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Community News - By and for our neighbors

April 1996



Town Meeting, the play, performed on March 1, was a rousing success. The playwright, Rebecca Rule, succeeded in illustrating the unique character of a New England town meeting, with its varied characters and plodding tempo. The repartee and one-liners had the audience alternating between laughter and shaking their heads at its realism. It seemed as though the performers had at least as much fun putting it on as the audience had watching the uproarious activities. Since the play, some of the "characters" have even been addressed by their stage names. And Ev Kittredge actually received several write-in votes for moderator! This ambitious presentation was sponsored by Moon Mountain Arts, which deserves kudos for their energy and enthusiasm. It was a great antidote to cabin fever.

Performers include: bottom row, left to right, Edythe Craig, Wally Brown, Tillie Wheeler, Laurie Buchar; second row, Sue Vitale, Perley Strout, Lois Bradicich, Marcia Keller; third row, Phyllis Whall, Tom Scribner, John Harris, Ev Kittredge, Dick Keller; fourth row, Kim Lowe, Marcia Strout, Carol Tomkin; top row, author Rebecca Rule, George Beaton, Glen Mayo, Vern Hall. photo by A. V. Sylvester

With library bond tabled, town meeting is low-key event

In the days leading up to town meeting, Selectmen and Library Trustees received "clarifications" and "interpretations" of the Municipal Budget Act, which resulted in the library bond warrant article being withdrawn from consideration at this year's town meeting. The conclusion hinged on the Budget Committee's having not recommended the article. The Municipal Budget Act requires that total appropriations not exceed 10% of the amount recommended by the Budget Committee. Passing the \$500,000 bond could have jeopardized the town's operating budget.

Once the bond article had been tabled, discussion on the remaining warrant articles seemed to be in inverse proportion to the value

of the item, commented moderator Brackett Scheffy. The operating budget of \$839,643 was passed with just three minor changes. \$100 for the History Committee was discussed, but \$128,496 for road sealing and oiling was passed with almost no comment.

During the discussion of Article 16 concerning the purchase of a new tractor with cab, Gary Wall asked that removing snow from town sidewalks be addressed. Others agreed that sidewalk maintenance was important, but the Selectmen said this tractor was not appropriate for clearing sidewalks and the matter should be taken up at a later time.

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KRSD votes FOR students and quality education

With a vote of 734 to 78 ... an overwhelming 90% of the votes cast ... the Kearsarge Regional School District voted for high school improvements and, in doing so, took a giant step toward healing the acrimonious relations among the seven district towns.

This vote reflects the progress made by the school district during the past twelve months. Last year's annual meeting vote to modify the apportionment formula, combined with New London's decision to remain with the district, formed the cornerstones on which district voters felt comfortable committing the district to a fifteen-year bond to renovate

■ see SCHOOL, page 13

Chip Meany accepts Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer job

Charles (Chip) Meany, Fairgrounds Road, has agreed to serve as Bradford's Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. He will be sworn in at the April 1 Selectmen's meeting.

Meany says he plans to take time to learn the "ground rules." Perry Teele will act as his assistant while he becomes familiar with the job. As Building Inspector, he expects to enforce building standards for the town and serve as an advisor to prospective builders.

Meany has been a resident of Bradford for 25 years and has his own finish carpentry business.

Previous employment includes serving as Park Manager at Coleman State Park in Colebrook and working at Sunapee State Park as a maintenance mechanic and snowmaker.

He served in Viet Nam as a Marine and is a 1971 graduate of New England College.

Living in Bradford

Matt Mello's Melodies

April 27 - 7:30

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"Women and Money" topic at next BWC meeting

"Women and Money" is the topic for discussion on Tuesday, April 16, at the Bradford Women's Club meeting, to be held at 7:30 pm in the Church Vestry. Jane Dumais will address issues of cash flow, understanding how to do a budget, making a net worth statement, and planning for retirement. Why should you be a Money Smart Woman? Either by choice or chance, most women are single at some point in their lives. Most women outlive their husbands; many women divorce; and many will be called upon to manage the financial affairs of elderly parents. Come to the Women's Club meeting and learn to take charge of your financial life.

Jane, a member of BWC, is a former special education teacher in Newport. She was previously a financial analyst for 15 years, most recently at Data General Corporation and Raytheon. This evening is "Guest Night" and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Anyone interested in BWC membership should call committee chair, Louise Clark, or members of her committee, Amy Blitzer and Alma Clinton. BWC meets once a month from September to May, with two evening guest nights. The Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on May 21. Reservations should be made to Barbara McCartney no later than May 16.

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The Enrichment Committee of KRES at Bradford is cataloguing the teaching resources available in our community. We need your help creating this inventory. Please let us know of your skills, knowledge, experience, and the treasures you have on your shelves, in your attic, barn, etc. We are interested in whatever you might be willing to share with the children and school. This could be career-related, hobbies, historical information (including Bradford memories), crafts. Your interests (however trivial they might seem to you) might be of special educational interest to children.

Please pick up the one-page Bradford-Newbury Parent Teacher Club Enrichment Database Project Survey that has been distributed locally or call Carol at 938-2562 and one can be mailed to you.

The possibilities are as rich and varied as the lives of our residents! Help us build the depth and character of our next generation.
--BNPTC Enrichment Committee

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News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

Vital records not previously recorded:

February 6 Linda Elizabeth Fortune was born to Kimberly and Jamie Fortune.

February 29 Twin boys, Logan Lavine and Corey Chandler Guest were born to Lori and Terry Guest.

There were no reported vital records for the month of March.

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, April 6. You may register your dogs at the same time.

TAX COLLECTOR

All tax liens and deeds take effect on Tuesday, April 2. Taxes are now charged 18% interest.

Office hours: Monday, 2:00-7:00; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon. Telephone: 938-2288, 938-2094.

Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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Town election results

388 votes were cast in this year's town elections, approximately 40% of registered voters. Two positions were contested. In the five-way race for Selectman, Joe Conway was elected. For School Board Rep, Mike Hague won. Here are the election results:

Town moderator, Brackett Scheffy, 350; Selectman, Joe Conway, 199, Dick Dumais, 89, Harold Heselton, 25, Jim Lawrence, 16, Bob Martell, 41; Supervisor of the Checklist, Nancy Hibbard, 126; Scholarship Committee, Judy Marshall, 26; Planning Board for 3 years, Tammara Van Ryn, 259, Eastman Steere, 240; Planning Board for 2 years, Jim Lawrence, 4; Trustee of the Trust Funds, Jane Dumais, 292; Zoning Board of Adjustment, Peter Lavallee, 34; Cemetery Commission, Hazel Morse, 324; Budget Committee for 1 year, Bliss Dayton, 122; Budget Committee for 3 years, Dian Darrach, 258, Peter Fenton, 61; Trustee of Brown Memorial Library for 3 years, Martin Bunis, 270, Melanie Leathers, 281, Elinor Robie, 297; Trustee of Brown Memorial Library for 1 year, Chris Payson, 310; School Board, Jane Dumais, 131, Mike Hague, 167, Hugh Keys, 73; School Budget Committee, Bernie Lamach, 318.

Bradford Fourth of July celebration is fast approaching

It's that time of year again!! Fourth of July is one of the biggest celebrations that Bradford has to offer. The town's parade has been listed as the third largest summer parade in the State of NH. Let's make it even bigger this year! All organizations, all businesses, all youth groups, are invited to participate in any capacity. In the past, invitations have been made over the phone. However, time and effort to promote outside entries make this impossible now. Please consider your town, your activities and your business, and consider entering your float in the parade.

We would also like to have your consideration in making a nomination for the Grand Marshal for the parade. If you know of someone whom you feel deserves to be nominated, please feel free to do so. Also, our Theme Contest is now open. Anyone who would like to take part in this contest is welcome to do so.

If you would like to make a nomination for Grand Marshal, enter your idea for a theme for the parade, or be a part of the parade, you may do this in either of two ways. First, you may mail your information to Fourth of July, P.O. Box 540, Bradford. Second, you may phone in your nomination or your theme or entry in the parade to Mary at 938-5268.

