superintendent Richards at the meeting that followed. With minor adjustments, these two will be approved as part of Dr. Richards' program to have job descriptions for all district employees.

Board policies on criminal records check for new employees, minimum academic standards for extra curricular activities, and

home instruction for students absent for illness or accidents were approved. A policy for the district's literacy collection will be approved when procedural aspects are separated from the actual policy.

The district drop-out report was explained by Don West, assistant principal of the high school, who then followed with a report on drug and alcohol intervention at the school.

The continuing problem of smoking within the building was raised by Anitra Griffin, Wilmot board member, based on a recent article in the student newspaper, *The Spectrum*, and on comments from voters who made use of the toilet facilities at the annual meeting. A report on this problem will be presented at the Board meeting on the 24th.

On the 17th, Dr. Barnes Boffey made a presentation on the control theory of managing students, where past forms of discipline are neither allowed or acceptable. Dr. Boffey is a well-known consultant in control theory and reality therapy, combined process with quality schooling as the goal. The district is presently attempting to develop a process within the guidelines and continued dialogue with the Board is anticipated.

On March 23rd, Dr. Richards, Fred Creed, Warner board member, and I will participate in the 3rd Annual New England Tech Prep Conference, put on by the NH State Council for Vocational Education. Since time will not permit to report on this meeting or the board meeting on the 24th, I will provide a brief description of both in the *May Bridge*.

See you on April 9th, 9:00 am, at the high school, if not before.



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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

TGIS Thank goodness it's spring! Just about everyone in town has this feeling! We have come through a very hard winter and welcome the sun with open arms. The mud and black flies are even something we look forward to!

Brown Memorial Library would like to thank everyone for their support passing warrant article 14, allowing the library to use money from the copier for its supplies, repair and maintenance. Article 41 approved at town meeting creating a capital reserve fund for expansion was our top priority this year. With your help, we will have the library we need.

When you plan to stop by the library, allow enough time to see Steve Hansen's collection of historic Bradford photographs. Thanks to Steve for this glimpse of Bradford in a quieter time.

High school students doing research on colleges will find *The Right College* a great resource, listing courses offered, financial aid assistance, scholarship information, everything needed for this most important step. It's located in the reference section.

Connection: Facts 1994 Directory of New England Colleges, Universities and Institutes has arrived and is an up-to-date resource, published by the New England Board of Higher Education.

Books recently added:
ASVAB Basics: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery '94
Clearwater Summer by Keegan
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It's spring - do you know where your dog is?

by Kathleen Bigford

It's Spring! Time to get out those running shoes, bicycles, baseball bats, soccer balls - all of those things we've been waiting to use while the snow has been melting. Spring is a time of renewed use of the highways and byways by people using other modes of transport besides cars and trucks.

If you own a dog that has been free to chase cars and trucks all winter, that dog poses a very real threat to anyone using the roads. Even though this same dog will sit by the fire for hours playing with and not harming your one-year-old, its personality is quite different when it's given the opportunity to chase a moving object. Dogs do not know the difference between a tire and a human leg.

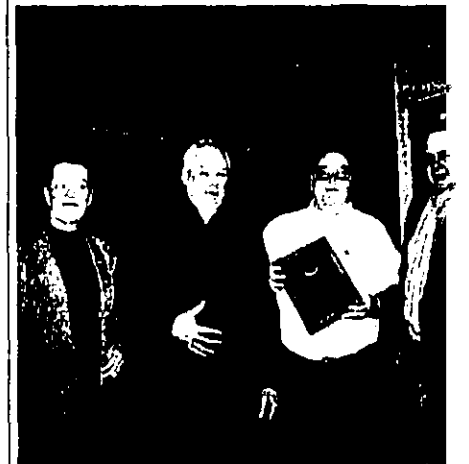
I was rudely reminded of this the other day as I enjoyed one of the first sunny, warm bicycle rides I've had since last fall. The dog that bit me was yet another animal I was assured would "never hurt anyone." For me, this is probably the first of several such encounters I will have during the coming seasons. On my better days, I accept the resentment I feel for irresponsible dog owners as a trade-off for enjoying a sport I love. On other days, I carry ammonia in one of my water bottles.

