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Community News - By and for our neighbors

February 1994

## Candidates for Town Offices

Moderator for 2 years (1)	Brackett Scheffy
Selectman for 3 years (1)	John Signorino
Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years (1)	Sue Pehrson
Treasurer for 3 years (1)	Carolyn Grindle Sandra Stilwell
Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years (1)	Deborah Lamach
Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years (1)	Howard Bliss Dayton
Trustee of Brown Memorial Library for 3 years (2)	David Avanzini Barbara J. Hall
Scholarship Committee, 3 years (1)	Deborah Lamach
Budget Committee for 3 years (2)	Robert Stewart
Planning Board for 3 years (2)	Thomas Riley Jonathan P. Teele
Zoning Board for 3 years (2)	Erin DiBello
Cemetery Commission, 3 years(1)	Doris Tremblay



We all know what a "challenging" winter we are having, whether or not it's "just like the old days." Luanne Mayo's photograph reflects the season's beauty.

John Moore reports that the lowest temperature he recorded was -23 degrees on January 27. His high temperature for the month was 45 degrees on January 28. And snowfall for the month was 36.8". Snowfall for the season to date is 48.8".

### KRSD Fair Funding Campaign

Residents in Bradford, along with those in the other KRSD communities, are mounting a get-out-the-vote campaign to support the fair funding warrant article at the annual School Meeting on March 5. The goal of the campaign is to inform voters both about the substance of the article and that their votes are critically important. Facets of the campaign include informational materials, including this month's Bridge insert, encouraging young people and new residents to register to vote, neighborhood coffees and a telephone campaign to contact every voter.

The fair funding article has been placed near the top of the

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### Facilities Committee update

Chairman Eastman Steer and Fred Winch met with the Turner Group in Concord to go over its contract, discuss remodeling schedule possibilities, and tour its facilities. The Turner Group is the architectural consulting firm selected to work with the Facilities Committee on the remodeling of Town buildings.

During January, the Turner Group reviewed the Facilities Committee's initial plans for remodeling the Central School and interviewed Police Chief Al Grindle concerning the Police Department's space needs. Preliminary plans, which were generated based on that information, were reviewed by the Selectmen's secretary, town clerk,

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### Warrant articles reviewed by Selectmen

At their January 24th meeting, the Selectmen reviewed and voted on the warrant articles for the March town meeting. This vote is a new requirement of the revised Municipal Budget Act. Previously, only the Budget Committee was required to publicly recommend or not recommend each article. The Budget Committee's votes on the articles will be presented at the public hearing on the budget, to be held in February.

Here are the warrant articles which will be voted on at town meeting, with the Selectmen's vote on each. The expenditure of approximately \$80,000 means \$1.00 on the tax rate.

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### Living in Bradford

## WINTER TOWN FORUM

Wednesday, February 16  
7:30 pm o Town Hall

Topic: Preparing for  
School and Town  
Meetings

Come for an evening of  
information and lively  
discussion and socialize  
over coffee and cookies too.

## Candidates' Night

Tuesday, February 22  
7:30 pm

Elementary School

Come listen to town  
candidates discuss issues  
and answer questions.

**Bradford Women's Club news**

With this winter looking more and more like the "old days," we thought we would go back to having card party socials. Our first one was held January 24th, with two tables of canasta. Coffee and dessert was provided and everyone had a good time. We met new members and decided this was a great idea. In February, we will have card party socials on the 14th and the 28th. Bring a bag lunch to the Church Vestry at 11:30. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Not everyone played cards. We also enjoyed just visiting. I'd like to extend the invitation to everyone in the community. If the weather is going to shut some of us in, let's do it together!

The Women's Club will present its annual Candidates' Night on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 at the elementary school. This is a good opportunity to ask questions of those running for office.

Update letters were mailed to members in January. If anyone did not receive hers, please call me at 938-2608.

I also want to remind everyone of the Pot Luck Luncheon and Town Reports on February 15. We'll meet at noon in the Church Vestry. This is going to be a very informative meeting and I hope everyone will make the effort to attend. It's important to know about your town and schools and how your money is being spent. —Louise Signorino, BWC President

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January 2 - Lucas Hahn was born to David and Eanne Hahn.

Tax lien notices will be going out at the end of the month.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on February 21, 1994.

**Supervisors of the Checklist will meet for voter registration**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting at the Town Hall to register voters both for School Meeting and for Town Meeting. The deadline for registering to vote at School Meeting is February 23. The final day to register for Town Meeting is February 26. The law requires that voter registration close ten days prior to a vote.

On Wednesday, February 23, the Supervisors will meet 7:00 - 9:00 pm. On Saturday, February 26, they will meet 10:00 - noon. —Virginia Carter

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**Bradford Elementary School news  
by Debbie Lippincott**

The "Red Hots," a jump-roping drill team, will be visiting our school on February 2nd. On February 24, the school will sponsor "Jump Rope for Heart," a jump-roping marathon to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Approximately 20 teams of children with an adult leader will jump ropes to music constantly for 1 1/2 hours. It's fun ... and the children love it.

For the month of February, the school will have the theme of "Friendship." During the week of February 14-18, the school will conduct a series encouraging friendship. Some of the friendship ideas will be sharing, making friends with a classmate, and making friends school-wide.

**Newbury-Bradford Workshop news**

On Thursday, February 10, the Newbury-Bradford Workshop will feature a slide show by Grete Rule of her trip to Greece last year, when she and Lou visited Athens, Corinth, and Delphi. Refreshments will also have a Greek flavor.

Bring your own project to work on at 11:00 or help with sewing kits for the Haven Home. Also bring your bag lunch and come enjoy an armchair trip to sunny Greece at 1:00. —Clare Bensley

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# **GET ON THE BANDWAGON!**

## **Join the Campaign!!**

### **KRSD FAIR FUNDING PROPOSAL Bradford Campaign**

*School Meeting - March 5, 9:00 am - High School*

Volunteers are preparing a major effort to get Bradford voters to the Annual School Meeting on March 5. The campaign strategy is to reach every registered voter in town. There will be neighborhood coffees, telephoning, public meetings, and a register to vote effort. On March 5, we'll work to make it easier for everyone to attend and vote by providing a shuttle service and babysitting.

#### **CAMPAIGN**

**TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP, CALL ONE OF THESE COORDINATORS.**

Campaign coordinator: Dick Dumais, 938-5082

Telephone chairman: Luanne Mayo, 938-5425

Neighborhood coffees: Marge & George Cilley, 938-2253

Register to Vote campaign: Marcia Keller, 938-2877

Shuttle service coordinator: Tom Scribner, 938-2286

Babysitting: Maureen Lawrence, 938-5344 and Janet Bauer, 938-2195

Publicity: Audrey Sylvester, 938-5948, and Mildred Schmidt, 938-2109

Business Association contact: Debbie Lamach, 938-2095

#### **MEETINGS providing school funding information**

**Winter Town Forum, Wed. February 16, 7:30 - Town Hall**  
**Women's Christian Guild, Fri. February 11, 1:15 - Church Vestry**  
**Women's Club, Tues., February 15, noon at Church Vestry**

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*Here's an opportunity to participate in an important town activity,  
meet with friends and fellow townspeople, while  
preventing cabin fever during this incredible winter.*

# FUNDING ISSUE

You'll be seeing and hearing a lot about the fair funding warrant article between now and March 5. Here's a brief overview of the article and its effect on our town.

