



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROJECT

Tracy and Bob Foor
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From a Town Green to Green Towns



Protection of 1,300 acres in the Kearsarge-Sunapee area began in 1985 with just three acres and one man: Ausbon W. Sargent. Sargent, a retired maintenance worker of no inherited wealth, at age 94 spent his life savings to buy and protect the New London Town Green. Fearing the three-acre Main Street parcel would go the way of the mini-mall amid the building boom of the early 1980s, Sargent gave the land to the Town of New London on the condition it remain forever undeveloped. Two years later, in 1987, Sargent became the namesake of a fledgling conservation group that has since completed 45 projects that preserve the rural landscapes in a service area of 12 towns in the Kearsarge-Sunapee region, including Bradford.

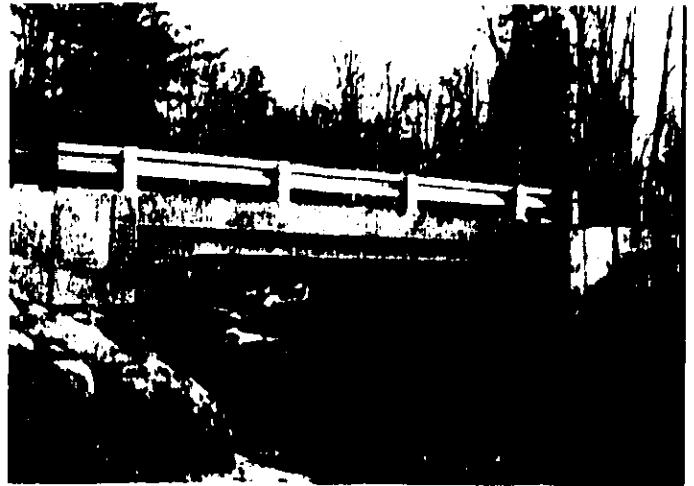
The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) continues to honor Sargent's life and his values by protecting land through creative partnerships that turn private parcels into public benefits. The main protection tool used by the ASLPT and similar groups nationwide is a legal device called a conservation easement. A conservation easement is a deed

that is granted to the ASLPT by a landowner, public or private. In keeping with conservation goals, an easement is an agreement to restrict certain uses of the land, for example: subdivision, new building, excavation or commercial enterprises. Other traditional uses, such as logging, farming or grazing, can be allowed. Terms of a conservation easement are designed to preserve natural qualities of land, such as watershed areas or wildlife and bird habitats; also intangible qualities of land are protected, like scenic vistas and the quality of life.

For example, in Sutton a conservation easement donated to the ASLPT by a private landowner has forever protected an open field and wetland that offer a scenic view of Mount Kearsarge to everyone who travels Routes 114 and 11. As another example, the ASLPT also holds a conservation easement on public land in Goshen. The terms agreed to by selectmen restrict building on the former farmland but allows for public recreation, including Boy Scouts' campouts.

The grantor of a conservation easement retains ownership of the land and, in the case of a private landowner, is responsible for property taxes. The property can be willed or sold away. In the case of public property, a town can grant a conservation easement to ensure that future generations of citizens will enjoy the land preserved in its rural state. The ASLPT's role is to act as legal guardian of the land, in perpetuity, so future landowners abide by the restrictions agreed to in the conservation easements.

—Beth Cote



The new bridge on West Road at Box Corner reopened on December 23. Hansen Construction will return in the spring to complete its tasks, followed by roadway work to be done by the town highway crew.

Library Trustees Select Construction Manager

Brown Memorial Library Trustees announce that Brass Construction Inc. (BCI) will serve as construction manager for the library addition. According to Martin Bunis, co-chair of the Trustees, Bradford-based BCI was selected after interviews with several firms that had submitted proposals. "BCI will have our best interests at heart and should do a really good job," said Bunis. BCI has 16 years experience in the construction business, including projects at Proctor Academy, St. Paul's School, and the Newbury Library. They will soon start work on Bradford's Community Center. BCI sees the library and community center as complementary projects for the town and Main Street itself. Co-chair Dick Keller agreed and said, "What we are doing here is being part of Main Street as Main Street and not as east and west Main Street."

In its 1993 report, the Facilities Committee recommended expanding the library by making use of the basement and the voters started setting aside money to do just that. With additional space in mind, the Trustees acquired land adjacent to the library and the voters continued to add to the Library Addition Capital Reserve fund while rejecting use of either the Central School or Marshall Lot sites. "At last we're on the right track," concluded Bunis, "with this plan that should serve the town's library needs well into the 21st century at a reasonable cost."

When asked if the Trustees are jumping ahead by making the commitment prior to release by the voters of the capital reserve funds, Bunis said, "Given the positive comments at our presentations, including the hearing before the Planning Board and the support we have received since, this commitment with release of the Town funds in March will allow us to start construction in April." Bunis went on to say that no additional town funds will be needed considering library trust funds already on hand as well as the generous support of the community.

Obituary

ROBERT J. MITCHELL

Robert J. Mitchell, 69, formerly of Warner, died December 7 at home. Born in Jamestown, New York, he moved to Warner in 1973, and to Bradford two years ago. He spent more than a year in the U.S. Air Force, and 19 years in the Air National Guard, retiring in 1971. He spent 30 years as a supervisor with Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

He was a longtime member and past master of the Harris Lodge No. 91, Warner, a member of the Trinity Royal Arch Chapter No. 2, the Horace Chase Council No. 4, the Bektash Temple and mini karpatriol, all of Concord.

He was also a past commander of the Mount Horeb Commandery No. 003, Concord and the Silver Hill Vesta Chapter No. 49, Bradford. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 391 Warner; a part-time police officer in Warner; and a member of the Warner Zoning Board.

His first wife, Eleanor Mitchell, predeceased him.

He is survived by his mother, Mildred Olson of Jamestown, New York; his wife, Virginia (Estes) Hicks Mitchell of Bradford; three sons, Robert Mitchell of Manchester, Thomas Mitchell of Deering and Andrew Mitchell of Henniker; a daughter Kathryn Russell of Bradford; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Marian Gilbert of Lakewood, New York; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association, P.O. Box 2209, New London 03257, or to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, c/o Bektash Temple Shrine, P.O. Box 7252, Concord 03302-7252.

