



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Brown Memorial Library:

A Brief History & Expansion News

In October 1970, with the idea of future expansion in mind, library trustees deposited book sale proceeds of \$198.35 into a special fund. Over the following years, trustees and library supporters continued to add to this expansion fund on a regular basis. As time passed and the need for expanded library space became increasingly urgent, fundraising efforts increased and serious plans began to be made.

It's been a long journey for our small town. If the list of contributions over the past 28 years were printed it would be very long indeed. Every dollar voted into the Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund, every donation to the library capital campaign, every meal enjoyed at a library fundraising dinner, every raffle ticket purchased, every book bought at a book sale, every item donated or purchased at the thrift shop, every quarter dropped in the expansion jar, every cookie baked for a library bake sale - all these and dozens of other fundraising events held over the last 28 years have made the expansion plans possible.

The end of the journey is in sight - the project manager has been hired and the architect's plans are being drawn. The final step is the vote to release the library capital reserve funds at Town Meeting next month. This vote is a formality necessary to release funds that have already been set aside in years past for library expansion...*there will be no new requests for taxpayer dollars.* Upon release of the funds, construction will begin and is scheduled to be complete by the fall of 1999. In less than a year, we will all be using and enjoying our new library.

Please mark your calendar for Town Meeting on March 10 and vote YES! to release the library capital reserve funds. For those parents with small children, a complimentary "Pajama Party" will be held at the library on that evening, complete with qualified babysitters to watch the kids while you attend Town Meeting. And for those who don't drive at night, a free "taxi" service will escort you to and from Town Meeting. For more information about either one, call 938-5051.

Your vote is very important. Library expansion will not be possible without the release of the capital reserve funds. Please plan to attend Town Meeting and help us take this final step in the journey.

Wildlife Habitat in Bradford

Wildlife habitat is a broad term that can cover habitat for species as common as a field mouse to as rare as a bald eagle. A diversity of wildlife habitat helps ensure the quality of life in New Hampshire and fuels a strong economy based on wildlife observation, hunting and fishing. In addition, much of our medicine originates from wild species. Aspirin comes from a type of willow tree, and a treatment for ovarian cancer was recently discovered in the Pacific yew tree. New Hampshire is home to over 60 mammal species, 180 breeding bird species, 20 amphibians, 65 species of fish, almost 20 reptiles, and up to 16,000 species of insects.

Approximately 1,900 species of vascular plants occur in the state. Nearly 300 are uncommon enough to be listed by the state as threat-

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Candidates for the March 9 Town Election

Selectman for three years - 1

Joseph P. Conway, Jr.

Christopher Frey

Trustee of the Trust Fund for three years - 1

John Forgiel

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for three years - 3

Susan Bunis

Martin Bunis

Brooks McCandlish

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for two years - 1

Jane Lucas

Scholarship Committee for three years - 1

No candidate

Budget Committee for three years - 2

David Pickman

Peter Fenton

Diane Gadoury

Planning Board for three years - 2

Gary Wall

Marlene Freyler

Zoning Board for three years - 1

Erin O. DiBello

Cemetery Commission for three years - 1

Thomas Riley

Community Center Update

The Town of Bradford and the Bradford Community Corporation are busy working to put all the pieces together for the Bradford Area Community Center. Our goal is to have the building rehabilitation work completed and a variety of programs, services and activities being offered by September, 1999.

We are thankful for the dedicated work from many community members in getting us to this point. In the fall of 1999, we can all celebrate the opening of our Community Center. There is even a group of excited citizens starting to talk about a New Year's Eve 2000 Dinner Dance Celebration.

The Town of Bradford and the Bradford Community Corporation are overseeing all aspects of this project from the rehabilitation and construction phase to the financial development plan and the operational/program development plans. Please remember this partnership is made up of community volunteers just trying to move forward with the goal of improving the social and economic climate in Bradford. The Community Center is the first step in helping the town. This type of community project takes time. Usually these projects are coordinated by an established business organization with a staff person responsible for oversight. Even with a professional responsible for this community development work, the process of moving forward takes time. This project's goal is to implement an integrated, collaborative plan which is dependent on teamwork among individuals to stay on a time schedule. Community volunteers are working hard to oversee the complete project. This is lot to ask of a newly formed

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Obituary

BRADBURY GILBERT

Bradbury Gilbert of Saugus, MA and Bradford, NH passed away on January 5. He is survived by his wife, Maude J. Gilbert of Saugus and Bradford, a daughter, Melinda Sullivan of Berwick, ME and a son, Dana of Rochester, NH and nine grandchildren. Attorney Gilbert practiced law in Boston and Saugus for over 50 years. He was a lifetime trustee of the New England School of Law in Boston and also served the town of Saugus as Town Manager and Town Counsel. Donations in his memory may be made to the Bradbury Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Fund, New England School of Law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bradford Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1999 budget on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 at 7:00pm upstairs in the Town Hall.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bradford Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed additional motor vehicle registration fee at their meeting on February 8, 1999, at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bradford Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed property tax credit for the permanently disabled residents at their meeting on February 8, 1999, immediately following the motor vehicle public hearing.

Local Youth in Snowboarding Competition

The New England area Stimilon Air and Style Challenge Pro-Am competitions were held Saturday, January 16 at Mount Sunapee. Several Sunapee area teens and Kearsarge students were finalists. Newbury's Graham Hoffman, Bradford's Ryan Paris and Matt Green finished as amateur finalists in the Big Air competition with scores of 102, 98 and 95 for 8th, 9th, and 10th place respectively out of 35 participants.

Competitors are judged on the difficulty of trick, air, style and landing. First place in the amateur competition went to Andy Bernhardt who also won the Sportsman's Award for unselfishly donating his winning snowboard to a six-year-old whose board was stolen that day.

Other area participants who competed in the qualifying run were Eric Ober, Josh Yates, Luke Watson, John Bodkin, Zack Friedline, Luke Gorman, and Eric and Brian Caravan. Area amateur women qualifiers were Megan Burke (1st in final results), Erin Gendron (2nd) and Kristal Burnell.



Bradford Historical Society News

Work continues on the town genealogy, any information on the families in the last century would be welcomed. Please keep the Bradford Historical Society in mind if you decide to clean out those old papers and photos during the winter doldrums. Wouldn't it be fun to have a picture of everyone in town for the last two hundred years? Could we start now for the next hundred years?

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 200 calls for service between December 16, 1998 and January 17, 1999. The breakdown is as follows: one alarm activation, one ambulance call, one animal complaint, 12 assists to other police departments, two burglaries, two checks on welfare, six citizen assists, two civil standbys, two criminal trespasses, one damage to property, two incident/services, one larceny, one liquor offense, one missing person, six motor vehicle accidents (with no injury), four parking violations, two stranded motorists, three stray livestock, three suspicious person/vehicles, one theft, 27 traffic citations, 59 traffic warnings and 46 vacation house checks.

