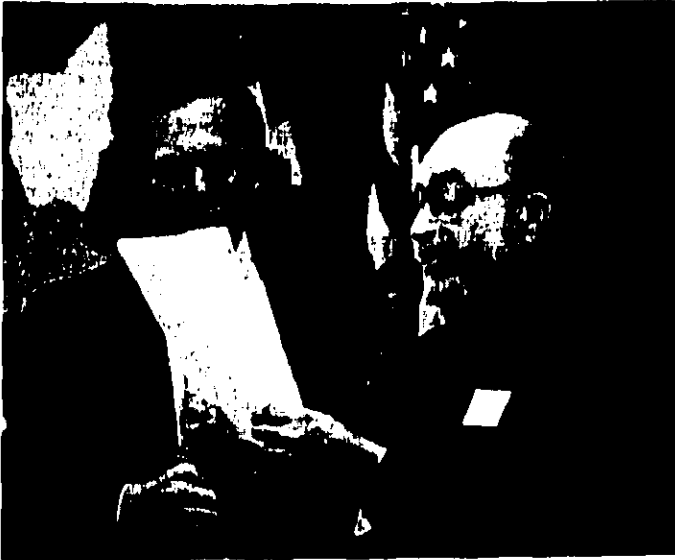


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Town moderator Brackett Scheffy listens as library trustee Marty Bunis urges residents to "Vote YES!" on the library expansion.

—photo by Andrew Pinard

Town Meeting: Short and Sweet

Selectman Marvin Rich opened the 1999 Town Meeting by thanking Joe Conway, who was not present, for his three years of service to Bradford as a selectman. Rich also welcomed newly elected selectman Chris Frey.

Voters passed all the articles on the night's warrant with the exception of Article 5, which would have allowed the town to collect an additional motor vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 to be placed in a municipal transportation improvement fund.

The selectmen's recommended budget passed with two additions. The \$966,480 budget included an increase of \$555 for the police department and \$1,800 for the fire department. The budget committee cut the \$555 from the police department's training budget, said Chief John Sims, who asked that the money be put back in. The additional \$1,800 for the fire department will pay to stain the trim and doors at the fire station, said Chief Mark Goldberg. The department budgeted \$1,200, but the lowest bid came in at \$3,000, he said.

An amendment that would have added \$300 to the civil defense line item for the purchase of software for Y2K preparation was defeated.

The \$996,480 is \$73,000 more than last year's approved operating budget.

Bradford residents voted 288 to 36 to release money in a capital reserve account so that library trustees could break ground for a 3,000-square-foot addition to Brown Memorial Library. The capital reserve fund provides approximately \$127,000 of the \$295,000 that the expansion will cost. Trustees raised the rest through donations, the last \$60,000 since October. Construction will begin April 1. Trustee Marty Bunis said the library would remain open during most of the construction period.

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Election Results

On March 9, 461 of Bradford's 1,028 registered voters turned out to participate in town and school elections and ballot voting. Christopher Frey was elected as Selectman with 368 votes, defeating incumbent Joe Conway who received 83 votes. For the two Budget Committee positions, Peter Fenton and David Pickman were elected, receiving 361 and 234 votes respectively; Diane Gadoury received 196 votes.

All other candidates for town offices were unopposed. John Forgiel was elected as a Trustee of the Trust Funds; Jane Lucas, Martin Bunis, Susan Bunis and Brooks McCandlish were elected as Trustees of the Brown Memorial Library; Marlene Freyler and Gary Wall were elected to the Planning Board; Erin DiBello was elected to the Zoning Board; Mark Fairbank was elected to the Scholarship Committee and Thomas Riley was elected to the Cemetery Commission.

Voters approved a property tax exemption for disabled taxpayers with a net income of not more than \$17,000 (or \$19,450 combined net income if married) and net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. The article passed by 313 to 120.

A petition article to repeal the Bradford Zoning Ordinance was rejected, with 299 voting against and 135 voting in favor.

In Kearsarge Regional School District elections, Mark Fairbank defeated Joe Conway to become Bradford's repre-

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Artists and Artisans Exhibition

The Bradford Artists and Artisans Exhibition Committee announces that the 1999 exhibition will take place on Saturday, August 7 and Sunday, August 8 at the Bradford Elementary School from 10:00am until 4:00pm. A reception for artists and the public will be held on Sunday from 2:00-4:00pm.

The exhibition is open to all Bradford artists and artisans. Exhibition forms will be mailed in mid-June to artists known to the committee. Committee member Amy Blitzer said, "We hope all Bradford artists and artisans will participate and that new artists will join our exhibition. If you are interested in participating, or have a truck, let us know." Committee members include: Marj Messer, Amy Blitzer, Sandy Wadlington, Jean Gaito, Caroline Verity, Laurie Brown, Pamela Wall, Marion Klein and Audrey V. Sylvester. For more information, call Marj Messer at 938-5355.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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Bradford Historical Society News

The first meeting of the year was held on March 24. Many more activities are planned for this year. There will be a Covered Bridge program, the annual Berry Festival and Band Concert, Prof. Linebaugh will give a talk on Carr's Store, the Center School Alumni will meet and a Genealogy program will be presented. Everything except the berries at the Berry Festival is free, and everyone is welcome.

Information you can provide about the families in the genealogy publication as well as any information about Carr's Store will be appreciated.

The Old Post Office will be open Saturdays from 1:30-3:00pm beginning in mid April.

—Milly Kittredge

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 149 calls for service between February 16 and March 16. The breakdown is as follows: one alarm activation, one ambulance call, two animal complaints, one assist to the Fire Department, ten assists to other police departments, one bad check, six citizen assists, two civil standbys, two cases of criminal mischief, two cases of damage to property, one family offense, one found property, four incident/services, two larcenies, five motor vehicle accidents (no injury), one case of operation after suspension, two parking violations, one possession of a controlled drug, one case of reckless driving, one simple assault, one stranded motorist, one stray livestock, one suspicious person/vehicle, nine traffic citations, 34 traffic warnings, 42 vacation house checks and five weapons permits.

—Pennie M. Spooner

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

March 3. Donald Dickerson and Geraldine Tenney were married in Bradford.

March 7. Madison Elizabeth Cook was born to Jon and Amy in Concord.

March 13. Donald Miller and Maureen Fitzgerald were married in Bradford.

It's April—time to register all dogs. Please be sure to bring rabies certificates and proof of neutering or spaying if this is your dog's first registration. Dogs cannot be registered if their inoculations are not current.

On March 31, all unpaid taxes will go to lien after which the interest rate increases from 12% to 18%.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 2:00-7:00pm; Tuesday, 8:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 8:00am-noon.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the office will be closed the week of April 26 through April 30. The following week there will be Monday and Tuesday afternoon hours only. Please try to come in earlier in the month to avoid any inconvenience.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet Thursday, April 8, at 11:00am in the Friendship House. People who want to knit cradle cups for newborns should bring a small set of 4 needles and fine yarn—cotton or acrylon. Some supplies will be provided.