We are looking forward to a remarkable Fourth of July...to be held Saturday, July 6.

Model Railroad Show in Lebanon

The Upper Valley Model Railroad Show will be held on Sunday, April 14, 10:00-4:00, at Lebanon High School, exit 18 off I-89. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children, \$5.00 families.

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Master Plan Update

Bradford's Master Plan Update Committee estimates that some 2000 volunteer hours have been expended to date on the project. This has covered meetings with the Planning Board, public presentations (with preparation), weekly work sessions, monthly public meeting (first Wednesday, 9:00 am at Fiske House), survey preparation, reviews with consultants, survey dissemination and retrieval, data sheet preparation, data entry review and analysis, survey commentary review and analysis, field trips, plus the hours of committee involvement in the survey process. Data entry of the received information is being performed under limited contract. In excess of fifty volunteers have participated to date.

The original approval by the Planning Board called for four steps in the planning process: Data Collection and Inventory; Data Analysis and Evaluation; Plan Preparation and Recommendations; and Plan Implementation.

Under Data Collection and Inventory, The Committee reports as follows:

Community Survey. Completed and in the process of analysis

Base Mapping. Completed and ready for entry of information.

Data has been collected on the following surveys: Land Use and Environmental Inventory; Population; Economic; Housing; Street; Public Buildings.

The Committee also can report that initial analysis and evaluation is underway on identification of preliminary overall goals and objectives for the town expressed by respondents to the surveys. The more than 450 Household Surveys that were returned require extensive review. As soon as all data has been entered and firm numbers have been established, the results of the surveys will be presented to the Planning Board for release for informational purposes.

The next step to be undertaken will be the completion of the Data Analysis and Evaluation. The Committee is adhering to the schedule presented to the Planning Board.

MPUC: Richard Whall, Glendon Mayo, Harriet Douglass, Nancy Hibbard, Kathie Messor

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Letters



To the editor:

For a change, Bradford's Town Meeting proceeded decorously to an early conclusion. At the end, there was some confusion as to what was "any other business which could legally come before the meeting" and the participants hurriedly left the hall.

Several of us wished to have the floor for what we believe was a customary acknowledgement of the service of outgoing officers. We the undersigned wish to express, through this letter, gratitude for the outstanding and devoted work for Bradford that the Kellers -- Marcia and Dick -- have done the past three years. We have seen town government improve greatly with changes which should carry on down the road: bridge repair, roads systematically upgraded, even a reduction, small though it may be, in our taxes. On the school front, we have benefited greatly by the communication with us by Dick's column monthly in *The Bridge*, keeping those of us concerned with school affairs aware of where the greater part of our tax dollars are spent.

Bradford has been well served by our elected officers -- they deserve our collective thanks!

Fred & Frances Winch
Perley & Marcia Strout

To the editor:

I wish to thank my many friends and neighbors for all the cards, phone calls, and best wishes concerning my recent accident.

I am doing quite well and expect to be home around the first of May.

Roy C. Parsons

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thanks to all the people who made our Candidates' Night such a big success. Special thanks to Jane Lucas, Lu Signorino, Jane Johnsen, Martha Von Redlich, Vicki Simonds, Marlene Freyler, Jessica Lucas, Will Sammis, Dawn Rich, Nancy Hibbard, Doris & Ron Tremblay, Alma Clinton, Sophie Burke, and to my husband, Brackett Scheffy and his singular brand of humor.

Mauri A. Scheffy, Chairman
Bradford Women's Club Candidates' Night

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Open letter to Bliss Dayton:

At Town Meeting you invited residents to communicate their thoughts on the Brown Memorial Library project. I commend the Library Board members and Friends for their enthusiasm and the prodigious amount of planning and research. Indeed, it would be wonderful for Bradford to have a commodious, high tech library. But from my point of view, the cart is way out in front of the horse.

Bradford only has so much money to expend on its facilities and we need to get our priorities in order. Two years ago everyone in town was extremely agitated about the Police Station being housed with the Kindergarten. The Selectmen were in desperate need of space. The Town records needed to be gathered into one secure location. The kindergarten needed more space and a playground. The townspeople desired a meeting space to accommodate more than 100 people. None of these needs has been met, nor have the concerns been resolved. There is one new plus in the equation, the Town has acquired the Marshall/Naughton property, adding available land to meet Town space needs.

If we could make Main Street into a giant board game, my solution for a win win game would be:

Move 1. Move the Town administration and the Police Station to the Old Central School building (the plans have already been drawn [and paid for] and are on record with both the Town and the Facilities Committee).

Move 2: Bring the Old Meeting House/Town Hall up to code to house and expand the Kindergarten and give the Town meeting space for more than 100 people.

Move 3. Build a superb new Library facility on the Marshall site. This would give Main Street continuity from one end to the other, and fulfill the diverse needs of the town.

We need to add another dimension. We need to factor in some finances, not unlike Monopoly money. Bradford urgently requires an expanded tax base. We need funds to relocate all of our facilities. We need to go out and find a small, clean industry, such as WPI, and persuade them to move into Bradford. We could offer this industry the Naughton property, with a financial package so attractive they couldn't turn it down. We need a sewer system downtown, and that could be accommodated in the back of the Naughton property. ... Well, you get the general picture. It just seems to me that there are a lot of things that have to be addressed before we build our beautiful new Library.

Luanne Smith Mayo

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Historical Society opens 1996 season

Bradford's Historical Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, March through October. At its first meeting of the season on Wednesday last, members were treated to a slide show of treasured photographs "From the Collection." Milly Kitredge had put together wonderful pictures of people and places that used to be: tree-lined Main Street ... with sidewalks! Vistas from hilltops, across farmlands; people ... in ancient autos and carriages, peddlers, sheep farmers, loggers; beautiful old hotels and one venerable diner. Members had an opportunity to share new acquisitions and peruse Yearbooks while enjoying refreshment provided by Phyllis Whall and Frances Winch.

At the next meeting of the Society on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30 pm at the Old Post Office, Eastman Steere will tell the story of farm buildings, "Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn." Guests are always welcome at Historical Society meetings. During this season, programs will be presented on New Hampshire Women in History, Historic Meetinghouses (with the Union Congregational Society), and Forests and Forestry (with the Conservation Commission). The annual Alumni Picnic will be held at the Center Schoolhouse in August, and a tour of the Franklin Pierce House is planned for September.

Society headquarters is also open for the season on Saturday afternoons, 1:30 to 3:00, and always by appointment, phone 938-5386 or 938-2301. All are cordially invited to stop by, see the collection, pick up a membership application, and join the Historical Society.
-- Nancy Hibbard

Host families needed for inner city children

As the snow melts away from one of the heaviest winters ever, our thoughts turn to throwing open our windows and filling the house with the smells of fresh air, newly mown grass, and the promise of summer. But for an inner city child, summer means oppressive heat and pollution.

"We have so much here in a New Hampshire summer," says Joyce Foley of Warner. "Why not share our yards, our lakes, our BBQ's, and our family for two weeks with a needy child."

Families from Hillsborough to Hopkinton, Warner to Wilmot, and all points in between are needed to host a child from July 12-26. Children arrive by chartered bus in Warner. You may select a boy or a girl, age 6-12.

"These kids have never picked a tomato, climbed a tree, or fished in a pond. Things we take for granted can make memories that last a lifetime. And the kindness we show them can help shape their lives."

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

To all who have worked through our 3-year tour of duty with us ... thank you for your concerns and support and for a delightful gathering last Sunday afternoon.

*Many thanks,
Marcia & Dick Keller*



Singer Purly Gates presented by Moon Mountain Arts in May

From the folks who brought you the brilliant production of *Town Meeting* ... Moon Mountain Arts follows that success with a songfest by a unique New Hampshire artist, scheduled on a Saturday evening in May.