Bradford Historical Society News

Our most exciting news is about the work in progress on Bradford genealogy, to be published in two years. It will start with the founding fathers and mothers, and go either into this century or stop just before it. It will be a long process, and much help is needed. At least some member of each family that can be located will be asked to proofread the pertinent section of the work before publication. Please add whatever you can to this undertaking. Another exciting bit is the news that Dr. Linebaugh will return for a month this summer for more research on the Carr's Store project.

If you need historical materials, call 938-5386. The Old Post Office will not be open on a regular schedule during the cold months.

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 171 calls for service between November 17 and December 16. The breakdown is as follows: two abandoned vehicles, six ambulance calls, five arrests, one assist to the Fire Department, 12 assists to other police departments, one assist-public works, one bad check, five citizen assists, one criminal mischief, one damage to property, two domestic disturbances, two driving under suspensions, one harassing communication, three incident/services, two lost properties, one motor vehicle accident with personal injury, two motor vehicle accidents (with no injury), one neighborhood dispute, one open container, one paper service, one reckless driving, one sexual assault, one simple assault, three stranded motorists, seven suspicious persons/vehicles, 30 traffic citations and 75 traffic warnings.

--Pennie M. Spooner

South Newbury Union Church News

The South Newbury Union Church is making plans for the New Year. We will host a Happy 1999, First of the Year Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, Italian bread and homemade desserts. The dinner will take place on Saturday, January 23 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Friendship House on Village and Sutton Roads. The cost is \$5.00 per person; children under six eat for free. Please join us and bring a friend. Take out and delivery will be available. Tickets for great raffle items will be for sale. For more information call 938-5369 or 938-5456. Snow date will be January 31.

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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 Jan. 20.



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Bradford Women's Club Update

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Once again, I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard on our "Holiday Crafts and Antiques Fair." The Fair was very successful again this year. The winners of the raffle were: 1) Live Christmas Tree to G. Ochilles, 2) Cross stitched tree skirt to Sue Morse, 3) Talking Wreath to J. Fenton, 4) Handmade Stocking to S. Sneek, 5) Jar of Jelly Beans and Gingerbread Cookies to J. Tait. On Saturday, December 12, Santa Claus came to visit the children at Town Hall. Everyone had their picture taken with Santa Claus. The pictures will be on display at Dodge's Store. Please stop by and pick up your free picture.

On January 19, at our monthly meeting, we will have a "Chinese Luncheon and Auction." Everyone will be called ahead of time, so we can decide on a menu. Please remember to bring your items for the auction. The items can be new or used. Everyone must bring at least one item for us to have fun and a successful auction. The meeting will be at 11:30am at the Church Vestry. I'd like to wish everyone a "Happy and Healthy New Year".

—Doris Tremblay

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford, New Hampshire: you are hereby notified that the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Bradford Town Hall at 7:30pm on January 12, 1999 to present a petition to abolish the Zoning Ordinance, such petition received in accordance with Statute 675:4.

BNKP News

Excitement was high at the Bradford Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool (BNKP) as students prepared with music teacher Kathy Lowe for a December holiday sing. Would there be lots of stage fright? Or would the performer in each child shine through?

Parents moaned in mock displeasure at the task of carrying out to cars students' "Christmas trees" made from upside down ice cream cones, complete with green icing for the boughs and candy and fruit decorations.

At Santa's Workshop on December 12, bargains flew off the BNKP table as parents and Bradford school children came to Christmas shop. The benefit Beanie Baby raffle was won by Julie von Recklinghausen, Trevor Fairbank and Maryse Conway (our teacher aide). Thanks also to the Bradford Rescue Squad who split the profits with BNKP for the sale of some nice woven items, which originally had been donated to them.

Parents breathe a sigh of relief as they realize fundraising is almost completed for this year. Thanks to all who bought pies to benefit the school at Thanksgiving. Thanks also to Bowie's Market and Cobble Pond Farm for letting us sell our pies inside the stores.

Students will return to school in January looking forward to "K" week and the after school ski program at Mount Sunapee State Park.

—Claire Martin

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

November 27. Damien Allen was born to Tanya Proctor and Shelton Fitton in Concord.

November 29. Donald Ainslie died in Concord.

December 7. Robert Mitchell died in Bradford.

December 15. Benjamin Patrick was born to Janet and Allan Clark in New London.

New vehicle plates will be issued starting January 1, 1999. You will have the option of keeping your current plate number, or getting a new one. All passenger registrations will cost an additional \$5.00 to cover the cost of these new plates.

Delinquent notices will be going out about mid-January. These notices simply state any and all outstanding taxes due.

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 January 1, 1999 for the holiday, and on Tuesday morning, January 5, for training (office will be open in the afternoon).

—Sue Pehrson

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Letters

To the editor:

In response to the letter from Don Johnsen last month, the statements made really require a response. While he glorifies one end of Main Street as the only center of activity in town, he completely negates the long established businesses on the other. In addition to this biased opinion, there is the history of town to consider. Where the town founders established locations for the cornerstones of this community can not be ignored or slanted by studies or opinions that are favorable to the Community Center project. Please consider the placement of the Town Hall, the Church, the Fire Station, and the Library, buildings that are conveniently located in proximity to each other. Buildings people have used on a daily basis since they were constructed.

Take a walk up Main Street West with me Mr. Johnsen. First you will encounter the Masonic Hall, another landmark building and across the street you will find the Fiske House, both centers of activity for their organizations, both engaged in the quiet activity of improving life in our community. Then, we come upon the businesses of Main Street West. Bradford Family Dental, magician Andrew Pinard, Colonial Woodworking, Bradford Motors, child care by Marge Ginepra, author Burton Hersh, artist Sandy Wadlington, landscaper Fritz Von Baron, Old Radios and Purple Finch Beads, Star House Antiques, stationary company-Mercury Designs, Denise Fairbank's home office, Bryant Stained Glass, Bauer Construction, the Thistle and Shamrock Inn and D. Whitten Masonry are all owned and operated by local, tax paying residents. Most are long standing businesses operating from Main Street West locations. They create work for public enjoyment that reaches far beyond our community.

We have been working in our businesses, getting by and growing these businesses, surrounded by the architectural gems of this town, built years ago. I personally find your omission of the well established town buildings and businesses on

this end of Main Street disconcerting, considering the amount of activity that takes place every day on the Main Street West end of town.

