



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

April 1995

Rabies threat confirmed in Bradford

Bradford has recently experienced its first confirmed case of rabies exposure. Four raccoons had to be disposed of during the last two weeks of March. One of these had been exposed to a family pet and was sent to Concord for analysis. When the rabies testing showed positive, the family was notified as well as other individuals who may have come in contact with the raccoon or pet. The State Health Department, after interviews with all concerned, believed that only one person was exposed. Several individuals, however, as well as the officer involved, may choose to receive the rabies vaccine as a precautionary measure.

All citizens are reminded to avoid wild animals and report any sick animals or ones acting strangely. Also, please be sure that your children are educated to stay clear of all wild animals, whether dead or alive. Bradford has a leash law, which if followed, would reduce the risk of your pet being exposed to a rabid animal. —Kathy Grindle



The Central School with its first group of students. Today, with the defeat of the bond issue, it's a sad, empty building. What shall we do with it? The Facilities Committee will discuss what to do next at their April 6 meeting.

Parade Theme '95 Contest Winner

There were many entries in the contest for the theme for our 1995 Bradford Fourth of July Parade. The judges (from out of state) found the decision very difficult to make, but, after much deliberation, the decision:

The very happy winner is: **SAMANTHA WHEELER!** Samantha has received a cash prize for her theme: **COUNTRY PRIDE.**

The choices for bicycles, floats, costumes, etc. are enormous. We could go back to World

War I if we so choose, or something a little more up-to-date. Whatever, Bradford would like to see a huge turnout of businesses, groups, plain old "country folk" and organizations of all kinds. Let's hope that everyone gets enthusiastic and helps to make this year's parade one of the best ever. If you have any suggestions, ideas, questions, or energy to spare, call Mary Mitchell at 938-5268.

And Samantha, congratulations! Thanks for a great theme.

School funding formula change approved at school district meeting by Dick Keller

On March 11th at school district meeting, voters overwhelmingly approved a change in the KRSD apportionment formula. The formula will now be computed using 60% average daily membership and 40% equalized valuation (from 75/25). Voters also approved the \$14,153,028 budget, of which \$12,842,578 is to be raised by taxes (zero increase from last year). The petition article to reduce the budget by \$700,000 or 5% did not carry.

Reconsideration of the bond for the high school addition and alterations will take place at a reconvened meeting on June 10th, along with action on the technology equipment and high school maintenance projects. The teachers' contract remains an outstanding item as well.

Because of the serious nature of the soon-to-be overcrowded high school and the re-accreditation process now under way, the Board agreed to proceed with field work and design necessary for the addition and alterations in an attempt to stay on schedule as best we can. The Board voted to set aside \$30,100, the projected cost for this work.

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Town refuses to spend money on its buildings

With the exception of the library capital reserve fund, voters at town meeting this year refused to spend tax dollars on town facilities. Both the bond issue to renovate the Central School and the request for \$10,000 for the Repair Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund were defeated. Voters were willing to commit funds for highway maintenance and the police department, however.

The highway department received approval to purchase a

new Ford truck, \$30,000 for bridge repairs, and \$84,180 for road sealing and paving. The police department was authorized to purchase a new cruiser, hire a part-time animal control officer, and hire a third full-time officer, with 75% of the cost reimbursed by a grant.

Other action taken included approving an operating budget of \$794,901, setting aside the Aiken Pasture as a town forest, and hiring a part-time town forester. Voters approved reclassi-

ing a portion of County Road to Class V. This action should end years of confusion over the status of this portion of the road. They did not approve changing the status of French's Park Road to year-round.

In support of recreation in Bradford, voters approved a \$3,000 expenditure by Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports and \$1,000 in support of a Fourth of July parade.

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OBITUARY**Parker E. Craig**

Parker E. Craig, 78, of Craig Road, died March 29 at New London Hospital.

He was born in Brockton, Mass., the son of Charles P. and Edna (Buker) Craig.

He graduated from Abington (Mass.) High School in 1935. He had been a machinist with Abington, Inc. for many years, retiring in 1979. He had lived in Bradford for the past 15 years, previously living for 35 years in Rockland, Mass.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford, the American Baptist Men, the Sunapee Lake Grange, and the Pomona, State, and National Granges.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Dr. Edythe (Lee) Craig of Bradford; four sons, Lee Craig of Hanson, Mass., David Craig of Santa Cruz, Calif., Paul Craig of Rockland, Mass., and Carl Craig of Bradford; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; a brother, Robert Craig of Abington, Mass; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, PO Box 381, Bradford.

OBITUARY**Margaret G. Tappen**

Margaret G. Tappen, 80, of Morse Hill Road in South Newbury, died March 12 at Woodlawn Nursing Home in Newport after a long illness.

She was born in Bronx, New York, the daughter of Michael and Lydia (Jones) Tappen. She graduated from Long Island City Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, and had been a registered nurse at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in Washington Heights, NY for more than 25 years, before retiring in 1976.

She had vacationed in Newbury since 1974 and had previously lived in Leonia, NJ and Washington Heights, NY.

She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Newport and a member of the Bradford Women's Club.

She is survived by her brother, Frank Tappen of Maywood, NJ; three nephews; a niece; and long-time friend and companion, Elizabeth F. Burritt of S. Newbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Woodlawn Nursing Home, 84 Pine St., Newport, or to the charity of one's choice.

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Earth Day Treasure Hunt

In order to encourage everyone to clean up the trash along our town roads, the Bradford Conservation Commission will hold another "Treasure Hunt" in commemoration of Earth Day. All you have to do to enter is to pick up trash along Bradford roads on Saturday, April 22.

If you are lucky, you will find a can or bottle with a numbered sticker on it. Just bring it to the transfer station with the rest of your trash on April 22, between 10:00 and 5:00 ... and you will receive a treasure. The treasures will be donated by Bradford businesses. We do not have a list as yet. Be sure to bring all your roadside trash when you come to collect your prize.
—Amy Blitzer

NOTICE

The Planning Board is looking for volunteers to serve as alternates. Alternates are expected to attend Board meeting regularly, in order to be available to be seated on the Board to substitute when necessary for an absent member.

The Planning Board has broad responsibilities in the area of land use planning for the Town. These include preparing and updating a town Master Plan to guide the development of the municipality, preparing and amending a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects, and recommending amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The Board has exclusive jurisdiction, based on the Zoning Ordinance, for site review and subdivisions.

If you'd like to participate in town government, here's a great opportunity. To volunteer, call Perry Teele, 938-2172, or Tammara Van Ryn, 938-2794.



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News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office**TOWN CLERK**

There were no vital statistics to report for the month of March.

It's April and time to register your dog. Avoid costly penalties and forfeitures. Register your dog now. There will be a rabies clinic for all animals at Battles Farm on April 8 between 11:00 and 1:00. You must have proof of rabies vaccine in order to register your dog. All veterinarians are sending copies of rabies vaccinations to my office, per state law. I will be present at the rabies clinic to register your animal, or you may come to my office during regular business hours.

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Bradford Historical Society notes

The Society's next meeting on April 26th, at 7:30 pm, will be held at the Town Hall. The program is a genealogical exploration, "Kinfolk and Kissin' Cousins," with Gene Baer and Bill Weiler rooting out our roots. Both gentlemen are Society members (and Bradford and Newbury residents, respectively), who have found the computer to be a very useful tool in researching family histories. Non-members or guests are very welcome to attend this special program, to be chaired by Millie Kittredge, archivist.

Our thanks to Perry Teele for his program on Boundaries and Stone Walls at the March meeting. Perry has walked most of the town in his research of property deeds going back over 100 years. His study will provide the first good record of titles and boundaries ever available to the town. The first part of his study is on file at the Historical Society Headquarters.

The Board of the Society has accepted with regret the resignation of John Makens from the Board of Directors. He will remain as Chairman of the House, and we are grateful for that. Ann Steere will fill Jack's unexpired term.

Society Headquarters in the Old Post Office is open on Saturday afternoons from 1:30 until 3:00 or by appointment with a phone call to 938-5386 or 938-2301.

Bradford/Newbury Community Workshop

The monthly meeting of the Bradford/Newbury Community Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 13. The field trip to Manchester has been cancelled. Instead, meet at Friendship House at 11:00 for work projects and your own projects. Bag lunch at noon, and a surprise program at 1:00. Hint - if you like England, you'll love this!

Dessert and beverage will be provided. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.
—Clare Bensley

Wetlands slide show on April 18

For the past three years, the Bradford Conservation Commission has been conducting an inventory of Bradford's wetlands, as requested by the State Wetlands Board. Field trips have been conducted to almost every wetland in town of more than ten acres.

This fall the UNH Community Environmental Outreach Program agreed to help us put all the material together and present it to the public. The Wetlands project, carried on jointly by the BCC and UNH students, will be finished this month.