Purly Gates is an energetic and creative singer/songwriter and educator who has performed nationally and abroad as well. She has performed residency work in Micronesia, Texas and New England, released three commercial recordings, been featured on radio and television, and was a finalist in the prestigious Kerrville (Texas) New Folk Songwriting Competition.

Purly's repertoire covers a broad range of subjects from peace to pizza, environment to retirement. Her songs celebrate, empower, embrace diversity, and address current issues with humor and heart. Folks from six to eight-six are enthralled by this veteran performer as she slides from folk to swing to traditional styles. Over the years, she has shared stages with artists such as Pete Seeger, Odetta, Steve Martin, and Patty Larkin.

Save the date: Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm, Bradford Baptist Church

Purly Gates is a one-woman show. She accompanies her singing with guitar, banjo, ukulele or harmonica. We promise you an evening of artistry and pure pleasure. Tickets at \$7.00 (\$4.00 for children) are available at Dodge's after April 10.

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Travel to the Isles of Shoals with Portsmouth publisher, Peter Randall, by means of his slide presentation entitled, "Photographing the Isles of Shoals," sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London, Friday, April 12 at 7:30 pm.

This program will provide an opportunity to see these islands, located about ten miles off the New Hampshire coast, in all seasons. 58 selected photographs of Star Island, Apple-dore, White island, and Smuttynose, are featured in his authored book, *Out on the Shoals*, available for purchase at the meeting.

All Soo-Nipi programs are open to the public and refreshments are served. For more information, call Phyllis Curtiss, 526-4396.

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The ladies from the American Baptist Women's Ministries have a Church Fair discussion planned for their April 2 meeting at 7:00 pm. Raffle tickets will soon be available for the handmade full-size quilt. The pattern this year is "Bear Paws," constructed in colors of purple, gold, blue and aqua, set off by off-white. I understand it is the Ladies of Needlestreet's most difficult and challenging pattern so far. It is a "must see."

There are several opportunities for worship during Holy Week, beginning with a Maundy Thursday service on April 4 at 7:30 pm. The service will include a Portrayal of the Last Supper, Reflections from the Twelve Disciples, a Portrayal of the Footwashing, Communion, and the Office of Tenebrae.

The church will be open for meditation and prayer on Friday, April 5, noon - 3:00 pm. Meditative music and prayer books will be available.

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the grounds of the Free Will Baptist Church in Sutton on April 7 (the time will be announced closer to the date). (Don't forget to set your clocks ahead the night before!) The service is being sponsored by Free Will Baptist Church, South Newbury Union Church, and our church. An Easter breakfast will be held at Free Will Baptist immediately following the service. A free will offering will be taken.

Our Easter service will be held at 10:30 am. Our children have a wonderful, peppy song to share with the congregation. The older Sunday School class will be decorating the church with Easter balloons.

Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

Our Wednesday night study/support group will begin a series entitled "Transitions" on April 10 from 7:30-9:00. We will look in depth at the changes and transitions that occur at the end of childhood, starting out on our own, mid-life, and aging. We will also examine experiences of Baby Boomers and Empty Nesters.

Our Bible Study group will continue its study of the Book of Genesis on Thursday, April 11, 7:30-9:00 pm, at the parsonage.

Youth Sunday will be celebrated on April 14. Our youth will lead the entire worship service, including a skit entitled "A Debtor's Prison."

Our youth groups will meet April 14 at the parsonage to play Uno, Pictionary, Bolderdash, Scrabble, and other games. Youth are invited to bring their favorite cassettes, CDs, and albums. Grades 4-6 will meet 2:30-4:00; grades 7-12, 4:30-6:00.

On April 28, our youth will become "servants for the day," going to people's houses to help out with chores such as cleaning, sweeping, etc. Grades 4-6 will work from 2:30-4:00. Grades 7-12 will work from 4:30-6:00.

Dreams and Goals sessions will be held Sundays, April 21 and 28, 7:00-8:00, at the parsonage. This is an opportunity for the congregation to share its dreams for the future of the church. These are the last two brainstorming sessions before all of the ideas will be shared with the various committees and boards.

On Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 pm, the American Baptist Women's Ministries and Women's Christian Guild will present "Matt Mello's Melodies," sponsored by the E. Warren Smith Fund. Admission is free. Matt performs all around the country and promises to make this an unforgettable evening of honky tonk, ragtime, and sing-alongs.

Angels of the Month (written by Debbie Lamach). Some of this month's angels may have already been lionized through this column; however, they all have one particular project in common and that is the Food Pantry. Tom Marshall, Perley Strout, Bernie Lamach, Milton Brennan, Fred Winch, Fred Hubley, Roy Parsons, Ray Hamilton, Chris Way, Karl Scribner, and Carl Craig have all spent many untold hours in the construction of the Food Pantry at the Fiske House. They have all donated their time and talents to help get this project underway. If I've missed someone, it is not intentional, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Youth Group, who spent time painting.



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MCT 100th anniversary celebration

Merrimack County Telephone Company has kicked off its 100th Anniversary Celebration by sponsoring a theme art contest for fourth graders in the towns of Bradford, Hopkinton, Sutton, Warner, and Webster. Each fourth grade class was visited by representatives from MCT and treated to a demonstration on the basics of telephony. The challenge to the students was to create either an individual or group project which would illustrate some aspect of the 100th anniversary.

The enthusiastic participants developed a variety of presentations, including replicas of classic telephones, birthday cakes and cards, and various scenes depicting telephone company employees at work.

After much deliberation, the winning classes were announced. Classes at Maple Street School in Contoocook and Bradford Elementary will be enjoying pizza, ice cream, and popcorn in recognition of their success. Each student who participated was also given a distinguished certificate of achievement.

Additional activities planned for MCT's 100th Anniversary include an open house, to be held in August.

Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach



Here we are halfway through the legislative session year, with cross-over of bills behind us. Because of the quantity of bills being considered, I cannot cover all significant bills, but would like to elaborate on those recently passed that I believe may be of most local interest.

HB1288 to establish a study committee to examine pesticide product regulatory liability.

HB1335 relative to the New Hampshire Main Street program.

HB1344 which allows for an increase in the maximum cost of sweepstakes tickets from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

HB1515 establishing a telecommunications assistance program for essentially handicapped persons.

HB1532 requiring school districts to file a district-wide plan for evaluation and remediation of teachers.

HB1614 establishing a boating education and enforcement fund.

HR62 asks the House Finance Committee to study alternatives to property taxes for funding public primary and secondary education.

HJR26 urging the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp to honor Maxfield Parrish.

HB1314 reorganizing the Dept. of Environmental Services.

HB1453 dealing with reorganization of employees of the Liquor Commission.

HB1399, implementation of a sludge permit system in Dept. of Environmental Services.

HB1445 providing for certain services for the developmentally disabled IF funds become available.

HB1446 establishing a New Hampshire Board of Hearing Care Providers, to license audiologists.

HB1536 relative to cleanup and restoration of environmentally contaminated sites.

In committee, we continue to study bills related to municipalization of utilities, telecommunication rates and services, and de-regulation of utilities.

As a member of the Merrimack County delegation, I am happy to report that the county budget is reduced from last year, even though the impact of some programs, such as the new wing of the county hospital, are an increase. Both town and county demands on the property tax rate will be reduced this year.

Hopefully this is a breath of fresh air in the spring, and should be a thank you to both the town selectmen and county commissioners.

Ever wonder what happens when the communications revolution starts to impact social skills? Some of us sit in front of a computer screen much of the day and then go home to watch TV. Unless we're careful, the next generation will be isolated spiritually, emotionally, and psychologically. Etiquette, it seems, has already been lost, thanks to e-mail. Politeness and social skills we learn at an early age through interaction with friends. Adults adapt to situations through observing body language, and sometimes rapidly changing conversations to avoid crises.

Straight addresses, abbreviations, and direct sentences are the hallmark of on-line and e-mail. We need to be aware of the potential "access excess."