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TOWN MEETING HONOREES

Ruth Nelson, above with her daughter, Barbara McCartney, received the Boston Post Cane from the Selectmen in recognition of her being the eldest resident in Bradford. Bob Stewart, shown below with Selectmen Keller, Pickman and Battles, was presented with a Citizen of the Year award from "the townspeople of Bradford" in recognition of his many volunteer contributions to the community.



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The program is energetic, exciting and full of surprises. Simple improvisation exercises were expanded upon to create complex movement pieces and a variety of music is used to give each dance its own character and mood. Nine students, working as a group and in duets, trios and quartets, will perform in five dances, choreographed by Kelly Doremus-Stuart.

Doremus-Stuart will be joined by professional dancers Lauren Franzblau and Johan DeBesche to present two original modern dance pieces. Guest artists from Northern Lights Dance Theatre, directed by Irene Blenn, will complete the cast of performers.

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

While petroleum geologist Paul Kennedy and his wife Gwen lived in Saudi Arabia, they dreamed of coming home to New England to start a business and raise their daughters, Nora and Christine, in a rural environment. They saved their money and a year before the Gulf War, pulled the plug on a life Gwen described as "like living in a suburb of Phoenix." Leaving a scientist's salary, company-owned house, swimming pool, and golf courses, they returned to their hometown, Southborough, Massachusetts. In 1988, after seven months of searching for a business, they found *The Village Mart*.

Gwen and Paul knew each other in high school. Paul went off to Boston College, served in Vietnam, worked in Denver, and, in 1982, left the United States for Saudi Arabia. Gwen graduated from Northeastern University and stayed in Boston to work. Their lives were separate until one Christmas when Paul came home. None of his friends were at home. It was his mother who suggested, "Why don't you call Gwen?" Gwen joked, "Your mother threw out the bait. She knew that if romance blossomed, you would be back in the



United States, sooner or later." Paul laughed, "That's right, honey, just think of yourself as chum." They were married in a quiet ceremony in Cyprus.

As an American, Gwen enjoyed more freedom than Saudi women, but she adapted to restrictions by considering herself a guest in a host country. Before the birth of their first child, she needed to be accompanied by Paul to appear in public. But as a mother with a child, Gwen was considered chaperoned. Paul explained, "Saudi Arabia is a Muslin country. Al-

though their cultural beliefs may seem archaic to us, the system works for them. I have great empathy for their leaders who must walk a fine line when dealing with the Western marketplace."

As political confrontations with Iran increased, the Kennedys observed more tightly enforced codes of behavior in their compound. They knew it was time to leave when a gas plant was blown up within 30 miles of their home.

When the Kennedys took ownership of *The Village Mart*, they had no previous store management experience. But they quickly learned the basics of state regulations, labor laws, and sources of products. At the cash register, they discovered their "very nice customers." Their hardest decisions have been pricing—how to be price-sensitive in a small town which has a grocery and three convenience stores.

Keeping the previous owner's speciality—oversized 10-inch subs and six-inch hoagies—*The Village Mart* has added pizza featuring Foodees whole wheat crust, dry cleaning, and copying services, and expanded the deli and movie rentals. Customers can now find croissants, donuts, speciality ice creams, fresh vegetables, and *Megabucks* tickets. Employing seven people, the *Mart* is no longer just a mom and pop operation.

The Kennedys wish the economy were a little bit better. Although they have adapted to the recession, they hedged their bets by looking for full-time jobs. Paul grabbed the brass ring. While working on a Master's degree in Education at UNH, he found a job teaching 8th grade "Earth Sciences" in the Sanbornton Regional schools.

In choosing to move to the country, Gwen and Paul reflect the aspirations of their generation. They said, "There are a whole bunch of country wannabees—the flatlanders trying to have something reminiscent of what they had in the flatlands they came from and is now all gone. Southborough was like Bradford when we were kids—a small town 30 miles from a big city. The homes were in funky disrepair and they were going through a recession. Now the town has million dollar ten-bedroom homes." As an economic forecaster, Gwen thinks that as Bradford has more conveniences, it will become even more attractive to commuters to Concord. As people who came to the area for its rural character, the Kennedys sometimes find their roles as businessmen, developers of conveniences, parents, taxpayers, and voters colliding. They acknowledged, "that sometimes it has been very hard."