At the Bradford Baptist Church, on April 18 at 7:30 pm, three of the students will present a slide show about the importance of wetlands in general, and of Bradford's wetlands in particular. Many of the slides will be of our own wetlands. The students making the presentation are Heather Beaton from Bradford, Tracy Aylward from Connecticut, and Kristi Pratt from Maine.

These three students have also put together a curriculum of wetland studies for the second grade at Bradford Elementary School. Last fall, they talked with Doug MacDonald, KRSD Science Coordinator for the middle and elementary schools. He thought that a wetlands program would best fit into the second grade science curriculum. Since then, the students have gathered texts and project materials, developing a course about how wetlands affect the environment. They will soon meet with the second grade teachers to review the material. The Scheffys have graciously offered their swamp on Old Warner Road for field trips ... a safe and easy walk from school.

John Herrmann, another UNH student participant, has been acting as technical adviser. He had been involved with wetland inventories in other towns. He has been helping with maps, putting data on the computer, making graphs, etc. All this information will be provided in book form for the use of the Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and anyone else who may be interested.
—Amy Blitzter

Betty Erickson receives (another) education award

Betty Erickson has done it again ... received an award for her educational skills. She is the recipient of the Richard H. Balomenos Memorial Mathematics Education Service Award for 1995. This award recognizes Betty's hands-on approach in delivering math concepts. It is a state-wide award given yearly to outstanding mentors in the field of mathematics.

Erickson is a long-time math teacher at Bradford Elementary and now also serves as KRSD district math coordinator.

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool news

Kindergarten and preschool registration for the 1995-96 academic year continues through the spring. Children must be five years old by September 30th to enter the kindergarten and four years old for preschool. Registration is on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis, after our March Registration Night. Interested parents are asked to call Maryse Conway at 938-2056 for information.

In March, the children went on field trips to the Bradford Post Office and Henniker Pancake House. Now that the weather is warming up, you will see the children on short walks along Main Street, noticing the spring flowers and birds returning north.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held April 13. There will be a fund-raising meeting on April 6 at the school at 7:00 pm, to plan our spring raffle. April 11 is the date of the next board meeting and April 18 for our parent meeting.



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Bradford Community Food pantry

A group of local residents is working to open a food pantry to provide food to families in need in the community. Their goal is to open the Bradford Community Food Pantry in the lower level of the Fiske House by May 31st. The experience of other area towns has demonstrated that this service is needed. It will be completely confidential and based on the needs of Bradford families.

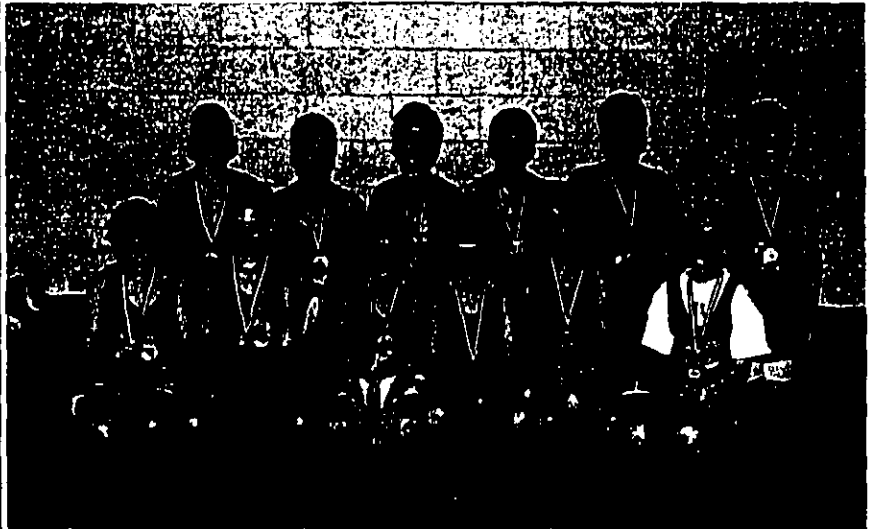
In order to establish the food pantry, renovations must be completed to the Fiske House basement. The cement floor must be partially re-cemented. A new vent will need to be opened in the existing heating system. Shelves must be installed. And the walls and shelves may need to be painted.

These projects will require both money and labor. Later, non-perishable food stuffs will be welcomed, as well. All donations will be gratefully accepted. If you have questions or would like more information about this project, please contact Tom Marshall at 938-2336.

Images of Africa is theme of program by Mike Brochu

On April 10, Mike Brochu will present a program titled "Images of Africa." He will describe his climb up Mt. Kenya and safari in Tanzania and Zanzibar. His talk will be illustrated with beautiful and unusual slides. The program will begin at 7:30 in Cleveland Hall at the First Baptist Church in New London.

This program is put on by the 2nd Monday Nighters, in its twelfth year of providing an open forum for a variety of presentations for the enjoyment of area residents. Refreshments will follow. All are invited to attend. -Pamela Low



front: John Hall, Jonathan Bodkin, Ian McLeod, David Rennells, Jay Teixeira, Zachary Winslow. rear: Jared Raymond, Brenden Shultz, Josh Raynor, Ricky Watson, Matt Pozniak, Jacob O'Neil

Kearsarge Basketball Team 4 ends season with big win

by Barbara Raymond

The Kearsarge Basketball Team 4 had an exciting season, with a record of seven wins and one loss. The team, with players from Bradford, Newbury and Sutton, is coached by Larry Hall, with assistants Matt Winslow and Steve Teixeira.

During the week of February 17, the boys participated in the 20th Annual Hanover Tournament, making it to the finals. The team came in second, with each team member receiving a medal. Ian McLeod and Jared Raymond received trophies for All-Tourney.

On March 18, the team ended its winning season with two wins in the Quad Valley Tournament, bringing home a championship trophy, which is on display at the Bradford elementary school. Congratulations boys!

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Join the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter on Saturday, April 1, for an "Owl Prowl" at Knight's Hill Nature Park, County Road, New London. Meet President Gary Stansfield between 5:30 and 6:00 pm at the parking lot to the right of the entrance. For more information, call Gary at 763-7462.


Popular wildflower photographers, Jim and Kathy Green, will present a timely new program, "Wildflowers of New Hampshire," at the monthly meeting on Friday, April 7, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road, in New London. Everyone is welcome to attend local Audubon programs at no charge. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Kathy at 526-2834.
--Phyllis Curtiss

Model Railroad Show

The Upper Valley Model Railroad Show will be held on Sunday, April 9, at Lebanon High School, 10:00-4:00. There will be many operating model trains, dealers selling hobby supplies, workshops and door prizes. There will be rides behind an operating live steam locomotive (weather permitting). And Jim Boyd, of *Railfan Magazine*, will present a slide show. Admission: Adults, \$2; children, \$1; families, \$5.

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St. Peter's Lodge holds Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

The members of St. Peter's Lodge #31 F.&A.M. met for their Annual Meeting on Saturday morning, March 11, at the lodge building on Main Street. Following a brief business meeting, Grand Master of Masons for New Hampshire, M.W. Brother Douglas L. Robertson, Sr. presented a sixty-year membership certificate to Brother John LeRoy Hopkins.

Members and guests enjoyed a luncheon prepared and served by the members of Silver Hill/Vesta Chapter, Order of Easter Star. The luncheon was followed by the semi-public Installation of Officers. The installing suite consisted of R.W. Bro. Wesley I. Manning of Warner, R.W. Bro. Robert G. Hatfield of Weare, R.W. Bro. David E. Goodwin of Concord, and Wor. Bro. Nelson L. Evans of Concord.

Officers of St. Peter's Lodge for 1995-96 are: Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Clark Phillips; Senior Warden, R.W. Donald C. Keith; Junior Warden, Wor. Alan T. Brown; Treasurer, Wor. Vernon F. Hall; Secretary, Bro. Robert F. Verity; Asst. Treas./Sec., Bro. Richard C. Bailey; Senior Deacon, Bro. Robert L. Shevett; Junior Deacon, Bro. Neil B. Martin; Senior Steward, Bro. Merrill W. Ehler; Junior Steward, Bro. Halton T. Grindle; Marshal, Bro. Richard P. MacLeod; Chaplain, Bro. Michael S. Munroe; Tyler, Bro. Rich-


ard C. Bailey; Organist, Bro. Robert M. Cook.

The officers made a significant contribution to the support of the N.H. DARE Program as a way of saying "thank you" to the installing suite.

Grand Master Robertson spoke of Masons' support of charitable works, including the DARE Program, scholarship programs, schizophrenic research, Shrine Burn Centers and Orthopedic Hospitals, as well as local efforts like Silver Hill/Vesta Chapter and St. Peter's Lodge Community Outreach Program. In an interesting biographical glimpse, he spoke of his experience living in several foster homes after having been orphaned as an infant. He displayed not only his personal pride, but also his pride in Masonry and America, that an orphan might achieve not only education and a successful career, but might also become a Grand Master of Masons. The officers and members of St. Peter's share in his pride.