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Blue News ... Report from the Bradford Police Department, by Kathy Grindle

Some residents have noticed that they have been seeing a Bradford cruiser on the road more than usual over the last two months. The reason for this is that the Department has received a grant from the Highway Safety Agency to cover increased patrols for several months this spring. The patrols are in addition to routine patrols the Department is already doing. The cost of the program is paid for in full by the Highway Safety Agency.

The Police Department, along with other town agencies and businesses, took part in the Business Fair held in March. A \$50 savings bond, donated by the Department, was won by Megan Raymond. It was a very enjoyable day and it was a pleasure to talk to the many people who attended the event. We would like to thank the Bradford Junction Restaurant (two free breakfasts), Henniker Tan (free tanning for 2 weeks), and Que Pasa Restaurant in Henniker (\$25 gift certificate) for their generous donations to our raffle. We greatly appreciate their support of our Department.

Officer MacLeod has just returned from a Community Policing Consortium in Rhode Island. This Consortium was a condition of the COPS FAST Grant which he was hired under. Officer MacLeod stated that the seminars were very informative and he hopes to be able to implement some of the ideas and suggestions in this Department.

The Department has two child safety seats available, which we can give to low income residents. Please contact the office if you or someone you know would like to request one. We also have a few left to borrow for either short term or up to a year.

We have two found bicycles at the station. If you are missing one or know someone who is, please let us know. They will be returned if positively identified.

With the arrival of spring, all residents are reminded that children will be seen more often playing outside. Please be aware of children on bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, etc. Children are not always as careful as they should be. Therefore, we need to be even more cautious when driving during the good weather months.

We would also like to remind residents that the speed limit on Old Warner Road is 25 mph. When school is in session, the speed limit is lowered to 20 mph. These will be strictly enforced.

The total number of incidents for the month of March through the 29th was 210. This includes: 42 assists to other agencies--fire, rescue and the public; 25 animal complaints; 15 unsecured premises; 6 reports of harassing phone calls; 6 suspicious persons/motor vehicles; 4 accidents; 4 thefts; 3 bad checks; 2 reports of criminal mischief; 2 reports of neglected or abandoned children. The Department also issued 96 warnings, 36 summonses, and made 2 arrests.



Spencer Scheffy earns high honors

Spencer L. Scheffy has completed his second term as a student at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire. Spencer is the son of Brackett and Mauri Scheffy of Bradford, the grandson of Mary and Charles Hull of Naples, Florida, and Sunapee, NH, and the grandson of John and Emily Gould of Londonderry, NH and Naples, Florida.

Spencer was awarded High Honors for each of the first two terms at Exeter and played on the Junior Varsity Squash team. He will be on the Junior Varsity Tennis team during the final term of the year. He was also chosen by the faculty to be a visitors' guide during the Spring term.

Spencer is the fourth generation of his family to attend Exeter. Seven other members of his family attended the Academy.

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Marcia and Dick Keller were honored at an afternoon tea on March 24 for their service to the community. Marcia as Selectman and Dick as School Board Rep. They commented that they had enjoyed their years of service and encouraged others to participate.

Trail Day volunteers needed

Trail Day, sponsored by the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition, will take place on Friday, May 3. Eighth grade students from Kearsarge Regional Middle School will again be working on trails and community projects in their towns. Adult volunteers are needed to help lead the students. If you are interested in helping, call one of the following people: Bradford, Amy Blitzer, 938-5952; Newbury, Dick Martin, 763-2464; Warner, Peter Sabin, 456-3473; Sutton, Don Davis, 927-4927.
--Natalie Davis

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop meets Thursday, April 11 at 11:00 am at Friendship House, S. Newbury, to work on care packages for the Shelter Program. Bag lunch at noon (dessert and beverage provided). At 1:00, Jim Powell, Newbury's recently elected Selectman, will bring us up to date on issues affecting the town and plans for the near and distant future.

Anyone with an interest in Newbury town government is welcome to attend the program at 1:00. --Clare Bensley

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

A.A. Milne wrote "They're changing the guard at Buckingham Palace, Christopher Robin went down with Alice." Milne might well have written those words for town election day in Bradford this year. If you went down to Town Hall that day, you saw the changing of the guard in our town government. By the time the day was over and the votes were counted, the baton had been passed from the old guard to a new and younger generation. ...

Several years ago Odds Bodkin presented a program at the elementary school. I went down for two reasons: first, I'd never had the pleasure of hearing Odds Bodkin; and second, I wanted to see who the parents of all those young children were. The gym filled with dozens of young adults whom I'd never seen before. I'd certainly not seen them in town, at our local places of business, and only a few were familiar from the many Bradford Center summer events. These were the people we, the old guard, had been looking for. ...

These Baby Boomers are the future of our town, and if we (Bradford) are to survive as anything more than a bedroom community, they are the only possibility we have to make this a viable town in the future ...

I honor the elected and unelected old guard, who have been the guiding forces and leaders for all the years since young John Pfeifle served as selectman. I salute the dedicated volunteer corps of movers and shakers, who each year donate hundreds of hours of time; who have given Bradford a quality of life that money can't buy. They have built a solid foundation and kept the town moving along. They can't, however, keep on forever, nor can the town prosper without an infusion of new leadership from the next generation.

Some years ago my father-in-law remarked, of our children, "isn't it fascinating watching them figure it all out?"

A.A. Milne went on in his poem to say "...a soldier's life is terrible hard, says Alice..." I have the feeling that a selectman's life and a school board rep's life may seem "terrible hard" when it comes to the weekly obligations of their jobs. I wish them both well and will watch in great fascination over the next three years as they (and their contemporaries) figure it all out.

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The first annual Bradford Business Fair was held on Sunday, March 10, at Bradford Elementary School. 34 businesses and 12 town organizations participated. The event was well-attended, with many leaving with bags of give-aways. Door prizes, awarded throughout the day, added to the fun. photos by Audrey V. Sylvester.

Bradford Business Association is updated on Master Plan update project by Sandy Nelson

By all criteria, the BBA Business Fair was a resounding success! Between 350 and 400 people walked through the KRES doors to see the displays of the 34 BBA members and 12 associations. Fabulous door prizes, donated by business members, were given out every half hour. Food was plentiful - and delicious. Odds Bodkins and Puckerbrush added to the festivities. Many thanks to all who were donors or underwriters!

At the monthly business meeting on March 18, Royall LaTouche gave an update on his plans for the red-house-on-the-corner (Route 114 and Old Warner Road) and encourages townspeople and the business community to give him and Tom Greenlaw input and ideas for the property.

Members of the Master Plan Update Committee, Harriet Douglass, Kathy Messer, and Glen Mayo, provided an exhaustive informa-

tion-laden presentation. (This writer could not keep up with all the information!) Suffice it to say, the committee has accumulated more than 2,000 hours over seventeen months. Phenomenal! They meet four times a month, and you are encouraged (is there a stronger word than "encourage"?) to attend their monthly information meetings. Dickie Wright summed it all up when he said, "A master plan is like a community's Bible!"

Next month's BBA meeting will be held on April 15 at the Church Vestry at 7:00. The program will be the five finalists in our scholarship contest, reading their essays. At that time, one grand winner will be selected to receive the scholarship. The four runners-up will each receive \$50 savings bonds. Let's have a great turn-out to support these young people!



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A new Chinese restaurant has opened in the area! *by Clare Bensley*

Up on Route 103 near Lake Sunapee, Newbury Village sports a new eatery, known as The Little Chinese Restaurant.

The Le and Phan families own and run the business. The families came to the United States in 1981 from Viet Nam, where their families had lived for several generations after emigrating from China.

The Phans and Les moved around, accumulating experiences in this country. First they lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan; then the Troy and Albany area; then Bangor, Maine; Vermont, and finally to Newbury when the opportunity arose to open their own restaurant.

The food is prepared in the Mandarin Chinese style. Luncheon specials ... there are 48 of them ... include soup, appetizers, and a meat, chicken or shellfish dish, served with rice. The hot and spicy dishes are printed in red, but all dishes can have the spice level adjusted. Luncheon is served every day, 11:00 to 3:00.