Explore nature's year at the Hay Land Studies Center this spring

The rush of modern life often distracts us from the quieter rhythms of nature. Sometimes it's hard to even find the time to notice what flowers are blooming, which birds are singing, or even what season it is outside. Wouldn't it be nice if you could make the time to reacquaint yourself, every now and then, with nature's yearly cycles? An innovative new course being offered by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests will help you discover the creative world of the naturalist. The course, entitled "Nature's Year: A seasonal Survey," will meet once a month on a Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the John Hay Land Studies Center in Newbury. Each class will combine directed media study, sketching, journal-keeping, and photography, with an outdoor exploration of the beautiful Hay Reservation. Participants may sign up for the entire course or just a class or two. Preregistration is required. Fee is \$15 for individual sessions, \$75 for course. *[Note: first session was held in March; literature was received too late for March Bridge.]*

April 16. Emergence: Sketching I is timed to coincide with the spring courtship of spring peepers and wood frogs. Forest Society education director Dan Sundquist will introduce the class to "right brain" sketching techniques as an observation too. UNH zoologist and naturalist Dr. Jim Taylor will take the class outside to look for amorous amphibians and to identify their habitats.

May 14. Wings of Spring: Photography I will focus on using the lens of a binocular or camera to capture the rich color and textures of breeding birds. Photographer David MacEachran will teach some basic techniques of nature photography and local naturalist and expert birder Bob Quinn will lead a walk to identify spring warblers.

June 11. Native Flora: Sketching II will take a look at capturing the beauty of wildflowers and ferns. Noted author, illustrator, and naturalist David Carroll will explain

the techniques behind his well-known field illustrations. David Moore of the NH Natural Heritage Inventory will demonstrate the use of field guides and keys to identify the botanical treasures found around the Hay Reservation.

July 16. Fluid Medium: Photography II will focus on the habitat and inhabitants of nearby Beech Brook. David MacEachran will return to share more photography tips and UNH Cooperative Extension educator Jeff Schloss will lead a hands-on exploration of a freshwater ecosystem.

August 13. Seeing the Land: The Work of the Naturalist. Participants will celebrate the end of the course by hanging their sketches and photographs and offering selected readings from their journals. A picnic hike up to Sunset Hill, led by nationally known naturalist John Hay, will be the grand finale for the course.

Friendship 4-H by Abigail Brown


In March, Friendship 4-H has been very busy planning spring projects, so we haven't had any time for other projects!

We're still working on the S.P.C.A. dog matcher project, only now both groups have been put together and are ready to meet with Beverly Leo to see what she wants for the rest of the program. We have a very nice leader for this project, you might know her, Debbie Johnson on Breezy Hill Road.

The club has been thinking a lot about what kind of float to put in the Fourth of July parade and what to do for a community service project.

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Selectmen's meetings for March

February 28 Members of the Facilities Committee met to discuss their presentation for town meeting. In discussing the Turner Group plans and cost estimate to renovate the Central School, Eastman Steere commented that the cost was based on a "wish list" and it could probably be reduced by \$100,000. The committee's schedule for Central School work involves evaluating the drainage, septic and well in the spring. Then they can develop plans and specs over the summer and fall in order to have a firm estimate for 1995 town meeting.

In discussing the town hall, Selectman Keller expressed concern over distinguishing between repairs, which are handled by the Facilities Committee, and normal maintenance, which isn't. It appears that no one holds responsibility for town hall maintenance and there is no documentation for the equipment. Steere stated that some of the funds to be spent on the town hall will be used for meeting ADA requirements.

Questions were raised concerning both the town hall deed, which says the building must be used as a school or town house, and the Central School deed, which may have a reversion clause to the previous owner, the Cilley family. The committee was asked to contact the Cilleys and clarify the matter.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg met to express concern over the new town hall fire alarm system. He commented that there were no specs and that he had not been contacted by the Facilities Committee. Selectmen responded that the bill would not be paid until the matter has been cleared up.

March 7 Northmark and members of the Facilities Committee met to discuss the town hall fire alarm system with Fire Chief Mark Goldberg and the Selectmen. Agreement was reached on modifications to the present installation, which satisfy Goldberg's concerns.

During the meeting, a power outage revealed that there is no emergency lighting in the town hall. Light was provided by a police dept. flashlight.

March 14 In the first order of business since town meeting, Dave Pickman was elected chairman, maintaining the tradition of electing the Selectman serving the third year of his term.