The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 13. In the meantime, don't miss the Shrine Circus at JFK Memorial Coliseum in Manchester, Thursday, April 6 through Sunday, April 9. (See the ad elsewhere in this issue for more information.) --Clark Phillips

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HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent, selected by Sandy Wadlington, and from Bradford Historical Society materials, selected by Mildred Kittredge

100 Years Ago, April 1895

Sunday afternoon service at the Center has been discontinued on account of the bad traveling.

Miss Nettie Cressey is home for a two-week vacation from Stevens High School at Claremont.

Mrs. Hall will return from Boston this week and will be glad to see her friends. She will be ready to receive orders on Monday and Tuesday, April 29 and 30. Please call and see her trimmed hats and get her prices. [Independent]

51 Years Ago, March & April 1944

Bradford men and women were stationed in all parts of the globe; New Guinea, many "somewhere in the South Pacific," New Caledonia, England, Egypt, Australia, Italy, Alaska, and on both coasts and in between in the United States.

The Annual installation and supper of the Bradford Hunt Club was held in the Club quarters recently.

This winter past, war conditions made it necessary for a nearby Ski Club to admit women in order to keep the club functioning until the boys came home. [Society]

50 Years Ago, April 1945

The United Nations Clothing Collection for the relief of foreign countries, under the direction of the Bradford Women's Club, swung into action on Monday. The drive collects any articles of clothing, from shoes to hats. Donations should be clean, but not necessarily ironed. Boxes to receive the donations are in Danforth's, Cressy's, and Carr's stores and at Cressy's Garage.

Services will be held in the Baptist Church at 8:00 pm on V-E Day. (May 1945) [Independent]



Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

Many activities and events are on the church's April calendar. On April 2, we will extend the "right hand of fellowship" to seven men and women who are joining the church.

The Women's Christian Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, April 7, at 1:15 in the church vestry. They will take a tour of the Fiske House and see the area to be designated for the Food Pantry and Thrift Shop. They will be brought up to date on this community project.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry is sponsoring a spaghetti supper on Saturday, April 8 at 5:00. The supper will be held in the church vestry. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Families of 5 or more will be served for \$20.00. This supper is to benefit the special mission project of our guest speaker, Thang Cin Sum for Myanmar (formally Burma). Everyone in our community is welcome to attend this supper. A program will follow, where we will learn more about our guest speaker and his ministry.

On April 9, Thang Cin Sum will visit our Sunday School classes. He will talk informally, teach us songs, and share his customs. He will also participate in our morning worship service by reading the scripture passage in his native language and by singing a solo. Also on April 9, our youth groups will meet at the church for an Easter Treasure Hunt and some community building games. Grades 4-6 will meet from 2:30 - 4:00 and grades 7-12, 4:30 - 6:00.

We will begin our celebration of Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7:00. We will celebrate Baptism and the Last Supper. On Friday, April 14, there will be a prayer vigil at the church from noon until 3:00 pm. Anyone can come during that time for a reflection on the last hours of Christ's life. Prayer books and meditative music will be provided.

An Easter Sunrise service will be held on the beach at Lake Sunapee State Park on April 16 (around 6:00 am; watch for the exact time to be published closer to the event). The service is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Bradford, South

Newbury Union Church, and the Free Will Baptist Church in Sutton. An Easter breakfast will be held at the South Newbury Union Friendship House afterward.

Our Easter Sunday worship service will be held at 10:00 am. Some of our children will participate in the service.

On April 23, our youth groups will meet at the church for a game of crab soccer and some skits and games revolving around the theme: Cheating.

April's Angel of the Month (written by Debbie Lamach) is Shirley Cave. Shirley retired to Blaisdell Lake in 1976 and has been a faithful attendee and supporter of our church since that time. Shirley faithfully transports people to church and to other activities. She is active in both the ABWM and the Women's Christian Guild, where she has served in every office and is currently a member of the Executive Board. Shirley is a strong supporter of the Heifer Project and volunteers much of her time attending trade shows, conferences and seminars on their behalf. Shirley so inspired members of our Vacation Bible School in the work of the Heifer Project that one family purchased three flocks of chickens. (The mother was relieved when she found out she didn't have to take the chickens home!)

There are only three months left until the "All Church Fair." The ABWM is looking for donations for the White Elephant Table, the Children's Table, and the Jewelry Table. Items can be brought to the Fiske House any morning between 10:00 - noon.



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by Representative Bernie Lamach

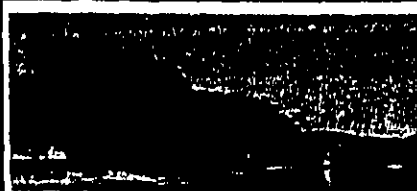
Cross-over days have occurred. Bills that originated in the Senate or House and were approved by that body "cross over" to the other side for their evaluation and action.

Now the difficult task of the budget faces us. Both the House and Senate must come up with their versions, then subsequently agree on a compromise budget. This is going to be a very difficult year, as we already know there will be a considerable revenue shortage as federal funds are eliminated. Preliminary estimates by the House Finance Committee and the Governor's office even disagree by ten million dollars. Which estimate is correct?? Constitutionally, New Hampshire must operate on a balanced budget and cannot run deficits as the federal government can. Very difficult choices must be made. I am appreciative of my experience on both the town and school budget committees, because I understand the "lingo." I urge all to stay informed and participate in discussions or hearings as they affect you. Let me know if I can get any information for you.

I participated in the Bradford Women's Club annual "State-of-the-State" meeting with Senator Currier and Rep. Amy Patenaude. We had a wonderful round-house discussion of the legislative process, including topics such as budget, gambling, welfare, voting, and natural resources.

Several House bills that have moved over to the Senate may have local interest. These include dealing with the promotion of the metric system in labeling and signs, possibility of local ballot vote on warrant or budget items, postponement of the auto emissions program, giving local governments the option to reduce interest rates on delinquent taxes, and regulations concerning construction of boat docks. Senate bills that we will be looking at include charter schools, indoor air quality in state buildings, computer access to state departments, telecommunications, and video gaming machines.

As the second half of the legislative season begins, I expect the schedule to be intensive and the decisions to be more difficult. I encourage anyone with concerns to share them with me, so that I can understand what constituents want and can search out answers or react accordingly. Call 938-2095 ... I'll respond promptly.



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Under the guidance of leaders David Szymkowitz, Bob Gray, and Bob Raymond, the Bradford Webelos (last level of Cub Scouts) spent four of their weekly den meetings making wood duck houses. Webelos participating in the project include Jordan Nepveu, James Proctor, Jared Raymond, Jacob Losik, Ricky Fife, Adam Wetherby, David Szymkowitz, and Matt Whitcher.

On Sunday, February 26, the group trekked out to the Brown Bog (located off Alder Plains Road) to put up the houses.

During the months of April and May, the boys and their leaders will go out to the bog to check out the houses and see if they have been inhabited. Nice job boys! - Barbara Raymond



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BLUE NEWS, by Kathy Grindle

Recently I was asked what happens and how much time is involved when someone is arrested. I thought describing a fictitious scenario of an arrest would be the best way to explain what is involved. No two incidents are the same, but most have similar elements. Since domestic violence has been our most common reason for making arrests recently, that is the stage we will use. On with our story

At 8:15 pm on a Friday night, dispatch receives a call from a woman on Pine Road, stating that there is a loud argument going on at the house next door. Dispatch informs Sgt. Martin, who proceeds to the residence of "Jack" and "Sue" Smith. When he arrives, he hears loud arguing and the sound of glass breaking. He immediately radios for back-up. Since none is readily available, the Chief is contacted and he responds within ten minutes.

While waiting for the Chief to arrive, Sgt. Martin attempts to restore peace at the residence. Jack and Sue are told to sit down and try to remain calm. Sue has several visible bruises on her face and her lip is cut and bleeding. Their four children had hidden in a bedroom when the argument broke out and remain there. When the Chief arrives, he takes Jack into the kitchen to get his version of the story, while Sgt. Martin interviews Sue.

It is confirmed that Jack abused his wife during an argument about what she was serving for supper. This had apparently happened several times before, but was never reported to the police. The house was a wreck - the phone pulled from the wall, overturned furniture, broken glass, etc. After more than 45 minutes at the residence, Sgt. Martin arrests Jack, while the Chief calls rescue and then goes with Sue and the four children to the hospital. Before leaving, Sue calls a friend and asks her to meet them at the hospital. The Chief spends two hours at the hospital with Sue, taking statements and pictures, as well as making sure that she and the children will be safe at her friend's, at least for the night. The Chief then goes home for the night, at approximately 11:00 pm.

