



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

Meet Your Neighbors,
Denise and Mark Fairbank

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Sewer/Water study nears completion

At a meeting on March 19, Terry Lorber, of Provan & Lorber, discussed the findings of their water and sewer feasibility study. Their report was presented to the Selectmen and Office of State Planning in late March.

Provan & Lorber has configured two alternative systems for both the water system and wastewater disposal. Lorber reiterated, as he presented the estimated costs, that the feasibility report will include suggested funding sources. Questions concerning whether the town would bear the cost of construction or whether users would pay for the projects will be answered by town residents at a later date, according to Lorber.

For wastewater disposal (sewer), the treatment system would be the located on the transfer station property. The two alternatives are treated discharge to groundwater and advanced wastewater treatment. Treated discharge to groundwater is essentially a public septic system, with a tank that would be pumped and a large leach field. The advanced wastewater system would involve treating the septage and discharging the cleaned liquid into the Warner River. The estimated cost of the treated discharge is \$1.2 million installation costs (including pumping stations) and \$37,000 annual operating costs, including labor. The advanced wastewater system would cost \$2 million to install and \$108,000 in annual operating costs.

Lorber noted that his estimated costs include an amount for removing ledge, as well as a 25% contingency figure and 25% for administrative and legal expenses. He added that we have a good source of water and "pretty good soils," which limits the installations costs.

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Town Meeting approves Com- munity Center

In spite of December's hefty tax increase, residents who attended Bradford's 212th annual Town Meeting, held on March 11, approved most of the items put to a vote. Only two warrant articles were defeated. An additional \$5,000 for the Town Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund was denied. The second was Article 19, submitted by the Library Trustees to ask the town for the front portion of the Marshall property for the new library. Don Johnsen asked that the article be passed over because planning for the village area was not yet complete. Moderator Brackett Scheffy denied his motion, saying that defeating the article would have the same result. After some discussion reiterating that "the timing was wrong" and that the dialogue begun by the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee should continue, the article was defeated. The town also reduced the amount to be appropriated for the Library Capital Reserve Fund from the requested \$40,000 to \$5,000.

The town overwhelmingly approved both articles relating to the proposed Bradford Community Center (BCC), Article 4 endorsing the CDBG grant application and Article 7, authorizing the use of \$20,000 from the Town Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund for the BCC renovations.

Voters supported two Police Department requests in spite of the lack of support from the Selectmen and Budget Committee. Chief John Sims asked that the salary account be increased because the present full-time salaries are "way below average," resulting in Bradford's serving as a training ground for officers who then move to communities with higher salaries.

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Five generations of Carrs managed the store on West Main Street. This portrait collection, from the Bradford Historical Society, is probably the upper portion of a calendar.

Lyn Betz assumes editorship of Bradford Bridge

The Bradford Bridge is pleased to announce that Lyn Betz has accepted the position of editor, replacing Nancy Scribner, who is moving to the Manchester area.



Lyn lives on Rowe Mountain Road with her husband, Charlie, and their son Eric, 2 1/2. She has a master's degree in education from Williams College and taught elementary school in Massachusetts for eight years, before moving to Bradford five years ago. She describes herself as an "at home mom." Lyn has always loved writing and editing and said she looks forward to the challenge of producing the *Bridge*.

Professor Linebaugh reports on Carr Store project

The Bradford Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 7:30, at the Old Post Office. Guest speaker will be Dr. Donald Linebaugh, whose talk is entitled "Reconstructing nineteenth-century Bradford: The Carr Store project."

Dr. Linebaugh will present an overview of his developing project, based on the store ledgers of Daniel, William A., and William M. Carr of Bradford, New Hampshire. This study draws on the extant records of a country store and post office in Bradford that operated from 1835 to 1935. These documents offer a unique opportunity to investigate this rural, nineteenth-century New England community by focusing on one of its important commercial and social institutions...the country store. The Carr store ledger books provide a window on the community of Bradford during the nineteenth century. Dr. Linebaugh will explain how he is drawing on documentary sources to recreate the world of the community of

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Dear Readers,

This 82nd issue is my last as Editor of *The Bradford Bridge*. I have enjoyed my seven years of reporting Bradford's news enormously ... I can't imagine a more rewarding volunteer job. I've learned a lot, met many wonderful people, marveled at the serendipitous way contributors and articles materialized, and valued the opportunity to contribute to this community.

I'm sorry to be leaving, but my paying job draws me closer to Merrimack as I'm finding the two-hour commute more challenging as the years go by.

When no new editor readily appeared after I announced my resignation, people asked me if the *Bridge* would survive. My response was that for the BVC's establishment of this town newspaper to be a success, it had to truly be an institution and continue beyond the tenure of any one person. And voila ... it's happening. I'm so pleased that Lyn Betz has stepped forward. Even after several days of intensive discussions with myriad details, she still has a smile on her face! I know she'll guide the *Bridge* forward and improve it along the way. My parting request is that the community support her and the *Bridge* in every way necessary so that this "institution" can support the community as it works through its challenges in the years ahead.

Best wishes to all of you.

Nancy Scribner

Bradford 4th of July Committee

The Parade Committee will meet at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 11, at 10:30 am. Anyone who is interested in helping to make Bradford's Fourth of July Celebration and Parade a huge success is invited to attend.

We still need nominations for Grand Marshal and a theme for this year's parade. Entries may be submitted at the Town Hall or mailed to P.O. Box 436, Bradford. The committee is well on its way through the planning stages of this annual event that puts Bradford on the map. Can you help? We'd like to hear from you. --Debby Lamach

Bradford notified of Plan NH selection, by Don Johnsen

On the day of Town Meeting, the Selectmen were notified that Bradford was one of two or three towns selected (out of 22 applicants) in the Plan NH Charrette Program for 1998. Bradford's proposal was prepared by the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC) and submitted by the Selectmen in February.

A "Charrette" is the term given to describe the outcome (an abbreviated but thorough report) of an intensive two-day visit by professional planners, designers, builders, bankers, architects, and engineers to develop a plan for the project requested by the town's application. Bradford's proposal requested that the "Bradford Green" site be evaluated and a plan developed to aid in the town's evolution to a "finished" site.

Along with their notification, the Plan NH evaluation team suggested expanding the project to include the entire "village area" because we included the entire set of "What If" projects in our proposal. They indicated this would present an opportunity to integrate all of these into a broadened planning charrette. It would be both a broader challenge for their group and timely input for Bradford. Needless to say, their suggestion was accepted.

On March 19, Selectman Joe Conway and BEOC members David Blake and Don Johnsen met with Office of State Planning Director Jeffrey Taylor to learn about the Plan NH process. Jeff said a charrette occurs over a two-day period. The first day starts at noon on a Friday and concludes with a Friday night session. The day includes site visits, orientation sessions with the public, and preliminary design. Jeff said that a successful charrette process depends on the free exchange of ideas between the charrette "professionals" and the public at each site, so one of our meeting objectives is to get a good turnout.

On Saturday, the second day will begin at 9:00 am with a review of the overall goals and objectives and a translation of

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News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

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January 1. Jakob Sterling Ulrich born to Penny and David in Lebanon.

February 28. Bruce Austin and Victoria Wright were married in New London.

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Rides will leave from the Town Hall at 12:15 and return at 4:45. \$4 per person, \$2 to rent skates (some roller blades available for \$3). If we get lots of kids, the price will be reduced (and financial aid is available). Games and prizes; snack bar and video games are also at the rink.

If you are a parent and able to drive, we are looking for more drivers.

For permission slips and more information, call Jane Lucas at 938-2570. This event is sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation. --Debbie Bruss

Model Railroad Show April 5

The Connecticut Valley Model Railroad Club will hold its annual Model Railroad Show on Sunday, April 5, at the Lebanon High School from 10:00 to 4:00. Take Exit 18 off I-89 and follow the signs.