The article is based on a great deal of research by the Ad Hoc Committee\* to find a fairer way to fund education in the Kearsarge Regional School District. The present formula of 75% student population and 25% equalized property value results in enormous differences in tax burden. Today, a house worth \$100,000 in Bradford pays \$1,750 in school taxes, while a house of the same value in New London pays just \$705. Fairness it is not.

The underlying problem is that the towns in this district vary widely in numbers of students and wealth. If all the towns were similar, then any funding formula would have a relatively uniform effect on the towns' tax rates.

Given the differences among the district towns, the committee felt that a fair formula should provide equal school tax rates for all towns and distribute the tax burden based on ability to pay, not student population. The philosophy behind public education is that it should be supported by society, not paid for with a "user fee." ADM (average daily membership) is essentially a user fee, charging each town based on number of students and not on ability to pay.

Consider our school district as a single large entity (like a city), with the towns being "neighborhoods." Taxes are assessed on property values (essentially "ability to pay"), not on how many children you have in your household. The goal of the Ad Hoc Committee was to establish a funding formula that will encourage all district residents to see the district as a unified entity and to eliminate the divisiveness which has characterized the district for years.

Using statistics to study the effects of various funding formulas, the committee determined that bas-

ing school taxes 50% on equalized property values and 50% on the average income level of each town would distribute the tax burden most fairly.

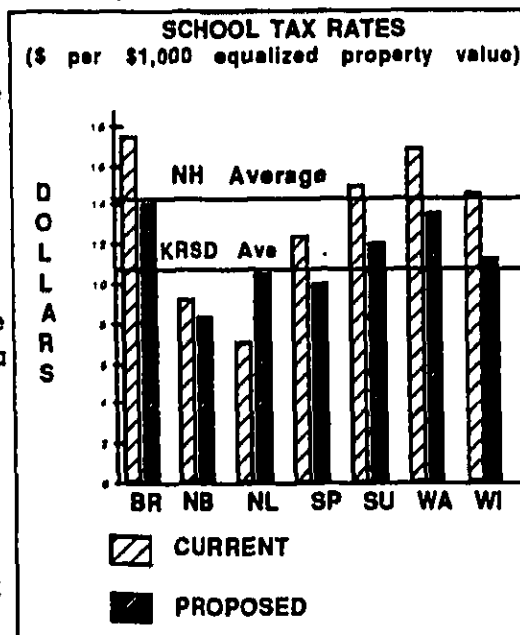
Consider the effect on our tax rate in Bradford. By reducing the proportion we are required to pay for education, we can address school district requests for major expenditures (such as this year's \$2.3 million for high school athletic fields). Savings in our education costs can also be reflected in monies available for town needs. In recent years, we have

had to "scrimp" on town expenditures to be able to meet our school payments. The choice will be ours to make.

A lot has been written and said about the effects of the Supreme Court's finding in the Claremont school suit. Essentially, the Court said that the State has an obligation to provide adequate public education. It will take years to determine how this will be implemented. And whatever is decided, 100% school funding will never be provided by the State. So the fair funding warrant article is just as relevant as it was before the Court decision. Whatever education funds are to be pro-

vided locally should be provided by the fairest method possible.

\* The Ad Hoc Committee was formed two years ago at a special New London town meeting, called to consider the feasibility of New London's withdrawal from the KRSD. After much study, the committee determined that withdrawal was not a practical solution for New London, and it proceeded to research various approaches to resolve the District's divisive funding situation. The result of this effort is the "Fair Funding Proposal" to be presented at the Annual School Meeting. The Kearsarge Equity Coalition was formed to provide broader representation from all seven District towns to carry forward the proposal and achieve the necessary 2/3 approval on March 5th.



This graph compares each town's school tax rate under the present system and under the proposed formula. Notice how the proposal clusters the tax rates around the KRSD average.

**Whist Society news**

The Bradford Whist Society was pleased to share \$370 amongst seven participating tax exempt organizations in January. It is the least painful, most entertaining way to raise funds in town!

The Society is made up of the people who show up at the Town Hall on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. The only requirements for membership are \$1.50 per person, per evening, the ability to follow suit, and the willingness to enjoy an evening of light entertainment and camaraderie. Everyone is welcome and there is always a beginners table.

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**Friends of the Library presents  
Winter Book Series**

A discussion of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby*, on Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 pm, opens the Friends of the Library's Winter Book Series on American authors. Discussion leader Patrick Anderson, English professor at Colby-Sawyer College, who has regularly led discussions at the Brown Memorial Library, looks forward to returning to Bradford this year.

The series, from "The Book Bag," sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, was arranged by Laurie Buchar, who thinks joining a book discussion in the middle of the winter is a great way to feed one's brain, restore good humor, and stop "cabin fever" blues.

The next discussion, on Edith Wharton's novel, *The Age of Innocence*, will be held on Thursday, February 17, at 7:00 pm. Multiple copies of the books are available in the library. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For more information, call Laurie Buchar at 938-5372.

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**Bradford Rescue Squad update**

The Bradford Rescue Squad would like to thank everyone who came out in the snow-storm on January 17 to attend our spaghetti supper. A huge thank you to Mary Beth and Peter Fenton for the use of the Applesseed Restaurant! We had an unbelievable turn out considering the inclement weather.

Unfortunately, the proceeds, which were to have gone towards equipment for the new ambulance, were used instead to rebuild the ambulance's transmission, which gave out on January 22. Our maintenance officer, Parker McCartney, aided by members Bob Moore, Ralph Carroll and Preston Starr, are to be commended for doing the majority of maintenance work in-house and keeping the costs down. This problem, though, had to be handled off-premises. Fortunately, the transmission could be rebuilt instead of replaced, and we thank AAMCO of Manchester for their very prompt service, which kept the ambulance out of service for a minimum amount of time. We are also grateful to Henniker Rescue and New London Ambulance Service for their mutual aid coverage during our down time.

The Rescue Squad has welcomed seven new members. All seven, plus two of our drivers, began their E.M.T. training at New London Hospital in January. The 120-hour course is being taught by Gail Olson of Bradford and Pam Drewniak of Newbury. The course will end in early May and new members should be certified by early June.

The warrant article for the new ambulance has been approved and recommended by the selectmen and budget committees from all four towns. We appreciate their support and hope that townspeople will also support this purchase at town meetings. If anyone has any questions concerning the article, please call me at 938-2446 or Richard Bailey at 938-5090. --Carl Olson, Captain

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# Letters

To the editor:

The Bradford Police Department would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to a few of our young people for their generosity during the past holiday season. Chris Scarpino, along with Nick Haas, planned and organized a dance at Town Hall. The money raised was donated to the Salvation Army and to needy families in Bradford. We think this is a very commendable act of kindness and they should be acknowledged publicly for their actions.

We also would like to express our thanks to the bands who donated their time: Group W, Spiraling Moons, Bliss, and Saturday's Child. Thanks also go to the Selectmen for donating the use of the Town Hall to these fine people for this event.