We'll do our own book reviews this year after a bag lunch (dessert and beverage provided), so bring one or two good books to share with the group. As always, new members and guests are welcome to join in.

—Clare Bensley

Kearsarge Regional High School Music Recital

Under the direction of Ernie Mills, the KRHS Music Department has built a Band, Jazz Group, Chorus of over one hundred members, Choir, String Quartet, Boys' Choir and Girls' Choir. Performing both as groups and as individuals, Kearsarge has won awards and praises through the years. The skill, talent and hard work are evident in their performances. They frequently finance their own appearances and provide their own transportation. An evening of vocals and instrumentals at the Baptist Church on April 14 at 7:30pm will be a performance worth attending. There is no admission fee and refreshments will be served.

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by April 20.





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Bradford Area Community Center Update

Just one year ago there was talk of the possibility of renovating the old Central School to a vibrant community center. Due to the efforts of many committed community volunteers and professionals, progress has been made towards reaching this goal. Building rehabilitation plans are moving forward and soon everyone will start to see some construction activity around the old Central School. The final cost of the renovations will be firm once the construction bids are in, on March 30th.

This project has 80% of the funds for building rehabilitation. Therefore increasing efforts are being planned to reach our fundraising goal. In April a general mailing will be sent to Bradford and surrounding town residents requesting donations. The Bradford Community Corporation (BC Corp.) directors are requesting donations from private foundations and businesses. The BACC Governance Board, in conjunction with the BC Corp., will be organizing some local fundraising activities/events. Mark your calendars for a dinner at the Appleseed Restaurant on April 20 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please come with family and friends and support the building fund of the community center.

There will be opportunities for community members to lend a helping hand with some portions of the renovations e.g. demolition, some site work, landscaping, painting, etc.

With continuous teamwork, it is expected that the project will move forward as planned.

The interim Bradford Area Community Center (BACC) Governance Board has been meeting since January with the primary function of developing an operating manual and permanent governance structures that provide the framework to keep this building operating as a cooperative public/private building. On March 17 two informational meetings were held explaining details of this project.

The Bradford Community Corporation is a nonprofit organization providing oversight

and administrative management of the Bradford Area Community Center (BACC). The BC Corp. is a separate private nonprofit charitable organization created to work collaboratively with the town of Bradford as its public partner in many joint cooperative ventures, with the Community Center as its first venture. The BACC Governance Board is responsible for the day-to-day program activities and operations of the center. An interim Governance Board is presently working on setting up the organizational board structure, its subcommittees and the BACC operational manual to be completed by this summer. The Center itself is a Town-owned building that will be cooperatively run and staffed by the organizations, councils and service providers utilizing the Center.

The Governance Board has established councils and committees that have specific roles and responsibilities and assigned interim chairs for each Council or Committee. They are: Recreation/Sports Committee, Parks and Recreation Representative Jane Lucas; Senior Council, Betty Perron and Senior Rally group; Young Children Education Council, Donna Marr and BNKP member; Youth Council, Chair: Susan Sneek, Betty Erickson, and Michael Hugue; Health and Human Services Council, Carol Conforti-Adams and Phyllis Whall and Financial Planning and Fund Development, Carol Conforti-Adams. Building Operations and Maintenance and Public Relations/Community Programs/Events and Promotion are two other committees whose chairs have not yet been selected.

In March the BC Corp. received a grant from NII Charitable Foundation for professional assistance to continue this Community Center Governance work and for professional assistance in seeking outside funding sources for capital and program development. To get involved please call Carol at 938-2562 for details and information.

Let's celebrate our success and work together towards this dream of having a beautiful vibrant community building. Let's keep this vision alive!

—Carol Conforti-Adams

Jaime McLeod Places Third in International Event

Local Mount Sunapee snowboarder and Bradford resident Jaime McLeod placed third in the Big Air Event in the 17th annual U.S. Open at Stratton, VT on March 19. She participated in two of the four Stimilon Big Air events this year and placed first in both of them. Even though she was unable to compete in two of the events because of professional commitments, she still came in second overall for the year.

Some of the international snowboarders who participated in this year's U.S. Open included Terje, Olympic gold medallist Ross Powers, Shannon Dunn, Cara-Beth Burnside, and Jim Rippey. This makes Jaime's finish even more impressive considering the level of competition. Well done, Jaime!

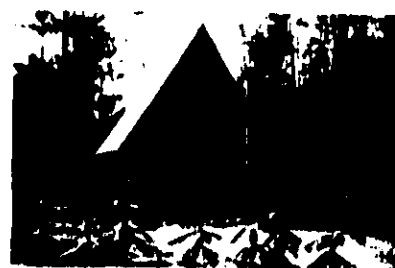
—Judy Paris

Read Across America Challenge

On Tuesday March 16, KRES at Bradford officially reached the Pacific Ocean. The entire school community cooperated to achieve this goal by reading more than 1000 books! We want to thank everyone who participated in the Read Across America Challenge. Your commitment to a common goal deserves a round of applause. Even though the Read Across America Program is officially completed, we hope that you will always find time to enjoy reading.

—Kathy McKenna

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Letters

To the editor:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all in our community who helped us through Don's illness. A very special thank you to my library trustees and staff, Jeanine Aucoin, Hospice House nurses and staff and Chadwick Funeral Service, New London.

Margaret and Benjamin Ainslie

To the editor:

The time is now at hand to move forward here in Bradford. We had a very successful town meeting. The budget was passed, the approval for the extension of the library was given and people exercised their right to vote.

We would now like to take the opportunity to thank Joe Conway for all the work he has done for Bradford. Under his leadership our taxes were reduced and cost controls were put into place. The Community Center grant was applied for and awarded, and a Sewer and Water study has been implemented with the help of a grant. Joe spent many long hours working for us, the people of Bradford. We just want to say thank you, Joe. We wish you well.

Dick Vitale and Marvin Rich, Selectmen

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Bradford Y2K Preparedness

Almost every level of our social structure is dependent on computers and electronic equipment. On January 1, 2000, many computer software programs and embedded microchips, programmed to identify the year by its last two digits, will think it's 1900, causing date-driven computations to fail and some computer-reliant systems to malfunction or shut down. Government, business, banks, transportation, medical facilities and all parts of our computer dependent society are striving to identify, fix, and test this very complex problem in advance of this deadline. Significant progress has been and continues to be made; however, it should be recognized that all systems are not likely to be fixed in time and some disruption in normal goods and services can be expected.