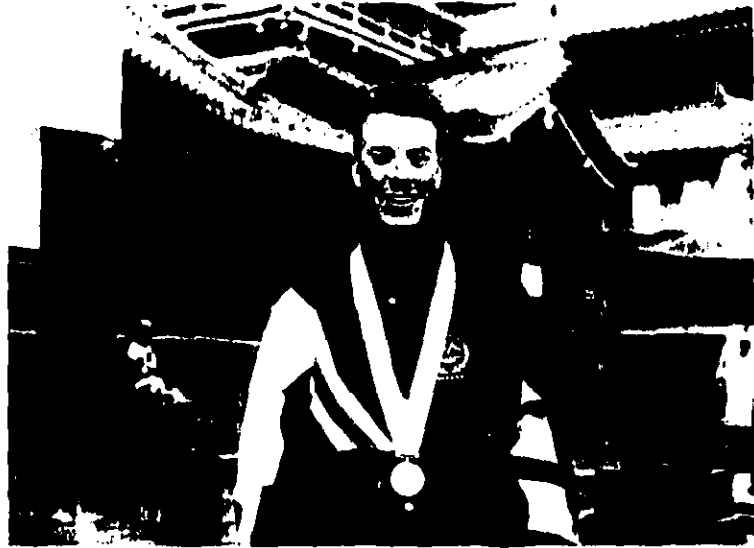
There will be many dealers selling model train supplies and railroad memorabilia, as well as several operating model railroads in HO, N, and O scales. The show will include a video room, snack bar, and workshops on various modeling techniques. Door prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$2.00/adults, \$1.00/child, or \$5.00/family.

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A GOLD MEDAL FOR THE KEARSARGE/DARTMOUTH/LAKE SUNAPEE COMMUNITY (An open letter from the Lalla family)

In June of 1989 our son, Jason, lay near death on the side of Route 103 in Newbury after having his leg severed in a motorcycle accident. In March of 1998, he stood proudly on the podium in Nagano, Japan, receiving a Gold Medal for the Giant Slalom Paralympic Ski Race. The journey that brought him there is not just a story of the triumph of the human spirit, but also the story of a community.

From the time of Jason's accident until now, we have struggled with how to say "thank you" to the many people involved in Jason's recovery. I think Jason has found the way. Had it not been for the quick professional action of the volunteers of the Bradford Rescue Squad, Jason's life would have ended there on the highway. From there to a brief stop at New London Hospital and then to the intensive care unit at Mary Hitchcock Hospital, the medical teams performed miraculous work. His chances for survival were slim, but survive he did!

Although Jason does not remember much of the accident or the first few weeks following, Betty and I, his sisters Aimee and Jodi, certainly do. The greater Kearsarge community responded with overwhelming support. So many people did so many things to help and give encouragement that I cannot possibly list them all. From feeding our pets while we stood watch at Jason's bedside, to feeding us when we stopped at home. Organizing blood drives, stopping by to visit Jason at the hospital (even when there was no visitation allowed), the many, many cards and letters from friends, acquaintances, and even strangers, these things gave us the strength to go on through very difficult times. We felt the support of the community everywhere we went.

When Jason decided to pursue his dream to get onto the US Disabled Ski Team and possibly go to the 1998 Paralympics in Japan, the Kearsarge community was there once again with auctions, fund-raising at showings of Warren Miller's Snowriders and Snowriders II, and again more support from so many individuals as well as the local media. Because of these efforts, Jason was given the opportunity to pursue his dreams.

We have a box in our home which contains every letter, card, bill, blood donor names, newspaper articles, and other details concerning Jason's accident. We have kept it so that we will never forget all the friendship and support we received at that time and perhaps some day, Jason can share it with his children. We now have another box with every article, card, and detail concerning Jason's Paralympic experience. Perhaps that too will be shared. It somehow brings a balance to all of these experiences.

The Gold Medal received by Jason is not just a symbol of his accomplishment; it is a Gold Medal that also belongs to the community that gave Jason and his family the support which allowed him to reach his goal. So, to all of those who had a role, be it large or small, we sincerely say THANK YOU!!! You shared in our tragedy, now please share in our Joy!

Sincerely, the Lalla family





Letters



To the editor:

Town meeting hangover... Let's clean up our act.

There are many hardworking volunteer groups in town who have put a lot of thought and hard work into addressing various aspects of Bradford. But there is no group in town that has so carefully analyzed specific needs, looked into as many options, and been so thorough in their planning as the library trustees and building committee. Bud Morse and others should be ashamed to have suggested otherwise.

Whatever you and I feel about the library and other town projects, let's debate proposals on their merits, and not by spreading falsehoods, malicious gossip, or flimflam. The ends don't justify the means. It's never easy, the choices can be tough, but if we are to work together to address the town's needs, it must be based on honest dialogue and mutual respect.

Brooks McCandlish

To the editor:

Another "what if" scenario.

What if the Town did sell the Marshall lot, as some selectmen have suggested? There would be no control over who bought it. An apartment house, a chain store... If the Town decides to fund the proposed water/sewer project, zoning for lot size would become legally insupportable in the downtown area. Would the new buildings fit in with the existing character of the town? What sort of buildings or businesses would you like to see the proposed "Bradford Green" located behind?

In all of these discussions of whether and how to bring more business into town and how to meet existing needs, we seem to continuously lose sight of the fact that Bradford's tax rate is very nearly average for the state.

I would like to see the Town keep its library on Main Street, possibly the Marshall lot. I can understand why the trustees were not eager to agree to a damp lot behind the possibly empty or underused Central School building. I applaud Carol Conforti-Adams' willingness to volunteer as a new trustee of the library. I hope she will soon be brought up to date on their years of hard work and how and why they have reached their decisions.

Ann Eldridge

To the editor:

I found Joe Conway's letter to the *Bradford Bridge*, "Wake Up Call," disturbing. Mr. Conway seemed to want Bradford's residents to believe that December's \$4.45 per thousand tax increase was the result of the KRSD School Board and "special interest groups" selfishly spending tax dollars without our consent.

The school portion of the tax increase was 97 cents per thousand, and was primarily due to the high school addition, a project which was overwhelmingly approved by the voters. The budget presented by the school board this year actually spends less per student than the previous year. At the deliberative session of the School District meeting, it seemed clear that our elected officials on the School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee are working diligently to control costs while continuing to operate our schools effectively.

The county portion of our tax bill actually declined slightly, while the town portion increased \$3.68 per thousand over last year's rate. It was reported in the *Bradford Bridge* and stated by the Selectmen at Town Meeting that this unanticipated increase was the result of an accounting misunderstanding between the Board of Selectmen and the NH Department of Revenue Administration over the appropriation for bridge repairs.

Mr. Conway's letter was a great disservice to our schools and Bradford's civic and community organizations. These groups and the individuals who volunteer their time and efforts to them did not deserve his misleading implications and sarcasm. We are fortunate to live in a town with so many caring people, and when our visions and priorities differ, we owe it to each other to discuss our differences respectfully.

As voters, we do have the opportunity to change our tax bills. Make your voice heard at the state level through our state representatives, and with your vote for governor this fall. It is time for the State of New Hampshire to assume its responsibility and to change the way education is currently being funded.

Charlie Betz

To the editor:

It was heartwarming to receive the overwhelming support given to me during the recent town election. My sincere thanks to all who made this victory possible.

I will make every attempt to go forward in a professional manner to represent you, your concerns and problems.

Marvin Rich

To the editor:

I came away from our town meeting last night with several unanswered questions, in particular the following:

I understand there will be \$200,000 coming into the town coffers from the State this year, the delayed payment for the bridge financing fiasco which caused our town taxes to go up so much last year.

It seems we were forced to raise that money by the DRA last year for bridges to be built this year. Well, what happens when we receive the \$200,000 reimbursement? Will that not be used to lower our taxes this year?

The clear answer should be yes, it will. This was the understanding written in the bridge replacement warrant article passed at 1996 town meeting. If this money does not lower our taxes this year, we need to have a clear accounting and explanation.

Janet G. Sillars



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To the editor:

I would like to thank the townspeople for their support at Town Meeting for the Bradford Community Center (BCC). It was a privilege to be able to thread together all the hard work townspeople had been compiling in the last five years. Having this information available allowed us to submit a realistic building rehabilitation CDBG grant proposal.