—Pennie M. Spooner

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Submissions

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 Feb. 20.

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Friends Announce Book Discussions

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library announce the Spring Literary Series entitled "A Woman's Place." Programs begin on Tuesday, March 2 from 7:00-9:00pm, and continue on alternate Tuesdays until April 13. All sessions will take place at the Brown Memorial Library, Main Street, Bradford. Dr. Patrick Anderson, Professor of Humanities at Colby-Sawyer College, will lead the discussion. The 1999 schedule is: March 2, *The Yellow Wallpaper* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, with film; March 16, *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin; March 30, *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen, with film; and April 13 *Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston. "A Woman's Place" explores gender issues with directness and power in fiction and drama. The series is made possible by the NH Humanities Council and by volunteers Laurie Buchar, Annette Leonas, and Marjorie Fritsch. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Multiple copies of the books are available in advance at the library. For more information, call Laurie Buchar at 938-5372 or 526-8665.

—Audrey Sylvester

South Newbury Union Church News

We're making plans for a "First Day of Spring" flea market to take place on Saturday, March 20 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Friendship House. We will have the flea market rain or shine. You will find "Attic Treasures," lots of great stuff—something for everyone. Refreshments will be available: coffee, donuts and our famous baked goods table. For more information call 938-5369.

Aiken Town Forest Warrant Article

The first town forest in the United States was established in Newington, New Hampshire in 1710. Land at that time was set aside for public forests because of the rapid deforestation that came with extensive farming. These days, parcels are reserved to protect water quality, for wildlife habitat and recreational uses, to provide an example of good forest management, and to preserve the rural qualities of a town.

The 136-acre town held tract known in deeds as the Aiken Pasture was accepted several years ago as the Aiken Town Forest. It is a landlocked, steep and rocky site located between County Road and East Washington Road. Its location is significant as it figures into the long-range plan of creating a series of recreational trails encircling Bradford. Perhaps this trail system will eventually connect with established trails in other towns. Bradford's tourist and recreation-based businesses would ideally benefit from such a trail system.

This year at Town Meeting, a warrant article is included that seeks to place a conservation easement on the Aiken Town Forest to ensure that it will always be public forested land. A conservation easement is a legal addition to a deed that is monitored by an outside agency. In this case, the facilitators would be the regionally-based Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. If the warrant is accepted, Bradford residents would be encouraged to participate at a public hearing

in the process of deciding how the easement would be written, and what the foreseeable uses of the forest might be.

The Bradford Conservation Commission, under whose stewardship Town Forests are placed, recommends that the Town vote to accept this warrant article which will permanently hold this land as a Town Forest with recreational and educational potential.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop


The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will hold their informal "Meet the Candidates" session with a small selection of candidates for office from both towns on Thursday, February 11. The Friendship House will open at 11:00am for work on group and individual projects, we will have a bag lunch at 12:00 and candidates will discuss their platforms beginning at 1:00pm. Bernie Lamach, our recently elected Merrimack County Commissioner, will be there to enlighten us on the functions and duties of the commissioners. Candidates for our meeting will be approached after the dates for filing have passed.

Looking ahead to March, the International 4-H Youth Exchange program will be moved to the third Thursday, March 18, so that this year's student to the Netherlands, Kristen Buteau, can be with us to present her program. Kristen will meet with us from 11:00 to 12:00am, so the program that day will precede the luncheon. Plans for the March meeting will be firmed up in February.

—Clare Bensley

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Letters



Eric meets his new brother

Dear Readers,

Charlie and I welcomed our new son, Carl Walker Betz, at 5:41am on Saturday, January 16. He was born at home, with Sue Bartlett and Monica Stevens of the Concord Midwifery Service in attendance. My mother, Carol Marshall of New London, was also there lending her support. Three-year-old Eric slept through the goings-on and awoke in time to help the midwives with Carl's newborn exam.

Once again, our family feels the benefits of living in such a wonderful, caring community. We give our thanks to all the neighbors and friends who have brought food, gifts and good wishes, and who have helped show Eric a good time while we are busy or exhausted or both. An anonymous angel even sanded our driveway - whoever you are, we appreciate you thoughtfulness!

I would also like to thank Meg Fearnley and Andrew Pinard for pitching in to keep the *Bradford Bridge* going while I recover and adjust to life with two children.

With love and gratitude,

Lyn Betz

To the editor:

I want to thank all of you that helped me through my education process. So many of you have touched my life and made contributions to the project, that there is no way I could mention all your names. For the past sixteen months, you have taught me technological skills, lent me equipment (books, fax machines, camcorders, photographs, easels, etc.), apprenticed me, looked up and shared pertinent information and skills with me, and provided meeting space, chairs, and refreshments for the Senior Rallies. You also have scanned and printed my materials, edited readings for me and provided warm spaces for me to do research and to study. Some have even provided me with my favorite Indian Pudding dessert and other goodies. I am sure that I am missing someone and for that I am sorry. Please know that I believe that this is a community degree and I hope to use my new knowledge to help the community in any way that I can.

Thank you very much.

Lynne Smith

To the editor:

It concerns me that the citizens of Bradford have not been adequately informed in regards to the Community Center. As a BEOC member, I am not really sure of the status of the Center. At our meetings we have asked to be updated and I am told that public relations is very important, but to date I am not any more informed than the Selectmen's Office. Not that I should have special access to the Community Center's workings, but an explanation of finances (if they are reaching their goal), if the program director is moving forward, when the anticipated construction date is, and what kind of State funding is available to the best of their knowledge. I know some of this has been printed in the *Bridge* before, but wouldn't an update be a pleasure.

I would also suggest that in this state of revitalizing Bradford's Main Street, we support the expansion of the Brown Memorial Library. After all, wouldn't it be nice to see

two historic buildings revitalized in 1999. Regardless of where they are located on Main Street. Let's stop butting heads and cooperate, please!

Diane Gadoury

To the editor:

I would like to thank all the help we have received during the course of our January storms. Plowing snow can be fun, but when it rains in this part of the country and the rain hits our cold frozen roads, it is an instant skating rink.

I would also like to encourage the residents to refrain from using the roads during the course of these types of storms. We try to treat our roads with salt and sand, but when Mother Nature turns on the rain, it becomes a losing battle. I realize that we are a mobile society and during the time of the storms we have been fortunate not to have our fire and or rescue departments called out. Please think of your fellow neighbors before venturing out.

Chris Frey, Mat Ordway, Chip Rowe, Joe Buttes and Keith Stebbins have occupied the trucks of your highway storm fighters. These people are not full-time employees of the Highway Department, so if you should pass them in your travels, please say thank you.

Dan Peret, Bradford Highway Department

To the editor:

I would like to thank everyone who was a part of my 70th Birthday Reception. Also thanks for all the great gifts and cards.