A volunteer committee has been appointed by the selectmen to address the potential impact of Y2K related problems as it pertains to Bradford, to coordinate preventive measures, and to provide information to the citizens, with the goal of moving together through this transition as smoothly and safely as possible. This committee will work in concert with Bradford's Civil Defense Coordinator.

More specifically, the purposes are: 1) to coordinate and encourage all town departments, human services agencies and personnel toward the goal of preparedness for potential problems that may affect the safety and welfare of all citizens; 2) to provide education and information to Bradford residents about the potential impact of the Y2K problem, and to share existing and emergency plans for providing our safety and welfare in this or other possible emergencies; 3) to recommend ways in which neighborhoods and individuals may prepare to care for each other and for themselves in this or other potential emergencies such as ice storms or hurricanes; 4) to solicit and help coordinate volunteers as deemed useful or necessary and 5) to network with other organizations regionally and statewide regarding possible Y2K emergency problems.

--Dick Whall



Trevor Fairbank shares a story with his high school partner Jeremy Aganos.

Reading Partners

To celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, students from Kearsarge Regional High School visited KRES at Bradford to read with students from Ms. Brown's, Ms. Lee and Ms. Pariseau's entry-level classes. Ms. Barry's and Mr. Armstrong's freshman English classes took part in the cross-age reading program. Delighted entry students listened to books selected and read by their high school reading partners. Then each entry student had an opportunity to select and read stories to a high school student. Judging by the smiles, the cross-age reading program was a positive experience for all.

This opportunity was made available, in part, due to a Secondary Discretionary Grant that Kearsarge Regional High School received for the 1998-99 school year. Mary Keegan-Dayton is in charge of implementing the grant at the high school. KRES at Bradford has been participating in the Read Across America reading incentive program. According to the Reading Specialist Kathy McKenna, this special opportunity was one of the highlights of the elementary reading incentive program.

--Kathy McKenna

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Vernal Pools

Awareness is increasing of the importance and necessity of specialized environments called vernal pools. They are vital to the continued existence of some of our still common and not so common amphibians and invertebrates. Vernal pools are defined as temporary and usually small bodies of water, devoid of fish, that in most years retain enough water to act as the essential breeding habitat for certain amphibians and invertebrates. These include wood frogs, spotted salamanders, Jefferson type salamanders, fairy shrimp, and some species of fingernail clams. Vernal pools vary in size, shape and location, but occur typically every spring in the same place except for very dry years. Usually the pool dries up in late summer.

An abundance of other plant and animal species use these pools, but may not be as critically dependent as those specifically known as vernal pool indicator species. In addition to being vital as small individual habitats for local plants and animals, vernal pools often provide valuable links as wetland "corridors" for other wildlife which might otherwise remain isolated and therefore more vulnerable to disturbance.

The Bradford Conservation Commission, in its role as steward of the Town's water and wildlife resources, hopes to increase awareness and local protection of these communities. Through education, landowners that become aware of these unique areas will often act to protect them from unnecessary disturbances such as logging too close to a vernal pool or logging at a sensitive time of year. Another disturbance would be pond creation, excessive landscaping projects or placement of culverts. Increased involvement by citizens may also assist the

scientific community by providing valuable data on population density and the health of local species and give clues as to the reason for an increase in amphibian deformities and the continued decline of the amphibian population.

Individuals or groups may contribute to the New Hampshire Reptile and Amphibian Reporting Program by contacting the Non-Game and Endangered Wildlife Program, NH Fish and Game Department, 2 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 (tel.: 603-271-2462).

—J. Ann Eldridge



Become a Fresh Air Fund Host

The Fresh Air Fund is seeking host families in the Bradford area from July 8 through July 22 for disadvantaged children from New York City. Last year 26 children from six to twelve years old enjoyed the simple pleasures of country living: the croaking of frogs, the smell of fresh cut grass, swimming in a lake or just playing with the family dog.

Host families can request a boy or girl and a specific age. There are no financial requirements—just a bed and an extra place at the table. "It has been a wonderful experience for our family, especially our children. It gives us a new perspective and helps us appreciate all we have here and take for granted," said Joyce Foley, a long-time host. "It's not hard hosting a child. What's hard is saying good-bye when the two weeks are over."

If you would like information on becoming a host, please call Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

Kearsarge Amateur Snowboarders Rule in Big Air

The final of four New England area Stimilon Air and Style Pro-Am Challenges was held at Stratton, Vermont on Saturday, March 13. Graham Hoffman (16, of Newbury) placed second to end the season just 100 points out of first place overall during his first year out. Ryan Paris (13, of Bradford) placed 8th in the finals and ended his first season of Big Air competition in 10th place overall. Because there are no age groupings, these are especially excellent finishes for these young competitors. They must compete against many young adults with a decade of experience.

Athletes are judged on air, style, difficulty and landing. However, even when they perform a difficult trick, if they don't stomp (land) it, they cannot win. Points are deducted for even one hand down on the landing. Points are only given if you make the finals. Overall standings are important for next year's rankings which will be out soon. Graham and Ryan are sponsored by Outspokin' Bike and Board of Newbury.

Josh Yates of Sunapee stomped two frontside 360s in qualifying for a personal best of 16th. Zach Friedline, Bradford and Eric Caravan, Newbury also participated. We appreciate Mt. Sunapee hosting Stimilon this year, which allowed our local athletes to gain valuable experience. Congratulations to all of our local athletes!

—Judy Paris



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Glimpses

April 13, 1899...

An amazing egg was recently laid by Mr. A.P. Colby's hen. The enormous egg measured in at seven and three eighths inches by eight and five eighths inches.

A new dancing school has 25 people showing up for first day lessons with many more expected to join.

April 20, 1899...

Total valuation of the Town of Bradford as of April 1, \$410,653; rate \$1.40 per \$100.

John L. Burnes and Frank Martin managed to saw two cords of hardwood twice in 40 minutes.

April 27, 1899...

Frank Withington has "some very fine pigs" for sale; you can pick one up for \$2.00 each.

—Amanda Edwards

Model Railroad Show

Train buffs young and old will enjoy the Connecticut Valley Model Railroad Show on Sunday, April 11 from 10:00am-4:00pm at the Lebanon High School. Take exit 18 off I-89 and follow the signs.

There will be many operating trains and dealers selling model railroad supplies as well as workshops, door prizes and a video room. Admission is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child or \$5 per family.

—John Granton

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Church News From Lynne E. Hubley

The Maundy Thursday Service will be held on April 1 at 7:00pm. We will begin with a Seder meal downstairs in the Sunday school area. Meditative music will be provided in the Sanctuary as well. We will then move to the vestry room, which will be transformed, into "The Upper Room" where the Foot Washing and Lord's Supper will be re-enacted. We will then move into the Sanctuary, which will look like the Garden of Gethsemane and hear the scripture readings of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and sentencing. The service will end in silence as we pass by the Carpenter's Shop where final preparations will be done to Jesus' cross.