Road Agent Andy Anderson requested approval to purchase a new York rake in time to use it to smooth rutted dirt roads during spring thaw. After discussing the merits of repairing the old rake or purchasing a new one, it was decided to purchase a new one. The merits of having town department heads meet with Selectmen on a regular basis was again mentioned.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg and Chris Frey met to complete lease forms, contracts, and other paperwork necessary to begin the process of acquiring the new fire truck. The issue of worker's comp insurance to cover the firemen during fundraisers such as the July 4th fireworks will be resolved when two separate entities have been established, a fire department organization and a fundraising association.

With Joe Battles' resignation as welfare officer, Selectmen discussed who might serve in that capacity. Until a resident can be appointed, Selectman Keller will be responsible for handling welfare requests. It was suggested that a hearing board, made up of interested residents, be set up to provide a welfare appeal process.

Dave Pickman will continue as the Selectman's representative to the Budget Committee and John Signorino will serve as the representative to the Planning Board.

Selectmen accepted a bid to replace locks on the four doors to their office and provide keys that cannot be duplicated. This will eliminate problems caused by the existence of a large number of undocumented keys to the office.

Selectmen discussed town hall maintenance and decided to ask Dick Moore whether he would assume this responsibility.

Concern was expressed over drainage at the corner where Pages' house stood. Selectmen decided to ask the Road Committee to study the situation so that work could be

done before erosion makes the problem worse.

March 21 Police Chief Al Grindle discussed his need for two part-time officers to replace officers who found full-time employment. The town's personnel policy will be amended to require that all openings be advertised.

The need for an animal control officer was discussed. Because the position was not budgeted, police officers will continue performing that function. Selectmen suggested they use the 4X4 given to the police department and equip it with a cage. Grindle will look for a kennel where animals could be housed.

Members of the Facilities Committee met to provide a status report. Selectmen put a hold on their use of The Turner Group for engineering services until the use of the building has been clarified. Chairman Eastman Steere reported that Road Agent Andy Anderson had agreed to dig along the foundation at the Central School to evaluate the drainage problem. The committee will proceed to test the well water and have the septic system evaluated.

The committee was encouraged to meet with the Fire Department to clarify applicable regulations concerning the town hall. Members requested that the meeting include the selectmen or a selectmen's representative.

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4. Don't attract animals. Remove things they are looking for such as food, water, and/or shelter (garbage cans, dripping hoses, nail up any loose boards).
5. If killing an animal that you suspect is rabid, don't aim for the head. The brain is used for testing for rabies and if shot in the head, it could splatter the infectious material.
6. Use a shovel to remove dead animals from a yard or a road; then place in a plastic bag and wash the shovel with a bleach and water solution (five parts water to one part bleach).
7. Disinfect areas that have been drooled on by strays or wildlife animals by using the bleach and water solution.
8. If you suspect a domesticated animal has rabies, contact the local veterinarian and the town animal control officer immediately. For wildlife, notify the town animal control officer or health officer and the Fish & Game Department immediately. DO NOT, under any circumstances, have contact with the animal.

What you should do if exposed: Wash the wound with soap and water for 10 minutes. (This is very important since it may effectively wash away the rabies virus and prevent infection.) For eye, nose or mouth exposures, flush the site with water for several minutes.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

PRIVATE LIFE OF GARDEN BIRDS
by Calvin Simonds
The Globe Pequot Press, 1991
Available at Brown Memorial Library

For someone who knows little or nothing about birds, this small paperback may force getting out binoculars for a study of the avian kingdom.

From start to finish, Simonds' love and respect for the natural flyers is apparent. His first chapter describes an ongoing dispute between himself and a neighbor over blue jays. The neighbor sees blue jays as bandits, thieves and crows, pointing to the jays' built-in masks as proof. Simonds admits blue jays have a reputation as nest robbers, but feels this truth is overstated. He admits blue jays are part of the crow family, just as are ravens and magpies. Whether the birds are bandits or not, Simonds is drawn to blue jays, admiring their masks.

Simonds speaks about mockingbirds, who are true to their names. Though they mock, they also have their own songs, incorporating bits of other birds' songs into their own repetitive format. His descriptions can bring music to readers' ears. Having learned mockingbirds' songs, he uses them as a means of teaching birdsong identification.

Simonds calls chickadees the "faithful friends of a garden." They appear less wary of people and don't flee in panic when food is thrown in their direction.