It is very refreshing to see our young people so involved with the needs of the community.

Thank you.

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## Soo-Nipi Audubon Society news

On February 11 at 7:30 pm, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present a slide program entitled, "White Mountain Scenery and Natural History Through the Seasons," at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

Speaker Tudor Richards, a forestry and wildlife management expert, was executive director of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire from 1968-1982, and currently serves as its full-time wildlife consultant. His intimate knowledge of the White Mountains enabled him to develop a complete checklist of bird life in that region. For more information, contact John Robie at 938-2057.

A birding trip to Cape Ann, near Gloucester, Mass., has been scheduled for Saturday, February 19, to observe wintering ducks and gulls. Participants should meet at Park 'n Ride, Exit 9, 8-89 in Warner at 8:00 am. Trip leader and birder, Bob Vernon, urges everyone to come prepared for cold, windy weather, and to bring lunch, hot beverage, and binoculars. For details, call Bob at 526-6216. —Phyllis Curtiss

## Friendship 4-H Club activities

by Abigail Brown, age 11

Friendship 4-H Club has been doing a lot of activities lately. There are activities like cooking, glass etching, Saint Nicholas doll making, decorating ornaments, and also we made pineapple turkeys and baskets with paper twist.

There are two groups that are working with the S.P.C.A. to help them match dogs with good owners. One group is working on the people information, like what kind of dog would they like, what size of dog, whether they want a dog or a cat, what color they want, do they want a puppy or kitten or an older dog or cat. The other group is working with pet information. Basically they are doing the same thing as the group that is doing human information, only for the pets.

There will be many other projects to follow in the coming months, like a horse and rabbit program, plus a dog training program for those who have dogs that need to be trained. We have about fifteen to twenty people in the club, including all the officers.

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**Merrimack County Youth Diversion Program provides human face to court system**

You read about the court system in our country and how it's overcrowded and unfair. Here in Merrimack County, a group of volunteers is putting a human face on the judicial process for first-time young offenders.

When a young person is referred to the program by an arresting officer, a meeting is set up with the youth, his or her parents, and a diversion panel, made up of a staff person and three volunteers. At the meeting, panel members talk to the youth about the crime and then establish a "contract," which lists actions that are to be completed as an alternative to a court appearance. The contract may include writing a paper, performing community service, or any other activity the panel determines is appropriate to the crime. The purpose of these actions is for the youth to learn accountability and responsibility for his actions. After about six weeks, the diversion panel, youth and parents meet again to discuss the process and close the case.

The Merrimack County Youth Diversion Program has been operating since March 1993, with a staff of one and a half and more than 24 volunteers. The volunteers serving on the diversion panels meet about once every six weeks and process several young people in a session.

According to Tom Wentworth, Human Services Director for Merrimack County, the diversion program has been very beneficial to the county's court system. By eliminating court appearances for young offenders, it eases the workload of the court system and eliminates the court appearance time for the arresting officer, both of which provide significant cost savings. And the

young person avoids a criminal record, providing the program is completed successfully and there is no further criminal activity.

While it's too early for the program to have statistical results, Wentworth notes that of the 125 young people who have been through the program to date, only three have been caught committing another crime.

The Diversion Program is looking for volunteers, both individuals with experience with young people, including clergymen, policemen, teachers, and parents, and other interested individuals from Merrimack County communities. If you are interested or would like more information, you may call Lisa Carlson or Starr Smith at 225-5445.



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**Library Lantern**  
*by Maggi Ainslie*

"New England winters were like this in the old days." This is what we hear at the library. Let's hope February brings us moderating temperatures!

Library Building Committee members recently visited Pillsbury Free Library in Warner. Their addition, recently completed, will give the town the library service and space it needs for many years to come. Stop by and see for yourself what hundreds of hours of work and planning can accomplish. They are to be commended for their foresight, perseverance, and the ability to see this project through many years of ups and downs. The dedication in Warner will be on April 23rd at 1:00 pm. Be there!

1993 circulation showed an increase of 13% in paperbacks. We had many good paperbacks donated in 1993, as well as 78 hardcover titles. This certainly helps our budget. We had an 8% increase in inter-library loans. Having the computer brings us the information we need to get the book here as quickly as possible. Total circulation for 1993 was 13,056.

There will be an item on the ballot in March about "income generating equipment" in the library. This means the copier. The money it makes has been supplying and repairing it. By law, the town must give permission if this money is to be kept by the library. If the article does not pass, the library will no longer be able to afford to run the copier. We hope it will pass, as many people rely on the convenience of using the copier at the library.

- Books recently added at BML.....
- Schindler's List* by Keneally
  - Age of Innocence* by Wharton
  - Bingo Palace* by Erdrich
  - Slow Waltz in Cedar Bend* by Waller
  - Eat Smart Think Smart* by Haas
  - Dick Francis-Sport of Queens-Autobiography*
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## Town warrant articles, continued from page 1

1. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to commence the first phase of work at the Town Hall and the old Central School, and to meet the conditions required by applicable codes and laws. **RECOMMENDED**

2. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$1,995) for membership dues in the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, of which we are a member. **RECOMMENDED**

3. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of repairing, reconstructing or the replacement of bridges. **RECOMMENDED**

4. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purchase of bituminous oil for road sealing and cold patch. **RECOMMENDED**

5. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) for the purchase of an audio/video system for the police cruiser. Nineteen hundred dollars (\$1,900) to be reimbursed by a pre-approved state highway safety grant. **RECOMMENDED**

6. To see if the town will vote to hire an additional permanent full-time officer at a salary of twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) with the possibility of a federal grant that will reimburse the town up to 75% of the salary and benefits, including yearly raises, for a period of three (3) years, providing that at the end of the three (3) years, the town then keeps the position filled. **NOT RECOMMENDED**

7. To see if the town will vote to hire a permanent part-time secretary for the police department for fifteen (15) hours per week with a salary of five dollars (\$5.00) per hour for a starting salary of thirty-nine hun-

dred dollars (\$3,900). **NOT RECOMMENDED**

8. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) for the purchase of an International 2674, 1250 GPM fire truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize town officials to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the fire department equipment capital reserve fund, previously created for this purpose. **NOT RECOMMENDED**

9. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the fire department capital reserve fund, previously established. **NOT RECOMMENDED**

10. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand four hundred eighty-four dollars (\$45,484) to purchase a new ambulance and authorize the withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the capital reserve fund created for that purpose. The balance of twenty-five thousand four hundred eighty-four dollars (\$25,484) is to come from general taxation. **RECOMMENDED**

11. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the highway department heavy equipment capital reserve fund previously established. **RECOMMENDED**

12. To see if the municipality will vote to create a library addition capital reserve fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for said fund, or to take any other action in relation thereto. **NOT RECOMMENDED**

13. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand dollars (\$52,000) to lease/purchase a new loader/backhoe and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the highway department heavy equipment capital reserve fund, previously created for this purpose, for the first installment of a lease/purchase agreement, and to authorize the selectmen to negotiate the remaining thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) in principal plus interest of three (3) yearly payments to complete the lease/purchase agreement. **NOT RECOMMENDED**



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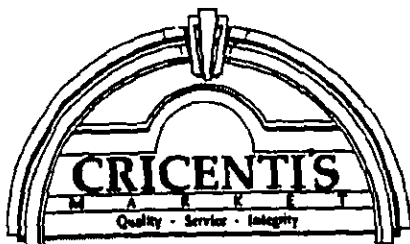
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# Church News from Debbie Lamach

Rev. Pearson's message for the church newsletter so neatly paralleled my thoughts for an opening paragraph and said what I was trying to express so much better than I did that I excerpt his message (with his permission) here.