The Sanctuary of the church will be open on Good Friday, April 2 from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm. Devotional booklets and meditative music will be provided for quiet meditation. Our church will be represented at the ecumenical Good Friday Service to be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New London from noon until 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

On Easter Sunday, April 4, the Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30am on the lawn of the First Free Will Baptist Church in North Sutton. (Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour the night before). Rev. Salt will give the message entitled "Do You Believe in Miracles?" There will be a breakfast immediately following the service with a free will offering. There will be a Children's Story, youth participation and your favorite Easter hymns. The First Free Will Baptist Church, South Newbury Union Church and the First Baptist Church, Bradford will all participate in the service.

Our Easter Sunday worship service will be held at 10:00am on April 4. The Right Hand of Fellowship will be extended to eight new church members during the service. If people would like to have flowers in memory of a loved one on this day, they are asked to bring the flowers or have them delivered to the sanctuary at 9:00am on Easter morning. To have the names listed in the bulletin please call the church office by Wednesday, March 31 at 938-5313.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold their meeting on Tuesday, April 6. A short business meeting will be held at 7:00pm, followed by a program that is open to the public at 7:30pm called "Alternative Therapies." There will be a panel of three trained therapists presenting the benefits of Osteopathy, Massage and Reiki with demonstrations and opportunities for questions. Refreshments will be served.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet at the vestry on Wednesday, April 7 at 8:30am and travel to Norwich, Vermont for a tour of the King Arthur Flour Factory.

Our Thursday Evening Bible Study will resume its in-depth study of the book of Exodus on April 8. We meet from 7:30-8:30pm at the parsonage. We are getting close to the time when we will watch the movie "The Ten Commandments" and compare it to the actual Scripture passages.

Our "Journey to Jerusalem" Sunday school program concluded during Holy Week. Beginning Sunday, April 11 and continuing for eight weeks, our Sunday school children will meet for an intergenerational program from 10:00-11:00am (during worship). During this time, they will be preparing a program for Children's Day on June 13. The adult class will still meet at 9:00am.

Communion will be served on Sunday, April 11 instead of Easter Sunday.

Both youth groups (grades 4 through 12) will meet at the church from 2:00-4:00pm on Sunday, April 11. They will enjoy a "Helping Hands Scavenger Hunt" with a list of services that need to be provided to various people in Bradford. After the Hunt, ice cream sundaes will be served.

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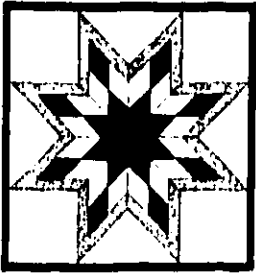
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Bradford Quilt Show

Get ready Bradford you haven't seen a quilt show like this since the 1987 Bicentennial Show. Unlike the 1987 show that was held in the Town Hall, this one will be held at KRES Bradford, July 31 and August 1. The larger space will allow for a greatly expanded show with some exciting extras. Vivien Sayre, a certified quilt appraiser and a member of the American Quilt Society, will be on hand during the show to perform appraisals on your quilts. This service is by appointment only and the cost is \$35.00 for a written appraisal or \$10.00 for a verbal (please contact Bunny Herman for appointment). The Vermont Quilt Festival has agreed to loan us several quilt racks that will help us show off your quilts safely and to the best advantage. There will be a beautiful "Double Irish Chain" quilt offered for raffle. This stunner was stitched by Charlene Harris. A number of vendors will be at the show and there is still room for a few more. If you are interested please contact Hazel Morse at 603-938-2263. The show is being sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society. We are grateful for their support of funds and volunteers.

Now, there is only one thing left to make this show a complete success and that is your help. We need you to open those trunks, drawers and closets and pull out

those quilt treasures. As reported last month in the Bradford Bridge, this is not a juried quilt show. This quilt show is about honoring the art of the quilter. Each quilt is different whether it was made by an expert quilter or someone who just wanted to share in the joy of expressing something in quilting. We want to allow you the opportunity to show your quilt. Applications will be available from Bowie's Market and Merrimack Farm Store after April 15.

The Bradford Quilt Show has many volunteers already working on this incredible project but more are needed. Most of all we need your quilts. Bunny Herman is serving as Chairman for the quilt show. Should you have any questions she can be reached at 938-2944 or by writing to her at Bradford Quilt Show c/o Bunny Herman, 31 Pleasant View Road, Bradford, NH 03221.

—Lynn Horrigan

Library Expansion Approved by a Landslide

Bradford voters showed their support at Town Meeting for the library expansion plans by an overwhelming vote of 288-36 to release the library capital reserve funds. The trustees would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who helped make this 20-year project such a success. And a special thank you to the following people who recently volunteered their time and energy to help untangle the red tape involved in preparing the library warrant article and other last minute details: Bob Stewart, Bob Stewart, Jr., Bud Morse, Chip Meany, Chris Frey and Marvin Rich.

Construction is scheduled to begin soon and library expansion will be complete by the fall of this year.

—Library Trustees

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Senior Rally News

The Bradford Area Senior Rally met on Saturday, March 13 at the First Baptist Church vestry in Bradford. There was an informative presentation by Barbara Chellis from the Community Action Program. The topic related to programs and activities provided to area seniors by C.A.P. The discussion was followed by a question and answer period. A business meeting followed to discuss future plans for the Senior Rally—its continuation and what part the Senior Rally will play in the utilization of senior programs and activities at the Bradford Area Community Center. The role of the Senior Rally in the BACC Senior Center will be discussed at a business meeting scheduled for April 3 at 1:00pm at the First Baptist Church vestry. Issues of vital importance will be discussed at this meeting. We encourage participation by as many people as possible who are interested in senior issues.

The next regular Senior Rally meeting is scheduled for May 15 from 1:00-3:00pm to be held at the First Baptist Church in Bradford. Senior Rally participants would like to thank Ona Ruchti and Sophie Burke for supplying refreshments, and the First Baptist Church for providing meeting space.

—Betty Perron

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

Join Richard Cook, Vice-President for Conservation at the Audubon Society of New Hampshire for his presentation of a slide program entitled, "Wetlands and Vernal Pools" at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting on Friday, April 9 at 7:30pm. The program will take place at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Cook will discuss the ecology and distribution of vernal pools in New Hampshire as well as the natural history of these pools. Conditions permitting, the audience may have the opportunity to view a microcosm of a vernal pool with its endemic species. For details, call Karen Sullivan at 927-4550. The public is invited to attend this worthwhile program. Refreshments will be served.

As a follow-up to this program, Clare Bensley will lead a field trip on Saturday, April 17 to identify possible vernal pools at the ASNH Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary on Chalk Pond Road in Newbury. This easy to moderate walk will begin at 10:00am and provide an opportunity to observe other signs of spring. Participants should meet Clare at the trailhead. Bring binoculars and be prepared for wet walking. The trip ends at noon. For directions, call Clare at 938-5482.