Dinner choices (123 of them) include everything from appetizers, soups, egg dishes, rice, pork, chicken, beef, seafood, and



Khang and Khank Le with their son, and Kieu Phan

vegetables. Dinner is served until 9:00 every night. Take out is available.

A large aquarium filled with tropical fish and underwater plants greets you as you step into the restaurant. The Phans and Les are lovely people who enjoy serving their Chinese meals. And while you're waiting for your dinner, you can figure out your horoscope according to the Chinese year in which you were born.

The Little Chinese Restaurant opened on February 25. If you haven't tried it, you're in for a pleasant dining surprise. Reservations can be made by calling 763-9089 or just stop in when you're in the area. Word has already spread about the delightful experience enjoyed in this new restaurant and people are coming from the Upper Valley and surrounding towns to enjoy the new Little Chinese Restaurant.

Conservation Commission news

Earth Day observances were discussed at the March 19 Conservation Commission meeting. Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, with a rain date of Sunday, May 5. Prizes for collections of trash along town streets and roads will be awarded to those who bring in the most trash containing specially marked cans set out by the BCC ... so join in the fun and help make our town a clean and attractive place in which to live. On that same day, a bake sale will be held at the transfer station to raise money for the BCC.

Though piles of snow keep reminding us of the very hard we winter have had, it is heartwarming to see the many sap buckets on the trees and the sugar house in operation at Merrimack Farm Store.

On a final note, the BCC is looking for a good, used Polaroid camera to take along on walks and other projects. Anyone who might have such a camera collecting dust in a closet somewhere, the BCC could put it to good use and donations are greatly appreciated!

--Mary Hopwood

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left, Dick Vitale, right, Steve Vitale

Do I call you Dad or Captain?
by Suzanne C. Vitale

This was a question Stephen Vitale asked his father, Dick Vitale, as they flew on their first trip together as crew members with Atlas Air Cargo. Steve is a newly designated Flight Engineer and Dick is a seasoned Captain on the B-747 cargo plane.

The dynamic duo flew a cargo trip from Miami, Florida to Brussels, Belgium, to Torino, Italy, to Luxembourg to Torino and Prestwick, Scotland and back to New York ... not a non-stop flight, although sometimes with really short layovers, it feels like a non-stop pattern.

Each leg of the flight went well until shortly after take-off from Luxembourg to Torino when the number one engine made a loud booming noise signaling emergency procedures. The engine had failed. The crew tried to restart the engine using emergency checklists, but it was to no avail. The decision was made to return to Luxembourg. The three engine landing was safely accomplished by the Captain. The engine was repaired by a ground crew and the plane resumed its scheduled flight.

In 26 years of flying with Pan Am and 3 years with Atlas Air, Dick has only experienced three engine failures. Steve experienced his first engine failure on his second trip as a Flight Engineer. He was grateful for the learning experience with his Dad because on a subsequent trip, without Dick, his plane lost an engine and the previous experience helped the crew to handle the emergency situation safely.

I was proud to have my husband and son fly together. It was a dream come true. I was asked if I was worried about my husband and son flying and I said, "The drive to the airport is far more dangerous."

Steve's previous job in uniform was as a part-time police officer here in Bradford.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent selected by Sandy Wadlington

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - April 1896

Our school meeting in special district passed off quietly last Friday night. Prudential Committee elected, G.A. Cilley, G.H. Steele, F.E. Hemphill; Superintending Committee, Mrs. L.B. Butman, Mrs. A. H. Cheney, Harlan Morse.

The schools in our district will commence Monday, April 27. We understand the same teachers as last year will have charge of the schools.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - April 1946

Traffic was slowed today on Route 103 where highway crews worked on Bly Hill to free a heavy tractor trailer which sunk into the mud through the black road in the center of the road as it neared the top of the hill. A special bus was sent from Concord to the foot of the hill to take passengers from the Boston and Maine bus due in Bradford at 12:30 pm. Road crews had graveled the ditch by that time, so it was passable for the bus.

... and from Bradford Historical Society materials selected by Milly Kittredge

April 1898 ... at the annual town meeting, our townsmen who reside outside the village feel that the village people are selfish in keeping for themselves more money than necessary to maintain the village schools, while the schools outside the village are suffering from lack of funds. It was voted that a portion of the dog tax and literary fund be allotted to other districts of the town.

It was voted to appropriate \$100 for filling the road beyond Bradford Springs Hotel.

Spring 1876 ... The Bradford and Newbury Farmer reviewed the Bradford-Newbury Fair origins. It was concluded that since the Bradford natives (1,067) and foreign (14) agriculturalists were industrious, intelligent, energetic, thrifty and possessed of sterling integrity, and the Newbury natives (597) and foreign (4) farm persons had the same fine qualities and were also skillfully managing the affairs of their town, it was not surprising that the sister towns should unite their interests. The first fair awarded 310 premiums and was successful beyond their expectations, affording someone the opportunity to fill a page with complimentary adjectives.

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and enlarge the high school. Together with the equally positive vote to improve the athletic fields, the voters agreed to build a school they could be proud of. The technology vote served to illustrate the district's equally strong commitment to provide quality education for its students.

The only discussion that elicited a heated exchange involved the Municipal Budget Committee's recommendation that the School Board institute a fee structure for students participating in school athletic programs. When questioned on the matter, Board members said they had not decided whether to institute fees to cover the \$7,600 removed from the athletic budget by the Municipal Budget Committee. Because there appeared to be strong feelings among voters concerning what would be a new policy of fee imposition, Tom Scribner asked the moderator to solicit a "sense of the meeting" vote on the matter. Bob Bowers readily agreed, and the voice vote loudly sent a message to the school board that the district disapproved of "user fees" for athletic programs.

As Chairman of the School Board, Dick Keller opened the meeting by reviewing recent accomplishments and thanking participants in the education process. He commented on the School Board's efforts to address the needs of students in the middle. Goals include better preparing students entering the workforce, preventing students from dropping out, all while expanding the 3-Rs. He emphasized that this did not involve "dumbing down the system." Rather, it means adding the missing links of motivation and stimulation. Preparing students for tomorrow's complex and changing world requires integrating relativity, reasoning and resourcefulness into the 3-Rs.

Superintendent Jean Richards thanked board members who were leaving. She summed up Bradford Representative Dick Keller's service by complimenting his leadership, calmness, thoroughness and his willingness to serve the whole district. He received a standing ovation from the audience.

The best way to sum up the results of the 1996 annual school meeting was that those in attendance turned the focus on education -- providing quality education for all the district's children.

Meet Your Neighbors

by Audrey V. Sylvester

In spite of everything, Lynn Tracy believes in the potential of people and one old house in Bradford. With her husband, John, and their children, Jeremy (age 11) and Ty (age 4), the couple has embarked on a long restoration of their 1840s home on The High Street. As they lovingly uncover the house's best past (brick fireplaces with granite lintels, enormous plank walls and flooring), its worst (old wiring and rotting sills), they await spring to find the septic system. After hundreds of hours scraping paint and wallpaper, the house still holds magic for Lynn. She remains curious about the people who lived there before her and about the ghost that opens one upstairs door.

A Providence native, Lynn moved to Hawaii when she was four years old. She returned to the Mainland (land of all the Haoulis), settling in Washington State before moving cross-country to New Hampshire. John, a former crop duster, has also lived in far-distant places--Australia, Micronesia, Guam, Alaska, and Oregon. Coming from an island where "crackerbox single-wall construction" was common, Lynn appreciates the unique character of her old house where she feels the original builder's pride--a house where afternoon tea

was served and residents lived among elegant antiques. When she becomes discouraged with the hard work ahead, she draws on a deep reserve of optimism and determination--and a gratefulness that her shelter is a home she cherishes.