Most gardens in North America are owned by a song sparrow, says our expert. Without one in a garden, a yard "is too tidy." To gain a song sparrow, Simonds recommends letting chokeberry and goldenrod take over sections. Through observation, he claims the sparrows in his garden sing tunes known by humans. He has heard them sing *My Country, tis of Thee*, *La Cucaracha*, and *Toreador*. (Perhaps he has the makings for a circus act!)

Other birds covered in the book include phoebes, robins, redwing blackbirds and crows.

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SELECTMEN, from page 11

Perry Teele, representing the Conservation Commission, met to discuss collection of the current use tax. When he offered the commission's services to help, the Selectmen requested that the process for collecting the current use tax be outlined and a form be prepared to initiate the process.

Perry then "changed hats" to discuss promoting attendance at the April 9th school district meeting. He described a proposal to offer a monetary prize of six-months' property taxes. After some discussion, it was determined that this proposal constituted a "drawing," not a raffle, and so was exempt from RSAs covering raffles.

School Board Chairman Dick Keller requested the Selectmen to provide two buses on April 9 to transport residents to the meeting. Selectmen agreed to the request and also decided to close the transfer station for the duration of the meeting.

March 28 Health Office Dr. Carey Rodd discussed the threat posed to public health by the spread of the Mid-Atlantic strain of rabies. He and Police Chief Al Grindle discussed the need for an animal control officer in Bradford. Rodd recommended that whomever is designated to handle animals for the town be given a series of pre-exposure shots to protect against rabies. The Selectmen took the matter under advisement.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg and Chris Frey met to receive final approval from the Selectmen on the contract for the new fire truck. The matter of providing liability protection for the firemen during fundraising events, such as the 4th of July fireworks, was closed when the Selectmen approved the establishment of the fire department's Association for fundraising.

*Youthful Activities,
by Mary Keegan-Dayton*

The miracle of birth occurs in spring. Every spring. It's one of nature's delights we can count on each year. And in its rarest and purest form of beauty, a delight to share with children.

Spring heralds in the birth of many life forms: flowers, plants, young animals, and mammals. Planting seeds and waiting for the first sign of life to poke through the soil can bring a child-like pleasure every year. Waiting, watching, carefully tending to the seeds. A young niece witnessed the gentle home birth of her brother this month, alongside other members of her extended family. A small group of children felt the belly of a young female cat expecting her first-born kittens over at Eccardt's Farm this past week.

We took a family trip over to Eccardt's Farm in East Washington. This dairy farm, run by the Eccardt family since 1955, is spacious and sprawls across Washington Road and into beautiful pastureland. Family members Hans and his wife, Julie, are open and generous, inviting the public to come and self-tour their menagerie of farm animals.

One hundred and eighty Holsteins were munching their lunch when we arrived. Producing milk is their business. Eccardts also have 180 young stock (cows who haven't yet had a calf) and replacements (calves who are raised in little white huts). Although cows breed and deliver all year long, the Eccardts have many animals who birth in the spring. Ducks and geese, who

live on a pond at the farm, will sit on their eggs as the weather warms up and the ice moves off the pond. This year, Eccardt expects a kid (baby goat) to be born in April and already has six young silver peacock and peahen babies.

Cornish game hens, homing pigeons, quail, rabbits, swans, cats, a mini-donkey, and a few horses also live on the Eccardt Farm. They have a fish pond and a small shed, which serves as a museum of antique farm tools, tractors, and an old horse and buggy once used for family picnics. A sugar house sits next to the large barn, across the thin windy road from the main farm house.

Take a trip over this spring. You might see new calves, ducklings, piglets, kids, and kittens. The farm is located off to your right (west) out of East Washington on the Washington Road, just past the old schoolhouse. No need to call ahead, just stop by. If you're lucky, you might see a nest full of robin's eggs or a mother feeding her young. And if you can catch Julie or Hans walking about, your experience at the farm will be enriched with their stories.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



One morning in the Bradford school's teachers' room, sitting on the table was this splendid majestic cake with the recipe beside it. Of the two "tastes" I took, it was everything I imagined ... delicious, glorious! I will make this cake for our Easter celebration. Have a happy holiday. Hope we see green grass by then! Well, at least the birds are singing their tunes!

To Debbie Cossingham: many thanks for this recipe.