On Saturday, April 10, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a birding trip to look for migratory waterfowl in and around the Concord area. Naturalist Peter Newbern will lead the trip. This is a good opportunity to see species of duck such as gadwall, shoveller, blue-winged teal and green-winged teal, which normally breed north and west of our area. Newbern, an avid birder with many years of experience, requests that participants meet him at the Warner Park and Ride, Exit 9, I-89 at 8:00am. Bring binoculars and a scope if you have one. For details call Newbern at 763-4308.

—Phyllis Curtiss



From the kitchen of Lesley Marquis

This recipe is from the March issue of *Gourmet Magazine*. It's fast, easy and it's also delicious if you substitute filet mignon for the salmon.

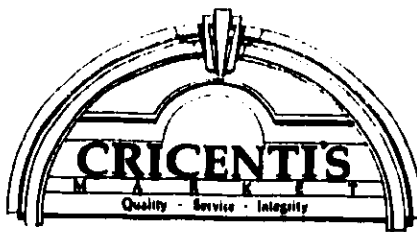
SALMON WITH SPICED RED WINE SAUCE

- 4 six-ounce center-cut pieces skinless salmon fillet
- 1½ cups dry red wine
- 2 tablespoons freshly cracked black pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely grated peeled gingerroot
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 3 tablespoons cold unsalted butter

Pat salmon dry and season with salt. Heat a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately high heat until hot. Sear salmon on both sides until golden, about 2-3 minutes. Add wine, pepper, gingerroot and garlic and cook salmon at a bare simmer, turning once until cooked through, about 5-6 minutes.

Transfer salmon with a slotted spatula to 4 heated plates and keep warm, covered. Cut butter into 3 pieces. Boil cooking liquid until reduced to about ¼ cup. Remove from heat and add butter, stirring until incorporated. Season sauce with salt and pour over salmon.

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Bradford Community Corporation Update

The Bradford Community Corporation board met with the Selectmen on March 22 to give them an update on the progress of the Community Center. The board met again on March 26.

Contractors have done walk-throughs during March and bid requests have gone out. Until the bids are returned, the Corporation is working with estimated finances.

Months have been spent developing architectural plans to bring the building up to federal, state, and local codes. The design incorporates fire codes, ADA and lift specifications and builds up an outdoor play area so the Kindergarten will be at ground level as required by law.

The grant requires the hiring of professional firms for some of the work. The asbestos contract has been awarded to ASTEC, Inc. of Merrimack, NH, with work to start early April. Contractors for asbestos abatement need clear floors to work on. Volunteers have disconnected the fixtures and removed the plumbing fixtures and restroom partitions. After the asbestos removal, the interior walls need removal. Chris Frey has recruited a volunteer demolition crew, and additional volunteers will be needed for other parts of the project.

—Milly Kittredge



The Dog Days of Winter!



Bradford resident Jim Lalla finished third in the Sandwich Notch 30-mile sled dog race held in Center Sandwich on February 20. Lalla gives the credit to the six-dog team, owned by Peter and Donna Johnson of Blackwater Siberians in Webster, NH. Twenty-two teams participated in the race.



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Report on the Kearsarge Regional School District by Mark Fairbank, Bradford School Board Representative

I want to thank you for your confidence and support in the election for Bradford's school board representative. I promise to try my best to contribute to the work of the Kearsarge School District and to bring your concerns, support, and objections to the Kearsarge School Board.

There have been two Board meetings since town elections. These meetings have focused on individual School Improvement Plans and their compatibility with the School Board's overall policies, goals and objectives. Administrators from the district's schools presented an interactive program on assessment and the critical role it plays in not only measuring success but also guiding development. We have also set the KRHS graduation date for Saturday, June 19th.

As you can imagine, the emergent concern of school funding statewide has overshadowed much of the discussion at board meetings. As I write this, no funding plan is apparent from Concord and the District must prepare to issue termination notices to all staff if no funding system is approved or no action is taken by the State Supreme Court by early April. The School Board approved the Superintendent to prepare for this unenviable task. The Board also urged that notices not be issued until absolutely necessary unlike in some school districts where issuance has suspiciously coincided with key votes in the legislature.

I am not a shy person and have enjoyed jumping into the proceedings from the

start. This is a very different task than those I've had so far in my professional life. The School Board's role is to craft policies and help define the mission of the schools. I have always worked as a person who is given a mission and very often one not designed in the least by me. I have been very careful not to blur the line between policy-maker and policy implementer. This is because I believe that each member of a team should focus on specific responsibilities and because I have found satisfaction in accomplishing challenges that others have rejected. Our duty as the School Board is not to interfere or attempt to micro-manage. We have the responsibility to provide our best guidance, to monitor progress, and to respond to the needs of our communities, our schools, and our children.

Townspople have not been shy about providing me with their concerns, opinions, and priorities. I appreciate that and encourage you to let me know what you're thinking about your schools. I'll use what you teach me to better serve Bradford.

Water and Sewer Committee Update

The BWSC has completed the administrative tasks of organizing as a committee and can begin to work on the much harder aspects of our charter, including all the steps leading to implementation of an affordable and expandable water and sewer system for the Town of Bradford.

What are these steps? We have initially identified three primary areas for which the committee is currently gathering information—sources of utility funding, land use, and water and wastewater treatment technologies for small communities.

To supplement the information obtained during the water/sewer feasibility study, more detailed land use information and more accurate mapping are necessary for the continuation of the water and sewer program.

What is "land use information"? Land

use information is a very general term that encompasses many types of common information. For the water and sewer committee, this information includes property ownership, land zoning, current land use, and development potential. We will also be gathering land feature data such as topography, soil types, groundwater resource information, locations of wetlands, lakes and streams and types of vegetation (fields or forests).

Where will we find this information and how will we start? The most obvious and accessible sources of information and resources include town and state records. From that point we will need to dig a little deeper into private sources of information such as PSNH, Merrimack County Telephone Company, and private mapping companies that have done work in the area. Eventually, our research may lead to site visits and resident surveys. Initially, we plan to compile information on Town tax maps and/or any other base mapping that we can locate.

Why is this information important to our goals and objectives? There are numerous reasons that we need this background information. Did the original Feasibility Study identify all the environmentally sensitive areas within the Town, or are there other areas besides downtown with resources that we want to protect? Where are areas of potential or possible future growth within the Town that need to be taken into consideration during initial planning stages? Where are reasonable and suitable locations for treatment sites and sources of potable water? These are just some of the questions that the committee is trying to answer in our compilation of land use information.