As Project Assistant for a statewide homeless outreach and intervention project for the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Lynn tackles a different kind of challenge in her work that also depends on optimism and determination. Located in Sullivan County in Newport, Lynn's job is to create a profile of the demographics of New Hampshire people who have no homes or shelter. New Hampshire is one of a few national pilot projects investigating homelessness in the rural landscape. After a few months of study, the original estimated number of homeless (900) has been revised to 1800 people.

Lynn said, "The scope of the problem is difficult to discover. Detective work takes patience and perseverance. People without homes live resourceful existences. Their plight is often hidden." After identifying the unsheltered homeless, trained professionals work together to bring people into available services, which include food, shelter, medical care, job guidance and interview training, detoxification centers, and emotional support for people who have lost hope, homes, jobs, cars, health and security. Lynn said that only 20% of the homeless are mentally ill. "Homelessness is a poverty issue," she said. "In the 1990s, we have Middle America out there with both mom and dad working. Sometimes families just don't have enough." She observed that once someone gets a little behind in meeting living expenses, it is easy to lose one's grip, especially when many workers are making \$4.25 an hour.


As a member of the research team, Lynn and her partners find evidence of homelessness in camps in the woods, along river banks, underpasses, storm drains, abandoned buildings, and in close proximity to public facilities. When coming upon an empty camp where she knows people are living, she feels like an invader. She said, "I never quite get over the feeling, especially when we find baby diapers. After all, this is someone's space ... their home." She believes that everyone deserves the option to have a shelter, especially children.

Lynn is resourceful when her own optimism dims and she needs renewed energy. She finds strength in an ancient art form, the Tahitian Hula, which she learned in childhood. Hula dancing is a form of storytelling--Hawaiian style. To contrast Tahitian style, she laughed as she remembered her performance on stage in Hilton Hotels in the "Hollywood style ... down home, tiny bubbles, touristy, and dancing on the balls of your feet."

She brought her grass skirt and Hawaiian music to New Hampshire. Perhaps we could coax Lynn out of retirement for a good cause--a summer fund-raiser for the unsheltered homeless, perhaps. Aloha!

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

As the expression goes, "Time flies when you're having fun," and the past three years were no exception. Time now to turn the reigns over to your new School Board member, Michael Hague.

The Annual Meeting could not have been a better send off, seeing the communities come together once again, to address the needs of their school district. The realization of a high school as the key community facility, not limited to just a school, in any rural area had been obscured by the pull and tug that we have all witnessed. And now with 90% support, this gulf is behind us.

The sought-after adjustment on the apportionment of expenses among the seven towns, resolution of New London's withdrawal efforts, working to garner support for the expansion proposal at the high school, and defeat of the imposition of the official ballot bill on this district were the demanding political issues confronting the Board over the past three years.

Final resolution remains for several of these issues. New London's concerns over the quality of education against its share of the cost, which led to the withdrawal studies, still lingers. Dramatic changes are taking place that address the quality aspect, but the balancing of the cost sharing is more elusive.

As to the official ballot bill, the Board is moving ahead and will approach the concerns of the annual meeting process through RSA 49-B relating to home rule charters. Although the process prescribed is pretty convoluted, the end result should better fit the needs of the district, which is the prime advantage of RSA 49-B over RSA 40:13 that imposes one system for all situations.

On March 14, Erling Mostue, Vice President of Human Resources for Aavid Thermal Technologies, made a presentation to the Board on school-to-work and the adjustment necessary in the education process to make this an effective program. The emphasis is to integrate the studies and theories of any one subject with its practical applications. Al-

though Mr. Mostue's efforts have been centered, to date, in the Lakes Region, Kearsarge's strategic planning program, the introduction of multi-disciplinary course work, and our school-to-work program has expanded Mostue's interest.

Following Mr. Mostue's presentation, Dr. Fitzgerald and his staff at the Middle School outlined how they have brought together, in formal units, themes to integrate the various disciplines to address a particular theme or problem. The units are of specific duration and do not replace the individual curricular content but, once again, provide the practical tie to a specific course of study.

The past three years have brought two new principals into the district, Kevin Johnson at New London/Sutton, and Sharon Knapp at Bradford/Warner. Other highlights were Carl Fitzgerald's move to the important position as Middle School Principal and the recent re-accreditation of the High School.

Formalizing a kindergarten process was also started that has the potential to meet this need for the district. When one considers that three of the seven towns do not have public school facilities while parents definitely prefer to keep these youngsters within the home towns, utilization of the existing private system would be a reasonable solution. The initial steps in this process have involved joint meetings that have included both the kindergarten providers and the district's first grade teachers.

Utilization of the State vocational school link-up with Kearsarge has been the most frustrating issue to me. Although these outstanding and well equipped facilities are available, cross scheduling of the program

with the academic program is dysfunctional at best. Block scheduling may help, but concerted effort to resolve scheduling conflicts is what is needed. Kearsarge is not alone in this dilemma.

But education, like so many other aspects of life, is like a relay race where we each hope we've played a part in moving ahead. The baton is now in Mike Hague's hand.

Come May, I will be sitting back, hopefully reading the continuation of this article by your next School Board representative. I want to thank you all for your confidence, your interest, and your support during my term in office. I trust you will continue to call your Board member with concerns, for information, and also to chat about the many good things that are taking place in Kearsarge. It's your school. Signing off. Dick Keller

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Selectmen's meetings in March

March 4. It was reported that George Naughton has been working to clean up his Main Street property in order to transfer title to the Town as part of his court agreement, work which was supposed to have been completed by February 16. His request to discard about 200 tires at the transfer station was refused by the Selectmen because the large number did not originate in town.

Brian Wilcox declined the appointment to serve as Bradford's building inspector/code enforcement officer because of the time constraints it imposed. Selectmen will continue to search for a suitable candidate.

Selectmen discussed the status of the Town Hall renovation projects. Kathy Russell reported that Eastman Steere commented that "some things have been left undone," including some painting and leveling the floor in the new bathroom. Tom Scribner asked whether improving the front steps was one of the projects. Selectmen responded that it was not, though it did need attention. Selectmen asked that Steere provide them with a report of work still to be completed.

Sherry Chomitz and Tom Clark, RHI, Inc. met to discuss the status of the Sewer and Water Survey. Chomitz reported that results from the income portion of the survey are too few to be valid. During the winter, the committee mailed surveys to some residents. She plans to conduct a second mail campaign during March. Tom Clark said mail-in surveys usually do not yield more than a 30% return, while this survey, to be valid, should have a 67% return. He recommended resuming personal surveying as soon as the weather warms up. It was recommended that the surveyers concentrate on the Main Street, commercial area. Chomitz said the committee was on schedule to complete the engineering study by the September 30 grant deadline. Selectmen asked for an assessment of the mail-in survey results on April 1.

Kathy Russell reported that FEMA estimates that the Town will receive reimbursement for flood damage incurred during October and November of \$30,000 for four damaged roads. \$18,000 is for repairs to Forest Street.

March 11. Bob Stewart, Jr., chairman of the Road Committee, met to discuss Forest St. repairs. He reported what he felt could be accomplished with the \$18,000 FEMA reimbursement, which would be repairs to the lower half the road. Selectman Keller questioned whether that work would stabilize the road so that another major storm would not result in wash-outs. Stewart responded yes, except that he did not know the condition of the culverts because with the snow, he had been unable to inspect them. Replacing culverts could increase the cost by \$5,000.

Eastman Steere, chairman of the Facilities Committee, discussed the status of work on the Town Hall. Selectman Pickman expressed concern about the accountability of each contractor. He asked for detailed bills.

Members of the Library Trustees and Library Building Committee and Brackett Scheffy, moderator, met to discuss how to handle the news that the library bond cannot be voted on at Town Meeting. Bob Stewart, Budget Committee chair, said his committee did not realize that bonds were affected by the 10% rule; he thought the rule applied only to the operating budget. If the committee had known, he believes they would have voted to recommend the bond. Various ways of handling the matter were discussed. The matter was left unresolved, with Brackett continuing to consider the options.