Your continued opposition to the library expansion on its present site, and concern for the revitalization and appearance of our Main Street ignores the fact that it already exists on Main Street West. It does not take into consideration the fact that this end of Main Street was established long ago. It is vital and it works.

Dan Whitten

To the editor:

Over the past year, you may have noticed published invitations to join the Bradford Rescue Squad. I write to you to let you know that our immediate need for qualified EMTs has become crucial to the survival of the squad.

Many times over the years, people have said, "I don't know how you do what you do. I could never do that." Well, at one time I too thought that I could never "do that," but have amazed myself by finding out that I could.

Volunteering on our rescue squad is many things, first and foremost time consuming as well as frustrating, sometimes scary, messy, funny, heartbreaking, joyful, and incredibly rewarding.

We are one of the few towns left who are able to provide free ambulance service. Unfortunately, without some help we may not be able to be a volunteer service for much longer. Bradford has always responded generously financially, but we now need reliable people power to continue our work. Most of our calls occur during the day when the majority of EMTs are out of town at work. It has been a struggle to crew the ambulance during this time. One of our EMTs is able to leave work to go on calls, but is not paid for the time that he misses. Over 50% of our current EMTs reside in Newbury and Sutton!

New London Hospital is offering an EMT course beginning January 18. If you are very reliable, in good health and looking for a

great way to volunteer in our town, please contact me (938-2120), Dick Vitale (938-2852), or any Bradford Rescue Squad member.

One final thought. If or when we are unable to crew the ambulance, the alternative is to call Henniker or New London. Hopefully, they are not already out on another call. The increased wait time for the ambulance is considerable, for the patient and family it is endless.

*Mary Beth Fenton, Captain,
Bradford Rescue Squad*

To the editor:

The Committee for "Christmas in the Country" would like to thank all the organizations and businesses for making this year's event a great success. Special thanks to Marlene's Florist Shoppe for donating the wreaths for the Town Hall, Sue Janicki for the ad that was placed in the Smart Advertiser, Lyn Betz for the ad that was placed in the Bradford Bridge and the Bradford Women's Club for their generous donation of the horse drawn wagon rides. Our thanks also extend to Marge Ginepra, Tony and Doreen Salera and Andrew and Sue Ann Siarto who graciously opened their homes for the Historic Homes and Inns Tour. Most of all, thanks to all of you who visited the businesses and events that were planned. Without you this could not have been possible.

To the following, thanks—Appleseed Restaurant, Candlelit Inn, Mountain Lake Inn, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, Brown Memorial Library, Foxchase, Historical Society, John and Ruth Ann Harris, American Baptist Women's Club, Bradford Baptist Church, Bowie's Market, The Estate Barn, The Gathering Place, Merrimack Farm Store, R.L. Dodge, Accommodating Beauty, Books by the Lake, Dickie's Outdoor Sports, Bodysmith, The Lumber Barn, Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool, Kearsarge Elementary School PTC, The Community Center, Odds Bodkin, Bradford Fish and Game Club, Bradford Parks and Recreation, Union Congregational Society and to the Bradford Business Association for making it happen.

The Bradford Business Association would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Marilyn Gordon, Marlene Freyler, Jim Horigan, Bob Poor and Dick Wright

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

On Friday, January 8 the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present a slide program entitled, "Birds of Spain," at 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Speaker and birder Fred Sladen will not only introduce us to those birds found in specific locations on this part of the European continent, but will include information and slides on Spanish culture, architecture and history. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For details contact Ruth White at 763-4893.

Birder Gary Stansfield will lead the annual pilgrimage to search for winter birds at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island, Newburyport, MA on Saturday, January 16. Participants should meet at the Exit 9, 1-89 Park and Ride in Warner at 8:00am. Dress warmly and bring lunch, a beverage, binoculars and a scope if you have one. For more information call Gary at 863-8737.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

Area Senior Rally

The Senior Rally meeting will be held on January 16 at 1:00pm in Ann Hallahan's building on Center Road in Bradford. The guest speaker will be John Forgiel, CPA. Mr. Forgiel will speak about income tax. The public is welcome to all meetings, and members are encouraged to bring a friend. The Senior Rally is not only for seniors, but equally important for those approaching retirement.

Monthly meetings will continue throughout the winter, weather permitting. Future meeting dates will be published with plenty of advance notice.

—Edna Herbert

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Predators and Prowlers, January 23, 10:00-11:00am. Look at some meat-eating teeth, find out which birds are the best hunters and try to survive in a predator-prey game that will have everyone running.

Snowshoe Shuffle, January 30, 10:00-2:30pm. Learn how snowshoes work, how to put them on and, best of all, how to use them in the winter woods.

ADULT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS:

Bird Finding in New Hampshire, Wednesday, January 13, 7:00-9:00pm. Do you want to see over 200 species of birds in New Hampshire in one year? In this workshop, learn where and when to find birds in the Granite State. There will also be four seasonal outings to search for birds throughout the state.

Birch Bark Baskets, Sunday, January 17, 9:30am-afternoon. Join instructors Ray and Nancy Reitze as they teach you how to craft your own traditional basket from birch bark.

Silk Farm Audubon Center programs are held at 3 Silk Farm Road in Concord. Preregistration is required. There is a cost for participation; reduced fees are available to Audubon Society members.

In addition to these offerings, preschool nature classes and educator workshops are available. For more information call 224-9909, ext. 333.



Keays/Moyer Engagement

Hugh R. and Keiko Keays of Bradford announce the engagement of their daughter Emmy to Justin Nichols Moyer, son of Peter A. Moyer of South Newbury and Judith Nichols Moyer of Durham and Warner.

Born in Japan, Emmy attended Burlingame High School, Burlingame, California and Kearsarge Regional High School, North Sutton. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham in 1996, having majored in theater and dance. She is now director and instructor at the Funtasia Dance Studio in Dover.

After graduating from Kearsarge Regional High School, Justin studied at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, where he majored in aeronautical science. Currently, he is studying business administration at UNH and is a flight instructor at the Nashua Airport.

An October wedding is planned.

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Church News From Lynne E. Hubley

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold its January meeting on Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00pm. The program is entitled "Words that Hurt" based on James 3:1-12. There will be a skit, discussion and a brief worship service.

The Wednesday Night Study/Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning January 6 from 7:00-8:00pm. The book to be studied is entitled *Coping as Christians*.