Sgt. Martin takes Jack to the police station for booking, pictures and fingerprints, as

well as to contact the Bail Commissioner. Bail is set at \$2,000 cash, which Jack cannot come up with, so he must be taken to jail in Boscawen. Time at station, 1 hour.

Sgt. Martin and Jack make the 1 hour drive to Boscawen and spend 15 minutes processing the new prisoner. Sgt. Martin then drives back to Bradford. Time for drive and processing, 2 hrs. 15 min.

Paperwork at the station concerning the arrest (incident sheet, report, preparation of charges, contacting court/judge) needs to be done to prepare for the hearing which must be held the next day. Total time to complete paperwork is approximately 2 hours. At 3:15 am, Sgt. Martin resumes patrol duty to complete what is left of his shift and then goes off duty at 6:00 am. Total time on this incident, 7 hours.

The next morning, the Chief prepares his report, about 1 hour. He then drives to the Smith resident to take pictures of the scene, another 30 minutes. Since the hearing must be held within 24 hours, Sgt. Martin is told he must be in court at 10:00 am. Jack is transported to the hearing by the Sheriff's office - a 45 minute drive.

Sgt. Martin spends 2 hours in court. Jack is scheduled for a court date in 3 weeks. A friend posts bail and Jack goes home. Total time for all involved, 4 hrs, 15 min.

Sgt. Martin returns to the Bradford police station to report on the hearing. He spends 30 minutes there and then goes home.

Sue comes to the station in the afternoon to talk to the Chief. He takes more detailed statements from her and more photographs of her bruises. He informs her of what took place and that a court date has been set. She has gotten a restraining order that morning. The Chief spends 1 hr, 30 min.

with her and another 30 minutes serving Jack with the restraining order, total, 2 hrs.

In the 3 weeks that follow, all paperwork must be prepared for court and copies sent to the County Attorney, who will be prosecuting the case. Time, roughly 3 hours.

Sgt. Martin and the Chief both go to court as witnesses in the case. After a one-hour trial, Jack is found guilty of second degree assault and gets one year in the House of Corrections and a \$2,000 fine. Both officers return to the station, where they update the case and finish paperwork, 1 hr.

Total time spent on this case by all involved, 21 hours and 30 minutes.

Now, this is just one case ... and a rather simple one. Complications arise when there is no one to take in the victim for the night or if she would have to stay in the hospital overnight and have someone take care of the children. More charges are also more time-consuming. Also, many times problems are not so quickly resolved at the residence and more officers get involved. But this does provide an idea of what happens in some circumstances.

We would like to thank the citizens of Bradford for your support at Town Meeting. We will be hiring the new officer shortly and will keep you informed.

The total number of incidents for the month of March through the 26th was 89. There were 18 animal complaints, 15 assists to other departments (rescue, etc.), 6 alarm activations, 6 unsecured premises, 5 suspicious persons/motor vehicles/phone calls, 2 domestic incidents, and 1 report of sexual assault. We also had 44 motor vehicle incidents with 7 summonses, 36 warnings issued, and 1 arrest.

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GREAT WEEKLY SPECIALS

In and About the KRSD, by Dick Keller, Bradford School Board Rep (continued from page 1)

Were you there to cast your votes? Out of Bradford's 980 registered voters, 202 came to address spending that counts for 65% of each household's tax bill.

At the meeting on March 9, the Board set Saturday, June 17th, as graduation day for some 90 seniors. Never too early to schedule and get set for this important day. The music department received preliminary approval for a trip to New York that will include a tour of Lincoln Center, with a meet-the-artist program and a performance of the musical "Tommy." Jean Vigneault, French teacher, also received a preliminary OK for a trip to France over April vacation for her fifth-year French students.

High School Principal Dr. Paul Ezen submitted the proposed 1995/96 Program of Studies for review and discussion. Notable changes include the reorganization of the math program into four specifically directed programs from the current seven and the science program from six to four. Assimilation of the quarter courses remains slow and the process tortuous, dropping to 50 in basic academic subjects for next year. There were 65 in the 94/96 school program and 57 in 93/94.

Superintendent Dr. Jean Richards presented an international language program concept, looking at the possibility of expanding "foreign" language studies to be offered from grade 4 through grade 12.

The advantages, disadvantages and costs are to be explored further.

Class size, always a controversial issue, will be addressed by a newly established task force. Three Board members helping with the evaluation are Dean Bensley, 938-5482; Jennifer Swett, 927-4308; and Bill Steel, 526-4883. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them or your own Board member if you have concerns or ideas that could be of assistance in this area.

The March 23 meeting included the organizational meeting of the Board and the seating of three new members. Barbara Brown (New London), Elizabeth Fielding (Wilmot), and John Rego Perratta (Springfield) were initiated with a full Board program. Bradford's Board member was re-elected chair; Dean Bensley (Newbury), vice-chair; Harriet Messer will continue as District Clerk and Board Secretary; and Carol O'Brien Drake, as District Treasurer. Standing committees were reorganized with assignments of Board members. The 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 7:15 pm, were designated as regular Board meetings. In its efforts to move the Board meetings around the district, the April 13th meeting will be held at the Sutton Elementary School.

Dr. Richards provided an update on both Odyssey of the Mind (OM) and Tech Prep. On March 11th, three teams from

New London Elementary School and six from the Middle School represented the district at the regional OM competition. Of these, four of the Middle School teams were chosen to go on to the State meet to be held on Saturday, April 8 in Amherst.

Marsha Miller, of Colby Sawyer College, was facilitator for a meeting sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Tech Prep Consortium, of which Kearsarge is a member. 20 faculty members, administrators, and 4 Board members participated in this program, designed to implement applied academics - a process of inter-relating academic programs to better meet the needs of businesses.


Sutton Elementary School received final Board approval for its upcoming (May 11-13) trip to Washington, D.C. for 4th and 5th graders. The school is running well ahead on its fund-raising for this venture.

Dr. Richards, with support from the administrators of the six schools, presented a six-month update on the District's priority goals, adopted by the Board in July 1994. The major thrust is the dramatic upgrading of the academic standing of the District, looking at a 5-year period to accomplish this task. Our achievers are already there. Stimulating the balance of the District is the challenge.

Registration night for parents whose children will be ready for entry/grade 1 in Bradford in September, is scheduled for April 4 at 5:30 pm at Bradford Elementary School. Any parents who have not received information, who are planning to home school, or who plan to send their child to private school, should contact the SAU office, 526-2051. Entry screening for the Bradford school is April 21st.

I close with the words of Andy D'Amico, recently retired Springfield Board member, who received a paperweight in the form of an apple with a gold stem, "The apple will be a constant reminder of the importance of public education." We do have to remind ourselves at times.

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U.S. and Slovakian innkeepers exchange ideas, by Audrey Sylvester

Bradford innkeepers Marilyn and Les Gordon of the Candlelite Inn are hosting an innkeeper from Slovakia as part of an exchange program sponsored by the Professional Association of Innkeepers, International (PAII). Their guest, Zelmira Sentpetyova, is from Poprad (sometimes called the entrance gate to the High Tatras mountains), a town of 60,000 people. When she is not teaching English and Slovak to high school students, she manages a five-bedroom bed and breakfast in an area famous for its skiing and mountain hiking. PAII matches visiting innkeepers with inns which are similar in size and style.

"Zelka" has been busy speaking English with her hosts ... nearly non-stop. She is here to learn about marketing, food, packaged tours, taxes, insurance—anything she could apply in her country to make her business more successful. She said, "I want to know what innkeepers do here when there is a muddy season."

The reader may wonder, "Where is Slovakia?" Slovakia is an autonomous republic in the eastern 40% of the former Czechoslovakia, with a population of more than five million. Most of the territory is occupied by the western Carpathian Mountains, whose highest peak, Gerlachovsky, rises 8,711 feet (Mount Washington is 6,288 feet). One border follows the

Danube River. Bratislava is the capital. It takes only four hours to drive to Vienna, Austria. Train and bus service is efficient and abundant. Slovakia's most notable artist is Andy Warhol—of USA pop culture Campbell-Soup-Can notoriety.

In recent history, Slovakia was a Communist country. In 1989, on Student Day, the "velvet revolution" began in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and Bratislava, at the universities. Students spoke passionately to audiences in public squares, expressing discontent, questioning the way things were, and offering suggestions for a better life. Audiences remained quiet, but signaled agreement by clinking keys on key rings. Although officials did not shoot, they hit people with billy clubs to subdue protests. Students' weapons were hands filled with flowers. "Before the revolution," Zelka said, "ordinary people didn't really care what was going on. Now, we watch everything. Politicians don't sleep anymore. They argue." She thinks the four political parties are trying to do good things, but everybody has to learn democracy. "We thought it would be so simple, and now we see it is really difficult. We are working to learn peace and freedom."