Chocolate Chip-Date Cake

- 1 1/2 C packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 5 egg whites or 3/4 C cholesterol-free egg product
- 1 C white flour
- 1 C oat or wheat bran
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 C fat-free plain yogurt
- 1/2 C chopped dates
- 1/3 C margarine, softened
- 1 C whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 C miniature chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Beat brown sugar, margarine, vanilla and egg whites in large bowl on low speed until well blended. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Beat in flours, oat bran, baking powder, baking soda and salt, alternately with yogurt, on low speed. Stir in chocolate chips and dates. Spray 12-cup bundt cake pan or 10X4 inch tube pan with nonstick cooking spray. Spread batter in pan.

Bake 55-60 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool 20 minutes. Remove from pan; place on wire rack. Cool 30 minutes.

Make glaze by stirring together until smooth 1/2 cup powdered sugar, 1/4 tsp vanilla and 2-3 tsp skim milk. Drizzle glaze on cake. Serve warm or let stand until cool.

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Regional Planning Commission. Voters easily agreed to pay Bradford's portion for a new ambulance. The remaining warrant articles to pass included \$20,000 for the highway department heavy equipment capital reserve fund, \$10,000 for a library additional capital reserve fund, \$3,000 for the Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports Organization, and the discontinuance of five town roads.

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED:

- Brackett Scheffy, Moderator
- John Signorino, Selectman
- Susan Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
- Carolyn Grindle, Treasurer
- Deborah Lamach, Supervisor of Checklist
- Doris Tremblay, Cemetery Commission
- H. Bliss Dayton, Trustee of Trust Funds
- David Avanzini, Library Trustee
- Barbara J. Hall, Library Trustee
- Robert Stewart, Budget Committee
- Constance Mazol, Budget Committee
- Deborah Lamach, Scholarship Committee
- Thomas Riley, Planning Board
- Perry Teele, Planning Board
- Erin DiBello, Zoning Board
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The application deadline is April 15. Applications are available at R.L. Dodge Co. on Main Street.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter slide program on Friday, April 8, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, will feature a "Birding Trip to Belize." Beginning at 7:30, George and Jane Sykes of Lebanon will identify these exotic birds and discuss their habitat. For more information, call Bob Vernon at 526-6216.

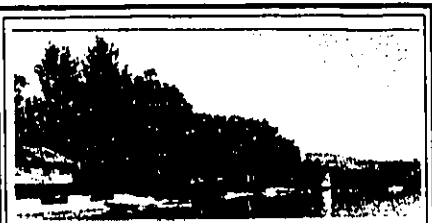
In keeping with the birding theme, a field trip the following evening at 7:00 (Saturday, April 9) to see the courtship ritual of our local woodcock, will take place at the Bensleys' "Between the Mountains Farm" in Newbury. --Phyllis Curtiss



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



It seems that Easter Sunday will be lacking many signs of spring bulbs and their blossoms in 1994. There has seldom been a winter when snow which came in January was present in such large quantities at the end of March - there was no January thaw, nor even a February thaw. About the most prolific form of wildlife, though not the most visible, was the skillions of snow fleas on the warm days the end of March. Probably few folks noted them, but they were out.

It's time to get serious about putting tomato, pepper, and eggplant seeds in the starting media, getting the grow-lights and timers in working order. It's time too to get the outdoor seeds for planting lined up, such as peas, spinach, lettuce, and know where the beet and carrot seeds are.

First there is the garden cleanup. It is truly amazing the debris, the lost garden stakes, the miscellaneous "forgotten" treasures that have appeared once the snow took its leave. Of course, we may well blame the early winds of December and January for bringing into the open areas fast food containers, plastic bags, and even some transported toys from youngsters several yards down the road. Snow was with us for at least one quarter of the year.

One of the items which passed the general public by last month was National Agricultural Week, March 14 to 20, a fact food consumers (most all of us!) do not worry about because here in much of North America, food is super-abundant in the marketplace, to the point of being a waste item if not handled correctly.

An article crossed my desk this past week indicating that the arable land of the world available for every inhabitant of the world is less than 1.7 acres and "that figure will drop drastically by the year 2000." Even the U.S. is importing foods: grapes, peaches, plums and pears fresh from Chile; canned peaches, pears and mixed fruits from South Africa; oranges from Israel; and hams from Poland and Denmark, for example. Some other figures should give us pause. During National Agricultural Week (a mere seven days), 43,000 acres (68.5 square miles) of productive farmland will give way to urban sprawl and development. The American Farmland Trust brings that down to 6,000 acres per day, 251 acres per minute, 4 acres per second. Even so, agriculture represents 16% of the GNP and provides one out of every six jobs in the U.S.