The grant reviewers are scoring the proposals now, and we should know something by April 30.

Now it is time to start discussions about the organizational structure and operational procedures of the BCC. These conversations will occur with lots of involvement of interested townspeople and organizations.

I would like to hold the first meeting to discuss the Bradford Community Center on May 7 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. So please mark your calendars.

Thanks again for your support for BCC and please keep the vision alive.

Carol Conforti-Adams

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Vernal pools come alive when wood frogs and spotted salamanders emerge from underground and migrate to breed in these temporary pools in the forest. SPNHF education specialist Dave Anderson will give a slide show explaining the short breeding season and the life cycle of amphibians. Afterward, he'll lead a walk to show participants how to locate and identify vernal pools and their inhabitants, and discuss their value in the forest ecosystem.

The fee is \$15; to register or for more information, contact Trish Churchill at 224-9945.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is a non-profit membership organization, founded in 1901, which has helped protect more than one million acres in the state. The Society has on-going programs in land protection, environmental education, advocacy, and sustainable forest management. For more information, visit their website at www.spnhf.org.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

Friday, April 17, is the date for the Workshop trip to the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester. Also included will be a visit to the Frank Lloyd Wright House, owned by the museum, a bus tour of the Amoskeag Mills, and luncheon at the Grist Mill.

Presently, the tour is filled; but anyone who missed out can be placed on the waiting list by calling Clare Bensley, 938-5482. Those attending the museum should meet at 9:30 at the Friendship House for carpooling. Cost of the tour will be \$4.00; lunch is on your own.

Brown Memorial Library Annual Spring Buffet on April 7

Come join the fun at the Applesed Inn Tuesday evening, April 7th, as the Brown Memorial Library trustees and restaurant owners Peter and Mary Beth Fenton host the third annual Brown Memorial Library Spring Buffet Dinner to raise money for the library building fund. This will be the library's second fund-raising dinner of 1998 and promises to be an evening of delicious food and good company.

The menu includes roast beef, Italian chicken, macaroni & cheese, garden salad, potato salad, mixed vegetables, biscuits, coffee & tea, and assorted homemade desserts. Soft drinks, beer, wine and cocktails will also be available. Dinner will be served from 5:00-8:00 pm. Donation: \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under ten. Proceeds benefit the Brown Memorial Library Building Fund.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter has rescheduled the weather-cancelled loon program for the third Friday, April 17 (please note change from usual date), at 7:30 pm, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, on Gould Road in New London. Speaker Kathy Wohlfort, a biologist serving with the Loon Preservation Committee, has entitled her slide program, "Protecting the Loons." She will address habitat concerns and progress being made with their survival rates. With recent reports of elevated levels of mercury and suspected lead poisoning, we will want to know more about maintaining the populations of these magnificent birds. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Clare Bensley, 938-5482. --Phyllis Curtiss

Tartan Day on April 5

Come celebrate the second annual Tartan Day at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn & Restaurant on Sunday, April 5. April 6 marks the anniversary of the Declaration of Scottish Independence. The observance of Tartan Day commemorates all that is best in Scottish history and culture, as well as the great contributions that Scots and Scots-Americans have made to the history and development of the United States.

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Bradford Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool news

M, N, O, P ... four letters, unless you're a kindergartner's three-year-old sister, in which case, they're one letter, "emenopy." These were the letters studied by the kindergarten class since February. Their parents' refrigerators prove it.

Town Hall was invaded by Leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day. As promised, mischief was kept to a minimum.

Your support at the Election Day and Town Meeting bake sales is much appreciated by the families and staff of the school. Both events were very successful. The school will begin the year's final fund-raiser in April. Local businesses have generously donated many valuable and wonderful prizes to be raffled by BNKP. Tickets will be sold by BNKP parents, beginning in mid-April. The drawing will take place at the BNKP graduation ceremony on May 29th.

Students for next year registered this month. There are still openings in the kindergarten and preschool programs. For more information, please contact Denise Fairbank at 938-2973.

The kindergarten class visited the Intervale Pancake House in Henniker, where they learned about sugaring and maple syrup. After the tour, the kids enjoyed a pancake breakfast. Thanks to the staff of Intervale for a fun and tasty field trip. The class is anticipating next month's field trip to Bradford Elementary, where they'll meet their first grade teachers and tour the school.

Thank you for your continued support.
--Mark Fairbank



Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

A great big "thank you" is in order to everyone in our community who supported the youth group Spaghetti Dinner last month. Special thanks to Larry Vannata for sharing his musical talent, and to Linda Bitzer, Mike Ripberger and Marybeth and Peter Fenton for their extra support. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

A special worship service is being planned for Palm Sunday on April 5, which is entitled "Make a Joyful Noise." Instead of saying the various prayers and readings, we will be singing. If you enjoy music, you will enjoy this service, which begins at 10:00 am.

American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold its April meeting on Tuesday, April 7 beginning at 7:00 pm. The program for the evening is entitled "You can do it through Love Gift." The Love Gift is a special offering that is taken to help support mission programs. The gift is collected in a box with the idea that a coin is dropped in the box every time you are thankful for something. Refreshments will be served.

Our Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 7:30 pm on April 9. We will hear "Reflections from the Twelve Disciples," partake in the Last Supper and listen to the Tenebrae Service. The service ends with everyone leaving in silence.

The sanctuary of the church will be open on Good Friday, April 10, from noon until 3:00 pm for prayer and meditation. Meditative music and devotional booklets will be available.

Our Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the beach of Sunapee State Park on April 12 at sunrise (exact time to be announced closer to the date). The service is sponsored by South Newbury Union Church, First Free-

Will Baptist Church of Sutton and our church. There will be a children's story, youth participation, and special music with the accordion and guitars. An Easter breakfast will be held at the Friendship House next to South Newbury Union Church immediately following the service. A free-will offering will be taken.

Our Easter Worship service will be held at 10:00 am. Anyone wishing to have a lily or tulip placed on the altar in memory of a loved one should call the church office by April 8 so we can print your name in the bulletin.

Our Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, April 15 from 6:00-7:00 at the Fiske House. We are a little low on the following items if anyone would like to make a donation: macaroni & cheese, rice, cold cereals, cans of beef stew or chicken stew and tuna fish.

Men's Fellowship will meet at the home of Clark Phillips on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 pm.

Our youth groups (grades 4-12) will enjoy an afternoon of rollerskating/rollerblading at Great View Roller Rink in Enfield on Sunday, April 26. Youth are asked to meet at the church at 1:00 pm. They will be back at the church at 5:00. Permission slips are required. This event is free to all youth. We will rent a pair of skates for all who do not have any.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will host the American Baptist women's Spring Meeting on Monday, April 27, 9:30 am - noon. The speaker is Betsy Dunbar from American Baptist Magazine. There will be refreshments, a business meeting and a dedication of the Love Gift Offering.

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Richard II and Henry IV, Part I Richard II was the last Plantagenet; Henry IV was the first Lancastrian. The transition was not smooth, and both reigns were troubled. Shakespeare considers this period in English history and has wise thoughts (along with entertainment) for us, as well as for Elizabethans. Instructor, Herb Church, 225-2472. Mondays, 10:00 am-noon; 6 sessions (March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 11)

Search for Norumbega, Pre-Colonization Explorations of North America. We will explore the century-long (1522-1614) search by the English and French for an El Dorado-like paradise in North America "discovered" by Verranzano. The course includes a study of mapmaking and navigation in the 16th century. Instructor, Graham Cole, 225-6757. Tuesdays, 10:00 am-noon; 5 sessions (March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28)

Einstein's Relativity and the Quantum Revolution Modern physics for non-scientists; the path of our progress from Copernicus to Newton to Einstein to Planck, Heisenberg and Schroedinger is compressed into an exciting video course. Discussion leader, Don Eckhardt. Wednesdays, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. 8 sessions (April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 13, 20, 27)

A History of Dance The art we call "modern dance" is an especially American creation. It is a concept of free dance, looking both to its roots in human beginnings and to the open future for inspiration. Instructor, Bonnie Allen Riley, 827-3262. Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 pm; 6 sessions (April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 14)

Cooper's Novels Almost everyone has heard of *The Last of the Mohicans*, but not many are familiar with the other thirty-odd novels of James Fenimore Cooper, a pity since they are set all over the world, take up lots of themes, and are full of "historical" details. This course will try to give participants some sense of flavor of a Cooper novel. Instructor, Dick Schuster, 428-7662. Fridays, 10:00 am-noon; 6 sessions (April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 15)

A Nervous Splendor - Europe 1848-1914 Exploring a period when developments in politics and technology challenged old beliefs. Empires trembled and new movements in the arts shook traditional attitudes. Instructors, Janet & Andrew Linn, 924-9373. Fridays, 1:00-3:00 pm; 5 sessions (April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1)



Congratulations to the 5th/6th Grade Boys Quad Valley Champions. They won the Sunapee Quad Valley basketball tournament, played during the weekend of March 6-8.