"During coffee hour after Church a few weeks ago, someone said, 'I'm so glad you're here. It feels so safe having you here.' This started me thinking about how important it is for the Church to be a safe place. The media has bombarded us with stories about clergy and churches who have been abusive, and many people have developed negative perceptions about churches; that they are not safe.

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We cordially invite you to participate in the life of this church. Sunday School begins at 9:00 am. Transportation is available by calling Charlie and Janice Hewitt at 938-2896 or Joyce Teele at 938-2172. Worship service follows at 10:00 am, and there is a time for coffee and fellowship afterward.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries meets on February 1 at 7:15 pm. The program this month is entitled "Meeting the Challenges of Today." It is an interactive program on the practice of principles of faith and volunteers are needed to participate as readers. On March 1, the group will hear Carol Conforti-Adams speak on "Staying Healthy for Our Own Sake and God's." The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Women's Christian Guild meets on Friday, February 11 at 1:15 pm. After dessert and a short business meeting, Selectman Marcia Keller will speak on "Town Concerns."

Sunday, February 13, is the date for the Sledding Party at the Shultz's for the Sunday School children and their guests. We will leave for the Shultz's immediately after coffee fellowship hour. Everyone is urged

to dress warmly! In the event of impossible weather (I hesitate to use the words, "rain date"), the party will be postponed to February 27.

An area ecumenical Ash Wednesday service will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hopkinton on February 16 at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend this service that begins the period of Lent.

On Saturday, February 19 at 6:00 pm, there will be a Fellowship Potluck Meal. Organizers are Janet Brennan, Judy Marshall, and Marcia Strout. Dessert, rolls, and a beverage will be provided by the committee. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or casserole. Following the meal, a variety of board games will be played. Children may bring their own games. Please contact any member of the committee for more information.

This month's angel is Tommy Pitts, who is ever faithful in seeing that the church is opened up on Sunday morning, the heat turned on, the speaker system tuned, and that there are ushers to assist him with his duties as Head Usher. You will always find Tom with a smile on his face at the front door on Sunday mornings handing out bulletins. Thank you, Tommy!

The House Committee thanks all who supported the ham and bean supper. The funds realized from this benefit will help with the expense of carpet and curtains for the Fisk House.

Just a reminder that during these cold winter days (as well as all year round), there is assistance in the form of nonperishable food items available through the Church Food Pantry. If you know of someone who needs assistance with food, please contact the church office at 938-5313.

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warrant in order to complete discussion and voting before addressing other money-related warrant articles. To meet the concerns expressed by attendees at previous school meetings, efforts will be made to alleviate the parking problems at the high school and to provide babysitting. Babysitting will be provided by volunteers at the Kindergarten in the Bradford Town Hall. Arrangements are being handled by PTC and Kindergarten parents.

To avoid parking at the high school, voters will be able to take advantage of the Bradford shuttle. Participants will be asked to park at the Bradford elementary school by 8:00. Buses will transport everyone up to the high school before the 9:00 start of the meeting. So that participants will be able to return home whenever they wish, volunteers will provide return transportation every half hour from a designated loading spot.

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and other possible users of space in the Central School. The Turner Group has now presented the committee with intermediate plans, which will be discussed with the Selectmen in February. At the same time, the Turner Group has begun to compile the estimates needed to begin work on the remodeling project if the warrant article is approved at town meeting.

Dave Colter was selected to install the fire alarm system in the Town Hall and will also submit a proposal to the Library for their system.

The Fire Department discussed with the committee the problem of venting exhaust fumes caused by running vehicles in the fire house with the doors closed. Gary Wall is working with them to determine an appropriate scavenger system to solve the problem.

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**Budget Committee notes**

Budget Committee meetings held during January were largely for the purpose of further inquiry into departmental budgets and to review warrant articles which have been submitted that involve money.

Fire Department and Police budgets received the most scrutiny because of contemplated changes either in staffing or equipment. Mark Goldberg, Fire Chief, spent a generous amount of time discussing the present requirements of the Fire Protection Institute and its effects on residents' insurance rates. Specifications and requirements for the possible purchase of a fire truck received lively discussion.

The potential for an additional full-time police officer and the budgetary ramifications were explored, pro and con, by the committee and Al Grindle, Police Chief. Staffing and additional equipment will be covered in several warrant items for vote by the taxpayers.

At this point, a small increase in the Town's operating budget is anticipated for 1994, but there will be numerous warrant articles that can affect the budget and must be dealt with at Town Meeting.

During the next several weeks, the Bradford Budget Committee will be closely comparing the expected budget expenses against the projected revenues, and fitting this picture together for presentation.

Again this year the State Department of Revenue Administration revised the budget format. These changes may inject confusion in the orderly discussion. It is important for citizens to attend both the Kearsarge Regional School District budget hearing and the Bradford budget hearing, to be properly informed of these issues and not to be confused during the formal vote.

KRSD budget public hearing will be at the high school at 7:30 on February 3rd. The town budget hearing must be held no later than Feb. 11. Watch for notices announcing time and place. Note that the annual school meeting is on March 5th, PRIOR to the business portion of town meeting on March 9.

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# At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Behind tumultuous mountains of snow and glistening icicles lining roofs, a multitude of sparkling window candles beckon to guests — welcome to the Candlelite Inn. The inn's owners, Les and Marilyn Gordon have never seen so much snow. In Glassboro, New Jersey, where they lived before buying the inn in January 1993, Marilyn said that there snow falling in the morning melted by afternoon. Not the least bit intimidated, she drives in snow, something she would never have attempted in New Jersey. The couple enjoys the snow-covered landscape either on the roof shovelling it or from the comfort of the inn's sunroom. Marilyn's view is "For winter to be winter, there must be snow."

The Gordons waited until their children graduated from high school before they sold their house, quite their jobs, and bought the inn. As a head bank teller and customer services manager, Marilyn knew the demands of the public. As a United Auto Workers Union machinist, Les knew how to fix things. When the Gordons found the Candlelite for sale, they



felt the area was just right for them — not congested or overly commercial. Marilyn said that Bradford is "an hour and a half from anywhere; a trip to Concord, just around the corner." They organize errands, making them a day-long affair. For Marilyn, running errands is one way to guarantee having lunch out.

To refurbish and furnish the inn's six rooms (each with a private bath) and their own apartment, the Gordons found New Hampshire bargains at flea markets, outlets, and discount houses. They have completed all renovations, including re-papering and painting every room, themselves, in a style Marilyn calls "country Victorian." They have created a spotlessly clean, fresh, yet unpretentious environment. Their special touches are evident everywhere. Marilyn makes quilts and cross-stitch embroidery pillows and pictures; Les makes hand-painted wall plaques and table decorations.