Now Zelka can freely attend church (previously forbidden because as a teacher, she was required to exemplify Communist ide-



als); she is free to say and write what she thinks. The down side is that full employment is no longer guaranteed; interest rates have risen from 2.9% to 17-25%. University tuition is still free, but she wonders how long that will be possible.

Zelka and her husband Milan started their bed and breakfast just three years ago because, she said, "We like talking with new people." With their children's bedrooms empty, they had extra rooms. Trusting their instincts, their first customers were casually met strangers, whom they invited to stay in their home. They cater to Slovaks by making rates half what foreigners pay. Guests stay for seven days at 80 SK a night, per person; foreigners pay 160 SK for the same arrangements. (30 Slovak Koruna = \$1.00) Beds are fitted European style, with feather comforters and pillows.

During this first American visit, Zelka has tasted new foods, such as pancakes, honey mustard, maple sap and syrup at the sugar house. Her biggest surprise was cheese-cake, which she thought would be like cheese, not sweet cake. Enjoying her new friends - her gracious hosts, the Gordons - she said, "Americans are much friendlier than I had expected."

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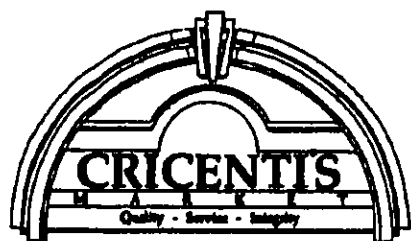
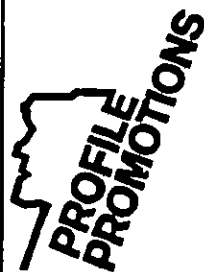
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Bradford Business Association brainstorms itself into spring
by Sherry Chomitz

A brainstorm, by definition, is a sudden inspiration, idea or plan. A virtual downpour of cerebral "raindrops" fell upon the Bradford Business Association at its March 20 meeting at the Candlelite Inn. The lack of a speaker was deliberate to allow the membership to express its views and ideas. An outpouring resulted; here is a sample of the collected "puddles":

INFORMATION BOOTH: either permanent or portable, possibly located at the Tall Pines rest area; its purpose, to draw visitors into town before they head further north; including a "you are here" map; also to be used on Main Street during Fourth of July festivities.

LOTTERY: to be held on certain dates with different types of drawings and prizes.

CASINO NIGHT: an annual event to be held with special permission to allow gambling.

AUCTION BOX LUNCH: an old-fashioned affair with the ladies preparing the food and the gentlemen bidding for the honor of enjoying both the meal and the company of its preparer.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: perennial favorite.

COW FLOP: another perennial favorite, again to include a Twist & Shout production, hopefully a winning flop for the Fourth of July crowds.

SISTER CITY: participating with Bradford, Vermont in some mutually beneficial activity.

MURDER MYSTERY: a locally produced participatory play held in town.

LAKE ACTIVITY: bathtub, raft or rubber duck race on one of the local waterways.

DANCE: could be held in any season in a variety of locations with any kind of music.

DOG & CAT SHOW: possibly during the July tourist influx.

A WEEKEND: any combination of the above to be contained within a BBA-sponsored weekend.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: make money available to graduates of local schools to further their education.

Previously brainstormed ideas

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: project in place; awaiting signage.

BROCHURES: to be produced in time for the tourist season.

EARTH DAY: it's that time again ... BBA members will again provide prizes for specially identified garbage picked up from area roads on April 22.

DECALS: design in place, to be produced for member businesses to display, to decorate the new brochures, and for bumper stickers.

Whew! This busy group is still hoping to draw into its membership any local business, large or small, within a 2-mile radius of the town line. In order for old and new members to be included in the new brochure and map, dues must be paid by April 15, although membership is open year round. If you feel the BBA has something to offer to your business and vice versa, please join us at our next meeting, to be held April 17 at 7:00 pm at the Rosewood Inn.

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GONE ARE THE SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT....

by Clare Bensley

"I think if you hold your breath, you can hear the train all the way to Contoocook," says Emily Webb in Thornton Wilder's play, "Our Town," which takes place in fictional Grover's Corners, NH, between 1901 and 1913.

The train Thornton Wilder referred to was the Boston and Maine which ran from Concord to Claremont between 1872 and December 16, 1954, when the last passenger train rolled through "our town," Bradford.

By 1842 there was train service from Boston to Concord. Prior to that, passengers and freight traveled via the Middlesex Canal, then on to the Merrimack River to Concord; or a faster trip could be made by coach, which entailed overnighing in one of the old taverns along the way.

There is a good view of a section of the Nashua River Canal as you travel south on Route 3; the river runs under the highway by the Nashua Mall, and the canal runs parallel to the river less than a half mile beyond. This is worth noting the next time you drive to Boston. A quick, careful look also reveals the footpath used by the horses when hauling barges.

In 1848, the eighteen-mile stretch between Concord and Warner was completed. The occasion was celebrated by hauling stockholders between the two towns. By 1850, Bradford became the end of the line -- a distinction it held for 21 years, until 1871, when the Newbury Cut was completed. Then trains could travel to Newport, and finally, in 1872, all the way through to Claremont, where connections to New York and Montreal could be made.

Although the line was never very profitable, it did show a 6% profit the first three years; \$49,000 coming from freight and



Leaving Bradford for Claremont; trestle across Todd Pond, circa 1910

\$37,700 from passenger service. It's interesting to note that an iron repairer was paid \$60 per month, a freight conductor, \$25 per month; and the Lull Brothers, Moses and Jesse, earned 75 cents to one dollar a day working as section hands. Charles Farnum, the station agent at "Contoocookville" earned \$25 per month. No reference was made to length of the working day, unions, pensions, hours or strikes.

Wood was used to fuel the engines; it sold for \$2.50 a cord ... delivered!

By 1936, the Boston and Maine sought to abandon the Concord to Claremont line after a spring flood washed out a railroad bridge in Contoocook. Selectmen Reuben S. Moore, Milton Craig, Paul W. Danforth, and several others attended a hearing in Concord concerning the closing and were able to stall the inevitable until December 16, 1954, when the last passenger

train on the Concord to Claremont line rolled through Bradford.

The Vermont Transit Bus Line still holds the franchise it obtained for the run between Boston and Montreal; and within a few years, the trestle crossing Todd Pond became part of the re-routing of Route 103. Several portions of the old railroad bed are still extant, providing convenient access for hiking and cross country skiing, but these small remnants are fast being assimilated by housing developments springing up throughout "our towns."

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by Chris Chomitz

The next stop on our ground-up tour of automobiles is ... just in time for spring ... suspensions. There are as many ways to hold up an automobile as there are automobiles.

The simplest form of suspension is one aptly described as "inarticulate." The wheels are fastened to axles which are fastened to a frame and there's your cart. True, with changes in the road surface, the frame will flex a bit - and the air in its tires will provide some cushioning, but if you're looking for ride comfort, look somewhere else. This design does have its advantages. A bucket-loader that won't change its ride height or attitude whether empty or full is at an advantage at construction sites where extremely low speeds and precise handling are a must. If you've seen one bobbing up and down like a rocking horse (porpoising) on the road - at a gait of 20 m.p.h. - you'd realize that ride comfort isn't one of its attributes.

One of the earliest spring suspensions consisted of leaves of flat steel curved slightly, like a bow, layered and fastened together. Each end of the longest leaf was curled into an "eye." (These were usually made by the blacksmith and he had neat words for everything.)

Two of these springs were fastened together, one upside down, to form an ellipse. A leaf-type spring will change in length as it is deflected. Using two springs together eliminated that as a concern. One "flat" side of the resulting elliptical spring

was bolted to the frame and the other side to the axle. Bouncy. Horse-drawn buggies and coaches popularized this type of suspension long enough for it to be brought into the automotive world. More commonly, semi-elliptics ... one-half the above system ... or even quarter elliptics, were used. The semi-elliptic leaf spring, securely bolted to the axle with one of its "eyes" fastened to the frame and the other attached through a "shackle" to allow for changes in length (when it flexes) is still in wide use today. While once it was employed fore-and-aft, the disappearance of solid front axles in the search for a smoother, more comfortable and luxurious ride, has left this design pretty much on the back end of things. This, then, is the "Hotchkiss" suspension, originally developed in France for a car of the same name.

Although less common in the early years, "coiled wire" springs began showing up more and more often in new car designs. They could be made quite compact and allowed a much longer spring to be used in a small space. A longer spring means a much more gradual change in tension as it is flexed. A smooth ride was now within reach. Independence for front suspensions! An arm (or two, or three, or four, five, six) could control the position of a wheel while a coil provided the spring.

A multi-leaf spring arrangement has a certain amount of inner-end friction (all those steel leaves rubbing as it flexed). If bouncy, it would soon stop moving. Shock "absorbers" or dampers were considered an option in early years. With coil springs or even torsion bars (a coil straightened out and attached securely at each end, one to the frame and one to the suspension), they became a necessity. They are also the subject of another column.