The status of the Naughton property was discussed. A letter received from Town Attorney Tim Bates stated that the petition warrant article recommending that the Selectmen consider locations for various town facilities before selling the property could limit the Selectmen's options. When Selectman Keller asked Municipal Association Attorney Waugh for his opinion, he said passing such a warrant article could be seen by a potential purchaser as a cloud on the title. Selectmen have received a letter from John Mock, representing a group of concerned

citizens who would like to see the Marshall barn preserved by moving it to another site.

March 18. The meeting was opened by John Signorino, who was elected board chair. In his opening remarks, he welcomed Joe Conway to the Board. They then discussed committee assignments. John Signorino will attend Budget and Revolving Loan Committee meetings; Dave Pickman will attend the Road Committee; and Joe Conway will be the Planning Board representative.

Road Agent Andy Anderson was unable to keep his appointment with the Board. Selectmen asked that secretary Kathy Russell pass on their decisions to Anderson. All agreed on the need for additional bids for the tractor approved at town meeting. The importance of keeping accurate repair records to document FEMA money expenditures was reiterated. Police Chief Al Grindle asked the Selectmen for guidance concerning logging trucks on town roads-now that Anderson has posted the roads. He asked that the Selectmen send a letter of warning to a logger who was disregarding the posted limits.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg met to discuss the town's policy concerning refusing applicants with physical limitations. He had received two applications from individuals with physical problems and was concerned that he not violate ADA requirements. Selectmen recommended that Fire Dept. applicants be required to pass physicals.

March 25. Eight members of the Bradford Squares met to discuss the increase in the fee to use the Town Hall from \$25 per month to \$25 per use. Selectmen responded that the fee had not been increased over the years and now extensive repairs to the floor are required. In addition, the demand for the space is growing. Selectmen agreed to extend the present fee structure until June.

Charles (Chip) Meany and Perry Teele met to discuss the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer position. After discussing his qualifications, and with Teele agreeing to serve as assistant for a transition period, Selectmen accepted Meany's application and asked him to return April 1 to be sworn in.

Happening in April...
Workshops

Reiki II

April 3 & 4, 6-9:30 pm, with Reiki Master, Libby Barnett, MSW. Second Degree Reiki Certification teaches First Degree Healers to transmit energy, long-distance, and emotional healing.

Herbal Medicine Making

Workshop April 14, 10am-4pm, with Donna Bryant, co-founder of Backlanders, a Pembroke herbal business.

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April 28, 10am-4pm, with Susanne Wissell, director of the Center for Holistic Botanical Studies.

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Jon & Jer's Excellent Adventures by Jeremy Aganos and Jonathan Bodkin

This month our Excellent Adventures take us to Mr. Mike Hague, psychologist, educator, and newly elected Kearsarge School Board member.

Mr. Hague has worked for the Bedford School District for the past 12 years. His area of expertise is in youth counseling. Mr. Hague and two other colleagues counsel youths on an individual level.

Although his work is very demanding, Mr. Hague derives great satisfaction from the fact that he is helping some youths put their lives back together.

We asked Mr. Hague a few questions about his most recent endeavor as a Kearsarge School District Board Member and here is what he had to say:

J & J: Why did you run for the School Board?

Mr. Hague: I am a child advocate. I would like my children and all the children in the district to get a good education. With my background in education and child psychology, I felt I could help. I will do my best to be an effective liaison for the district's children, parents, and teachers.

J & J: Are you happy to be the one elected from our town?

Mr. Hague: I am honored to be the one elected for the position.

J & J: Have you ever held elective office before?

Mr. Hague: Not since high school!

J & J: What was that position?

Mr. Hague: I held the position of class president for four years.

J & J: What will you be doing in office?

Mr. Hague: I am not clear about all the duties since I haven't yet met with the board to discuss this. However, I know I'll be helping set policies.

J & J: What changes would you like to see in the schools?

Mr. Hague: I think it's a little bit too early for me to know what changes need to be made. I have to learn in depth how the schools do things. I only know it from a parent's point of view.

J & J: When does the School Board meet?

Mr. Hague: The School Board meets twice a month on Thursdays.

J & J: Who is the Chairman of the School Board?

Mr. Hague: Mr. Dick Keller is the present Chairman, pending election.

J & J: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Mr. Hague: Yes, I would like to thank my lovely wife, Betty, for all her encouragement and support. I would also like to thank everyone who voted for me.

J & J: Thank you, Mr. Hague, for your interview.

Mr. Hague: It's been my pleasure, gentlemen. Thank you. Now, take the next week off from school (just kidding!).

Food for thought:

Q: What did George Washington say when his dad asked him how he was doing in school?

A: I sort of went down in history.



BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

FROM BEGINNING TO END

The Rituals of Our Lives

by Robert Fulghum

Villard Books, NY, 1993

Available at Brown Memorial Library

As is the case with Robert Fulghum's past titles, this book covers a gambit of information familiar to all yet presented under the umbrella of ritual.

His premise is that personal lives are composed of rituals, repeated patterns of meaningful acts. Rituals are much more than brushing one's teeth each morning, daily exercise, rites of passage, marriage or death. Through anecdotes, he provides an interesting composition of human behavior.

Fulghum, a clergyman for 34 years and one who has sold more than 14 million copies of books in 27 languages in 93 countries, begins with a woman named Alice who, in sticking to her morning grooming rituals, comes to liken teeth-brushing with virtue. Another perhaps odd, yet exceptional, story is about a man who, folding chair in hand, visits his future grave site.

Having been involved in many conversations where a person relates an experience (good, bad or both), I particularly liked the chapter titled "Once," covering stories that begins "I'll never forget the first time I..." Such recollections bring smiles.

Readers may gain insight from the wedding of Mary Carrie Goldman and Jonathan Carlos McCarthy. Each had been married before, too young at the time, and more in love with the concept of marriage than the chosen partners. If the second marriage ceremony (fully reported with touches of humor) follows through, the pair should succeed.

In closing, the author speaks about Sam, a regular guy who walks his old dog and a newly acquired puppy each evening. While the dogs mean a lot to Sam, his claim for walking is to "get some fresh air," and as he performs this end-of-day ritual, his wife makes the kitchen ready for tomorrow. Each fulfills a "sacred habit" to reflect alone. Valuable and easy-to-read stuff.

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

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Jane Lucas was the winner of Ann Eldridge's etching, "Good Bug, Bad Bug." She was so excited when I called to tell her!

The two winners of Dinner for Two at the home of the Library Trustee of their choice were Jonas Cosgrove and Jean Whitman. We had great response to these two fund-raising raffles. We will continue! Thanks to all who supported these fun events.

Merrimack Farm Store has donated a video for horse owners and riders. *Every Time ... Every Ride* is a must for all who jump into the saddle. A review of this appears on page 18 of this issue of the *Bridge*.

IGA has donated the video, *Babe*. We are indeed fortunate to have items such as this available. The kids will always remember borrowing from the library. Thank you for bringing many happy hours to families in town.

Kearsarge Regional High School will be presenting *Pirates of Penzance* by Gilbert & Sullivan in May. The following Bradford students are involved:

- Francis Page - Pirate King
- Tim Fenton - Pirate
- Chris Small - Technical Crew
- Sara Kennedy - Police Woman
- Kate Doyle - Police Woman
- Bree Johnson - Police Woman
- Tara Sullivan - Police Woman

New titles

- Dead Man Walking*, by Prejean
- It Takes a Village*, by Clinton
- Rumpole and the Angel of Death*, by Mortimer
- Best Revenge*, by Rule
- The Day the Rabbi Left Town*, by Kemelman

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THEN AND NOW

by Sandy Wadlington, photo courtesy Bradford Historical Society



Carr's Store (on W. Main St. near Gillingham Drive) was built in 1837 as a general store. Throughout its early years, it sold groceries as well as household goods: sewing machines, bedroom sets, rugs, wallpaper, and "an elegant line of dress goods."