Tommy Pitts

To the editor:

We live on a class VI road here in Bradford and would like to warn people to stay away from such roads. These roads are marked "road not maintained in winter". The sign is there for a reason; it is to keep non-residents from getting stuck in large snow piles left by plowing. Don't be fooled even when a thaw is in process. Please proceed with caution. Thank you.

The Residents of Blaisdell Lake Road

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volunteer non-profit organization and volunteer Selectmen. But it can and will happen if we communicate respectfully and openly, create a collective vision and work as a team. As one can see the magic of a series of dominoes being kicked into action, so too the Community Center will kick off a chain reaction of growth and prosperity. Bradford is a town filled with wonderful people, and it's known for its vibrant and unique community.

The next stage of the project was for the Community Center to form a Governance Board with four subcommittees (Pre-school, Youth, Seniors and Health/Human Services). These groups need to start their work so the Center will be ready to operate as a cooperative building by September, 1999. The Governance Board has been formed and had it's first meeting January 13. The role of the Governance Board is to work for six months to collectively agree upon and produce the Center's operational manual. Using a cooperative building model this intergenerational, educational, social, health and human service building will operate under the agreed upon guidelines stated in the manual. A diverse group of individuals has stepped forward to volunteer their services on this interim Governance Board.

On January 13 we set a six-month (January through June) schedule of meeting dates. We are requesting all individuals interested or presently involved with groups, organizations or businesses in the four subcommittee groups areas (Pre-school, Youth, Seniors, Health/Human Services) to come to a meeting on March 3 at the Baptist Church Vestry from 9:00-11:00am and/or a 7:00-9:00pm meeting. Please mark your calendar. The subcommittee groups are responsible for reviewing the draft of the manual, mak-

ing recommendations and collectively planning programs, services and activities they would like offered. If anyone has questions and comments please call Carol Conforti-Adams, Program Developer at 938-2562.

The Bradford Community Corporation held its first annual meeting Saturday, January 23. If you would like any of the Corporation's reports there are copies at the Town Hall. During the presentations a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt was recited: "We must do the things we think we cannot do. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." The time is now for the people of the Bradford area to create our collective dream for our community and work toward accomplishing this dream together.

—Carol Conforti-Adams

Glimpses, February 1899

February 9. The Old Post Office building has been relocated from the old depot to a plot between H.W. Marshall's store and the Choate block. R.S. Putney, an electrician, came to town to "change over" the street lights. A. Bagley had electric lights put in his bakery. The Henniker Creamery, the supplier for most local towns, produced 9,000 pounds of butter in one month.

—Amanda Edwards

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Bradford Town Hall from 11:00am to noon on Saturday, February 27 for corrections to the checklist. This is also the last day for the Town Clerk and the Supervisors to accept voter registration applications. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until Town Meeting on March 9.

Alternative Health Workshop: Triangle of Self-Obsession

On Wednesday, February 3, the Alternative Health and Personal Growth Workshop presents "Triangle of Self-Obsession". Steven Parenteau (Standing Bear) shows how anger, resentment and fear can rule our lives. Through personal experience, participants will see how this triangle influences life and causes grief. Realization of these self-obsessions can help change attitudes and improve health. The Workshop will be held at The Gathering Place, 7:00-9:00pm with a suggested \$5.00 donation at the door.

—Peg Leighton

Bradford Conservation Commission News

In honor of John and Amy Blitzer's 50th wedding anniversary, their children, siblings, nieces and nephews have donated a gift of \$2,000 to the Bradford Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission is grateful to Amy Blitzer for her many years of volunteer service and to her family for their generous gift.

In other news, the Commission is applying for grant money available through the TEA 21 program for trail improvements. TEA 21 is a federal grant program for recreational trails that uses proceeds from off-road vehicle fuel taxes.

—Charlie Betz


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Church News From Lynne E. Hubley

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 2. A short business meeting will be held at 7:00pm, particularly to discuss the Fourth of July fair. At 7:30pm, Joyce Teele will present a program entitled "How to Mend a Broken Heart." The program comes from Ephesians 4:23-24 and will include music and scripture with themes such as "surrender, forgiveness and new life."

The Women's Christian Guild will meet at the home of Tillie Wheeler on Friday, February 5 (time to be announced) to make Valentines for shut-ins. This has been a difficult winter so far for many people and even more difficult for the elderly. These cards will hopefully give a lift to some of the special people in our community.

The Church is hosting an American Baptist Men's Breakfast on Saturday, February 13 at 8:30am. Men from churches in New Hampshire and Vermont will be coming to this breakfast. This will be a wonderful chance to meet people from other churches, find out what they are doing and enjoy some meaningful devotions. There will be a free-will offering taken.

Back by popular demand, we will be going to the home of Tom and Judy Marshall for an All Church/All Youth Winter Wonderland Party on Sunday, February 14 from 1:00-3:00pm. There will be ice skating, hockey, toasting marshmallows on a bon-

fire, popcorn and indoor games for those who don't skate.

The Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, February 17 from 6:00-7:00pm. If you would like to make a food donation, we can use the following items: rice, oatmeal, soups (chicken, tomato or vegetable), cans of potatoes and cans of meat (i.e. beef stew, chicken stew, hash...).

The special Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 17 at 7:30pm. This is a meaningful way to begin the Lenten season.

The Youth Group will put on a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 27 from 5:00-7:00pm. The menu will include spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread and homemade dessert. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, and \$15.00 maximum for a family.

For a special Men's Sunday, our men will conduct the worship service on February 28 from beginning to end.

Silk Farm Audubon Center Family Programs

Oh Deer, a Moose! Saturday, February 6, 1:00-2:00pm. The white-tailed deer and elusive moose, two of New Hampshire's largest mammals, are exciting to see in the wild. Explore the secret lives of these animals indoors with an up-close look at antlers, skulls, scat, and tracks, as well as play some fun games. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

Snowshoe Excursion down Hubbard Hill in Stoddard. Saturday, February 13, 10:00-11:30am. Check out the forested terrain via snowshoe as we take a leisurely hike through the beautiful Andorra Forest. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required for both programs. Call 224-9909, extension 333.

Artists Win State Arts Council Awards

Four artists from a field of 39 applicants have been selected as New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Fellows. These highly competitive awards, of \$2,500 each, are given solely on the basis of artistic excellence and professional commitment.

Three panels—visual arts, media arts, and dance/theater composed of a combination of in-state and out-of-state artists reviewed anonymous examples of the artists' work. The review panels made Fellowship recommendations to the Arts Council board for approval.

The 1999 new Hampshire State Council on the Arts Fellows are: Kim Casey, painter, Dover; Mihailo Djuric, choreographer, Portsmouth; John Patrick Picciano, puppeteer, Manchester and Thomas Scoon, sculptor, Northwood. As part of their Fellowship year, Fellows are asked to "make a report to the New Hampshire community" in some form during the year. This public event may be as simple as an open studio day or as complex as premiering a new work on stage. The selection of the event is left up to the artist.