The Gordons have developed the knack of discovering local resources. One day as they drove down Route 93 with their car windows open, the aroma of freshly ground coffee caught their attention. They had discovered the Fair Winds Coffee Company in Bow. Inquisitive, they made an appointment, sampled the coffee, and decided to feature the company's flavored coffees at breakfast at the inn. They recently took advantage of an offer made by WNNH radio in Concord to give a free night for two to winner of the radio station's prize of two ski passes to Mount Sunapee. In exchange, the inn will receive two months of advertising on the radio station.

The Candlelite Inn, built in 1897 by Charles Gillis as a guest home, was first called the Gillis House and, by subsequent owners, Green Shutters. The owner who established the name Candlelite Inn was a Mrs. Thiemans, now 80 years old, who still returns to Bradford to visit friends on the 4th of July weekend. Last summer, Mrs. Thiemans stayed overnight at the inn and recounted how things used to be there. Former owners, the Carltons, also stopped by last summer to see the inn, take a tour, and meet the new owners.

Now that major renovations have been completed, the Gordons look forward to having more free time to scout the area's events and attractions. In the short time they have been here, they have become advocates for Bradford, as members of the Lake Sunapee Business Association and the newly formed Bradford Business Association. So far, they have found the people here friendly and very helpful. They were amazed when other inn owners helped them paint and move furniture when they started their renovations. They enjoy being their own bosses and being in a business which is not cutthroat. Like two recent Candlelite Inn guests, who made a commitment to be married on New Year's Eve, the Gordons seem to have made their commitment to making Bradford home and enjoying living and working here.

### January Selectmen's meetings

**January 3** The Town received word that the State refused to reimburse any of the town's expenses to replace the bridge on Center Road because the plans were not stamped by a professional engineer. Discussions will continue between the Road Committee and the State to revise the process so that pre-fabricated bridges, such as the Center Road bridge, can qualify for State reimbursement.

Road Agent Andy Anderson met to discuss the highway department's need for a new backhoe, at a cost of about \$52,000. He noted that the town bought a used backhoe a couple of years ago and it has been a cost-saver for summer maintenance.

Selectmen opened bids for the town's fuel deliveries for 1994. Only two bids were received, from seven requests. Ayer & Goss won the contract with the lower bid.

Replacement of the Main Street culvert was discussed. Groundwater Technologies' representative Brian Cote expressed his willingness to work out an equitable cost so that when they replaced the culvert as part of the Marketplace clean-up, it would be large enough to handle the town's run-off. This upgrade to the culvert would alleviate some of the drainage problems at the Merrimack Farm Store's parking lot.

After several requests to Tom Riley that the Planning Board's gravel pit file be returned to the town offices, Selectmen received a two-page computer print-out from Riley. Selectmen stated that Riley be informed that this was insufficient and that the Town Hall file should be complete, containing all previous plans and documents.

Selectmen received a copy of the contract between New Kearsarge Corp. and Capitol Regional Development Corp., the lending agency for the block grant. NKC is paying 10% interest on the loan. As loan payments are received, the Revolving Loan Committee will review applications for re-loaning the money to small businesses within the community.

Kenn Ortmann, in a telephone conversation, reported that he had the supporting documents for a second payment to New Kearsarge Corp. of \$173,343 for building repairs, new equipment and repairs to exist-

ing equipment. When asked about the still-unsubmitted insurance documents, Ortmann said that several signatures were still needed. Selectmen approved the requested payment, but voted to withhold disbursement until the policy has been received.

**January 10** Selectmen discussed their progress preparing a warrant article concerning discontinuance of certain town roads. Brook McCandlish appeared to request that his road, Old Coach Road, be included in the list.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg and Ralph Carroll met to discuss the fire department's warrant article for a new fire truck.

Bob Stewart Jr., chairman of the Road Committee, recommended that the Selectmen present a warrant article for \$30,000 for bridge repairs in 1994. He noted that the details of their recommendations for this year's bridge work hinge on the State's report of its inspection of the town's bridges. The report has not yet been received. Last year, the condition of Bradford's bridges placed Bradford second to the worst in the state.

Stewart stated that spending the \$30,000 to replace decks on several bridges will be "protective maintenance" well spent, eliminating the need to replace the bridges within the next few years. He said that because the town's bridges are metal, they do deteriorate over time.

When asked about the Road Committee's long-range plan, he reported that they have been unable to formulate a plan yet. First they must complete the update on the present condition of all Town roads.

Stewart reported that the State is presently working on a project to update town maps. The Committee is providing the state with

information to update the map for Bradford. The new maps will be a significant improvement, using aerial photography for accuracy.

Selectmen received word that Groundwater Technologies was still requesting that the Town pay \$9,000-\$10,000 to have the larger culvert installed on Main Street. In conversation, it had been estimated that the town's portion would be around \$1,000. The Selectmen agreed that they would not pay the higher amount, so GTI will install the smaller culvert.

**January 17** No meeting, Civil Rights Day.


**January 24** The insignia committee presented its design selection to the Selectmen for their approval. The winning entry was designed by Oona Tropeano and will appear on the cover of this year's town report. The insignia was presented with both black and white and color versions. The black and white insignia will be used for stationery. Colored insignias will be used on Town vehicles. Selectmen thanked the committee for its efforts. Members included Lou Signorino, Audrey Sylvester, Tom Scribner, Steve Hansen, Bob Stewart, Sr., and Parker McCartney.

The Selectmen thanked Police Chief Al Grindle for his efforts to shovel out the Town Hall and get the heat going when the furnace malfunctioned on January 19.

The Budget Committee met to review the proposed town warrant articles. Following the Selectmen's vote on the articles, the committee reviewed budget figures in preparation for completing the 1994 budget.

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

Bradford has The Bridge. Now Kearsarge High School has The Spectrum, a newspaper for the students and by the students. The first issue came out in November. Editor Kristen Gunness, a senior from Newbury, reports that the second one is due shortly. The goal of Kristen and her staff is to have this a monthly paper to communicate important issues at the school, a task to be commended. From a Board member's perspective, this can open a direct avenue to these concerns that, in the long run, are mutual. Keep up the good work.

As we approach the 5th of March and the Annual School Meeting, budget numbers are at last solidifying. The Budget Committee increased the proposed budget to a total of \$12,852,599 by adding \$31,882 for a math coordinator and aides. This total increases last year's basic operating budget by 3.6% and will be an overall increase of 8.7% if the voters approve all of the warrant items being proposed.

For those of you interested in the effect on your taxes, the 3.6% will mean approximately \$1.95 per thousand of assessed value and just under \$3.00 to cover the 8.7% increase.

The warrant items, in addition to the budget itself, include \$395,384 to settle the teachers' contract through the 94/95 school year; \$140,345 toward the five-year technology program; \$15,000 for architectural services to study expansion of the high school; \$20,000 to establish a capital reserve fund for building construction; and \$59,457 for the first year payment on the bond for the athletic fields at the high school. Based on a ten-year bond, the average payment on the remaining years for the athletic field bond would be \$286,000 per year. The Board voted 6 - 3 not to recommend the proposed athletic field improvements at this time.