We encourage any interested residents to attend our monthly public meeting, held in the Town Hall at 7:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 7. E-mail questions or suggestions to the Bradford Water and Sewer Committee at bwsc@iumnow.net.

—Leslie Nelson, Committee Chairman

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



Finally the heavy snows may be over and the snow cover is disappearing. This has been a warm winter by New Hampshire standards. Total snowfall has been only 38-40 inches. The snow has hung on so long because of the heavy layer of ice generated by early winter storms. Later snows covered the icy layer and acted as a blanket.

The snows are now receding and the gray grass is showing up. What is showing is not the green vigorous lawn we had last year but a mat of dry looking cover, not very encouraging to the homeowner. Much of last year's grass appears to be winter killed by that ice layer. Maybe patience will prevail and green will come. Possibly the lawn may be hurried by raking off the thatch, seeding a lawn mixture and adding a coat of good lawn fertilizer. Early rains will probably do the rest. At any rate, probably the first mowing will be a little late this year.

I am sure that the seed catalogs—dozens of them this year—have been perused and with the help of the color illustrations and other pertinent information selections have been made, ordered and the seed has arrived. The 1999 catalogs have many varieties of common and uncommon plants offered by growth habits, time of maturity, and other information. The corn, tomatoes, beans, peas, peppers and melons listed will take up several pages.

Just recently I had access to a 1929 catalog of a New England seed company which

is quite a contrast to those available today. Choice was easy in 1929. For instance, there were five green bush beans listed, I recognized Stringless Greenpod and Bountiful (40 cents a pound) Pole Beans were Kentucky Wonder and London Horticultural at 10 cents per package. A half dozen beets were listed, Detroit Dark Red and Swiss Chard at 10 cents per package. Several varieties of tomatoes were offered, one of which was Earliana but the rest unfamiliar. The Sweet Corn listed was Golden Bantam and Stowell's Evergreen (very late) and were highlighted at 35 cents per pound. No shipping charges were listed.

One interesting comment made in the catalog is that "the number of varieties listed has been reduced to those we have tested over the years for sustaining features such as earliness, and flavor that are of value to the planter." There were no photos, no color and little other information other than the name of the variety.

The receding snow cover is indicating damage by moles and mice. Woody plants such as roses, tree peonies, and the apple and fruit trees indicate girdling damage. Many are completely girdled. One solution is to cut the stems to the ground on those plants, which like many new roses are "own root" plants. They will likely sprout a new shoot. If the plant is an apple or a peach, it too may sprout but the tree will be worthless for fruit if it has been budded or grafted.

Bradford Women's Club Guest Night

On Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30pm in the Baptist Church Vestry, the Women's Club welcomes one and all to an evening with a hint of Spring. David Blake of Blake's Nursery will talk about "Plant and Gardening Hints." Blake's is a welcome addition to the Bradford landscape, and we look forward to starting the gardening season off on the right foot with David's expert advice. Elinor Robie and Addie Stewart will chair the hospitality following the meeting. The public is cordially invited to join members for this special evening.

Our thanks to Robin Sanborn for an excellent "Antiques Roadshow" in March. Her shop on Main Street will soon be open for the season, and Club members truly appreciated her good advice and expertise as she appraised our treasures.

In all the chaos that comes with voting and Town Meeting in early March, we neglected to say "Thank you" to the good people who make our Town Reports meeting one of our most popular. Joe Conway reported on the State of the Town, Bob Stewart gave us town budget insights and Bernie Lamach explained the school budget choices. Carol Adams and Marty Bunis brought us up to date on the Community Center and Library projects respectively. Our thanks to all. The Club's Candidates' Night brought a good crowd to the Town Hall to hear from the people who run for Town office. The Women's Club is particularly proud of this event and grateful to Mauri Scheffy, Deb Lamach, and Jane Johnsen for arrangements and to all the candidates and townspeople who make the evening a "must for March."

Plan to join the Women's Club on April 20 as we look forward to Spring!

—Nancy Hibbard



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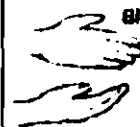
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Legislative Report

By Representative
Beth Rodd



The 1998-99 legislative session has been a whirl of activity, an amazing time to be elected as a freshman into this dignified, law making body. The education funding issue continues to dominate the work of the legislature as it has since 1997 when the Supreme Court ruled that dependence on unequal property taxes to fund education was unconstitutional in what is referred to as the Claremont Decision. As of this writing, none of the plans offered to meet the requirements of fair, proportional and equitable taxation have found consensus.

Let me offer you a bit of history. Governor Shaheen's ABC plan failed to pass constitutional muster last year because it taxed different towns at different rates. We have heard a steady stream of very promising, as well as plain silly, proposals since ABC failed. All depend on combinations of property taxes (sales, business, consumption, cigarette) or are paired with gambling and tobacco settlement money. Every bill has something to hate and something to love. There are great philosophical debates between those who believe that it is not the State's responsibility to assure each child an adequate education and those who believe that every child in New Hampshire deserves access to an equal education. Still others (a small minority, thank goodness) believe that we should institute a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision and return to our former method of funding education with widely varying property taxes. The Supreme Court deadline for settling on a school-funding plan that meets the constitutional mandate of being fair, equitable and proportional looms above us as April 1 quickly approaches.

Many of you have written, e-mailed and faxed me to offer your opinion on tax reform. An overwhelming majority has favored the

Hager/Below bill, a well-crafted approach to meaningful tax reform that combines a reasonable income tax and generous exemptions with a property tax on second homes only. This bill offers an "adequacy" figure of \$5500.00 per child of which the state would pay 100%. Any additional monies that towns choose to spend (currently Bradford invests \$7200 per child while Henniker spends \$5300) would be paid with local property taxes, an expense that could be determined by each town. Hager/Below does not depend on exorbitant business tax hikes, regressive sales taxes or, worst of all, introducing video gambling to fund education. Gambling preys on the most vulnerable of our society, the poor, and has overwhelming societal costs in the form of addictions that splinter families, destroy local businesses and increase the need for counseling and other services needed to address excess. Hager/Below is a constitutional response to the Claremont suit and has many bipartisan supporters in the House (where it was the only bill to pass) and in the Senate, where it now awaits judgment. Governor Shaheen has vowed to veto this bill should it pass the Senate because it contains an income tax and she has taken "the pledge" not to endorse an income tax. Some refer to the ban on this tax as the "New Hampshire Advantage" and believe that taxes are acceptable as long as they are not based on income.

There is a long tradition upon which this theory (syndrome, perhaps) is based, a tradition that common sense no longer supports. In an agrarian society, as we once were, a property tax was fair because it represented your worth. Today property does not always reflect worth. Ask the disabled widow in a local town who spends 50% of her income to pay property taxes on the home she has lived in her entire life. Income

is a more accurate measure of ability to pay taxes because it fluctuates with fortune. There are many fascinating arguments to support varied points of view on this topic and the dialogue will continue for the days, weeks, months and years ahead. Lack of consensus will result in school closings, mass teacher firings and serious damage to our state's excellent economic standing. It is crucial that our party leadership, our governing bodies and our citizens make decisions that will be the real New Hampshire advantage, better education for all of our children.

The Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, to which I have been assigned, considers legislation around criminal activity and penalties, domestic violence issues, and developing public policy legislation to protect our social values. Some questions before us include: should the use of marijuana to control pain for illness be a physician/patient issue? How can we as a society protect victims of domestic violence while respecting the due process rights of the alleged perpetrators? How do we balance the need for sensible public policy while maintaining our freedom and all its incumbent liberties? There is much to consider and learn.

Other issues we are considering are sludge control, funds for a new courthouse, environmental safety, mandatory prison sentencing, campaign finance reform and matters related to keeping our citizenry and state safe, healthy and balanced in an ever changing and increasingly complex world. Recently I testified in the House and in the Senate in support of permitting local communities to choose either a public school or a private location in which to implement kindergarten. The original statute did not allow a combination of approaches and this option is very important in cooperative school districts where towns vary in access to resources and facilities.

To facilitate communication, Barbara French and I will hold "legislator's night" monthly alternating between Bradford and Henniker. Please join us on Thursday, April 15, at 7pm, at the Bradford Town Hall to discuss the issues and your concerns. Your involvement and articulation of opinions and perspectives will facilitate my ability to successfully represent your views in Concord.

I thank each of you for your support and confidence in electing me to the legislature. I encourage you to contact me on all matters of local and personal concern. Your local representatives are: Rep. Beth Rodd 938-2692, e-mail: c_rodd@conknet.com, fax# 938-2995; Rep. Barbara French, 428-3366; Senator Rick Trombly, 271-3092.



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Town Moderator Brackett Scheffy swears in newly elected town officials. —photo by Andrew Pinard

Selectmen's Meetings

March 1. The contract for road sweeping was discussed. Cheryl Behr will contact the road agent to identify the number of miles and names of roads to be considered. Bids will be requested from other vendors.

The warrant article to add an additional motor vehicle registration fee for a transportation capital reserve fund was discussed. Should the article pass at Town Meeting, the implementation date of January 1, 2000 was voted by selectmen. (The article failed.)

March 8. No meeting

March 15. A resident came to discuss his property taxes. The selectmen reviewed his payment options and suggested he check with the tax collector to verify accurate balances.

Fees for construction and demolition materials at the transfer station are not being consistently paid by residents. Suggestions were made to improve the situation such as making larger signs, increasing the cost of a building permit for a dumpster, strict enforcement and a bulk mailing to inform residents of the newly adopted regulations.

The parade committee wanted clarification on private donations to the parade. It was decided that this would be handled by the BBA.

Dick Vitale was elected to the position of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

March 22. Bill Sargent discussed the repair needs of the Town Hall roof. Selectmen approved the most urgent repairs, and the other needs will be taken care of after reviewing the budget.

Charlie Betz of the Conservation Commission met with the Selectmen to inquire about two invoices submitted in October and December that have not been paid by the town. Selectmen drafted a letter to the Treasurer.

Selectmen sent a request to department heads to slow their cash flow until tax bills come in.

Junkyard licenses for Larry McDonald and Fred Brunnhoelzl were renewed.

Charleen St. Pierre was appointed as Animal Control Officer, and Matt Ordway was confirmed for 32 hours of highway work and 8 hours at the transfer station.

Thefts at the highway garage on March 17 prompted a discussion of ways to deter future thefts, including marking tools and equipment.

—Sarah Harvey

**Alternative Health Workshop:
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On Wednesday, April 7, the Alternative Health and Personal Growth Workshop will present "Meet Your Angels" with Nancy Hammond.

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The workshop will be held at the Gathering Place, 128 East Main Street in Bradford from 7:00-9:00pm with a suggested \$10 donation. Call 938-5790 for more information.

—Peg Leighton

Parks and Recreation News

Parks and Recreation will open the Skateboard Park on Saturday, April 10. Repairs will be made starting at 10:00am. Anyone interested in helping please call Larry Hall, 938-2954 or Bill Lucas, 938-2570. We continue to offer Line Dancing at the Town Hall on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We are happy to be able to offer eight weeks of Tai' Chi. Beginning on Friday, April 2 at the Town Hall at 6:00pm. For information call Jane Lucas at 938-2570. We are putting together plans for the Second Annual Cleanup at French's Park. If you would like to help, please call Jane Lucas at 938-2570.

—Jane Lucas



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A \$55,000 appropriation for final engineering plans, state and federal permitting and bid specifications for the replacement of the Fairgrounds Road bridge was approved, as was a \$40,000 appropriation for the repair of a half-mile section of East Washington Road (part of an ongoing plan to rehabilitate the road).

Voters approved \$2,500 to support the milfoil management program on Lake Massasecum. This amount represents 20% of the total project cost, with the Lake Massasecum Association assuming 10% of the cost and the NH Biology Bureau accepting the remaining 70%.

All appropriations for existing capital reserve funds passed, with \$2,500 going to the Revaluation fund, \$2,500 to the Repair Town Building fund, \$5,000 to the Town Facilities and Building fund, \$5,000 to the Ambulance fund, \$15,000 to the Fire Department Heavy Equipment fund and \$10,000 to the Highway Department fund.

An article to see if voters approve the gradual development of the town-owned, 24-acre Marshall property on Main Street for the Bradford Green passed with a nearly unanimous voice vote. Don Johnsen, chairman of the Bradford Economic Activities Committee, explained that there are volunteers with professional expertise in land use planning willing to work on the project, and that the committee wanted a sense of the town before investing more volunteer hours.

The town voted to keep three small parcels of land that it acquired for back taxes and put them under the control of the Conservation Commission. The land will help complete a trail system near the southern boundary of the town, said Charlie Betz, co-chairman of the Commission.

The town also directed selectmen to convey a conservation easement to the Aushon Sargent Land Preservation Trust for the Akin Town Forest. Public hearings will be held for input on how that easement is worded, Betz said.

A petition article to see if the town would vote to urge the General Court of New Hampshire, the U.S. Congress and the President of the United States to support campaign finance reform also passed with a nearly unanimous voice vote.

—Lyn Betz

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representative to the School Board, and Bernie Lamach was re-elected to the Municipal Budget Committee. Alf Jacobsen was elected as a write-in candidate for Moderator (although in Bradford, Brackett Scheffy received 50 votes of 61 votes cast for the office).

Voters approved the lowest of three budget figures for operation of the school district, the \$17,088,997 budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee. District wide, the MBC budget received 1,402 votes, with the \$17,284,423 figure recommended by the School Board receiving 986 votes and the \$17,429,723 budget recommended by the First Session of the KRSD Annual Meeting receiving 520 votes.