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, the state's agency, is supported with public funds provided by the Governor and Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The Council serves New Hampshire's citizens with a variety of grants, programs, and services.

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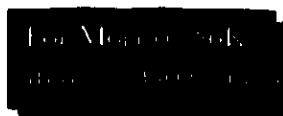
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New Postal Stamp Recognizes Hospice Care

On February 9, a "Hospice Care" stamp will be introduced by The United States Postal Service. The Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association will feature a program at 10:00am on February 9 in the New London office at 290 County Road. A representative from the Postal Service will present a special reproduction of the stamp to the agency. Guests will include distinguished members of the community and friends and family members of the hospice program at Lake Sunapee.

The stamp design, a butterfly over a home, symbolizing life's journey to its final stage, is an apt representation of the hospice philosophy. One of the roles hospice care plays in this country is to help people become more comfortable with their mortality and how they would like to be treated at life's end. Hospice services are something that Americans need to know more about and this stamp will help to raise their awareness.

The timing could not be better for hospices. Although still unfamiliar to many, hospice care is becoming an increasingly desirable end of life choice. Hospice seeks neither to hasten nor prolong the dying process. Terminally ill patients are able to live out their final days in dignity and without fear of dying in pain or alone. Hospice professionals and volunteers are committed to helping people end life in the warmth and comfort of their own chosen environment surrounded by those who are important to them. While hospices originally treated primarily cancer patients; people with heart and kidney diseases, AIDS and Alzheimer's Disease now comprise a significant portion of hospice users.

In New Hampshire, hospice services are not covered under Medicaid, though in 42 states and the District of Columbia it is available to Medicaid recipients. The Medicare Hospice Benefit covers approximately 85 percent of the costs of care. Most private

insurance provides specific benefits for hospice care. Hospice programs rely on fundraising, grants and other sources of revenue to cover their expenses.

The "Hospice Care" stamp represents a celebration of 25 years of improving the way people are cared for at the end of their lives. As awareness of hospice grows, it is my hope that the people of this community will make a conscious choice to frequently request and use the "Hospice Care" stamp in recognition that how our days end is as important as how our days are lived.

If you have questions or would like to know more about hospice programs, please call Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association at 526-4077.

—Mary Karrick, Lake Sunapee Home Care and Hospice

Annual Backyard Bird Survey

Although many people reported fewer birds at feeders earlier this winter, the recent cold weather has created lots of new activity. Recent sightings bode well for an interesting Backyard Winter Bird Survey on February 13 and 14 and all New Hampshire residents are encouraged to participate.

To participate in the survey, send a business-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Backyard Winter Bird Survey, Audubon Society of New Hampshire, 3 Silk Farm Road, Concord, 03301-8200. You will receive a copy of the reporting form and complete instructions on how to participate. You then simply count the birds in your backyard on the survey weekend and send the results on the special reporting form to Audubon. For more information on the Backyard Winter Bird Survey, call 224-9909.

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New Transfer Station Fees

Several changes have been made to the Transfer Station Fee schedule. Fees must be paid by check or coupon only. No cash will be accepted on site. Coupons are available at the Town Hall and may be purchased individually or in books of \$10.00.

Television and console stereos, \$1.00 per item.

CFC Freon Units (remove doors of refrigerators), \$5.00 per appliance.

Tires, less than 16 inches \$1.00; 16-20 inches \$2.00; larger than 20 inches, \$10.00.

Bulky Furniture, \$3.00-\$10.00 per item (this includes mattresses, box springs, couches, stuffed chairs and bureaus).

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Gas Tanks, \$5.00 per item.

Hot Water Heaters, \$3.00 per item.

A typical load of construction material on an 8' sized pickup, full to tailgate carries about 2 cubic yards. A 7' small pickup with a full load carries about 1 1/2 cubic yards. A one-ton dump truck with an 8' by 7' bed full to the sideboards carries about 4 cubic yards.

Editor's note: This information is not complete at press time. Please inquire at the Transfer Station for complete details.

WILDLIFE *Continued from page 1*

ened or endangered. (Three are on the federal endangered species list.) In addition, there are a number of uncommon natural communities. While New Hampshire has an abundance of naturally occurring plants and animals, numbers have declined since pre-settlement days. The state has lost at least ten species of plants and several species of birds. This is primarily due to alteration of habitat and other forms of human disturbance. Some species, such as the wild turkey, were once extirpated from the state, but are now recovering due to restoration efforts. Human assistance has brought osprey and the common loon populations back from low numbers. Bradford is host to a number of rare natural communities and species. There are now loons that nest on Lake Todd. The shore of Lake Massasecum contains a rare "Inland New England Acidic Pond Shore Community", and the western edge of town near the East Washington border contains an important "Atlantic White Cedar Basin Swamp" and "Atlantic White Cedar Stand." A rare aquatic plant, *Sclerolepis*, grows in Lake Massasecum, and back in the 1940's a plant known as green adder's mouth was once documented. The blue-gray gnatcatcher, a bird listed as a state rare species has been seen in the Bradford Bog area.

In addition to these uncommon habitats and species, Bradford is home to many more common species that have not been cataloged. Many residents have seen moose, black bear and fisher, for example. The Town of Bradford's Master Plan and land use planning ordinances should recognize the importance of wildlife habitat and develop protection for the uncommon or rare natural communities and species in our town. Bradford could begin an official town list of wildlife species spotted within town borders.

(This is a selection from Bradford's Natural Resource Inventory, available at the Library).

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From the kitchen of Lesley Marquis

This is a recipe from our new cookbook published this month entitled, *Christmas Traditions at The Rosewood Country Inn*. It will be a perfect dessert for your "sweetheart" on Valentine's Day!

LESLEY'S FAMOUS CHOCOLATE MOUSSE TORTE

1 cup walnuts, chopped fine
1 cup graham cracker crumbs
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
2 tablespoons sugar
16 ounces Baker's semi-sweet chocolate squares
1 cup whipping cream
6 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup flour
1/4 cup sugar
whipped cream and chocolate shavings for garnish

Butter a 9-inch springform pan. In a large bowl, mix nuts, graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, and 2 tablespoons sugar. Press onto bottom and 1 1/2 inches up sides of pan.

In a saucepan, combine chocolate and whipping cream. Stir over low heat until chocolate is melted. Remove from heat. Transfer to extra large mixing bowl.

In a separate large bowl, beat eggs with electric mixer on low speed until well mixed. Add the flour, sugar, and vanilla. Beat on high speed until slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Stir about one third of the egg mixture into the chocolate mixture to lighten. Then fold all the chocolate mixture into the egg mixture. Turn into pan.