Water Matters! by Sherry Chomitz

The Sewer/Water Needs Assessment Committee has finalized its preliminary survey form, which will be administered during the month of April. The survey will be conducted by groups of Bradford citizens going door to door in targeted areas to ask simple questions about water supply and septic setups. The surveys will be kept completely confidential. For those not able to complete the interviews in person, a self-addressed stamped envelope will be provided to mail in the completed survey. With only 17 questions, the whole thing only takes a couple of minutes, one way or the other.

If the survey reveals either water or sewer problems, the results will be used to support a grant proposal for an engineering study. This will be a long-term endeavor and interested individuals are always welcome to attend meetings. Our short-term need is for volunteers to either conduct the door-to-door springtime walking interviews or to help with the mailouts to the seasonal residents. Please call Sherry Chomitz at 938-2477 with questions or advice (!) The next committee meeting, with Tom Clark, will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.



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Selectmen's meetings in March

March 6. Selectmen met with Perry Teele to discuss procedures for consistent implementation of his responsibilities as Code Enforcement Officer and as Chairman of the Planning Board.

March 13. Brackett Scheffy met with Selectmen to review warrant for Town Meeting and make final preparations.

Selectmen signed the authorization for the final CBDG payment to New Kearsarge Corp. The total amount loaned to NKC was \$334,742.50. \$15,000 of the original grant was not used and is being returned to the government. To date, NKC has been making regular interest payments. Once they have received their final payout from the grant, they will begin repaying the loan principal, and complete the payback in five years.

March 20. Following tradition, Marcia Keller, the senior Selectman, was elected Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Joe Battles and Dick Hambrecht met to discuss press reports concerning the Town's settlement of the Patten suit. They were particularly concerned that the public disclosure of a settlement would "open Pan-

dora's box" ... encouraging individuals to sue the Town. Selectman Keller responded that the settlement was agreed to on advice of Town Counsel, there was no requirement of confidentiality placed on the decision, and the newspaper article was accurate.

Selectmen discussed the sale of town-owned properties and asked that a public notice of properties for sale be prepared.

The results of Town Meeting were discussed, including what to do with the Central School. No decisions were reached.

March 27. Bob Stewart, Jr., Chairman of the Road Committee, met to discuss plans and schedules for spring road and bridge work. Decisions on bridges: Committee will apply for state aid for replacement of Breezy Hill bridge; Bement Bridge repairs require specialized knowledge, Committee will conduct search for expert. Three bridges at Box Corner urgently require work; Committee will get quote from Dopp & Dopp for the two on Fairgrounds Road; Newell Road bridge is also in poor condition, but it's not on a bus route, so it has a lower priority.

All agreed that it was cost- and time-effective for Road Agent Anderson to contract out certain jobs, instead of using the Highway crew. The Bridge Report noted that 75% of town bridges had unacceptable guardrails. Selectmen agreed with Road Committee recommendation to give the job to a company with the proper equipment. Anderson has also contracted with a company to grind the asphalt and repave portions of Fairgrounds road.

Selectmen emphasized the importance of scheduling work this time of year and encouraged the Road Committee to work closely with Anderson on setting priorities.

Selectman Keller reported that through her research, and deed research conducted by Perry Teele and Eastman Steere, it had been determined that the road through the McKim property, which was turned down for discontinuance by Town Meeting this year, actually had been discontinued by Town Meeting in 1896!

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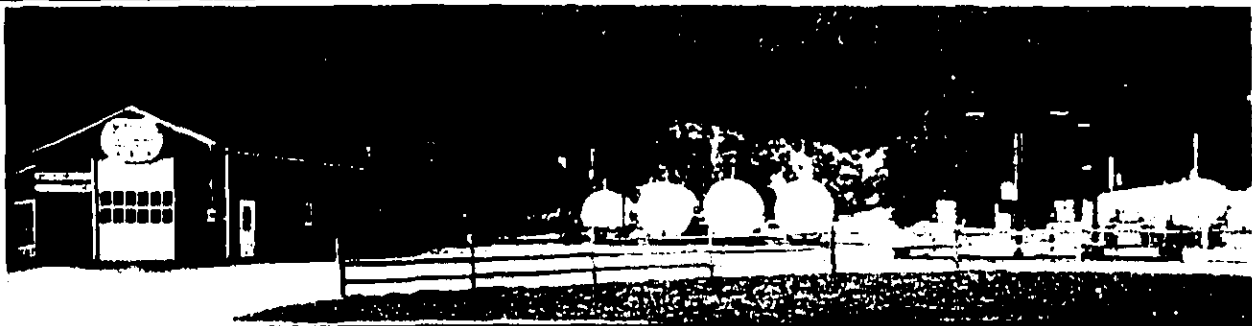
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Bradford Rescue Squad news

At March's business meeting, the Bradford Rescue Squad officially ended its Community Calendar/Raffle fund-raising campaign.

Captain Carl Olson presented Greg Magee with a Certificate of Appreciation for having collected \$593 in donations to the squad. Magee did most of his fund-raising at the IGA, accounting single-handedly for 25% of the squad's profits from calendar sales. Olson told Magee, "You have the thanks of every member of the squad for the hours of dedication and hard work you contributed. You impressed us all."

After accepting his award, Magee performed the honors in the Calendar Buyers Raffle drawing, pulling eight winning names from a bag. The winners are:

Ed and Sharon Kenrick, Bradford - Gift basket, Sutton Mills Provisions; Violette Kelly, Warner - Gift basket, Sutton Mills Provisions; Charlie and Betty Whittermore, S. Sutton - Gift basket, Wiegmann Apiaries; Christine and Peter Yeaton, Bradford - Dinner, Country Spirit; Ed Rennells, Sutton - Dinner, Courtney's; Kate and Roger Lamson, Sutton - Dinner, Bryanna's; Mrs. Harold Wright, Bradford - Dinner, Daniel's; Ena Grandinetti, Bradford - Jar of cheese, Nunsuch

The big winner in the fund-raising effort was the Bradford Rescue Squad, which realized more than \$2,500 in profit. "We would especially like to thank the advertisers who generously supported us," said Olson. "We're very lucky to have so many businesses who are committed to being part of an active, healthy community."

The money will go toward the operating expenses of the squad, which include ambulance maintenance and fuel, medical supplies, ongoing EMT training, and communications (paggers and radios). The all-volunteer squad has an annual budget of between \$10,000 and \$15,000, nearly all of which must be raised by donations and fund-raising projects.

Last year, the ambulance went on 173 runs. There were: 81 medical emergencies, 49 trauma emergencies, 24 motor vehicle accidents, and 19 fires. By town, 87 calls were in Bradford, 48 in Newbury, 26 in Sutton, and 12 in Warner.

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

Before owner of *Profile Promotions*, Josiah Clark Phillips, moved nine years ago to his home on the Bradford/Newbury town line, he commuted daily from Reading, Massachusetts to his Concord, New Hampshire, office. He claimed the trip was "easy driving on superhighways—a mere 56-mile-one-hour-one-way journey."

Clark's business features specialty advertising and distribution of promotional products. To the uninitiated, promotional products are tangible items which carry a company's logo, advertising message, name, address and telephone number. They might be pens, coffee mugs, T-shirts, hats, key tags, dolls, presentation folders, or tote bags.

He helps large corporations and small businesses (and every size in between) to promote themselves. He might provide T-shirts for an employee incentive program, bumper stickers for a political candidate, or coffee mugs for a nonprofit's fund-raising effort.



Whatever the need, Clark "gets a kick" out of creating the appropriate design, working with clients and manufacturers. Once a company chooses a product, he takes the order directly to the manufacturer. He said, "Since we are established and have learned a few things over the years, we have everything we need in our home office to do business—a telephone and a fax machine." Although *Profile Promotions* has only two employees (himself and his wife, Miriam), his company does business throughout the state.

After years of traveling in New England managing accounts with hundreds of manufacturers and business clients with a staff of nine, Clark is casual when he mentions that now they only manage 300 accounts with all major suppliers, including 3M (Post-It Notes), BIC and Sheaffer Pens. Understating his involvement, he remarked quietly, "Well, it keeps us busy."

When the company was larger, it specialized in large accounts. Appreciating the addition of small accounts, he said, "The mix of accounts has become very beneficial. If you have just a few big accounts and you lose one, you may lose 20% of your business. Besides, having a mix is more interesting. It's a lot of fun to help a small organization promote itself."

Clark's first career began in Boston at one of the largest printers in the country. He learned the printing trade by working in every department. After a buy-out, the new company focused on packaging. He said, "We printed every gum wrapper that was used in this country, because we had the equipment." He also designed promotional display bins for products placed in stores. One product was cranberries. Travelling to Cape Cod, he visited Ocean Spray corporate headquarters, which had a bubbler dispensing pure, unadulterated cranberry juice. He said, "Oh, man, was that good stuff. I loved the taste of it." He lamented that today, cranberry juice has water and sugar added.