All other spending articles for the school district were approved with the exception of a \$30,000 appropriation for a trust fund to cover unforeseen Special Education out-of-district tuition. The articles included \$49,862 for increases in aides' salaries and benefits and \$29,905 for increases in bus drivers' salaries and benefits.

A \$15,000 appropriation with an additional \$10,000 from a Capital Reserve Fund will be used for construction of athletic fields at the Middle School.

\$25,000 was appropriated to fund the initial phase of a comprehensive facilities study that will look at long term enrollment forecasts, related elementary, middle school and high school needs and the impact of any future kindergarten or charter school program under consideration.

A capital reserve fund for the purpose of reconstructing or adding to existing schools will grow by \$10,000 and \$90,000 was appropriated to replenish the health self-insurance reserve fund.

Municipal Budget Committee members will receive a stipend of \$500 for the first time thanks to a petition article for \$5000 that will cover the stipends for the nine members and provide \$500 for supplies and advertising.

—Lyn Betz



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

TOTAL CONTROL.

David Baldacci
Warner Books
1997

The realism demonstrated in this Baldacci story offers readers the feeling of actually living the events surrounding the disappearance of lawyer Jason Archer. While reading this tangled mystery, I became Sidney Archer wondering about my husband and felt her desperation.

Total Control begins with a 62-year old named Arthur Lieberman rising early one morning and heading to Dulles International Airport in order to catch a non-stop flight to Los Angeles. Under his shirt he wears a CADD pump delivering pain-killing medication to his body. Lieberman is unaware the plane has been sabotaged, will crash and kill all its passengers.

A month earlier, Jason Archer had awakened from sleep when his two-year old daughter Amy had a bad dream. Jason soothed the child, dressed himself and left the house. At a pay phone he dialed a number from memory. Obviously, he was involved in something secretive. The voice at the other end encouraged patience. "This time it'll be a personal exchange," said the voice egging Jason to retrieve something from Triton Global, the business where Jason and Sidney are employed.

The next morning, Jason speaks to Sidney about catching a plane to Seattle. Believing this, Sidney is shocked when she learns Jason's name is listed among passengers killed in the Dulles to Los Angeles plane crash. The mystery takes Sidney to the crash site where sharp-eyed FBI agent Lee Sawyer spots her and eventually becomes an empathetic and admiring friend to this courageous heroine.

Soon, Jason notifies Sidney that he is alive but, for some reason, can't come home. He wants to meet her. To be free to track down Jason, she calls on her parents to look after Amy. Meanwhile, as Sawyer and other FBI personnel carry out their investigation, more and more information materializes and Jason's whereabouts is learned. Readers of suspense, particularly computer buffs will be thoroughly engaged from beginning to end.

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Then and Now

by Milly Kittredge



For many years, Bradford had four meetinghouses, or churches. Located where the New Pond Cemetery Extension now is, the Pond Meetinghouse had an inspiring view over the cleared fields to Lake Massasecum and the hills to the north and west.

All four meetinghouses—the Baptist Church, the Pond Meetinghouse, the Bush Meetinghouse and the Center Congregational Meetinghouse were built in the same twelve-year period between the late 1820s and the early 1830s. The Pond Meetinghouse was built with the hope that worshipers of any faith would hold meetings there. The accepted social events—spelling bees, orations, writing lessons, speeches, and religious services took place into this century. The doors were to be always open and never locked, but that was unworkable. In 1909, repairs and cosmetic work were done. The church was opened in the summers for infrequent services. In 1941, a last summer service was held. In the fall it burned. On the grassy site today there is a plaque in honor of Ida M. Redington honoring her bequest to the church. Where yesterday the horses and wagons traveled Massasecum Road to worship services, today trailers and campers park for water worship.

Remodeled, 1909.



The Pond Meeting House, Bradford, N. H.

Friends of the Library News

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring a children's Easter Egg Hunt on the library lawn on Saturday, April 3 at 10:30am. All children should bring baskets or bags to hold their treasures. The event is organized by Sue Rayno.

The Friends' Literary Series *A Woman's Place* concludes with a discussion of *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Kingston on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00pm in the library. Copies of the book are available at the library. Series readers are reminded to return their books so that they can be returned to Concord for the next scheduled series using the same books.

The Friends are planning a summer fundraiser—a bus tour to the Museum of Fine Arts to see the John Singer Sargent Exhibition—on Saturday, August 17. Trip organizer Susan Morse will be confirming final arrangements, which may include a trip to Fanueil Hall Marketplace.

The next regular meeting of the Friends will be Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00pm in the library. On Wednesday, May 19, the Friends' Annual Meeting begins at 6:00pm with a potluck supper in the library. All Friends are encouraged to attend to vote for officers and brainstorm about forthcoming library expansion festivities and volunteer needs. To let the Friends know what you'll bring to the potluck supper, call Susan Morse at 938-5964.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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April Calendar



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Line Dancing sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Tai' Chi sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 6:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Library lawn, 10:30am

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 9:00am

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Bradford Community Center Governance Board Meeting, Church Vestry, 9:00am-11:00am

Alternative Health Workshop, Meet Your Angels with Nancy Hammond, The Gathering Place, 7:00-9:00pm, \$10.00 donation, for more information call Peg at 938-5790

Library Trustees Meeting, BML, 7:00pm

Line Dancing sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

KRES at Bradford PTC Meeting, Bradford Elementary School, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

BEOC Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

KRSD School Board Meeting, KRMS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00am

Tai' Chi sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 6:00pm

MONDAY, APRIL 12

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, Candlelite Inn, 7:00pm

Literary Series, BML, 7:00pm

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

KRHS Musical Program, Baptist Church, 7:30pm

Country Capitalist, call 938-2787 for information

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Parks and Recreation Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Legislators' Night, Town Hall, 7pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Tai' Chi sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 6:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

BBA Meeting, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Community Center Fundraising Dinner, Appleseed Restaurant, 6:00-8:00pm

Bradford Women's Club Meeting, Church Vestry, 7:30pm, Guest Night—Plant and Gardening Hints with David Blake

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Bradford Community Center Governance Board Meeting, Church Vestry 9:00am-11:00am

Road Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Library Trustees Meeting, BML, 7:00pm

Friends of the Library Meeting, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

KRSD School Board Meeting, KRMS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00am

Reiki Clinic, The Gathering Place, 7:00-9:00pm, donation, to sign up call 938-5790

Tai' Chi sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 6:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Tai' Chi sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 6:00pm

To list events for the May calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722.

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Bradford Bridge May deadlines

Display ads	Apr. 20
Classified ads	Apr. 26
Articles	Apr. 20*

*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after the deadline, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029.