The only warrant item your Board representative could support was the \$15,000 to study the school expansion. As long as Bradford faces an 18% increase in District assessment compared to New London's 6.3% increase, I find it impossible to go beyond the necessities, especially with the District facing an addition to the high school in the near future. I need your help to resolve the funding issue once and for all at this upcoming annual meeting.

Public participation at school board meetings was brought to a head at the January 13th meeting when J.D. Colcord, Chairman of the Joint Board of Selectmen, came to present the petition on fairness in funding and ask that it be placed on the warrant. Adherence to the standing policy had to be forced so that, once again, open communication could take place. Colcord was allowed to make his presentation.

At this meeting, Marty Brown, Athletic Director, and Peter Bianchi, member of the Athletic Field Study Committee, outlined their proposal for the athletic field renovations and expansions at the high school. The \$2.3 million package includes a new track, 2 soccer fields, baseball and little league fields, 3 additional tennis courts, new parking, and an upgrade of the existing field hockey facility. Questions of final permits and whether upgrading North and Mastin Roads will be required remain to be answered. The impact of an addition to the building has really not been addressed. At the public hearing on the bonding of this project, many questions were raised. One person spoke in favor and one, based on the cost, questioned whether the site is appropriate for this development.

Discussion of a proposed policy on rental of school facilities left the impact of insurance requirements on all users as an issue still to be resolved. Policies on family and medical leave and student homework were introduced by Superintendent Richards.

The warrant articles were reviewed at the Board meeting on the 27th. All articles except the athletic field will be recommended by the Board. Members of the budget committee confirmed the recommended articles and indicated that, although opposed to the athletic field bond issue, they would recommend the article in order to place it on the warrant in its present form.

A new public participation policy was introduced. After considerable discussion, the

details appear to be similar to the Board's current policy. Once final approval has been given, the new policy will be posted on the Town bulletin board.

Dr. Richards presented data developed as a result of the California Achievement Tests (CAT), taken last fall in grades 3 through 8. The data compares this district with school districts across the country and, more specifically, compares the schools within the district. In the first category, KRSD, with a few exceptions, is functioning above the national mean. The second category indicates some striking differences in the achievement of students as they prepare to move into the 6th grade. District weaknesses pointed out in the process include math computations, spelling, language, and research skills. Next year, in addition to the district CAT program, New Hampshire will be requiring a similar test, statewide, for specific grades.

Another area of concern is the industrial arts program at the high school and the tie to the vocational training programs available. Seeing a reduction in the budget for this item and realizing the need for enhanced training, I have asked that this be an agenda item as soon as possible.

Don't forget annual meeting on March 5 -- 9:00 am at the high school. The more oars in the water, the better the ship sails. Look at it as an indoor picnic, with entertainment, and bring a lunch. It is one day of the year that will certainly affect all the rest.

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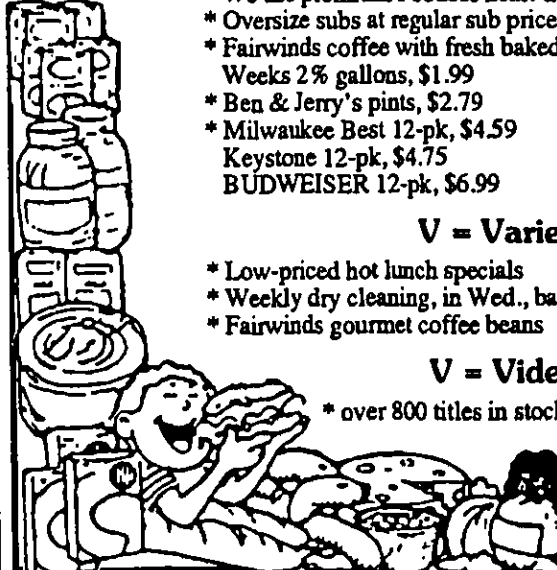
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# Book Review

## by Pauline Dishmon

**HADLEY**

by Gioia Diliberto  
Ticknor & Fields, NY 1992  
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The year was 1920. She met him at a party in Chicago and fell in love almost immediately. He was wearing an Italian officer's cape draped over broad shoulders. He was tall and dark with intense brown eyes and flushed cheeks. She became fascinated by the charming young man whose desire was to become an important novelist. Though he was a braggart, she sensed a quality she admired—sensitivity.

On September 3, 1921, Hadley Richardson and Ernest Hemingway were married in Michigan. Afterwards, they sailed to Paris with letters of introduction from Sherwood Anderson, a writer who had faith in Ernest. The letters opened doors to prominent literary figures such as Alice B. Toklas, Gertrude Stein, and Ezra Pound. In between writing for a newspaper, Ernest worked on his stories.

This book will be appreciated by the person who finds fascination in biography. Through interviews and bibliographic citations, the author includes material to make non-fiction read like a novel. Diliberto reports on poverty endured before public recognition of Ernest's talent, how the couple lived on Hadley's income from trusts and investments, and their various European travels.

After five years, the couple divorced. Ernest married three more times; Hadley once. Yet, throughout their lives, they remained in touch. In his autobiography,

*A Moveable Feast*, Ernest said of Hadley, "I wish I had died before I ever loved anyone but her."

Hadley Richardson had links with New Hampshire. Her paternal grandfather, James Richardson, was an educator in Hopkinton. In later years, after moving to the Midwest, he founded the Richardson Drug Company. Hadley and Paul Lowrer, her second husband, lived near Chocorua, and in death, their ashes were buried on a nearby hilltop cemetery.

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**Natural ice harvest**  
by J.W. Bradley, Director,  
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From early times, ice was a precious commodity. Lakes, ponds, streams and canals provided this natural ice in the winter months. The first ice houses were root cellars. Before spring thaw, the farmer would shovel ice and snow into his root cellar and cover it with meadow grass. By 1830, ice houses were standard farm buildings.

In the early 1800's, larger ice houses were built in towns to store the natural ice harvest from local ponds and lakes. Railroad tracks were laid for trains to transport the blocks of ice to huge ice houses in the cities, which supplied American and foreign ports with this natural harvest.

In 1799, blocks of natural ice were transported by ship for the first time from New York City to Charleston, South Carolina. In 1805 the brig, "Favorite," out of Boston, arrived in Martinique in the West Indies with 130 tons of natural ice blocks. By 1815 Cuba and India were being supplied by America's natural ice. In 1847, Boston records show 51,887 tons of ice sent to coastal ports in America and 22,591 tons sent abroad. The monetary value for these tons of block ice from Boston was well over the million-dollar mark. Natural ice was a major business in America.

The first commercially successful ice-making machine was put into operation in 1851 in Apalachicola, Florida. The first artificial ice plant was set up in 1868 in New Orleans. In 1894, there were over 10,000 ice cutters in America harvesting natural ice in the winter months. They are now part of our American history. Today fragments of ice house foundations and railroad tracks near ponds and lakes are the only evidence of this once vital natural ice industry.