1st row, left to right: Eric Johnson, Corey Newell, Gavin Bodkin, Michael Hague, Michael Harrison, Reed Cooley, Nate Byfield; 2nd row: Joey Fayton, Zach Winslow, Dan Cronin, Jason Allen, Jake O'Neil; 3rd row: coaches Matt Winslow and Brad Johnson. photo by Carl Cooley

Soccer Camp returns


Soccer, taught by some of the most entertaining coaches this side of the Atlantic, will be appearing in Bradford August 10-15. These coaches, who come from Great Britain, make success a blast while they teach important skills -- from good sportsmanship to dribbling to goal keeping.

This is the third year that Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports has brought Major League Soccer Camps to town. Camp is for kids ages 5 through 16. For the youngest children, the Munchkins, camp lasts for one and a half hours. For older children, there will be half-day camp or all-day camp (all-day campers must be at least 10 years old).

Information on how to sign up for the camp will be sent home with Bradford Elementary students within the next few weeks. Children from other towns are also welcome to attend. For more information, please call Betty Hague, 938-2779, or Janet Bauer, 938-2195. --Debbie Bruss

Audubon Society and Newbury Conservation Commission sponsor Earth Day Project April 25

In observance of Earth Day this year, the area Audubon Chapter and the Newbury C.C. will sponsor a cleanup of the Stony Brook Audubon trails off Chalk Pond Road. All size workers are needed to help with trail clearing. Prior to the work day, staff members from the Audubon Society will do the heavy work with chain saws; volunteers are needed to saw, clip and haul. Anyone willing and able to help is asked to meet at the trail heads on Chalk Pond Road on April 25 by 9:30 am. There you will be assigned an area to work. Supervision will be provided along the trails. Please bring clippers, loppers and/or saws and heavy gloves. Hours for trail clearing will be 9:30 to noon. There are two trails in the Stony Brook area; if the first parking lot is full, continue up the hill to the second area. Refreshments will be provided by the Audubon Chapter following the cleanup.



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BWC Update

On March 5, the BWC held an informal "Candidates Night" at the Town Hall. It was mainly for the candidates running for Selectmen. The evening was very informative and well attended. The candidates were asked many questions. Of course, refreshments were served.

Our March membership meeting was a huge success, thanks to Marcia Strout, who filled in for Frances Winch. We hope that Fred is well on his way to recovery. Special thanks to Alma Clinton for showing us her beautiful quilts.

The BWC April meeting will be a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission. It will also be guest night. "An Evening with Conservation" will have Paul Susca as guest speaker. He will speak on water protection. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

NOTICE: Don't forget that May 19 is our annual meeting and luncheon. It will be held at the Rosewood Country Inn. The Annual Meeting will be held at 11:30 am, with the luncheon at 1:00 pm. Please call Alma Clinton or Barbara McCartney with reservations by May 12.

Are your dues paid for this year?

Legislative Report

by Representative
Bernie Lamach



Most attention in recent weeks has centered on the educational funding issue, commonly referring to as the "Claremont Decision."

With the release of the Governor's response, the ABC Plan, we now have all proposals on the table. The House Finance and Education Committees have been evaluating this complex issue since the first of the session in January. Beginning in April, an analysis of the Governor's plan will begin. At the same time, they will be crafting the question to the Supreme Court to determine the constitutionality of the funding mechanism in the Governor's plan. This is essential so that we have a handle on whether we are trying to fund a \$100 million problem or a \$1 billion problem.

In the way things are done, particularly if you have a full-time staff, the Governor has started a full-court press for publicity for her plan, and that's why you've not heard as much of the other proposals.

To date, we have logged in seventeen different proposals for the education issue and five constitutional amendment proposals!

I encourage my constituents to be aware of all the proposals, search out their issues, and then responsibly support whichever proposals fits their beliefs. To form hard decisions at this stage is premature in the process until all plans can be "aired" out.

I believe we need to evaluate all plans for property tax relief and equity, accountability, stability of the revenue base, and

simplicity of understanding. To adopt any plan in haste and have it result in greater bureaucracy would not be prudent.

Likewise, the rhetoric regarding a constitutional amendment has its extremes. I presently believe that some amendment will have to be drafted to complement any acceptable legislation, so as to allow the voters to express themselves and to avoid years of constant litigation over interpretation. Many other states that have faced these problems have loaded the courts with suits over adequacy or funding. If at all possible, we need to avoid that.

As you are aware, I've taken the stance to avoid heavy reliance on gambling or tobacco revenues to support education. As we go through this process, I'll need to hear from each of you, your thoughts.

I expect these problems and deliberations are going to dominate our business well into June.

But isn't it nice to get a taste of Spring!

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GLIMPSES, selected by Milly Kittredge from Bradford Historical Society materials

April 1898. Major Hendershot, the original Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock will give a very unique entertainment at the Town Hall.

Writing to the town newspaper was Ebenezer Sawyer, now a resident of Nashua, who was a cattle drover from Bradford to Brighton. He sent greetings to the townspeople and was celebrating his one hundredth birthday on April 30.

The New Bradford Hotel reopened and The Table Will Be Unsurpassed; H. Perkins prop. & J. Albert Peaslee, mgr.

The F. W. Messer store offers a splendid new black Clay worsted suit for \$8.50. "A better one for \$10.00."

The Old Post Office will be open Saturdays, 1:30-3:00 and by appointment, 938-5386.

Earth Day to be observed May 2

Earth Day will be observed in Bradford this year on Saturday, May 2. The Bradford Conservation Commission will again sponsor Earth Day activities and cordially invites anyone willing to help to join in an effort to clean and beautify our town's streets and roadways of trash. Children participating in the cleanup will receive certificates entitling them to a free ice cream cone for their help. Special bags will be provided for collecting the roadside trash and these may be picked up at the transfer station, Dodge's Store, or Bradford Elementary prior to Earth Day.

A raffle and bake sale will also be held at the transfer station, so come join in the fun and take home some home-baked goods and take a chance on winning some really great prizes!

Hope to see you there and remember to mark May 2nd on your calendars!

Area Senior Rally snowed out

IT HAPPENED AGAIN: On Saturday, the 14th of March, the day of our Rally, it snowed and snowed, nearly 10" total. Anyway, I am very grateful that you didn't venture out, because we sat and witnessed cars sliding and skidding off the road as we discussed a few elder issues at Hallahan's Real Estate.

Our guest speaker, who was to discuss a transportation model, was unable to attend. Hopefully, she will be able to join us at our next meeting and hopefully so will you.

Look for our next Rally/Roundtable discussion on Saturday, May 16, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Hallahan's Real Estate. Please come and join us as we begin to tackle and take action on some concerns that the group has identified: social/educational programs, transportation models, safety and senior linking, senior services directory, housing options, etc.

Any questions, please call 938-2664.



**BOOK REVIEW
by Pauline Dishmon**

Harris's FARMER'S ALMANAC 1998

During a recent illness, many friends and family members bestowed various reading materials on me. Among them was a 1998 issue of the *Farmer's Almanac*, a magazine known to me, but one I had never held or read, believing it to contain information for farmers, weather experts, and stargazers. To my surprise, the magazine contained a vast array of material, including household and garden hints, historical events, folklore, and country living. One interesting article provided information on what to do to prepare for a flood. Even more interesting was an article on the frugality of Ozark residents.