Our Thursday evening Bible Study will meet at the parsonage on Thursday evenings beginning January 7 from 7:30-8:30pm. We will continue our study of the Book of Exodus. We will be viewing the movie *The Ten Commandments* before the end of our study of the book of Exodus.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet at the home of Tillie Wheeler on Friday, January 8, at 1:00pm. The ladies will be making items for the White Cross.

On Sunday evening January 10 at 5:00pm, we will enjoy an "Epiphany Potluck Dinner" followed by a hymn sing and an "Unhanging of the Greens".

The Adult Sunday School class will begin again on Sunday, January 10 at 9:00am at the Fiske House. This class is open to adults of all ages. The class will be looking at some of the famous Bible characters in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Our regular Sunday School for children will be back for our "Journey through Jerusalem" on January 10 at 9:00am. During the month of January, the children will be learning about and making pottery and produce. Children ages 4 through the 12th grade are invited to join us.

Our Youth Groups (grades 4-12) will meet at the Church on Sunday, January 17 at 1:00pm to travel to the Hogan Center to enjoy some recreational swimming and basketball. We will be back at the Church at 4:00pm. Youths are invited to bring a friend to this event.

The Men's Fellowship group will meet on Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30pm. The location will be announced.

There will be a Youth Group meeting at the Church on Sunday, January 24. The theme will be "Friendship". We will have some lively discussion, fun games and great snacks. Grades 4-6 will meet from 1:00-2:30pm. Grades 7-12 will meet from 2:30-4:00pm.

An Inquirer's Group will meet at the parsonage on Sunday, January 24 at 7:00pm. This is for anyone interested in seeking membership with the First Baptist Church. This will be a time of sharing and fellowship.

Bradford Country Squares Winter Fun

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Class level square dance on Saturday, January 16 at the Bradford Town Hall from 8:00-10:30pm. Patty Greene is the caller and Phil Gatchell the cuer. Admission is \$4.00 per person. For more information call Norma Burns at 927-4454. Spectators are welcome.

Recent Selectmen's Meetings

Between November 30 and December 21, Selectmen discussed the following topics:

Transfer Station. Selectmen have been working with Ken Anderson to resolve the problem of disposing of construction and demolition materials and appliances. Currently the town accepts these materials free of charge. Both the volume of material received and the cost of disposing of them are increasing and creating a serious strain on the town budget. Selectmen have been gathering information from surrounding towns, and received information from the Governor's Recycling Committee about solutions used elsewhere in New Hampshire. The information about alternatives will be compiled on a spreadsheet for comparison, with the goal of implementing a new policy by January 1.

Selectmen also received a 22-page document outlining amendments to the Solid Waste Rules, and will discuss them at a future meeting after reviewing the changes.

Library matters. Library trustee Dick Keller met with Selectmen to request permission to use funds from this year's budget to install emergency lighting at the library. The need became apparent during a recent power failure during library hours. Trustees received an estimate from an electrician of \$850 to install the lights, and Keller reported that with volunteer labor, they hope to be able to install them for approximately \$400, the cost of the unit. Selectmen approved the expenditure.

Keller also reported that the Library Trustees have applied for sanitary permits and have interviewed three construction managers for the expansion project. They selected Bruss Construction Company to



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work with architect Peter Tennant. The final maximum cost estimates are due in February. If the town votes to release the capital reserve funds at Town Meeting in March, construction will begin in April. Keller provided the Selectmen with a copy of the construction management contract and asked whether it should be signed by the Selectmen as well as the Trustees. The Selectmen said that they would sign the contract if it is legally required for the plans to move forward.

Keller also gave the Selectmen a copy of the petition warrant article requesting the voters at Town Meeting to vote on whether to release the capital reserve funds for the library expansion. He asked whether it could be reviewed by the town's attorney prior to gathering signatures, and Selectmen said that only signed petition articles are submitted for review. Selectmen asked that the petition be returned with the required signatures as soon as possible so that it can be reviewed and revised if necessary, with time to have a revised petition submitted prior to the February 2 filing deadline.

East Washington Road. Several residents of East Washington Road met to discuss their concerns about the condition of their road and to ask about plans for repairs. Selectmen acknowledged that the road is in poor condition and explained the problems making a quick solution impossible. Joe Conway said that the cost of rebuilding a road is approximately \$125,000 per mile, making a complete repair job financially impossible for the town in any given year. He also explained that the town has eleven bridges on the State's "red list," requiring expensive repairs that are mandated by law. Dick Vitale, the Selectmen's representative on the Road

Committee, described work that the committee is doing to prioritize and plan for road and bridge work throughout the town. Joe Conway added that the town will be enlisting the help of a program provided through UNH that offers engineering expertise to help develop a long term master plan for the town's roads.

There will be a Selectmen's warrant article presented at the March 1999 Town Meeting requesting funds to repair a half-mile section of East Washington Road, with the intention of continuing repairs in future years.

Zoning Ordinance Petition. Selectmen received a petition warrant article signed by 40 residents seeking to abolish Bradford's zoning ordinances. Selectmen will submit the petition to the NH Municipal Association and Town Counsel for review, and the Planning Board will hold a public hearing at 7:30pm on January 12 at Town Hall.

Budget matters. Selectmen received a letter from Town Counsel regarding accepting funds from unanticipated sources (such as money confiscated in a drug raid.) If the town receives such funds, it must hold a public hearing prior to spending them.

Milly Kittredge discussed the position of the cemetery sexton and said that the information the sexton brings to the position is unique and not similar to other positions in the town. She hoped the Selectmen would recognize the differences when categorizing the position during the budget process.

Marcia Keller, representing the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, presented the Selectmen with a budget for their milfoil work in 1999. The Association is asking the Town to provide \$2,500 to cover the cost of project management. The remainder of the \$12,700 budget will be funded by the State (70%) and the Lake Association. The Association requested that the Selectmen present the warrant article to the town in lieu of a petition article.

Selectmen voted to require all town departments to obtain approved purchase orders for expenditures over \$250. They also voted to centralize the purchasing of office supplies and maintenance staples through the Selectmen's Office to reduce costs.

Due to a 35% increase in the current health insurance program for town employ-

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BEHIND THE BOOKS

An update from the Brown Memorial Library Trustees

December was an exceptionally busy month for the library trustees. After interviewing three well-qualified area firms, the decision was made to hire Bruss Construction as the construction manager for the expansion project. Owned and operated by Bradford residents, Bruss Construction has a background of excellent references and an impressive portfolio of completed jobs in both the private and public sector.