Bake in a 325° oven for 45 minutes until cake is slightly puffed on the outer third of the top. Cool for 30 minutes. Remove sides of pan and cool completely, 3 to 4 hours more. This torte is very rich. Serve at room temperature with whipped cream and chocolate shavings. Serves 16

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Five Steps to a Debt Free New Year: Part 1

At one time or another everyone has over extended themselves financially. You know what I mean, credit cards with endless balances, a student loan still unpaid, a line of credit with the bank or simply an outstanding doctor's bill. Whatever your debts are, there is hope of eliminating them. Oh, I'm not just talking consolidation, but a real plan to help reduce those balances.

I myself have recently been concerned that my family and I have over extended ourselves to a point of no return. But then I got some good, free advice that set me back on track. I read a book called *Financial Peace* written by Dave Ramsey. He talks about his personal financial tragedy and his own way of getting out of debt. I have also taken some of the information in this article from Abby Schultz in *Child Magazine* (February 1999 issue). Both of these I believe can be found at the Brown Memorial Library.

The five steps I speak about are: 1. Examine your expenses, 2. Dip into your savings, 3. Use credit cards to your advantage, 4. Make a habit of using cash, and 5. Start saving for the future.

This first step is the most time consuming and most crucial step because you really have to think and rethink. Don't get discouraged. Make a list of monthly expenses and approximate monthly payments. This list should include rent, food, electric, heat, telephone, cable, car payments, credit cards (minimum balance), doctor's bills, etc. You get the idea. Total that column; multiply it by 12 months then divide by 52 weeks. This will give you a weekly total of what you need to put aside to cover those expenses.

Next, make a separate list of those you may only pay one or two times a year. Insurance, taxes, and vehicle registration for example. Total this column and divide by 52 weeks to get a weekly dollar amount needed to assure payment of these items. For instance, each week you may need to put \$100 into your checking for monthly expenses and \$50 in a savings account to cover yearly

expenses. Don't forget to leave yourself some pocket money.

How does this help pay down your outstanding debt? Well, here comes the fun part. Now that you know what it takes to live each month, you can determine if there is any excess money to put toward those outstanding debts. If there is—great! Here's what to do. Make a third list of debt to eliminate. Include the name of the debt, remaining balance and any interest rate.

Decide which debt to pay down first. For instance, credit card \$3000 at 12%; doctor's bill \$300 with no interest; line of credit \$5000 at 10%; car payment \$15,000 at 9%.

With the list above I suggest paying off the lower dollar amount with the highest interest rate first. This will allow you to see progress more quickly than if you choose the largest dollar amount. So my payoff priority would be: credit card, then line of credit, doctor's bill and last the car payment.

Chances are the doctor is willing to wait and the car payment is for three to four years. Remember only the excess money goes toward the payoffs. You need to keep making the minimum payment on the other debts. That will help keep your credit history looking good.

This process may take a few months to

really start working. But when it does you will begin to see continued success. Also be aware that depending on your income and debt this process may take six months to one or more years. After all, we want to get on a cash basis if possible.

Next month we will continue to look at the remaining four steps to a debt free New Year.

—Diane Gadoury

BWC Update

The January meeting, "Chinese Luncheon and Auction", was successful and a lot of fun. Even though the weather was not the best, we had quite a few members attend. After the auction, we car-pooled to the Little Chinese Restaurant in Newbury. It was a relaxing and enjoyable lunch.

On February 16 at 11:30am, we will have our annual "Potluck Luncheon and Town Reports". The Selectmen, Budget Committee, School Representative and State Representative are all invited. The Library and the Community Center will also be there to answer your questions. Everyone is invited to attend. Come beat the winter doldrums, bring a potluck lunch, ask questions and get the answers before Town Meeting.

—Doris Tremblay

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING RESULTS

About 130 people braved the ice and disruption of their busy schedules to attend their annual school district meeting on January 9. There are now three numbers for warrant article #1 (the basic school budget) as that warrant article was amended during the meeting by a 66 to 59 vote. The figure that was added is \$17,429,723 for about a 4.6% increase over last year. This figure restores cuts made by your School Board for an elementary language program. It also restores the full amount for computers at the elementary schools that was cut in half by the Board (1 per classroom), and restores a part time art and business position at the high school. The Board basic budget figure is \$17,284,423 for a 3.8% increase over last year and the Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) budget is \$17,088,997 for a 2.63% increase over last year. If you take the cost for federal projects and food service which is self-funded (pays for itself) out of each of these numbers the increases are 4.27%, 3.37% and 2.14% respectively. The difference between the School Board budget and MBC budget is basically more cuts in technology by cutting requested computers as well as program cuts in reading, special education and physical education by cutting requested personnel.

All the other articles remain unchanged from my description last month and detailed information will be forthcoming. If you need information at any time, please contact me at 938-2722 or loymts@aol.com and I will see that your questions get answered. This process can be confusing, so please feel free to take me up on my offer.

CHARTER SCHOOL.

The charter school warrant article passed 95-55 which means the district is now open to

anyone who wants to go through the difficult process of establishing a charter school (a school funded at 80% of the district per pupil cost that is not bound by Department of Education regulations). It also means that the district will not pay for students to go to out-of-district charter schools, only in-district schools and that the number of students that can attend such a school is 5% of the current enrollment (about 100 students). The Board picked 5% because that number would easily cover the enrollment of the planned charter middle school and the number can be amended or changed with the addition of any other charter schools. The process is difficult because any proposed charter school must meet very specific legislated criteria, must be approved by your School Board and the State School Board, as well as by the district voters. This article was decided at the meeting since it involved no funding, hence it will not appear on the ballot in March.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here's some information about issues that I often hear bandied about. Teachers in this district are paid at a 77% level compared to the state average; that is, they are paid better than about 77% of the teachers in the state. Our per pupil rate of spending is at an 80% level, or greater than about 80% of the state. The district's assessed equalized value for taxation is at an 82% level, that is, our ability to pay is greater than about 82% of the state. We are the second richest regional school district in the state, based on equalized evaluation. The average rate of teacher salary increase (last 5 years) for the state was 7.45%, for Kearsarge it was 4.88%. We are also below the state average increase for per pupil spending increases over the last five years. The special education enrollment average in NH districts over 1000 students is 15.09%. Kearsarge special education enrollment is 15.31%. Our drop out rate last year was 3.6% and the rate our students attend two or four year colleges last year was 67.4%.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

On Friday, February 12, at 7:30pm, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will again provide the opportunity for you, the audience, to share a few of your slides on natural history subjects for our "Slide Potpourri" program. Topics might include wildlife, vegetation, geologic formations or spectacular scenery. A slide projector and screen will be provided. Jim and Kathy Green will serve as coordinators for this program, which will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Please call them at 526-2834 for additional information. Refreshments will be served.

Naturalist and avid birder Peter Newbern will lead a "Cape Ann Birding Trip" to look for coastal winter species along the Gloucester-Rockport Massachusetts seacoast on Saturday, February 13. This Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter field trip is open to all interested birders. Participants should meet at the Warner Park and Ride, Exit 9 off route 1-89, at 8:00am. Please dress for the weather and bring lunch, a beverage, binoculars and a scope if you have one. Call 763-4308 for details.