Since the Phillipses moved to New Hampshire, their only regret is that they didn't do it sooner. They have great neighbors and a location where they watch the weather roll down from the mountains and bluebirds nesting in boxes lining their split-rail fence.

Clark believes that a person has a responsibility to "take an interest in things and do what you can to help and I don't mean, necessarily, to change things," he said. "That's one of the reasons we're delighted to be active in the church and the Lodge."

He sings in the choir, is Moderator for the First Baptist Church, Master of St. Peter's Lodge, and a board member of the Bradford Business Association. Miriam has served as Church Secretary and is a member of the Bradford Women's Club.

One would never suspect that underneath the quiet reserve of a promotional mogul, there might be a person willing to take center stage as a song-and-dance man. Was that derby-hatted singer bawdily rendering "Clancy Lowered the Boom" and "H-A-double-R-I-G-A-N spells Harrigan" in the 4th Annual Variety Show really Josiah Clark Phillips?



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

WOULDN'T TAKE NOTHING FOR MY JOURNEY NOW

Maya Angelou
Random House of Canada, 1993
Available at Brown Memorial Library

This paperback of 24 brief essays is a quick read and offers an opportunity to visit with this author. Many will recall the poem, *And Still I Rise*, which Angelou delivered at President William Clinton's inaugural. Though she appears on television frequently, her writings offer a great glimpse of the woman.

Angelou tells the story of Annie, a poor Negro woman from Arkansas with two babies, slight abilities to read and add simple numbers, and a poor marriage. The couple separates. The husband takes off for Oklahoma, relinquishing responsibility for the family. Determined not to become a domestic and leave her babies' care to anyone else, Annie studied her dilemma and devised a solution, the creation of a job for herself. The story offers promise to any woman or man in similar circumstances.

There is a humorous yet poignant essay about "get-ups," which Angelou defines as dressing in color combinations that often "bring surprise." As a young mother and "get up" kind of dresser, she often visited her young son's school. When the boy was six, he asked his mother not to visit the school. This disturbed Angelou, who sat the boy down for a talk, which was an eye-opener. Immediately, she became more discreet in her dress. As the mother and son grew in stature and understanding, the boy became more confident and, in time, Angelou was able to return to what her friends call "eccentric dressing."

In a chapter titled *Passports to Understanding*, Angelou sees travel to foreign countries as a plus. It can't stop bigotry, she says, but it can offer an opportunity to realize that all people cry, laugh, eat, worry and die, presenting the idea that we have things in common and can be friends.

Her book is dedicated to her friend, Oprah Winfrey.

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THEN AND NOW

Researched by Sandy Wadlington, with photos provided by Steve Hansen

Worship in Bradford began at the Center. In 1796, townspeople built a "meetinghouse" to serve both the civic and religious needs of the community. In 1838, the Congregationalists built the Center church, leaving the Town Hall for civic activities. In 1863, the Town Hall was taken down and rebuilt at its present location.



In 1928, the Hibbard Memorial Porch was added to the front. A vestry basement was excavated in 1957 to provide a Sunday School room and a furnace room. And 1994's renovation efforts were expended to renovate the Fiske House, located next door, into church offices. Presently, efforts are underway to upgrade the Fiske House basement to provide space for a Food Pantry and Thrift Shop.

Meanwhile, in 1830, Baptists built The First Baptist Church on West Main Street. Its first renovation was in 1856 ... replacing the high pulpit with a low platform, removing the upper gallery, and installing a church bell. The vestry was added in 1872 and the present parsonage was built in 1884. In 1906, two front doors were replaced with a single entry, hardwood floors, new wainscoting and pews, and steel ceiling and walls were installed.



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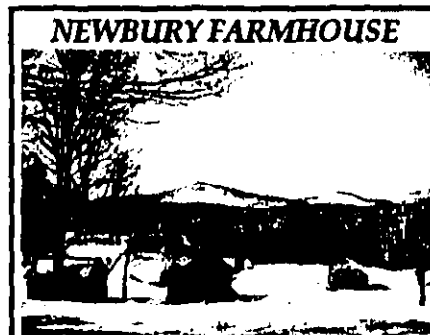
Whist Society benefits local groups

The Bradford Whist Society was originally started by a group of town ladies in about 1937. Their goal was to raise funds for hot lunches at the new Central School. They not only held card parties every week; these women also cooked hot lunches every day for the children. This fund-raising went on until the government mandated the daily menus and put the feeding of the children under the auspices of the school department.

Long before the Central School was built, Miss Williams cooked a hot lunch for her students at School House #1, out at Bradford Center. During the Depression, she took monies from her own modest salary, so that she was sure her students got at least one hot nourishing meal a day.

The wheel of fortune does indeed go around. As you have read elsewhere in the *Bridge*, a new food pantry will soon be in business to help families who aren't quite making it financially, so that they can feed their children nutritious meals.

The Bradford Whist Society will, as of April 14, dedicate the proceeds from one of the two parties a month to benefit the Food Pantry. The games are held at the First Baptist Church Vestry. They start at 7:30 on the second and fourth Friday of every month. \$1.50 will still be the donation for the evening of cards, refreshments, new friends, fun and prizes. Donations of non-perishable food would be most welcome, a can of this, a box of that. There will be a box for donations if you feel so inclined.



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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

I can't remember which governing body in Washington sets what the life of durable goods (automobiles, refrigerators, your high ticket items) is. I can't remember whether it is three years or five years, but which ever, it isn't all that long for durability.

We went antiquing/yard sale cruising today with two of our grandchildren. We had a lovely time admiring and chuckling over the things that were offered for sale. On our way home, driving back through Bradford, we were all quiet, each of us pondering our day's adventure. I couldn't help comparing our town with the fine antiques and the quick fix stuff we had seen (another man's treasures, etc.).

Nor could I help comparing Bradford's Main Street to every other little town we had traveled through. These ponderings brought me back to the questionnaire on Town Priorities that almost three hundred townspeople filled out last year. The number one, most important, thing those people wanted to see was that something be done about Main Street — so we could be proud of our town and so that we could attract business and people to our town. At that same time, there was a hue and cry to get the Police Station out of the Town Hall building. What ever has happened to those important goals?

Town meeting has come and gone, but it really isn't gone. All of the various articles that we voted in will be with us when our next tax bills come. A bunch of the things

that we voted for are for durable goods, or are for future dreams. As I think back, none of the thousands and thousands of dollars we voted in will do a thing to attract businesses to Main Street or to separate the Police and the Kindergarten.

We will be able to admire our bright shiny new cruiser, when it is delivered. We will all welcome our new police officer when he or she comes to town, and we will feel safer, knowing that we have twenty-four hour coverage. We will have a parade on the Fourth of July, and that is a good thing, as it, once a year, brings thousands of people to our town.

We won't have new sidewalks for all those people to walk on, which in a way may be a blessing. Someone needs to figure out who is going to maintain the sidewalks, and what the town's liabilities are, if we do have sidewalks. If the Town, as a body, decides to have sidewalks, aren't there grant monies to help pay for them? ... Did we collectively vote our pocketbooks instead of our town's future, when we turned down the conversion of the Central School and the future of the Police Department, and the old Town Hall?

You should never eavesdrop ... it is said to be extremely rude; it can also let you in on something you'd rather not have heard. At the end of Town Meeting, one citizen said to another, "See, I told you we'd beat you." The rejoinder was "I think we just shot the town in the foot."

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



I was in a Concord supermarket last week, when I noticed all the women purchasing lovely cut flowers. I decided that would be a lovely gift for ... for ... ME! Gene liked them too!

We always celebrate Easter with roast fresh ham. It's a tradition! This is an old family recipe. Have a happy holiday!

Schmidt Family Easter Ham

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| 1 fresh ham, about 5 lbs. | 2 ribs of celery, sliced |
| 1 or 2 cloves garlic, cut | 1 bay leaf |
| salt & pepper | 3 whole cloves |
| 1 Tbsp caraway seed | 1 cup water |
| 4 onions, sliced | 1 cup dry white wine (optional) |
| 2 carrots, sliced | |

Score skin in two directions, making a diamond pattern. Rub meat with garlic, sprinkle with salt and pepper and caraway seeds. Put onions, carrots, celery, bay leaf and cloves on bottom of a large baking pan. Add water (and wine, if desired). Lay ham, fat side down, on vegetables. Roast uncovered in a 325° oven for one hour. Baste often with pan juices. Turn meat fat side up and roast until done (about 4 1/2 hours for a 5-lb ham).

Potatoes, peeled, halved, dried thoroughly, are delicious roasted. Put them in roasting pan about two hours before ham will be done. Test with fork and when done, remove and keep warm.