Have you ever looked upon country-residing dogs as differing from those living in the city? An author in this 1998 *Farmer's Almanac* spells out some differences ... I hope with tongue in cheek. Consider the country dog who wears ticks the size of pocket watches. His owner will enjoy playing pick-up sticks, squish plump ticks with bare hands, ignite them and listen to the pop. A good session will sound like the 4th of July. On the other hand, a city dog owner who spies a tick is apt to scream and run for the rubbing alcohol and tweezers. The country dog will fetch cow bones, while the city dog will want rubber squeak toys shaped like hot dogs.

Have you ever eaten dandelions? Another author suggests dandelions provide a rich source of vitamins and offers recipes for the weed. Other recipes include pumpkin and squash pancakes, pickles, pies and bread.

The annual magazine is known for its yearly predictions. 1998 includes two solar and three lunar eclipses. We've already experienced a total eclipse of the sun on February 26. On August 21-22, look for annular eclipses of the sun.

If you're not familiar with the *Farmer's Almanac* and want to take a look, you'll find a copy at the Brown Memorial Library.

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BEOC March activities, by Don Johnsen

The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC) held its monthly meeting on March 12. Most of the discussion concerned the formation of subcommittees to work on the myriad tasks arising out of the "What Ifs" projects and activities related to expanding Bradford's economic base.

As a result, five subcommittees are now in place. The Funding subcommittee is chaired by Carol Adams, with Gary Wall and Lynn Smith participating. Joe Conway suggested we also invite those who attended the grant-writing seminar to join the BEOC and participate. This group's principal tasks are to identify sources of funds for various town projects and determine how and when we can apply/win awards.

The Business Development subcommittee has the broadly scoped objective of expanding Bradford's tax base, both by bringing in new businesses and assisting existing businesses to expand and prosper. John Harris, as chair, will oversee the development of procedures and a strategy to encourage prospective businesses to relocate in Bradford.

The BEOC had previously agreed that the community needs to put its best foot forward in representing Bradford to prospective businesses. Initial tasks assigned to this subcommittee to support that goal include Friendly Town Procedures (FTP) and Marketing Bradford (MB).

Diane Gadoury will coordinate the FTP task, which includes providing town boards (Planning Board, ZBA, Selectmen) with "how to" procedures which interested businesses could use to either relocate or set up a new facility in Bradford. Building on material generated by those boards, the FTP subcommittee will review the material and package all procedures needed by an incoming business into an easily understood and comprehensive document that will minimize confusion and eliminate redundancy to shorten the process of obtaining reviews, hearings and permits. The FTP draft will be reviewed by the BEOC, then by town boards for final approval and implementation. Additional volunteers are sought to work with Diane on this task.

MB, Marketing Bradford, coordinated by Barbara Vannatta and Audrey Sylvester, will develop a brochure or flyer to describe the

features and attractions which would interest a prospective business owner locating in Bradford.

The remaining three subcommittees deal with projects already underway: Bradford Community Center, project manager, Carol Adams, with Jim Bruss and Joe Conway; Bradford Green (Plan NH), project manager, Don Johnsen, with David Blake and Joe Conway; Water and Sewer project, project manager (at this phase) Joe Conway, with Neil (Skip) Smith and Bill Clinton.

A fourth project, the Business Park, is pending, awaiting volunteers. Candidates have been proposed, but they have not yet been contacted.

For each of these subcommittees, the work to be done involves researching the topic as it relates to Bradford's goals and objectives (and progress in terms of projects already underway/defined); identifying all technical issues and defining approaches to their resolution; developing a schedule for completion of each task and the combination of all tasks in the project; and constructing a cost/funding plan.

The subcommittees will report at monthly BEOC meetings and exchange information and status of their tasks. All groups will work within the charter of the BEOC and final approval on each task will be obtained at the monthly BEOC sessions. A "Bradford Action Program," comprised of all the projects underway, will be developed and updated regularly.

Don Johnsen stated that he and Diane Gadoury have served as BEOC Chairman and Secretary for a year. If the committee desires, they are both willing to serve for an additional year. Alternatively, new candidates can be nominated and voted upon at the next meeting, Thursday, April 9.

The BEOC has committed to serve the Board of Selectmen in a long-range planning and advisory role pertaining to economic opportunities for Bradford. There remains an enormous amount of work to be done. Volunteers are urgently needed to participate in this effort to improve our town ... PLEASE consider participating and join us at our next meeting, Thursday, April 9, 7:30 pm, in the Town Hall.

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For the drinking water system, distribution would include a storage tank (probably a buried cement tank on Ring Hill) and meters, as well as ledge removal. The wells would be located off Center Road near the Warner River. The two alternative systems are groundwater with treatment and surface water with treatment. The estimated cost of the groundwater configuration is \$480,000 with annual operating costs of \$13,000. The surface water system would cost an estimated \$1.2 million with annual operating costs of \$52,000.

By selecting the lower cost alternative for both systems, the total cost of construction is estimated to be \$1,680,000, with annual operating costs of \$50,000. Lorber said that there are almost no economic advantages to doing both systems at the same time because the pipes for water and wastewater must be laid in different trenches. He recommended a five-year two-phase plan. He said he would recommend beginning with the water system because some of the sources of pollution, namely the Naughton property and the Bradford Marketplace site, will not be eliminated by installing a sewer system. However, several in attendance commented that the need was greater in the village area for a sewer system.

Scholarships available

WANTED. Applicants for Bradford Women's Club scholarship and Town of Bradford scholarship for 1998.

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Two free community workshops are available for parents, community members, civic groups, church members, businesses and schools.

Building young people's personal assets. Presenter, Randy Judkins. Thursday, April 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, High School.

Working together we can build a resilient community. Presenters: UNH Coop Extension Youth Development Educators. Wednesday, April 29. 6:30-9:30 pm, High School.

All are invited to attend these workshops. For more information, please call KRSD Volunteer Office, 526-7123, or Carol at 938-2562.



Following Town Meeting, Moderator Brackett Scheffy swears in newly elected selectman, Marvin Rich, while Selectmen Dick Vitale (left) and Joe Conway (right) look on. photo by Audrey V. Sylvester

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After one resident asked that Bradford "vote to eliminate the revolving door," the motion passed. Voters also approved Sims' warrant article to lease a four-wheel drive vehicle.

Two warrant articles were submitted by petition at the Selectmen's request, instead of appearing as line items in the budget ... "to gauge public opinion." Both the \$3,530 requested by the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and the \$3,500 requested by the Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports were approved, as was an additional \$2,000 to repair the backstop and fence at Brown Shattuck Field.

The final item of the night was a \$130 request for a streetlight at the intersection of Route 103 and Old Sutton Road (near Tillie Wheeler's house). When the article passed, Moderator Sheffy announced "She's lit." Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.



April. Sometime this month the snow will be mostly gone and our feet will once again walk on the ground. And there will be a time of nights with warmish rains. Go out walking. It's the time when the big salamanders come out, rarely seen at other times of the year. Five or perhaps even nine inches long, with large yellow or maybe small blue spots. They are following their ancestral paths to breed in vernal pools. Don't change their course. Don't take them home. They know what they're about.

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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

Save Saturday, April 4th, for a special evening at Kearsarge Regional High School. The boys' basketball team is presenting an evening of Arts and Entertainment beginning at 6:30. The first part with showcase artists, authors, a potter, a South Pole explorer, an international mountain climber, a former Olympian, just to name a few. The second half will present nine performances by our talented friends and neighbors from all seven towns in the district. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students. All proceeds will be divided among the seven public libraries in the district. It's very reassuring that the public libraries were chosen by the boys to be supported in this way. Don't miss this special evening.