—Phyllis Curtiss

SPNHF Family Field Trip

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will lead a free family ski trip at the Siemon Farm in Milton on Saturday, February 20 (snow date 2/27) from 10:00am-3:00pm. The trip leader and trip participants will explore how trees survive the winter and search for animal tracks. The site is on the rolling fields and open pastures of the Siemon Farm, which is protected from development by a conservation easement. The trip will be on snowshoes or cross-country skis and the content and skiing is geared for ten-year-olds to adults. For more information or to register, contact Kristin Loomis or Trish Churchill at 224-9945.

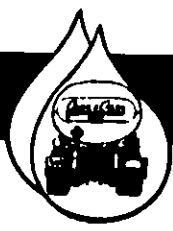
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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



Groundhog Day will be with us very shortly and he will tell us just how long it will be 'till spring. I guess after the ice and sleet we have been through we do need to have a diversion from the January winter blahs. The seed catalogs have been perused and a few of us have decided on some of the seeds we want for planting in this last growing season of the century.

It has been a century of change for gardeners. Corn, beans and squash have been the standbys in most home gardens, but many of the varieties we used in pre-World War gardens have changed. Golden Bantam corn, Kentucky Wonder pole beans and blue Hubbard squash (which grew to a weight of 12 to 20 pounds) were the old standards in many gardens. Marglobe and Lincoln tomatoes were chosen for most home gardens and all of these were stored or canned for winter meals.

Technology changed. Canning vegetables became less important as freezing was introduced. The "Birdseye" packaged frozen foods, once a novelty, became a home process as freezers were developed. This new process pushed plant breeders to develop vegetables which were grown especially for freezing. This is now putting both commercial and homegrown vegetables on winter tables.

New vegetables were introduced this century as well. Broccoli came to the United States in the late twenties. Chinese cabbage was introduced in many markets in the late forties. For gardeners in the north, many of the old crops were not successfully grown. Cantaloupe, eggplant, okra and other crops usually could not produce well in our climate and they were expensive luxuries bought at the market.

Progressive seed marketers employed plant breeders to develop and improve our

corn, beans, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash and sold the improved seed. Burpee Seed Company was a leader in putting better seed on the market, not only for the home grower but also for commercial farms. Food processors demanded certain qualities so they could have a "standard" product, canned or frozen. As a result, we have dozens of seedsmen breeding better plants, producing more prolific and hopefully better flavored raw crops. This trend will continue.

In the last five years, there has been a concerted effort by geneticists to produce more plants per acre. An example of this is the corn grown commercially for cattle feed as well as human consumption. One of the insects that has reduced yield of corn in many parts of the United States has been the corn borer. Now, geneticists have found a way to change a gene in the make-up of corn which causes the plant to "turn off" the corn borer by making the corn stalk harder and more distasteful to the insect. This gene is incorporated into the plant's make-up and the seeds of corn planted with this altered gene will enable commercial farmers to harvest a bigger saleable crop of ear corn. This corn is used now in manufactured products and animal feed.

Another plant of great commercial importance in manufactured products is the soybean, for oil and export. Growers had to spray many acres of this crop to control weeds. Geneticists found a gene, which was resistant to the herbicide and incorporated that gene into the make-up of the plant. Now, young soybean plants are not harmed when weed control is used. This new variety of soybean is enabling farms to produce more per acre of a very usable commercial crop.

While these latter two crops are not on the backyard gardener's seed list, they are probably a glimpse into the future. Plants may be genetically altered to be resistant to various insects or diseases. Wouldn't it be great if the tomato of the future was resistant to verticillium fungus or the voracious tomato hornworm? Perhaps the future holds that possibility.

BEHIND THE BOOKS

An update from the Brown Memorial Library Trustees

The trustees would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those who have made donations of money, goods and services to the library expansion capital campaign. Without your generous support, the project would not be possible. If you haven't already made your contribution, now is the time. Simply send your donation to Brown Memorial Library On-Site Expansion Fund, P.O. Box 437, Bradford, NH 03221 or drop it off at the library. We are close to the goal and your contribution will help us complete the funding by Town Meeting.

Sincere thanks to Ev Kittredge for installing the new emergency lights in the library. The need for backup lighting became apparent one recent Monday evening when the library was open for business and the power went out after dark. Thanks to Ev, the emergency lighting is now in place and ready for use.

Thanks also to Dan Whitten for removing all the bags of fall leaves stacked behind the library. In all the activity surrounding the expansion plans, this annual job was overlooked and Dan simply stopped one day, loaded up his truck, and took everything to the dump...all without being asked.

Mark your calendar for our Annual Library Buffet at the Appleseed Restaurant on March 2, from 5:00-8:00pm.

This month's book quote:

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Selectmen's Meetings

December 29. Ken Anderson of the Transfer Station requested that money collected from recycling be returned directly to the transfer station's budget. Selectmen said that while that wasn't possible, they would like to look at other ways to publicize the amount of money the town earns from recycling to encourage greater participation.

Selectmen also adopted a measure that will require those disposing of construction and demolition debris to pay a fee of \$10 per cubic yard, effective January 1, 1999. (See additional information on page 8). Payment must be by check or coupon; coupons are available from the Selectmen's Office.

Three applications for substitute snowplow drivers were approved. All applicants have the necessary licenses.

Joe Conway reported that due to tight budgetary controls made necessary by unanticipated legal expenses, the Town would finish the year with a surplus of approximately \$55,000. He proposed purchasing a new truck to replace a failing one. Hillsboro Ford had available an F450 4x4 diesel with a three and a half yard dump body for \$34,362. Conway explained that by purchasing the truck from the 1998 budget, it would save the

town that expense in 1999 and make money available so that a much-needed sander can be purchased without a warrant article for a capital expenditure. The Budget Committee and the DRA must approve the expenditure for the truck.

January 4. Charlie Betz and Ann Eldridge, co-chairmen of the Conservation Commission submitted warrant articles to the Selectmen to formally retain currently owned town property in the Penhallow subdivision for conservation purposes and grant a conservation easement on the Aiken Town Forest. The Commission is in the process of applying for grant money to formulate a trail through Lowe State Forest. Charlie Betz explained the role of the Aushon Sargent Land Trust as the holder of the easement in the conservation easement issue, and explained that needed funds would come from the forest maintenance fund.

The Selectmen's Office was closed on Tuesday, January 5. The Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant attended a Workplace Safety Seminar.

January 11. Carol Conforti-Adams appeared to discuss the need for the Bradford Community Corporation to appoint a fiscal agent for grant applications. The BCC has applied to the NH Charitable Fund for monies to continue with program development. Ms. Conforti-Adams provided the Selectmen with an update on the governance committee and general progress of the Community Center. Fundraising is continuing and vol-

unteers are still needed.