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## Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

My neck was sore and my back hurt. The room was dimly lit and, as dusk approached, it was time for lights. We were four adults huddling around a large Victorian oak table working on the "Tribuna of the Uffizi," a 3,000-piece jigsaw puzzle that could drive the mild-mannered into a compulsive obsessive state.

What better entertainment when the winter weather is well below zero with a fierce wind blowing? Jigsaw puzzles are great for the young and the old. Working on the Uffizi brought back pleasant memories associated with hooking puzzles -- the concentration, the commitment, the elation of finding two long lost pieces!

The Uffizi is an art gallery in Florence, Italy, recently visited by a family member. The puzzle picture is of a large room in the gallery decorated in 16th century Mannerist taste, crimson damask lining the walls filled with masterpiece paintings of the Madonna and child. Spectators fill the room, admiring the works of Raphael, Romano and Vasari.

A 3,000-piece puzzle. A weekender? A vacation week? How long would it take to complete such a puzzle?

Our first grader enjoys 24-piece jigsaw puzzles ... Fun on the Farm, Animal Rascals, Pastel Pets. The 100-piece Peter Pan puzzle is more of a family event. The pieces are large, but a considerable challenge for a first grader.

At 3 1/2, Padraic enjoys the 5-piece cookie monster puzzle, the wood-inlaid circus puzzle, or, with assistance, the 13-piece Cat in the Hat puzzle. And the benefits of puzzle work for preschoolers -- shape and color recognition, improving motor coordination, concentration, and problem-solving skills.


Five hundred and one thousand piece puzzles are manageable for adolescents and

adults. A few hours completion time or lazily over a weekend set out on a card table or large cutting board.

But the Uffizi puzzle. Yes, it's a great way to spend a winter's evening as long as you're process oriented. After a solid week of work on the Uffizi by five adults, a weekend attempt by an additional four adults, the relatives have resigned themselves to the inevitable. The Uffizi is a winter project. Even though several paintings are completed, pieces remain spread over card table, adjoining cold wood stove, on various cookie sheets, and in small boxes.

We're hoping to collectively conquer the Uffizi by spring. Meanwhile, The Ravensburger 45-piece puzzle with interchangeable pieces has been completed and will be tried again. The box boasts unlimited puzzle pictures with over 1,000 possible combinations. No sane person has ever found them all. Anyway, completing any puzzle is a small feat. Try one with your family this winter.

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## Forest Society offers national forest management course and field trip

Millions of people visit the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) each year. They come to hike, camp, fish, ski, and to enjoy the magnificent scenery. In addition to all these recreational opportunities, the National Forest also provides important habitat for wildlife, crucial watershed protection, and timber for paper and other wood products. How does the U.S. Forest Service, which manages this 706,000-acre forest provide for all these diverse interests? How can citizens and conservation groups help the Forest Service accomplish this monumental task?

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is offering a course that will explore how the U.S. Forest Service meets its goals on the WMNF. The course, "Issues in National Forest Management," is being offered on Thursday, February 3, at Plymouth State College, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Admission for the course is free, but pre-registration is required. The class is co-sponsored by various student groups at Plymouth State College.

On Saturday, February 5, a follow-up field trip will help participants get a hands-on look at the management practices on the WMNF. The field trip, entitled "Multiple Use in Action," will be held from 10:00 - 3:00 at the Bretton Woods Ski Touring Center. Admission for the field trip is \$15, which includes admission to the Touring Center. Participants should have some cross-country skiing experience, but the trip will be mostly on novice trails. This trip is co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association.

"This course and field trip will help people understand how the White Mountains are managed for multiple uses," says Tamara Van Ryn, policy specialist for the Forest Society. "We'll discuss the ten-year forest plan and take a close look at the results of that plan - the ski trails, the scenic vistas, and the wildlife habitat." Van Ryn will be available at both the February 3 class and the February 5 field trip to lend the Forest Society's perspective on this issue.

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## THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Wow! Good bye January! Good bye cabin fever! Give us a break! Let's look forward to Valentine's Day! A day we celebrate loving one another! Already I feel better thinking about it! If you make just one person happy, you'll be happier. May you have a loving Valentine's Day.

### Best Berry Torte

1/4 cup butter	1 pkg frz sliced strawberries, defrosted
1 1/2 cup sugar, divided	1/2 pint whipping cream
1 1/2 cup flour	2 1/2 tsp baking powder
5 eggs, separated, room temp	1 1/2 tsp vanilla, divided
1/4-1/2 cup milk	2 tbsp powdered sugar

**MERINGUE:** Beat egg whites until frothy in large mixing bowl. Slowly add 1 cup sugar and a pinch of salt and beat until meringue is very stiff and holds peaks (take quite a long time, 8 minutes or more). Set aside.

In a small bowl, beat egg yolks until light in color and frothy. Set aside.

In another large mixing bowl, cream butter and 1/2 cup sugar. Stir in beaten egg yolks.

Sift flour and baking powder; add alternately with milk and 1 tsp vanilla to butter, sugar and egg yolk mixture. If batter is too thick with 1/4 cup milk, add more until thin enough to pour into pans. Spread into 2 9" well-buttered foil-lined cake tins for easy removal. Spread half meringue mixture over batter in each pan, keeping meringue away from sides of pans. Bake at 325° for 25 minutes. Turn oven off, leaving cakes in for about 5 minutes. Meringue will be lightly browned, but probably have cracks. Cool in pans.

Just before serving, beat cream with powdered sugar and 1/2 tsp vanilla. Spread half the cream on top of one layer. Place half the defrosted strawberries on the cream. Place the second layer on top. Repeat with remaining cream and berries.

For an alternative, you can replace the strawberries with Comstock canned raspberry filling (adding a few fresh frozen ones, if you have them!) or canned cherry filling.

## A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

So, have you heard about the *Titillation Factor*? Honest, I didn't make that up ... it was Nina Totenberg. You know what it is, even if you didn't know what it was called. The TF is when the pretty little anchor woman makes about three sincere wrinkles in the center of her forehead, assumes an all-too-serious expression on her perfectly made up face, and socks the first five news items to you (they have to be sensational to meet the criteria): Murder. Child molestation. She's obviously guilty and they're closing in on her and we'll keep you posted. How many are dead now and how high will the count go?

Whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty? What has happened to us? If it isn't real live soap opera, we push the button and try another channel for our kicks.

The front page of the Concord Monitor seldom has any national or international news. They ran three dog stories one day last week and that was the day after a full page of gore. Isn't it strange that we keep renewing our subscriptions and paying for cable. Or are we getting whatever it is that we are paying for?

Consider the paper you are now reading. It's free, there is no lobby trying to get your money or your vote. No sex, no scandal, and precious little mayhem, no three wrinkles, no TF! The staff tries to give you thoughtful (and pretty unbiased) coverage of what's going on in town and asks nothing in return. I am here to tell you, however, that everyone who produces the paper hopes you will take the information you find here and use it. Use it to make a more informed, educated vote. Use it to help grow your town and your neighborhood. Use it to make sure the buildings the town owns are safe and that the water you drink is potable. Use the information to be sure our children are getting a good education, an equal opportunity to learn and that your tax dollars are being spent wisely when it comes to that education.