In the older photograph (circa 1930) it was the Clover Farm Stores, also known as Boutwell's Store. It sold primarily groceries and meat. In 1971 it was purchased by Champ Wright and was used as a second-hand store. It is now owned by Mike and Janet Bauer, who are in the process of restoring it.



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Every Time ... Every Ride

by Laurie Brown

This new video (available at Brown Memorial Library) should be required viewing for all people interested in horses. This video was professionally produced by the Washington State 4-H. The library copy was generously donated by Merrimack Farm and Country Store.

The video discusses the importance of wearing a SEI-certified helmet every time you ride a horse. Included is footage of some falls where the rider fell on his head and was unhurt because of his helmet. There are also interviews with survivors of horse-related head injuries. A short segment on fitting a helmet properly may prove helpful to riders and helmet buyers.

As my family reviewed the film, we had several opinions. The 5-year-old really loved the segment where the gelatin model of the brain was dropped, both in and out of the helmet. The 13-year-old said "bleeeeh" about the gelatin, but felt the film was "really good." I learned how helmets protect heads in accidents, how to fit one properly, and to really enforce the rule to wear a helmet, every ride, every time.

Comments have been made that a helmet didn't protect Christopher Reeves. This is true. However, his was not a head injury. I think it is important to remember that a helmet can't prevent every injury, but can prevent serious head injury or death in a very large percent of cases. Please watch the video and wear a helmet every ride, every time.

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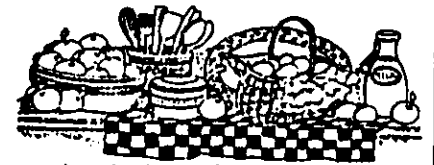
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THE COZY CORNER
by Mildred Schmidt



Women have one thing in common ... we always enjoy sharing recipes. I find the more I give away the more I receive in return!

In our garden I see daffodils peeking through the snow - makes me feel warm all over.

Easter will soon be here. Have a good one. Have fun coloring eggs with your little ones. As I write this recipe, I can almost taste the sauce! Hope you enjoy it as much as we do! Happy Easter to you and yours!

Baked Ham Glaze for Easter Baked Ham

- 1 ham
- 1 C brown sugar
- 2 tsp dry mustard
- 1 can pineapple rings
- 1/4 C maple syrup
- whole cloves

Bake ham until one hour before done. Prepare for glazing by scoring the outside fat in a diamond pattern, cutting 1/4 inch deep.

Set pineapple rings in place with toothpicks, putting cloves in the holes. (I put one or two in each hole.) Mix together brown sugar, maple syrup, and mustard. Brush some of the glaze mixture over the ham.

Return ham to oven for one hour to finish baking; brush with glaze every fifteen minutes.

*With spring in the air, baseball will be returning.
Here's a look at baseball ... early 40's style*



front row left to right: Lester Rowell, Grant Milner, John Moore, Everett Kittredge; rear row, George Cilley, Harry Heselton, Dick Cilley, John Fortune. photo courtesy Bradford Historical Society.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Winter lingers on, March winds continue to blow strongly, though the snow has diminished. It has been a long active winter as the snows came early -- and stayed! Those who got all the fall pickup done were lucky, as their yards now look inhabited.

Spring cleanup always has a sense of adventure as forgotten containers, small tools, and play toys come to light. More than that becomes visible this year as well. The overpopulation of deer is more than just a topic of conversation as the snow disappears. If you are close to a woods, have no large dog population in the neighborhood, the first thing you will probably notice is the new shape of the yard yews. They are a favorite browse. Peach, apple and ornamental plums are also now visibly browsed. Other ornamentals, usually not touched, are azaleas and rhododendrons, who are nipped on or broken this year. One ornamental not thought of as appealing to deer, but eaten this year, was my group of three Blue Angel and Blue Boy hollies, well budded last fall, which are now nothing more than short bare stubs. Another planted group of trees were red cedars and balsam fir. Both were eaten to a bare central stick. The fir I knew was a favorite browse, but the cedars I did not think to be attractive. They were!

Such damage is not fatal. All these woody plants are capable of a come-back if a few buds have been left. Once growth starts, judicious pruning over the summer can bring back a semblance of shape, but the expected bloom will be postponed for a couple of years or longer. At least we know now such plants need sturdy protection.

Outside of animal damage, the snows, more than 105 inches in total depth here in Bradford, did serve as protection from the one or two occasions when the temperature fell to 20 or more degrees below zero. Jonquils planted last November are poking above ground, Johnny Jump Ups are showing eager blooms next to the granite garden curbs; it remains for April to show how fruit buds came through.

It is time to plan on new directions in gardens. One of the plants that has been changed for the better for those of us in the north has been the rose. Probably no other plant has been given the place in gardening from as long ago as the 1400's or 1500's as the rose and it has challenged gardeners since. Our northern neighbors, the Canadians, French and English, have tackled the problem of finding not just one rose, but many which are capable of blooming in not only Zone 4 but Zone 3 as well. True enough, these results

have not been concentrated on the floribundas, but have extended to all types, shrub roses, rugosas, and climbing roses. Two experiment stations, one in Morden, Manitoba, the other L'Assumption, Quebec, have enjoyed great success breeding for hardiness, fragrance and large flower size. Many of these are being grown at Royall River Roses by David King in North Yarmouth, Maine. His catalog (\$3.00) is an encyclopedia of new trends in northern roses at reasonable prices.

Another new trend in roses is the Meideland group, developed in France for landscaping with low spreading habit for use on banks. They are disease resistant, useful for covering walls and give continuing bloom until hard freezes. They are not fragrant, however.

We here in central NH are fortunate to have Royall River Roses close by. If you wish to see new and old varieties growing and blooming, the King family holds its annual "Rose Day" on June 30, with an open house with many rose specialists in attendance to discuss the rose in New England and it is at no charge - advertising, you know.

After the winter of '96, it is time for the gardener to regroup and get reading for the summer of '96. Get the tomatoes, the peppers, and the "national" vegetable, broccoli, suited up and ready for what may come ... but the *bon appetit* does not apply to the woodchucks, nor the deer ...

MEETING, from page 1

The only items to be defeated were the two petition warrant articles. Article 26, recommended that the Town maintain ownership of the Naughton property until it was determined that the property was not needed for town facilities. Selectman John Signorino lectured the assembly that, having elected the Selectmen, townspeople should trust them to do what's best. Selectman Dave Pickman read a letter from town attorney Tim Bates stating that passing this warrant article would prevent the Selectmen from taking any action on the property until another Town Meeting. During the ensuing discussion, Tammara Van Ryn commented that "we only have one Main Street" and facilities locations should be determined through a public process. Article 27, to continue plowing a portion of Day Pond Road, was also defeated.

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April Calendar

Monday, April 1

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, April 2

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, April 3

Library Trustees, library, 7:15

Saturday, April 6

Easter egg hunt, library lawn, 11:00
Bring a basket and meet the Easter Bunny.

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

Monday, April 8

Cemetery Trustees, call 938-5386 for time and place.

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, April 9

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, April 10

Revolving Loan Comm., Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, April 11

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

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, April 12

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes, refreshments, all welcome, including beginners. Donation \$1.50; benefit Fish & Game.

Monday, April 15

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Business Association, 7:00

Tuesday, April 16

Kindergarten Parents meeting, Town Hall, 7:00; child care, 938-5443

Conservation Comm., Town Hall, 7:30

BWC, "Women and Money" with Jane Dumais, Church Vestry, 7:30

Guest night, public welcome, refreshments.

Wednesday, April 17

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

O.E.S. St. Peters Lodge, 7:30

Monday, April 22

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, April 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, April 24

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Thursday, April 25

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, April 26

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes, refreshments, all welcome including beginners. Donation \$1.50; benefit Food Pantry.

Saturday, April 27

Matt Mello's Melodies, Baptist Church, 7:30; free admission, refreshments

Monday, April 29

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

To list events for the month of May, call the Scribners, 938-2286.

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