Selectmen reviewed the Transfer Station fee brochure. Modifications were suggested. A coupon system is being developed so that no cash will be handled at the Transfer Station.

Two letters to the Police Department were read that expressed appreciation for courteous help given.

January 18. No Selectmen's Meeting in observance of Civil Right's Day.

January 25. Emergency repairs on the Highway Department building are complete. Broken pipes and a failed water pump were replaced.

Selectmen signed an appointment for Stacey Martin to the position of Full-Time Police Officer.

Selectmen discussed the procedure for redeeming land taken by the town for taxes. The information will be researched and the former landowner will be contacted in writing.

The Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee has produced two publications explaining procedures and services in the town of Bradford. The Selectmen have voted to accept both publications, pending approval by the ZBA and Planning Board.

The new personnel manual is near completion. The manual will be ready for the February 1 Selectmen's meeting and meetings with town employees will be scheduled soon after.

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Warrant Article to Abolish Zoning has Public Hearing

On January 12, the Planning Board held a public hearing to discuss a petition warrant article to abolish zoning in Bradford. Several citizens spoke out with concerns about the freedom to build as they please, difficulties in dealing with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the fees involved and frustrations with code enforcement. There was considerable confusion expressed between the zoning ordinance and the BOCA building code, as well as with other state and federal regulations. Many of the concerns voiced at the hearing were not about zoning issues, but related to other regulations.

The Building Inspector or Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for the administration of the BOCA Code, for approving building permits and inspecting construction, and for notifying property owners of any conflicts with code or regulations. The Planning Board reviews subdivisions and site plan proposals, and is also responsible for keeping the Town's Master Plan up to date, and developing a capital improvements program. The Zoning Board of Adjustment hears and decides on appeals and can grant variances and special exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning was adopted at Town Meeting in 1989, after many years of study. Among the issues that led to Bradford's adopting a zoning ordinance were concerns about uncontrolled growth, the disposal of toxic waste on the Naughton property, the proposed high-level nuclear waste "repository" in Hillsboro and Bradford and a large proposed landfill on the Bradford Henniker town line. In response to citizens' suggestions, Bradford has amended its zoning ordinance nearly every year. In 1997, the voters passed amendments making it easier to establish home businesses, and established a procedure to allow multiple businesses or dwellings on a single lot.

At the January 12 hearing, it was pointed out that if zoning were abolished, the BOCA Code, and state and federal laws on junkyards, gravel pits, lakeshore and wetlands protection would still apply. However, the Town would have little, if any control over subdivisions, or the type or location of business and advertising. Buildings could be built right up to lot lines. Several people noted that studies have shown that without zoning, property values go down.

Members of the Planning Board encouraged anyone with suggestions, questions or concerns about any aspect of planning and zoning regulations or procedures to come to their meetings or to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, or if that is not possible, to call or write to any member of the Board, and those concerns will be addressed.

At the January 26 meeting, the Planning Board voted unanimously not to recommend the warrant article to abolish zoning.

Area Senior Rally

The Bradford Area Senior Rally met on January 16 at Ann Hallahan's Real Estate. The speaker was John Forgiel, CPA, who gave an excellent presentation on income tax preparation. He answered questions and gave handouts to participants. There was a good turnout considering the icy weather conditions, and future meetings are planned. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, March 13 from 1:00-3:00pm at the First Baptist Church vestry, West Main Street, Bradford. The speaker will be Barbara Chellis from the Community Action Program (CAP). The topic will be CAP services to seniors. All area senior residents and senior advocates are welcome and encouraged to attend. Senior Rally participants thank Ann Hallahan for the use of meeting space and the First Baptist Church for their contribution. Also, thanks to Ona Ruchti and Sophie Burke who provided refreshments.

—Betty Perron

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

December 27. Jack Henry Foisey born to Patricia and Andrew in Concord.

December 31. Phalen Kennedy Leclerc born to Pamela and James in Concord.

January 1. Dorothy Edwards and Gary Grindle were married in Manchester.

January 16. Amy Houle and Louis Greenwood, Jr. were married in Bradford.

January 16. Carl Walker Betz was born to Carolyn and Charles in Bradford.

Lien notices will be going out about mid month. Please avoid unnecessary charges and pay your outstanding taxes before that time.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 2:00-7:00pm; Tuesday, 8:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 8:00am-noon. Phone 938-2288, 938-2094.

The office will be closed on February 15 for President's Day.

NEHSA Benefit

Tired of the same old ski-a-thon? 25 runs on the same boring slope? Then come to the new Mt. Sunapee for a fun twist on our popular fundraising event. Ski or ride a variety of terrains or join a scavenger hunt on Saturday, February 6, to benefit the New England Handicapped Sports Association. Free lift ticket, BBQ and prizes. Bring at least \$40 to the registration. For more information call Debbie Bruss at 938-2979.



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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

THE KLONE AND I: A High-Tech Love Story

Danielle Steel
Delacorte Press
1998

After thirteen years of marriage, Stephanie is aghast to hear Roger, her rat of a husband, inform her he is leaving her for a younger woman. After months of trying to make a new life for herself and her children, Charlotte and Sam, Stephanie is ready to give up.

Then, the next summer she flies to Paris to wait for her children who are vacationing with Roger and Helena in the south of France. While there, she checks into a hotel and does a bit of vacationing herself.

When Stephanie first lays eyes on Peter Baker, he is reading a newspaper in the hotel lobby. She likes his looks and takes full note of the man. He is dressed in a blue Oxford cloth shirt, khaki pants, no tie and loafers matching her own. When their eyes meet, they stare at one another briefly and then he goes back to reading his paper. In her mind, she figures he is looking for a Brigitte Bardot, or someone resembling Helena. Perhaps he is a happily married man.

As it turns out, his hotel room is next to hers. Thinking about this, she rambles into thought recalling the film *Pillow Talk*—the scene where Doris Day and Rock Hudson are in bathtubs talking on the phone. Later, back in New York, the pair become friends, then lovers and together iron out problems with her children.

Soon, Peter has to fly West on business. To keep her entertained he sends her a clone of himself, a very real looking guy named Paul who periodically must return to the factory to make sure the wires in his head are properly connected. While Paul is very much

like Peter, he is "more so" in all regards, especially romance. His dress alone is far from sedate. One day he shows up wearing black patent leather jodhpurs, a matching red patent leather jacket, a cowboy hat, silver lame shirt and alligator boots.

This book is full of humor and so different from any Danielle Steel book I've ever read. While reading about some of Paul's romantic antics, I laughed aloud wondering "What next?"

The Clone and I: A High-Tech Love Story is available at the Brown Memorial Library.

KRES BRADFORD NEWS

MATH MANIA

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Cultural Affairs Committee is planning a six-week "Math Mania" intra curriculum focus. The goal of "Math Mania" is to excite children with the love of math as a life-long skill through an integrated learning approach. A variety of events and learning activities will be taking place between March 3 and April 9.