Through the generosity of my sister, we went to the Auditorium on Concord to hear Robert Bly and Donald Hall. These two men have been friends for fifty years! They met at Harvard. Each told stories about the other and read each other's work as well as their own. Both read works by or about the late Jane Kenyon. It was a wonderful evening that memory will recall for a long time to come. Later that week, I also went to Manchester to see *The Bone Ring*, a play written by Donald Hall about his ancestors and friends, and a ring passed down through the family since Civil War times. BML now owns *Iron John and Morning Poems*, by Robert Bly, and *Without*, by Donald Hall, written since the death of Jane Kenyon. I wish you all could have been there. It was a real treat for me.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7th is the date of our next fund-raiser. Applesed Inn will host our Annual Spring Buffet, 5:00-8:00 pm. All proceeds go to the BML Building fund.

For all to know The Thrift Shop will be opening in May at the former school site. We have the use of the building through Labor Day. Items may be brought to the library anytime we're open.

On election day, the Victorian doll house was won by Sue Rayno. The 50/50 raffle winner was Ann Eldridge. We thank all who support our ongoing activities.

Books for the Trustees' Annual Book Sale may be brought in during the months of April, May and June.



From the kitchen of
Lesley Marquis

Let's face it. When April rolls around, the anticipation of spring is almost palpable. Easter can be sweet and gentle, or rough, cold and knee-deep in snow. But no matter what the weather brings, Easter is a time of optimism, rebirth and beginnings (one year it brought me a new baby sister!). Back in Rhode Island, it was always a time of family celebration. Every Easter my Grandmother Wilbur would let me help her make her famous peach chutney. It wouldn't be spring without it!

PEACH CHUTNEY

2 lbs peaches, peeled, pitted and chopped
2 tart apples, cored and chopped
1 yellow onion, diced
1 cup raisins
1/2 cup vinegar (raspberry or cider)
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp ground allspice
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

Combine all ingredients in a large pot and cook over high heat until the mixture boils. Partially cover and cook for 20 minutes or until mixture thickens. Serves 10-12.

We traditionally serve peach chutney with Easter ham, but it's also great served in the summer with chicken.

Turkey Dinner at S. Newbury Union Church

On Saturday, April 18, the South Newbury Union Church is serving a turkey dinner with all the fixings, including homemade pie for dessert, 5:00-7:00 pm. Adults, \$6.00; children 6-11, \$3.00; children under 6, FREE. Take out available. For information, call 938-5369.



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Square dance on April 11

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Road Committee news

At its March 19 meeting, the committee discussed how to proceed to accomplish work on the West Road bridge over West Branch Brook within the budgeted funds. The Engineering Study Estimate was reviewed line by line, to determine those items that could be handled either by the town crew or subcontracted out at a lower cost.

BACKillam representative Joe April met with the committee on March 25. After the funding issue was discussed, alternative structures were considered and dismissed, along with the possibility of a narrower span. Town participation was the preferred direction. BACKillam will review the current proposal and set the bid process for two segments -- bridge only by contractor, road-way work by Town or direct subcontract. Information on this approach will be discussed by Selectmen.

If acceptable and contract amendment signed, design work will proceed; wetlands permits applied for, and bidding ready by June.

Committee discussed preliminary report on Fairgrounds Road bridge and agreed with Alternative #4, recommended by BACKillam. Selectmen will request a waiver from the NH Dept. of Transportation for that bridge in order to obtain state reimbursement prior to completion of the final plans, due to the extensive delay expected for that project.

The April Road Committee meeting will be held on the 15th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Meet Your Neighbor

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Meet the Fairbank family: Denise (*The Bradford Bridge's* new Chief Financial Officer); Mark (*The Bridge's* reporter for the Bradford Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool); the couple's two children (Trevor, age five, and Emily, age three); and the family dog, a Jack Russell terrier named Ranger. Denise works at home; Mark commutes to Boston. As Program Director in Forensics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Mark develops research initiatives and training programs for police investigators and forensic/medical examiners. On a good day, the 93-mile commute takes ninety minutes; on one bad day, the 93-mile-snowstorm-distance took four hours and 25 minutes to drive.

Before Mark accepted a new job at UMass, he had been interviewing in New Hampshire. He discovered the existence of *The Bradford Bridge* and found it refreshing that such a



small town could have a newspaper. On an impulse, the Fairbanks started househunting in the area. An historic house being renovated on West Main Street caught their eye. Accustomed to sticker-shock prices of land and housing in Boston, Mark and Denise decided that whatever the outcome of the job interviews, they would buy the Bradford house. It suited them: it was affordable, good value for the money, restored (no weekend fix-it

projects), had historical character and room for a garden, and, to top it off, it was located within easy access to outdoor recreation--the mountains for skiing and beaches for swimming. Denise said, "I like living in a small town in a place where tourists want to be."

For the first time in years, the Fairbanks feel settled in their village house where every window gives a pleasing view of gardens and architecture. Passers-by have stopped to thank them for making the place look so nice. Mark said, "We think Steve Brown and his brother from Warner should get some kind of commendation for their year's hard work in renovating and rehabilitating this old house."

When the Fairbanks moved to Bradford, Denise had been enjoying an "early retirement" from a hardware storage company (data, not ten-penny nails) in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to be a full-time mom. At her former employer, the EMC Corporation, she had been a legal secretary, responsible for budget oversight and analysis of accounts payable. Three weeks after Emily was born, the company called Denise with a tantalizing offer. Would she be willing to continue working for them at an at-home office? With an opportunity too good to pass up, Denise accepted, as long as the work was part-time. Within two weeks, she had an office equipped with today's tools of the trade: computer, modem, fax machine, and printer. Work is conveniently shipped by FedEx. So far, telecommuting is a great way for her to be in business and be home with the children.

In November, Denise branched out into another at-home business, one that would connect her to local people. She became a distributor for DK Family Learning, which publishes encyclopedic-quality books, videos and CDs. With a 200-title inventory at hand, Denise sets up displays at book fairs, arranges home presentations, and sells to schools and libraries. In the time she has left, she serves on the board of the kindergarten.

In his spare time, Mark hopes to return to his hobbies: sailing, book collecting, watercolor painting, and cooking. The cooking began years ago when Mark and Denise owned and operated a restaurant. The restaurant was Mark's idea (he couldn't find a good breakfast convenient to where they lived). First he talked Denise into being a "wait person," then talked his dad into investing. The restaurant, appropriately named "The Barnstormer," sat on an airfield. Barnstormers were pilots who traveled from farmer's field to farmer's field, giving exhibitions of stunt flying and parachuting in surplus World War I and former mail carrier planes. The restaurant overcame its remote location on weekends, when people would wait sometimes for nearly an hour for a table. However, being a couple of miles from the main road and a quarter-mile up a driveway made it tough to support a growing family on the weekday trade. Mark fondly remembers serving as chef, manager and, some days, waiter. Mark said, "If we had located the business on a main road, we probably wouldn't be in Bradford today."

Welcome to Bradford, Fairbanks, and to the "staff" of *The Bradford Bridge*.



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Report on Kearsarge Regional School District by Mike Hague, Bradford School Board Rep

Awards

Your Kearsarge High School is one of three finalists for the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award for 1997-98. This award essentially identifies the outstanding high school in the state. Paul Ezen, principal, recently won the New Hampshire Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Award. Your high school also won the NHIAAA Sportsmanship Award for last year and the girls varsity won the NHIAA Class 1 State Basketball Championship this month. The Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in New London is also one of four finalists for the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award for 1997-98 ... to be the outstanding elementary school in the state.

The Voters Have Spoken

District voters approved the MBC school operating budget (which was about \$92,000 less than the proposed School Board budget) by 649 votes. The average number of voters who participated in the voting was about 2950. The teachers aides' contract passed by 592 votes, the teachers' contract passed by 180 votes. The deficit appropriation for special education lost by 203 votes. The athletic field proposal for the middle school lost by 88 votes, the architectural study for the middle school lost by 305 votes. The ropes course proposal lost by 1193 votes, and the proposed appropriation for emergency special education funding lost by 263 votes. The proposed appropriation for the capital reserve (building) fund, however, did pass by 314 votes. In sum, about the bare minimum.