Host families needed for inner city children

Summer means swimming, barbecues and the smell of fresh cut grass. For a New York City youngster, summer means stifling heat, pollution, and the violence of the city. You can help change this by opening your home for two special weeks that you and a child will always treasure.

The Fresh Air Fund is seeking families in Hopkinton, Henniker, Hillsboro, Weare, New London, Warner, Bradford, Sutton, Newbury, and Wilnot to host a child between the ages of 6 and 12. You can request a boy or girl and a specific age.

"These kids have never picked a fresh tomato or walked through the woods. They are so appreciative of all we have here," said Joyce Foley of Warner, a long-time host. "You get a great feeling knowing that you are making a difference in a child's life, just by letting them explore all we take for granted."

All it takes to be a Host Family is a bed and an extra plate at the dinner table. For information, call Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie



Many thanks to everyone who supported warrant article 19 at Town Meeting, adding \$20,000 to our capital reserve fund. The total is now \$30,000. The building of this account is most important as we must have matching funds for most grants.

A collection of eight compact disks has been donated to the library. This could be the start of something great!

Beginning April 1, all videos will circulate for one week only. IGA recently donated eight videos, including *The Lion King!* Thank you; the kids are ecstatic.

Banshee Train, by Odds Bodkin, illustrated by Ted Rose, is a recent donation from the author. Anyone interested in Irish folklore and railroads will want to see this. The illustrations are very well matched to the story.

Marty and Sue Bunis have given three collector's guides to radios, antiques and novelty. Check these wonderful books to see if you might have a collector radio in your attic, cellar or storage room

More recent acquisitions:

by Jane Kenyon:
The Boat of Quiet Hours
From Room to Room
Let Evening Come
 by Geoffrey Douglas
Class
Dead Opposite
 by Ronald Jager
Last House on the Road

Jane Kenyon lives in Danbury, Ronald Jager in Washington, and Geoffrey Douglas in Bradford! Books not to be missed.

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on the library lawn on Saturday, April 8th, at 10:30 am.

When you stop by the library, be sure to take a moment to look at the watercolor by Grete Rule.

We will take books for our annual July book sale during the next three months. Call the library to arrange for pick-up. Books may be brought in during library hours.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Is spring really here? The weather of February and March has been frustrating, to say the least. One of the best sap runs to date occurred in late February. Then the weather turned warm, with no hard freezes, so sap merely dribbled. A period of dull grey days – the weathermen indicated a front hanging over northern New England was responsible. We really need to stir the pot and plant some seeds!

Everyone gets the urge to get tomatoes growing and they are an easy plant to grow. It used to be we would set a flat of seeds on top of the refrigerator where the heat would warm the soil, and get germination starting. Now our inventiveness has devised thermostatically controlled heating cables to warm the soil and tabletop "greenhouses" to start many plants on their way to being healthy seedlings. Such devices can be had from many sources, at prices from \$35 to more than \$100. All work well and hasten the growth of new plants. Time for germination may be reduced to as little as five or seven days and the seedlings then must be transplanted for growing under grow-lights, which again means speedier production. Even the "soil" we use is no longer true soil, but an artificial concoction of peat moss, plastic, fertilizer, and humus, which does the job better than good old "Mother Earth."

So as April arrives, it is time to get your favorite tomatoes, peppers and eggplants started. Also some of the stand-by flowers, which keep the annual garden blooming ... zinnias, marigolds and petunias, the stalwarts of many borders. It is difficult to keep up with the new varieties of annual flowering plants. Burpee started the ball rolling by offering a reward some years ago for the seeds of a white marigold. The company developed a near-white marigold and now has a "true" white variety. Plant breeders yearly offer "new and better" varieties of many plants, though they come at a price - 25 seeds for \$2.00 or more. They will be supplanted next year by others!

It is interesting to note the change in fashion in flowers now available. Roses for a long period of time have satisfied growers needs, though floribundas, or tea roses, are not very winter hardy here in northern New Hampshire. Some of the hardiest have been bred by German hybridizers. Peace, bred in Germany about 1940 and cosseted by its grower until after the war was over, and then exported to the U.S., has proved to be one such durable tea rose. When I came to Bradford, I purchased a plant for my garden. Now nearly 20 years

later, that plant is still blooming, surviving our winters with minimal protection.

Changes in rose fashions are underway. Instead of grafting special flowering hybrids on rootstock, the latest technique is to develop plants from rooted cuttings on their own roots (labeled OR), which are less likely to send up shoots from the multi-flora rootstock. One is the French Meidiland group, new in 1990. These are ground cover plants with flowers 2 to 4 inches and long flowering periods. All are disease resistant. Agriculture Canada has developed hybrids hardy to zone 3 from the German Korde breeder and some of the prairie roses of Canada. Most have excellent perfumes and on OR. A couple of these products are hardy to zone 2! There is hope for more roses in N.H.!

Again, I would point those who wish some out of the ordinary plants to a catalog I found of a rose grower in Maine, who has the greatest variety I have seen anywhere. The catalog is a textbook of roses for the northeast and certainly holds out hope for all those wanting to have a rose garden out of the ordinary. It is Royal River Roses, 70 New Gloucester Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097. The cost of the publication is \$2.00 and well worth it. The rose farm will have a Rose Day event on Sunday, June 25th, serving lunch at \$3.00 and ... "guaranteed not to rain (as hard as last year)." They have the largest number of perfumed roses I have ever seen and are only a couple of hours away.

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Moon Mountain Arts announces premier event

Moon Mountain Arts announces its premier event—a film and video series featuring award-winning films created by New Hampshire directors or shot in New Hampshire locations. The first of four screenings will take place on May 17 at 7:30 pm in Bradford's First Baptist Church. Filmmaker Cindy Kleine, from Weare, will be on hand to show two short films and talk with the audience about her work.

One of her works, an 18-minute video, titled *DOUG & MIKE, MIKE & DOUG*, won the 1995 "First & Finest" award in the New Hampshire Film & Video Competition. The judges honored Kleine's video for its richly layered, often amusing, treatment of one of the closest of human relationships, growing up as identical twins.



Her second work is *Nana*, a film which is an evocation of a life and a portrait of her grandmother in her last years. Klein said, "Nana, in her ninth decade, still refuses to relinquish her sense of self, aims to control her own calendar, still is matriarch, even now and alone. The film is a document on nostalgia, aging, and personal dignity."

Moon Mountain Arts, an organization formed to promote arts events in Bradford, includes representatives from Bradford's Business Association, Women's Club, Historical Society, Artists & Artisans, First Baptist Church, and Friends of Brown Memorial Library.

The series will continue on September 27 with a historical drama, by Don Coonley of New London; on October 17, with Gothic Horror Tales for Halloween and the opportunity to critique an unpublished film manuscript by Tom Tosi of Weare; and on November 4, with a short story set in winter by Douglas Morse of Portsmouth. Artists will be present at each event to talk with the audience. Series tickets are \$12. Single tickets will be: adults, \$4; students, \$2. Tickets will be available at Dodge's and Family & Friends Garage.

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April Calendar

Monday, April 3

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00
Cemetery Committee, call 938-5386

Tuesday, April 4

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00
Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, April 5

Library Trustees, library, 7:15
Open to the public

Thursday, April 6

Facilities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Friday, April 7

Share order day, Warner CAP Building, 10:00-2:00 and 4:00-6:00

Saturday, April 8

Rabies Clinic, Battles' Farm, 11:00-1:00

Monday, April 10

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, April 11

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, April 12

Sewer/Water Needs Assessment Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

PTC, Bradford elementary school, 7:30

Thursday, April 13

Bradford/Newbury Workshop
KRSD School Board, Sutton school, 7:15

Friday, April 14

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Prizes, refreshments, sponsored by Bradford Food Pantry

Monday, April 17

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00
Bradford Business Association, Rosewood Inn, 7:00

Tuesday, April 18

Kindergarten Parents, Church Vestry, 6:40; babysitting, call 938-5480
The Importance of Wetlands, slide show sponsored by Conservation Commission and Women's Club, Baptist Church, 7:30
Public is cordially invited.

Wednesday, April 19

Order of the Eastern Star, St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

Thursday, April 20

Facilities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Saturday, April 22

EARTH DAY TREASURE HUNT.
Early Birds usually find the most trash!
Share distribution day, Warner church, 8:30-10:00 am

Monday, April 24

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, April 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, April 26

Historical Society, TOWN HALL, 7:30

Thursday, April 27

KRSD School Board, location to be determined, 7:15

Friday, April 28

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Everyone welcome, prizes, refreshments, sponsored by Conservation Commission

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

TOWN OF BRADFORD PROPERTY AT TAX SALE

The Town of Bradford offers 6 parcels for sale. Sealed bids accepted until 12:00 noon Friday, April 28. Property list and details at the Selectmen's office.

TOWN OF BRADFORD ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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