We would like parents and community members from the Bradford and Newbury area to be involved. We are looking for individuals to come in and share with students how they use math in their professions and hobbies. For example, if you are a weaver, there are patterns associated with your design. This uses math. Other examples would be architect, sales person, banker, mechanic, landscape designer, computer programmer, musician, etc. The goal is to create an environment where students can understand the practical application of studying math in school. If you want to make a presentation at the Bradford Elementary School during this time, please call the school at 938-5959.

Say you are interested in "Math Mania" and leave your name, telephone number and address so we can get back to you.

Additional ideas we are planning are Math Jeopardy night, a Math Fair, community bingo night, special classroom activities and much more. All community members are invited to the March 3 PTO meeting at 7:00pm. Our guest speaker will be Art Johnson, a national award winning math teacher. He will be sharing his love of math and kicking off our "Math Mania" series. If you have ideas or would like to get involved, please get in touch with the school or any of the committee members: Carol Conforti-Adams 938-2562, Paula Falkowski 763-9810, Jennifer Wilson 938-2857, teachers Jan Riley, Melody Brown or Betty Ericson.



—Carol Conforti-Adams

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Anyone who enjoys reading can participate in the Read Across America challenge that was issued to the KRES at Bradford School Community on January 13. In order to celebrate the joys of reading and the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the Bradford School Community has taken on the challenge to read at least 1,000 books between January 13 and the week of March 2-5.

The students will keep track of our reading progress across the United States. Each book that is read is worth three miles. Our goal of 1,000 books will enable us to reach the West Coast. Please help the Bradford School Community reach our goal. Reading record sheets can be obtained at KRES at Bradford, Brown Memorial Library or the Newbury Public Library. If you have any questions about this reading incentive program, please contact Kathy McKenna, Reading Specialist or Nancy Alibrandi, Library Media Specialist at the Bradford Elementary School (938-5959). Read for fun and read for pleasure. Read alone or read together—but please record the books you read and submit the list to the Bradford Elementary School!

—Kathy McKenna

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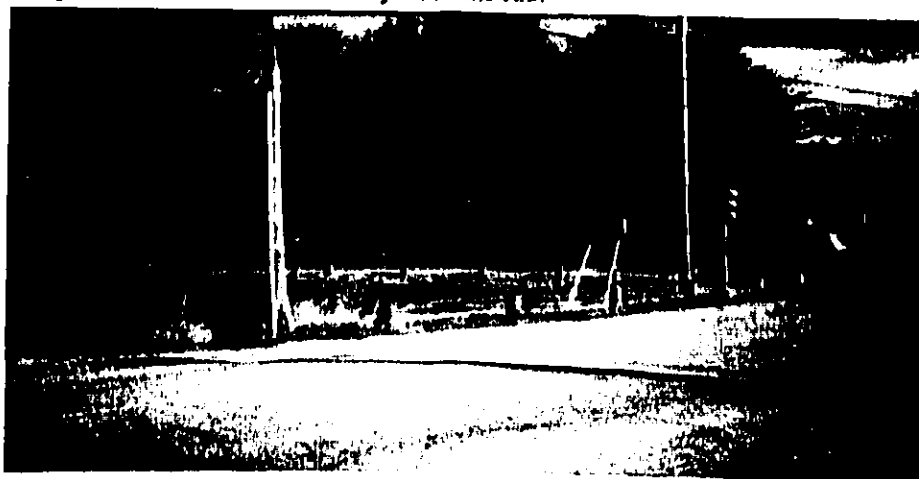
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Then and Now by Milly Kittredge



Built around 1820, this small structure was built as a harness shop, moved across the road, rented as a tenement, moved back across the road by Silas Sawtell and once again became a harness shop. Both Silas (for 57 years), and later his son John worked in the shop clad in their white frocks and leather aprons. Silas was a colorful character, apparently a talkative and cheerful commentator on the passing scene. He was sought out especially by the summer folk.

The harness shop was torn down in 1923. Later, a diner was built, run by Harold and Valia Craig. It was dismantled to make way for Route 103.



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Craftsmen's Exhibit Features Local Artists' Work

Opening Sunday, February 7 at the Sharon Arts Center in Sharon, NH, is the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's 22nd Member's Juried Exhibit. The exhibit will show a unique collection of contemporary and traditional craft work created by both the League's master craftsmen and its supporting members. Over a hundred craft items representing fine furniture making, quilting, wood-carving, weaving, jewelry making, ceramics, metal smithing, glass blowing, printmaking, photography and more will be on display through Thursday, March 4 in the Sharon Art Center's Young Gallery. Bradford woodworker Charlie Betz and printmaker Sandy Wadlington each have pieces on display in this juried show.

"The purpose of this exhibit is to show the rich, creative diversity within the League's membership," says Exhibit Designer, Tracey Adkins. "These members have been instrumental in helping to keep New Hampshire's craft-making heritage alive." The public is invited to meet these craftspeople at the Sharon Arts Center during the Exhibit's opening reception on February 7, from 2:00-4:00pm. The Sharon Arts Center is located on Route 123 in Sharon and is open Monday through Friday 9:30am-4:30pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm, and Sunday, noon-5:00pm.



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February Calendar



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Bradford Cemetery Commission, 9:00am, call 938-5386 for information
Bradford Community Center Governance Board Meeting, Church Vestry, 9:00-11:00am
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

First Wednesday Workshop: "Triangle of Self-Obsession", The Gathering Place, 7:00-9:00pm
Library Trustees Meeting, BML, 7:00pm
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm
KRES at Bradford PTC Meeting, Bradford Elementary School, 7:00pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Bradford Community Center Governance Board Meeting, Church Vestry, 9:00-11:00am
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for information

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BEOC, Town Hall, 7:00pm
KRSD School Board Meeting, Simonds Elementary School, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

KRHS Variety Show, KRHS Auditorium, 5:00pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Bradford Business Association, Church Vestry, 7:00pm
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Bradford Women's Club, Church Vestry, 11:30am
Safe School Open Forum, KRMS Library, 7:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

BNYS Baseball Sign-up, Bradford Fire Station 6:00-8:00pm
Library Trustees Meeting, BML, 7:00pm
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Road Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

BNYS Baseball Sign-up, Bradford Fire Station, 9:00am-noon

During the cold months, you may make an appointment to visit the Historical Society, call 938-5386.

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

Classifieds

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To place a **FREE** classified ad of 40 words or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-2692.

Bradford Bridge March deadlines

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| Display ads | Feb. 20 |
| Classified ads | Feb. 26 |
| Articles | Feb. 20* |

*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after the deadline, please call Meg Fearnley at 938-2911.

Highway Department Notice

The Highway Department asks Town residents to refrain from plowing snow into the public way. The material freezes quickly and causes driving hazards and equipment damage.