The town of Bradford voted down everything. There were about 425 voters in Bradford who voted on each item. The lower MBC budget won by 166 votes, the aides contract lost by 7 votes, the teachers' contract lost by 108 votes, special education deficit appropriation lost by 136 votes, athletic field for the middle school lost by 154 votes, architectural study for the middle

school lost by 172 votes, ropes course lost by 229 votes, emergency funding appropriation for special education lost by 146 votes, and the capital reserve fund appropriation lost by 40 votes.

These are times of change, new voting process this year, new state funding process next year. I have heard the message from Bradford, as has the School Board, and will try to respond to the changing climate of education within the state while maintaining quality education for our children. That's my job; your job is to give me feedback, opinions, feelings, gripes, etc. so that I can best represent our town.

Kindergarten Update

From those same voters came the results of the kindergarten referendum. 2178 voters gave support for a district-funded kindergarten, 655 voted to keep things the way they are now. The vote was fairly well split between using the existing private kindergartens vs. having the district operate and own the kindergarten program. With this information and feedback from the District meeting, the School Board and community representatives will now put together a package with cost estimates, including the amount and duration of state aid, to be decided upon by the voters during next year's elections. Most people seem to want to have kindergarten in their own town. Contact me for any input or questions, 938-2722, lovmts@aol.com.

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community input into design alternatives. The day will end with the presentation of several conceptual plans in a public session, which usually concludes around 4:00 pm. A final report will be prepared and sent to Bradford within six to eight weeks.

The summary report will include a description of the design alternatives, a strategic action plan, and estimated costs for the various alternatives. It will then be up to our community to proceed to the next step.

In terms of cost, Jeff noted that the professionals donate their time. So the only expenses are in printing the report and the lunch and dinner on Friday and the breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Jeff said that in some of the previous charrettes, the interaction was enhanced by different groups providing food for all who participated. This had been done by a combination of local restaurants donating and potlucks prepared by various organizations in town.

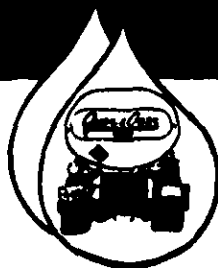
The dates selected for the Plan NH team's visit have been narrowed down to either 8/9 May or 15/16 May, depending on the availability of the professionals. He also suggested that the participation of a broad-based group of Bradford residents is most desirable ... seniors, church groups, and youth groups, along with business, governmental and working individuals.

As soon as the dates have been established, groups and businesses will be asked to help make this a successful undertaking. The charrette concept is indeed timely and beneficial for Bradford. To have professionals review our situation and recommend a strategic plan, along with cost estimates, is just what we need as a community. One final item mentioned by Jeff was that the team will also provide suggestions as to sources for additional funding for projects (he obviously read our collective minds).

Warner workshop: Psychic awareness and spiritual growth

On Wednesday, April 1, the Alternative Health and Personal Growth Workshops will present the topic "Psychic awareness and personal growth." Mark Boyer, gifted astrologer, will discuss the development of intuitive awareness. He will share techniques for you to become aware of your spiritual path and better your own life. The Workshop is held in Warner at the Pillsbury Public Library, 7:00-9:00 pm, with a suggested \$5 donation at the door.

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These species of fish are anadromous, that is, fish that are born in fresh water, live in the ocean as adults, and return to fresh water to lay their eggs. Fish season, the time when the fish ladder is open, is an exciting time at the Amoskeag Fishways. This year, fish season runs from May 4 through June 13. Come enjoy our underwater viewing windows or enjoy hands-on learning and fun with brand new exhibits. The Learning Center offers many free classes throughout the year, including these in April:

Growing Up, Up and Away - Saturday Family Salmon Series. Saturday, April 4, 1:00-2:30

The Amoskeag Fishways Learning Center is offering a free program for children grades 1-5 accompanied by an adult. The program will take a look at the Fishways' Atlantic Salmon fry, which have grown to be about an inch long and are almost ready to be released. Through hands-on activities and observations, participants will discover what it is about fry anatomy and behavior that allows them to survive the wild stream.

Salmon Life Cycle - Family Friday Nights Program. Friday, April 10, 7:00-8:00 pm

Participants will explore the complex and fascinating life cycle of the Atlantic Salmon and what the salmon tell us about the health of the river.

Plant-A-Seed Fundays Preschool Program. Fun To Be Three on April 22, 10:00-11:00 or 1:00-2:00; 4 & 5 year olds on April 29, 10:00-11:00 or 1:00-2:00

The program will explore the secrets in the leafy world of plants. Participants will get to plant their own seed and then watch it grow.

Basics of Fly Fishing - Adult Learning Series Program. Thursday, April 30, 7:00-9:00 pm

Participants will explore the sport that they have always wanted to try, but just didn't know how to get started. Presenter Bob Mitchell from the NH Fish and Game Department will instruct this mini-course on the great sport of Fly Fishing.

Registration is required; call 626-FISH. Sponsored by Public Service of NH, Audubon Society of NH, NH Fish and Game Dept., and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Then & Now

by Milly Kittredge

The Carr-Carlton House



late 1800s

Built in 1849 for Daniel Carr of the Carr's Store dynasty, Kate Carr was born in this Main Street house in 1856. Dr. Charles Carlton from Webster married Kate and practiced here for a short while. They had a son, Frank, who graduated from Harvard Medical School and married Mary Styrska, also a doctor. They were visiting in Poland at the outbreak of World War II. Caught in the invasion, they spent more than two years in P.O.W. camps before their release could be ef-

fect. Only brief and infrequent messages came through to the anxious family. The two came safely through the war and retired to this house. Mary authored two novels, which are in the town library.

In 1973, when it was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Curtis, the house burned. It took three hours to get the fire under control. Timbers fell and a sudden backdraft forced the firemen from the second floor. Don Hall and Bruce Bowie were injured



today

and Chief Bob Moore considered it one of the toughest fires in town history.

After the fire, the two and a half story house was reduced to one story. Today it is the smaller and attractive home of Marty and Sue Bunis.

Fences in front of many homes were a prominent part of Main Street at the turn of the century.



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Selectmen's meetings in March

March 2. Peter Isham requested and received an excavation permit from the Selectmen in order to remove material and properly close a gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road.

Selectmen discussed numerous complaints from residents concerning mailboxes knocked over by the road crew. Selectmen commented that mailboxes must be at least 25 feet from the center of the road. They will ask the Road Agent to tell his crew to be more cautious. Due to the early mud season, town roads have already been posted.

March 9. Resignation of Hugh Keays from Revolving Loan Fund was accepted.

Selectmen discussed request by Moon Mountain Arts to be exempt from rental fee for use of Town Hall. Decision was made to waive the charge for rehearsals, but to charge for actual performances.

The Selectmen's office received notification from the Dept. of Revenue Administration that Bradford's 1998 valuation ratio is 109, down from 119 in 1997. This is a reflection of an increase in property values, with property assessments now closer to market value.

March 16. Marvin Rich was congratulated on his election and welcomed to the board. Chair Joe Conway commented on how well the town meeting went ... with many in attendance and "good votes."

Rod Jones met to express his view that the Bradford Police were not sufficiently responsive to vandalism and other problems in the area of his business, Kalon Books on Route 114. He noted that Chief Sims had visited him earlier that day and they had reached agreement concerning how to handle several issues. Conway commented that the new chief handles things differently and asked that any complaints be brought to the attention of the Selectmen so issues can be resolved quickly. Chief Sims reported that they had discussed proper placement of his sign, based on the zoning ordinance.

Administrative Assistant Cheryl Behr reported on a gravel tax seminar, presented by the Dept. of Revenue Administration (DRA) to inform towns concerning a new state tax of two cents per excavated yard of material. Selectmen commented that this would be very complex to administer and agreed that gravel pit owners in Bradford should be informed.

Jeff Taylor of Plan NH requested a meeting to discuss planning for the design charette. Taylor asked the Selectmen whether they would like to expand the scope of the Plan NH effort from just the Bradford Green to encompass the village area. Selectmen agreed that it was a good idea to take full

advantage of their services to look at all planning options.