In addition, trustees began a series of meetings with both the construction manager and the architect to plan the actual layout and construction details of the expanded library. The main focus of these meetings is to establish a guaranteed maximum price from the construction manager. The trustees are committed to keep the project at or below the budget and that will be a top priority as these meetings progress.

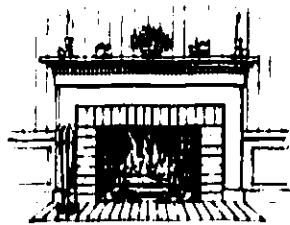
Capital campaign contributions continue to come in and a special fundraising letter for businesses has recently been mailed. It offers Bradford area businesses the opportunity to be individually recognized as contributors to the library expansion...a wonderful way to promote business and help the library at the same time. Work is also underway on grant proposals for the library expansion

and trustees are talking with several local firms about contributions to the project in goods and services.

An open house was held at the library on December 13 as part of Bradford's "Christmas in the Country" celebration. Decorations were hung and the handsome fireplace was lit, creating a cozy area for library trustees, friends and visitors to enjoy refreshments and genial conversation by the fire-side. It was a pleasant afternoon filled with positive comments about the upcoming library expansion.

This month's book quote:

"A library building with its contents is the center—not of any class or section—but of the entire community. The poorest family and the richest family have equal privileges there. Children and young people and old people have equal interest in the building and its contents. It serves the whole community as no other institution in our midst does." —Rev. Omar W. Folsom, 1916



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From the kitchen of Lesley Marquis

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1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
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1 ½ cups mashed potatoes
dash cinnamon
pastry for a double pie crust

Cook onion in butter in a large skillet until cooked but not brown. Add hamburger, ground pork, salt and pepper. Cook. Discard fat drippings. Add poultry seasoning, cloves, potatoes and cinnamon. Mix. Pour into a pastry lined deep-dish pie plate and cover with pastry. Bake at 450° for 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 350° and bake an additional 20 minutes or until crust is lightly browned.

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Legislative Report

By Representative
Barbara Conner French



Thank you very much to everyone who supported me and voted for me on Election Day in November. The upcoming legislative session that begins in January will involve some of the most serious and important challenges facing any Legislature in many years. I promise that I will work very hard to try to see that the views of my Bradford constituents are heard in the debate on education funding.

The issue of the way New Hampshire funds an adequate public education for its children continues to be the top priority facing the state's elected leaders. With so many new members elected to the Legislature this fall, the first major hurdle of preparing for the opening of the session in January has been to bring everyone up to speed on where we are today in the education funding debate, how we got here, and where we might go in trying to reach a fair and constitutional solution.

Last week, new and returning members had a valuable opportunity to hear how some of the key figures in state government are analyzing and interpreting the Claremont situation at an educational forum for legislators sponsored jointly by the House Republican and Democratic Leadership. We heard presentations from Attorney General Philip McLaughlin, Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration Stan Arnold, and State Treasurer Georgie Thomas. Hearing their perspectives was very instructive, and gave some insight into the remaining options for reforming education funding.

The Attorney General said that we can draw five major conclusions from the Supreme Court's ruling in the Claremont II case one year ago. First, that the present system of funding public education in New Hampshire must be discontinued—that is, relying

on local property taxes to provide more than 90 percent of the funds for public education is unfair and must be abolished. Second, that a new system of state funding for public education must be adopted and implemented. Third, that the new system of funding must provide for a constitutionally adequate public education and must assure comparable funding for every district. Fourth, that the Legislature must adopt a definition of educational adequacy and the legislative and executive branches must develop specific criteria for implementing an adequate education. And fifth, that these changes in the system of school funding must be adopted this legislative session and implemented before April 1, 1999.

The Attorney General said these are basically the ground rules under which the Legislature must operate in addressing the school funding problem, but that the Supreme Court did not dictate a favored solution. Instead, the Court has provided a real opportunity for the state to create a new, fairer system of public education that provides the best possible education to New Hampshire's children. Mr. McLaughlin also emphasized that the Court cautioned us that a constitutionally adequate public education is more than just reading and writing. It must involve the many diverse elements that make up a well-rounded education that helps prepare our children to take their place in the economy of the 21st century.

Commissioner of Revenue Stan Arnold then followed with a presentation on the current tax structure and the various options that have been suggested for replacing it. He said that there is nothing inherently evil about any tax. However, every tax system creates incentives and disincentives that affect economic activity. Ideally, the Legislature should carefully consider the various

proposals to change fiscal policy and the impact they have on economic activity, and whether they will raise the desired revenues with a minimum of unintended consequences.

Finally, State Treasurer Georgie Thomas told legislators that while the state remains on a relatively solid economic footing, failure to craft a plan for resolution of the education funding issue by April 1, 1999 will have strong negative implications for the state's bond rating. Communities will be severely impacted in their ability to borrow money, and some school districts have already begun to see some of the consequences as they attempt to issue bonds for school projects. The Treasurer did offer some hope in the short term, with a piece of proposed legislation that should ward off any major impacts on communities until summer, but the Legislature must act quickly.

An open-mike style forum for legislators to express their views and insights into the school funding issue followed these presentations. I was very impressed that for the most part, new and returning members have an appreciation for the magnitude of the challenge facing us, and are serious about trying to arrive at a fair and constitutional system of education funding. There were several presentations from members who have proposed bills aimed at satisfying the conditions established by the Supreme Court, Democrats and Republicans alike. There is also a bipartisan coalition of legislators that will be working together to find a solution, as well as many groups of concerned citizens who will be doing their best to make sure the Legislature does the job it was elected to do. As a result, we can be sure that a broad spectrum of views will be represented in this very important debate.

As always, I will be working on the many other issues that I have reported on to you in the past. Please feel free to call me and let me know what is on your mind, whether it is school funding or some other matter that you are concerned about.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The first session of the Annual Meeting to deliberate, inform and amend warrant articles for your Kearsarge Regional School District is Saturday, January 9, beginning at 9:00am at the High School. The second session of the Annual Meeting will be March 9 (second Tuesday) which will be held at the polls for voting on the warrant articles. The public hearing on the MBC Budget was held on December 10 with 19 people attending, 13 educators, five civilians and one reporter. The warrant articles as they stand now before the deliberative first session are as follows.