The greatest thanks you could give in return for The Bradford Bridge is to be informed and prepared when you go to vote. There are some extremely important issues coming up that you should think about.

If you need more information, call....talk to your elected representatives. Go to the Women's Club meeting on February 15 or to the Winter Town Forum on February 16. Attend Meet the Candidates night on February 22. It's all out there and needs your attention. We really can make a difference and that's pretty titillating in itself.

### Variety Show rehearsals begin

Chorus rehearsals for the third annual Variety Show will begin on Sunday afternoon, February 13, at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church Vestry.

This year's theme will be "Give My Regards to Broadway," and the chorus will sing all Broadway show favorites. Talent is needed for the revue. Please contact Debbie Lamach at 938-2095 if you would like to participate either as an act or in the chorus. Tentative date for the not-to-be-missed show is April 15 and 16.



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# GARDENING

by Fred Winch



This is New Hampshire! January has been marked, probably for all time, as one of the most continually cold months of the "global warming" years. We have had many more below zero days than usual, days when it has been -15° to -30° and when the mercury did not rise above the freezing point. Along with the cold temperatures, there were many days of stiff winds, so that the chill factor kept many inside. However most of the severely cold days did not occur until there was a substantial snowfall, and on the warm days, we frequently accumulated several more inches of snowcover. With all these occurrences, we had some clear blue skies, scenic pristine fields of snow for skiers, photographers and hikers, such as have not occurred for many years. Even at night, we could enjoy the crystallly brilliant skies and these last nights of the month, a very bright full moon.

This weather has had its effect on what will occur during the growing season. For many years we have expected a reasonably good crop of peaches, that the forsythias would bloom with their golden welcome of spring, the rhododendrons would bloom brilliantly, and the wisteria's chains of purple blooms would match those in the plant-growers catalogs. I don't believe that we should have confidence that this will occur widely this coming spring. We have forgotten that we here in Bradford are on the line between climatic zone 5 to our south and zone 4 to our north. These prized trees, shrubs and vines are teetering on that boundary. If it's a zone 5 winter, they will bloom; if it's a zone 4 winter, usually not. This year I will bet that we will see the effects of a zone 4 January. Many have planted Reliance peaches, developed in New Hampshire by Dr. Meader of UNH. These trees have been bred to survive -20° F. Many of us have experienced lower temperatures than that this month, some to -30° F. Our forsythias have been subjected to the same temperatures. Perhaps the lower branches, covered by the deep snowfall, may bloom, but chances are the exposed growth will be only leaves come spring.

The snow is good for protected roses and perennial herbaceous plants, as snow is a good insulator. It remains to be seen what such a deep warm blanket has done to the mouse population. Under such conditions, rodents survive well -- and eat many plants!

We can expect that our maple syrup crop will be a good one, based on the chemical reaction of the trees. It takes many nights of deep cold to change the starches within the tree to sugars -- we have certainly a basis to expect that the sap produced this spring will be high in sugar. Normal sap is 2 to 2 1/2% sugar; this year it may be 3% or better. However, yield will depend on the climatic conditions during late February until early April. As a sugar maker will say, "It depends on the season."

Early this month, we should be starting perennial flower plants if we expect bloom this year. Perennials generally take longer to germinate and so must be seeded about mid-February. They usually require greater light intensity after germinating to produce a husky plant to be planted out in late April. Artificial lights therefore, are needed to supply such light. After all the years that special "growlights" have been developed for the indoor gardener, many plant growers and researchers have come to the conclusion that ordinary fluorescent lights will do the job. Whichever type you use, they should be placed close to the top of the seedlings to supply the needed intensity of light. Such lights are "cool lights," giving off little heat. This is desirable for the perennials as they must develop deep-rooted husky plants which will respond rapidly to natural light once planted out. Seedlings started now will take our minds off the problems of our trees and shrubs still "out in the cold"!

## Fitness Talk

by Molly Clark

Sweets for your Sweet? On Valentine's Day, our "better half" showers us with candy in a heart-shaped box to remind us how much we're loved. With gifts like this, there'll be "a lot more of us" to love! This tradition is a thoughtful loving one--so if you know someone watching his or her weight (and who isn't these days), be careful not to undermine their efforts by giving counter-productive gifts.

This year try non-food items, such as bubble bath for her and perhaps after-shave cologne for him. A book of poetry to say the things you'd like to, but can never find the right words may be just right. Choosing a lasting gift is a constant reminder of your affections, rather than a short-lived and forgotten one.

If eatable items are the way to the heart of your loved one, give a "heart healthy" fruit basket (high in fructose, a natural sugar) or low-fat and no-fat baked goods. With a health-conscious public today, some of our local stores may already have these available. If not, buy the food items and make your own basket. Most everyone likes homemade gifts because of the love put into them. Wrap your gift with a ribbon and attach a giant heart-shaped card to represent the greatest love of all...the gift of good health.

Until next time...Best of Health and Fitness.

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# February Calendar

## Tuesday, February 1

ZBA, town hall, 7:00

Fish & Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse

## Thursday, February 3

Book discussion, Library, 7:00

KRSD budget hearing, high school, 7:00

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

## Monday, February 7

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

## Tuesday, February 8

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, February 9

PTC meeting, Multi-purpose room at elementary school, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Lumber Barn, 7:00

## Thursday, February 10

Community Workshop, Friendship House, S. Newbury, 11:00 am

KRSD school board meeting, high school, 7:30

## Friday, February 11

Whist, sponsored by Fish & Game Club, everyone welcome, town hall, 7:30

## Saturday, February 12

Antique Show and Sale, New England College, Henniker, 10:00-4:00

## Monday, February 14

Bag Lunch/Card Social. Everyone invited. Coffee & dessert provided. Church Vestry, 11:30 am; Call Lou Signorino at 938-2608 for a ride.

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

## Tuesday, February 15

Women's Club Pot Luck Luncheon, with town reports. Church Vestry, noon

Kindergarten meeting, Church Vestry, 6:45

Conservation Com, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

## Wednesday, February 16

Winter Town Forum, town hall, 7:30

## Thursday, February 17

KRSD public hearing on fairness in funding, high school, 7:00

Book discussion, Library, 7:00

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

To list events for the month of March, call Lou Signorino at 938-2608.

## Monday, February 21

Washington's Birthday

NO Selectmen's meeting

## Tuesday, February 22

Candidates' Night, KRES, 7:30

## Wednesday, February 23

Supervisors of the Checklist, town hall, final registration for school meeting, 7:00-9:00

Historical Society, Church Vestry, 7:30

## Thursday, February 24

KRSD school board meeting, high school, 7:30

## Friday, February 25

Whist, sponsored by Union Congregational Society, everyone welcome, town hall, 7:30

## Saturday, February 26

Supervisors of the Checklist, town hall, final registration for town meeting, 10:00-noon

## Monday, February 28

School Vacation Week

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Bag Lunch/Card Social, coffee and dessert provided. Everyone welcome. Church Vestry, 11:30 am; Call Jane at 938-2570 or Doris at 938-5260 for a ride.

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The blue way  
With a dazzling display.

Hexagon,  
Unadmired, is now gone.

-Joan Peterke