Selectmen approved a large number of annual appointments for town offices.

Conway, "anticipating next year's town meeting," asked that town departments compile for the Selectmen a list of all capital equipment over \$5,000 and anticipated replacement periods.

Conway asked that the board institute quarterly budget reviews with the larger town departments so that line items can be checked regularly.

Finally, Conway proposed sending a letter to the KRSD School Board requesting information concerning ten items. He said it was important to remind the board of its responsibility to taxpayers and make it more "accountable." Requesting the information is necessary so that Selectmen can understand the district's decision-making process ... "We can't criticize without information." Selectmen agreed to send a copy of the proposed letter to other KRSD boards of selectmen to gain their endorsement and assistance. Conway emphasized that he's not on a "witch hunt." Instead, he said it's important to understand how the school district's money is spent "to maximize resources instead of throwing more resources into the pot." He concluded by commenting that there's a movement for developing a third budget for the school district for next year ... "a responsible budget."

March 23. Deb Spaulding provided an update on the activities and plans of the Skateboard Park Committee, including their goal to begin construction of a half-pipe ramp on May 1. Selectman Joe Conway reminded her that the Selectmen should be informed before anything is constructed on town property.

Selectman Conway reported on a meeting with Office of State Planning Director Jeff Taylor concerning the Plan NH grant. He explained the process and identified possible dates for the two-day site visit, which will occur in May.

March 30. Fire Chief Mark Goldberg, Fire Warden Steve Hansen, and Transfer Station Manager Kenny Anderson met to discuss burn piles at the transfer station. On March 22, a fire was left unattended when the transfer station closed. Hansen saw the fire as he was returning home on Route 103 and called out the town fire trucks to extinguish the fire. Selectmen inquired about proper procedures and reporting mechanisms. Hansen informed Anderson that a burn pile could not be left unattended until the flames were very low. He also reminded the Selectmen that they had the responsibility to apply annually for a state permit for burning at the transfer station.

Marcia Keller discussed the Concord Region Solid Waste Coop. She noted that Bradford has not been represented since last summer and stressed the importance of the Selectmen appointing a new representative.

Keller also mentioned that the Lake Massachusetts Improvement Association has begun to work on the milfoil problem. This year's tactic involves physically blocking the cove end of the lake and installing a screen to prevent pieces of milfoil from migrating into the lake.

A resident requested a waiver from the Selectmen to prevent the implementation of a tax collector's deed on his farm. Selectmen responded that the RSAs do not allow Selectmen to interfere in the Town Clerk's lien process.

Selectmen reviewed a revised construction estimate for the West Road bridge over West Branch Brook. Once the figures have been reconciled, Selectmen will sign the construction contract.

Ted Young, Merrimack Farm Store, requested that the Town grade his parking lot once a year to reduce the flow of runoff from Main Street and the storm drains across his property. Selectmen discussed the issue of using town equipment on private property. Selectman Conway said he'd look at the situation.



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

About thirty years ago, I saw an advertisement for a purple-colored snapbean with a distinctive taste. I ordered a packet; they grew, and to our delight, they had a very good taste. Further investigation revealed that the bean, Royalty, was developed at the University of N.H. However, in trying to give friends some of the beans, they refused, saying they could not eat purple beans. It took some convincing to show that Royalty beans turn green when cooked! Since that time, color has been the goal of many plant breeders. We now have Yukon Gold potatoes, blue potatoes, red lettuce, striped beets, as well as white ones. And then take a look at the many peppers we can grow. Most of these hold their color after preparation.

This year, many seed sources are pushing the new purple asparagus for the home gardener. Asparagus should be planted, left to grow for two or three years, and then sparsely picked. If you wait that length of time, pick a mess of stalks, and pop them in the cooker. You will be surprised that the purple, like the Royalty bean, will turn to a bright green -- color in the garden, but not at the dinner table.

Snow has lingered steadily into spring--it just does not seem to melt! However, in sunny spots, especially the shrub borders, the stems of the shrubs have been exposed. My prize euonymous at the corner of the garden gave me a start when I was confronted by a stark white stem, absolutely free of bark, and with small tooth marks up to the level of the snowline. Voles, mice, rodents have had great conditions under the two or three layers of ice from the sleet storms to enjoy soft snow, ample warmth, and plenty of tunnels to cover a lot of territory. Besides the soil is

not frozen, so digging is easy. It's not only the euonymous, but my new rose bushes too, which have been attacked. And underground, I expect my lily bulbs have provided nourishment to the varmints.

While the euonymous is well-rooted and established, I expect that if I cut the above-ground stem off close to the ground, the shrub will sprout and grow, especially if the top is removed as soon as possible. There will be no large plant this year, but possibly in two years, it will be showy again. Nearby, the two new roses I planted two years ago are as bare of bark, but as these two are the so-called "own root" plants, I'm hoping there will be sprouts arising from the well-established roots. It is necessary to prune the stems close to the ground before growth starts.

With the days lengthening and the sun getting higher, the itch to start seeds is with us. Now with all the gadgets available, the time from planting the seeds to transplanting into flats or pots is reduced -- as is the time spent in the greenhouse or hotbed.

Heat coils hasten the germination, overhead lights make longer days, new liquid fertilizers used along with artificial soils hasten the growth, so that the time from April 1 (seed time) till May 30 -- hopefully the first frost-free date -- will be enough to give us the plants we need for our garden. Let us hope that spring is on the way!

Just a note of thanks to all of you who sent cards and letters when I was confined after my bypass operation -- it certainly made the time of recuperation pass rapidly.

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individuals who traded with the Carrs. This initial work will later be expanded using historical, architectural, and archaeological data, to explore the individual households and farms of the community of people who shopped and interacted at the Carr store.

Dr. Linebaugh would welcome any information or recollections from area residents.

Donald W. Linebaugh received his M.A. in Anthropology (1982) and Ph.D. in American Studies (1996) from the College of William and Mary. Dr. Linebaugh is currently the Director of the Program for Archaeological Research and Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. He previously served as Co-Director of the Center for Archaeological Research and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg from 1988 to 1997. Dr. Linebaugh has spent almost ten years in Lincoln and Concord, Massachusetts, researching and writing on the career of Roland Robbins. He is currently working on a book version of his dissertation, "The Road to Ruins and Restoration: Roland W. Robbins and the Professionalization of Historical Archaeology." Dr. Linebaugh resides in Lexington, Kentucky with his wife Suzanne and their new daughter, Claire.

The Society will hold a workday at 27 Old Warner Road on Thursday, April 9, at 10:00 am, to cut, paste and organize albums, and general discussion.

Seacoast Science Center

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April Calendar

Wednesday, April 1

PTC, Bradford Elementary, 7:00
Col. Bruce Mathews, State of NH, Safety Division, will speak on drugs and weapons in schools nationwide.

Library Trustees, Library, 7:00

Saturday, April 4

Bradford Historical Society, Old P.O. open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386.

Monday, April 6

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386 for location, 9:00 am

Tuesday, April 7

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:00

Wednesday, April 8

Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, April 9

Historical Society cut and paste session, Old Warner Road, 10:00 am

Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Saturday, April 11

Fourth of July Committee, Town Hall, 10:30 am

Bradford Historical Society, Old P.O. open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386.

Monday, April 13

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, April 14

Kindergarten Parents, Town Hall, 6:30

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, April 15

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Friday, April 17

Bradford Newbury Workshop trip to the Currier Museum, 9:30, Friendship House

Saturday, April 18

Skateboard Park Committee Flea Market, Town Hall, 9:00-4:00

Bradford Historical Society, Old P.O. open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386.

Monday, April 20

Free introductory Reiki clinic. Call Peg for appointment, 938-5394.

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, church vestry, 7:00

Tuesday, April 21

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:00

Bradford Women's Club Guest Night, "An Evening with Conservation," church vestry, 7:30

Saturday, April 25

Bradford Historical Society, Old P.O. open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386.

Monday, April 27

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, April 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

To list events for the month of May, call Lyn Betz at 938-5029.

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