Fund 1 Budget. This is the basic budget for supplies, instruction, transportation, special education, etc. The School Board budget (\$16,504,423 with 2001 students, six schools) is up 3.37% due to increased student enrollment and a small amount of inflation. The MBC budget is up 2.14% basically by cutting funds for new staff and new computers as well as other items. These percentages do not include federal funds and grants which cost the district nothing. The MBC used their own projections for students for next year. There is no separate article for a teachers contract this year as negotiations are at impasse, so there is no increase.

Increases in Aides Salaries and Benefits. The increase is \$49,862, needed to maintain quality people for special education and other educational uses. We have had a high turnover in the last few years due to low wages and a full economy. The School Board and MBC agree on this number.

Increases in Bus Driver Salaries and Benefits. The increase is \$29,905 noting the same

problems as with the aides. The MBC does not agree with this figure.

Middle School Athletic Fields. This is for construction of new athletic fields on school property for middle school students. We have to rent field space now to accommodate all students; \$15,000 would be new monies and \$10,000 would come from the existing capital reserve fund. The MBC agrees with these numbers.

Comprehensive Facilities Study. Your District is growing, as are many state school districts, and we need to study long term enrollment and related building needs, and the impact of any future kindergarten and charter school programs. The MBC and School Board are seeking \$25,000 to fund the initial phase of this study.

Expendable Trust Fund for Special Education. Your School Board is seeking \$30,000 for a trust for emergency funding for out-of-district special education funding. These costs are often unpredictable (i.e. a new student moves into the district) yet mandated by federal law and come out of the district budget if needed. The MBC does not agree with this article.

Capital Reserve Fund. We are asking for \$10,000 to be added to the capital reserve fund for unplanned expenditures for reconstruction and additions to school buildings. The MBC agrees with this article.

Self Insurance Health Fund. The Board and MBC are asking for \$90,000 to replenish the health insurance fund as recommended by an independent auditor. Health cost overruns have caused the district to cut into their supply budget for two years.

Other. There is an article to sell the 2.1 acres of school district land from its old school back to the Town of Newbury for \$1 and another article to raise \$5,000 for the MBC for supplies (\$500) and stipends (\$500 per

person). There is also an article for the adoption of a Charter School that raises no money. The total increase for the warrant articles that are not part of the "Fund 1" budget is \$249,767 for the School Board budget and about \$60,000 less for the MBC budget.

The Problem. The problem is that if voters do not take the time and energy to become informed about the reasons for the increases, it becomes very easy to merely vote for the lower (or lowest) number without any concept of the consequences. There is not room to provide a complete picture here, so please attend the deliberative session or an information session, ask me questions or check out rumors (938-2722, lovmts@aol.com) or otherwise gather information so that you can make an informed decision.

KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten program was put on hold until next year as the district needed a legal opinion from the state on whether we could have a kindergarten program that was a mix of public schools and private subcontractors. Turns out we can.

WANTED: BRADFORD SCHOOL BOARD REP

The time commitment is for at least two Board meetings per month, with more for subcommittee work, but less in the summer. Pay is the princely sum of \$800 per annum. Work is at the policy level usually and very complicated, frustrating and rewarding. Input and participation are difficult to secure due to our busy lifestyles except when there is a problem, and there is usually a goodly supply of problems. But that has been the most rewarding part of my term, helping the school district respond to the needs of its clients. It has been my experience that people are very appreciative of the time I put into the job. The filing date for office is January 20 to 29; "angry conservatives" and "free spending liberals" need not apply. We need open minds, not rigid agendas.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

After the "Indian Summer" weather of the last two months, it looks as if that weather is over. We will have snow and cold weather, but remember that in only a scant two months, our maple syrup makers will be out tapping the trees.

Just before Christmas, my mailbox began to be filled with seed (and plant) catalogs. After the rush of Christmas, these volumes can fill the time. Check them for the old reliable varieties as well as the highlighted new productions of our hard working plant breeders. I have saved a few of the past catalogs from several companies and it is very interesting to note that many "standard" varieties such as Golden Bantam corn, Bonny Best tomato, Danvers carrot as well as many of the squash varieties have been dropped. These have been replaced by dozens of varieties of white, yellow and bicolor corn, the Valiant tomato and white pumpkins. The size of the catalogs reflects the prodigious varieties we now can choose from in accordance with our own particular taste. The same statement may be made for annual and perennial flowers as well as shrubs. Now is a good time to check the catalogs you receive to see how the seedsmen's stock satisfies your need.

Probably many of us have received plants as gifts. As time goes on many, especially the bulbs, will finish blooming and most of us hope we can keep them to plant out in the spring—especially the narcissus and crocus. Both types of bulbs will tend to keep green for a couple of months if watered and kept cool. Once the foliage browns there is no need to continue watering. Store the pots in a cool spot until the ground can be worked. Then they may be planted out. However, don't expect them to bloom after the next winter, as they need a couple of

years to store food in order to make buds.

Poinsettias will continue to grow throughout the winter, gradually losing the red leaves. Once the outside temperature is above freezing, the pots may be placed in a partially shaded spot, fertilized and watered until late summer. Then they should be brought into a more sunny location and pumpered. Quite frequently, they will form red leaves, thought to be flowers, and used another year. If you like to experiment, these plants will be of interest.

Enjoy the catalogs, make a list and get set to order what you need. Happy New Year.

Planning Board Notes

In December, the Planning Board held public hearings to accept and approve two applications. The first was a site plan submitted by Julia Friedline to conduct a fleecce hat manufacturing operation and retail shop at property on Greenhouse Lane. The site plan was accepted as complete and the application was approved allowing Crown Jewels Inc. to move forward.

The second application was presented by RCS Designs on behalf of Cersosimo Industries for a 5-lot subdivision on West Road located across the road from the Pearl Town Forest. One abutter inquired about setback requirements and was informed that any buildings must meet the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. Bob Stewart, Jr. stated that the owner plans to do some selective cutting on the property, but will leave a buffer strip around the entire property. Three of the lots will also have portions designated by deed as "green space open area" where any buildings, wells, or septic systems will be prohibited. Following public hearings to accept the application and review the plans submitted, the Board voted to approve the subdivision. Perry Teele noted that it was a very well prepared and presented plan.