Those of us who garden as a pastime probably feel we are more recreationists than

producers, but the overall output is pretty large in foods, fruits, and flowers.

Getting back to the uncovered debris ... remove the evergreen boughs holding down the mulch on your perennials, along with some of the unfrozen mulch and bring it to the compost pile. Rake up those wet leaves from the corners of the yard to mix with the mulch for compost. Work carefully as the bulbs have probably grown above the surface of the soil and have yellow leaves, which will rapidly turn green in the sunlight. Continue to remove the mulch gradually so that the perennials are finally exposed to the elements.

Do the same for the roses that were carefully protected last October or November. If soil was hilled around them, remove it gradually until the soil is thawed and warm. Prune back the canes to a vigorous low bud, then give the roses a shot of one of the commercial rose foods -- soon the rosebuds will be showing for June blooms.

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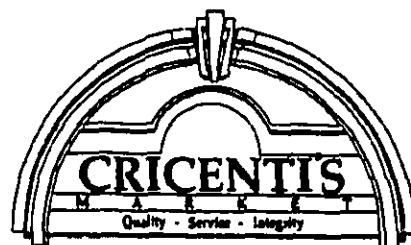
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Fitness Talk

by Molly Clark

"Here comes Peter Cottontail, hopping down the bunny trail"...Remember the Bunny Hop? It's a great dance for a little exercise at children's Easter parties. Some people think kids are active enough, just because they're kids. Programs have been developed through schools and communities to teach our youth the importance of becoming fit. But if children go home and sit in front of TVs, it's up to parents to motivate them to become active. Of course the best way to do this is through example. Oh No! you say? Don't worry, it doesn't have to be difficult. Begin now to put your children on track to a lifetime of health and fitness.

This Easter buy plastic eggs and, instead of filling with candy, put in a few dollars to play miniature golf, or perhaps a gift certificate for dance lessons, karate, bowling, skating, or whatever fits your budget and your child's interests.

Jelly beans and marshmallow bunnies are sugar, but at least there's no fat in them. Fill in the corners with sugar-free gum. Hard-boiled eggs are fun to paint and decorate, but when it comes time to eat them...throw away the yolk. It's high in fat and cholesterol. The protein is in the egg white. Take a "nature walk" with your child ... who knows, you might even spot the Easter Bunny out there! Happy Easter!

April Calendar

Saturday, April 2

Easter egg hunt and storytime, Baptist Church Parish Hall, 11:00 am

Monday, April 4

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, April 5

ZBA, town hall, 7:00

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

Wednesday, April 6

Library Trustees board meeting, 7:15
Open to the public

Thursday, April 7

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

Friday, April 8

Whist Social, town hall, 7:30
Sponsored by Historical Society

Saturday, April 9

SCHOOL MEETING, high school 9:00
Don't miss out on the drawing!

Monday, April 11

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, April 12

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

Wednesday, April 13

PTC meeting, Bradford Elementary, 7:30

Thursday, April 14

Community Workshop, Newbury, 11:00 am

Friday, April 15

Variety Show, elementary school, 8:00

Saturday, April 16

Rabies Clinic, Battles Farm, 10:00-noon

Variety Show, elementary school, 8:00

Monday, April 18

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Road Committee, town hall, 7:00

Business Association, Mauri's Hair Design, 7:00

Tuesday, April 19

Kindergarten meeting, church vestry, 6:45

BWC/Friends of the Library joint meeting, library, 7:30, see article, page 3

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, April 20

Friends of the Library, 6:45 business meeting, 7:30 program

Historical Society, old post office, 7:30

Order of the Eastern Star, St. Peters Lodge, 7:30

Thursday, April 21

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

Friday, April 22

Whist Society, town hall, 7:30
Sponsored by Fish & Game

Saturday, April 23

Work day at Pearl Town Forest, 9:00 am

Monday, April 25

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, April 26

Kindergarten music show, 1:00-3:00
see article, page 2

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

Thursday, April 28

Kindergarten magic show, 1:00-3:00
see article, page 2

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

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