As allowed by RSA 675:4, a petition was submitted to the Board of Selectmen asking voters if they wish to "repeal" the Bradford Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board will

hold a public hearing at 7:30pm on January 12, as required by the Statute, to allow the petitioners to present their position and other residents to offer comments. The petition, as submitted, will be placed on the March 1999 ballot along with a notation stating the Planning Board's approval or disapproval of the question. As provided in RSA 675:4.III: "Any petitioned question receiving an affirmative vote of a majority of the legal voters present and voting shall be adopted, except as provided in RSA 675:5."



Tatiana vonRecklinghausen tries on a hockey helmet while riding a bike.

Bradford Newbury Youth Sports

The first annual Used Sports Equipment Sale was a big success. BNYS profited over \$650—not bad for its first year! There was no shortage of equipment, from roller blades to skis, exercise bikes and clothing. There was only a shortage of buyers – what a deal was missed! BNYS wants to thank all those who participated on November 14.



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Resolved: I Can by Jack Rivers

"Before I leave, Dan, I'd like to see if I can do anything about that big rock in your parking lot. My plow keeps hitting it," I said, "It was really bad that last storm".

"What have you got to work with?" he asked.

"A steel-bladed shovel and a good-sized crowbar," I replied.

Dan was clearly unimpressed. He had taken a good look at the rock many times and was convinced it was ledge with only the top few inches showing. In the off season, gravel would wash away and expose even more of the stone. By now it was a real hazard to a plow when hidden under the snow. I was concerned about doing serious damage to the truck or plow when plowing his parking lot.

These last years when I hit it, there would be a horrendous loud CLANG and the truck would stop short. It was like hitting a hidden curbstone head on with the plow (not that I haven't done that before—we need radar).

When I looked at the rock I saw what he meant. We'd never move it. But just to have something to do while talking and to get an

idea of the immensity of it, we poked around with the shovel and crowbar exposing more and more of the beast. There was a lot of ledge rock in the neighborhood and this had to be one good-sized chunk of it.

I thought that the best bet would be to pile up gravel around it so that at the next snowstorm the plow could ride over it. We were both convinced we were wasting our time even thinking about digging it up.

"Did you see that?" Dan exclaimed suddenly, "It moved!"

I had just pried a little underneath an edge with the shovel where Dan had displaced a smaller stone. Fifteen minutes later we had removed that huge rock and two other smaller "boulders" from the parking lot and carted them away in Dan's wheelbarrow. Each had appeared to us at first to be bottomless mines of ledge rock. They turned out to be just a few over sized garden-variety rocks playing tricks on us.

Why had I been slamming up against that rock now for years? As long as Dan and I were sure we couldn't move it, we couldn't. Has something like this ever happened to you? Probably it has. That's why they say, "You can if you think you can" and why "The Little Engine that Could" is such a popular children's book.

Come to think of it, my life is full of immovable ledge rocks. For instance, I can't sing in tune any more, or dance the Macarena, and if I ever went away for a week, everything back home would surely fall into a black hole. It's just possible those

rocks are not as impossible to move as they seem.

What might this mean for New Year's resolutions? We all know they never work—just as Dan and I knew we'd never move that rock with a crowbar and a shovel.

What if we all made New Year's resolutions this time and refused to believe they wouldn't work? What if we just did them, especially the impossible ones? That rock was a mountain as long as I thought it was—and it was sure fun moving it!

Alternative health workshop: Sandtray—Worldplay

On Wednesday, January 6, the Alternative Health and Personal Growth Workshop presents the topic "Sandtray—Worldplay," which involves building worlds using miniature objects in a large sand tray. Explore the possibilities this medium provides to solve problems and find our common connections.

Barbara Meyers, LICSW, presents the essence of this technique while giving participants the opportunity to experience the power of this technique by choosing objects of personal significance and building a group sandtray world.

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Women in Waiting in the Westward Movement

The authors of *Women in Waiting in the Westward Movement: Life on the Home Frontier*, Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith presented their book recently in Henniker. The authors explained how they were intrigued by the history of Montana. They researched to find letters from both husband and wife to balance the story. It was more difficult to locate letters from the wives (what would you expect when the man was up in Colorado and had nothing else with which to start a fire?). They are aware the stories they found are only of the literate, or those who chose to write, and they were fortunate to find descendants who could fill in details.

A woman's place in the home seldom prepared her for abandonment, divorce, widowhood, war and the financial problems of the man's world. The Goldrush years were unique because these wives left behind on the home front were neither widows nor spinsters, but in a limbo of uncertainty. From the 1840s until after the Civil War, men packed up and left, leaving wives and children and sometimes many debts behind. One husband sent word from the stage depot that he was on his way west.

The mails were unreliable, the husbands wandered. Sometimes several copies of the same letter were sent to various locations, hoping it would catch up to a husband somewhere. This may have taken months. Waiting women worried about their husband's wellbeing on the trip from New York to Panama, which involved a hike through jungle or a river trip to catch a ship on the West Coast. Overland trips were beset with hostile natives and highwaymen.

It was a travel mania. Not all husbands left to work the gold fields; some were merchants, carpenters, mill builders and some wanted gold. They all wanted adventure and some left to get away from unpleasant situations.

A few husbands were successful. Some wanted money sent from home. There were complaints about the hard life in the west.

This sentiment was unappreciated by wives at home dealing with sick children and hectic households, with the added burden of poor harvests, debts, rent, creditors or other turmoil the husband may have left behind. No wonder letters were filled with loneliness and depression.

Equally frustrating were the "just around the corner" attitudes of the men who felt another month would bring riches, despite pleas to come home. There was the "I'm doing this for your own good" justification, as their wives dealt with the depression of the 1850s and tried to hold on to their homes. Much advice they received was unscrupulous or poor, and the more enterprising found it better to rely on their own judgement.

These waiting women, without whom the westering men would have lost everything they had left behind, gained their independence temporarily. Apparently everything was given over again to the husband when the families reunited.

One of the more independent was Abiah Warren Hiller, born in Jaffrey, New Hampshire in 1805. Already moved to upper New York with her parents, to Virginia with her husband and back to New York when he set out for the gold fields, she taught, rebuilt her burned home, tended her husband's financial affairs, raised two children, sold butter and milk. After four years her husband returned home, ill but with some gold. He was one of the few not to return west.

Almira and Daniel Stearns were from New Hampshire, and Daniel left as a merchant. After three years, he came back for his family and they settled in Oregon territory. The finances of the hotel they had bought, the ranch they rented and the ups and downs of the 1850 depression kept Almira busy trying to make the right financial decisions. She was unable to communicate with Daniel as he traveled with his wares.

In 1857, Sarah Yesler joined her husband in Seattle after his six-year absence. She had come alone, leaving their son in Cleveland believing the trip too hazardous for him. He became fatally ill within days of her arrival on the West Coast. The Yeslers became an

important part of the building of the city of Seattle, their fortunes rising and falling with the city's.

—Milly Kittredge

BEOC Update

The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee is planning a public review of the Bradford Green project prior to the March Town Meeting. A discussion of potential features and a "strawman" multi-year development schedule will serve as the main topics. Solicitation of features and priorities preferences from Town residents will help to shape the project. In addition to providing Bradford with a truly unique attraction within the surrounding area, this is a project that conceivably would involve all organizations in Bradford to bring out its potential.

In other business, the BEOC is continuing its research into the Water and Sewer project. Currently, efforts are underway to consider a cellular approach that would permit gradual implementation without the major funding required of a complete system.

The Business Park concept is also being researched to identify precise boundary lines, titles and site composition. Sources of feasibility study funds are also being examined.

The BEOC discussed the appropriateness of submitting a warrant article for the Town Meeting to address the formation of a Comprehensive Planning Committee, as described in the Bradford Master Plan. Further discussion on this topic will be held at the next BEOC meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 14.

Additional volunteers are sought to participate in the various projects in planning. Please join us. The only criteria for membership are an open mind and a willingness to participate.



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Tracy and Bob Foor

by Audrey V. Sylvester

On September 9, 1998, former U. S. Navy Mustang Lieutenant Commander, Bob Foor, and his wife, former Chief Yeoman, Tracy Foor, became proprietors and innkeepers of Mountain Lake Inn (built as an inn in 1764 by Isaac Davis).

Bob joined the Navy to learn electronics and see the world. In 23 years, he traveled frequently through the Panama and Suez Canals, Europe, around Africa, going as far east as Karachi and as far west as Hawaii. He excelled at electronics. When he left the service, he was teaching commanding officers and department heads who run admirals command centers the latest in communications—satellite and video conferencing, computer systems, data exchange, and electronic warfare. An enlisted man, Bob was selected as an officer (the Mustang qualifier in his rank).

During Desert Shield/Desert Storm, it was Chief Yeoman Tracy Foor who went to war. Mr. Mom Bob stayed home with the three children: Stephanie, Robbie, and Craig. Tracy was the Administrative Assistant to the ship's captain. In day care at the time, Stephanie had a chance to correct assumptions about women's roles in the military. A concerned teacher asked the children if they had family in the war. When Stephanie said, "Yes," the teacher continued, "Where is your Daddy? In Arabia?" Stephanie quickly corrected, "No, he's home. My Mommy's at war, not my Daddy."

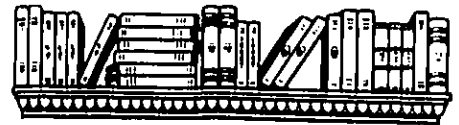
Bob and Tracy planned to meet after they were separated. If either pulled into Spain or England, the other was obliged to visit.

When Bob went to England, Tracy (with Bed & Breakfast guide in hand) came for a 10-day visit.

They toured the countryside, sampling breakfasts and accommodations. Tracy came away with the idea that she might start a bed and breakfast when she retired. Bob wasn't so sure. He had hoped to run his father's 150-acre Michigan farm.

While on a Fall Foliage tour, Bob discovered New Hampshire and potential customers: the leaf peepers. He knew skiers and summer folk would come, but leaf peepers would be a bonus. Three dozen B & B's later, the realtor asked, "Tell me what you must have in a place." Their list included an old house, room to raise a family, streams, lake access and land. Mountain Lake Inn with 160 acres and access to Lake Massasecum had it all. As they redecorate and repair, they will keep a comfortable, homey atmosphere, where children are always welcome. Guests can enjoy recreation from the dooryard.

Although they have no innkeeping experience, Bob and Tracy know what it takes to make the customer happy. After all, they served dignitaries and senior officers for years. Innkeeping is a different service. The Foor's love Bradford. They are happy with the close-knit, personal feeling of a small town. Does the Inn have a web-site and e-mail? Do birds have wings? Find them at www.mountainlakeinn.amtg.com; send e-mail to rfoor@conknet.com



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Nicholas Sparks
Warner Books
New York, 1998

While jogging along a Cape Cod beach with her friend and co-worker, Theresa Orsborne comes across a bottle in a sandy beach crevice. The bottle contains a note wrapped with yarn. Staring at the bottle, Theresa, a divorced mother of a twelve-year-old boy, recalls a time when she and a playmate tossed a letter in a bottle into the sea. That memory prompts her to tug at the cork until the message falls out onto the sand.

The note is addressed to a Catherine. The message mentions a place called Wrightsville Beach and is full of love. The note is signed "Garrett".

Theresa becomes embarrassed when her friend, Deanna notices the tears in her eyes. Theresa offers Deanna the note and she also sheds a few tears. Both women work for a Boston newspaper. Theresa writes a column called *Modern Parenting*.

Hoping to find out more about the message, Theresa mentions it in her next column. A woman from another state responds. Three years earlier she, too, found a similar message in a bottle. Upon further investigation, Theresa finds that Wrightsville Beach is in North Carolina.

While Theresa's son, Kevin, is away, and with the encouragement of Deanna, Theresa flies to North Carolina to visit Wrightsville Beach and to satisfy her curiosity about the message. There she meets Garrett Blake. They become friends and eventually lovers. The story shimmers with suspense and the ending is both happy and sad, but satisfying.

Message in a Bottle is available at the Brown Memorial Library.

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Then and Now by Milly Kittredge



This photo shows Bradford's main business section in 1905. Imagine—the business buildings were on the north side of Main Street until the 1918 fire. The main road was Main Street and the railroad went up what is now Route 103 behind the Fiske House, the Baptist Church and up the Fitness Trail.



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ees, Selectmen have been reviewing alternatives. They voted on December 21 to switch to a Healthsource plan that will save the town approximately \$10,000 over continuing with the current plan. The new plan also offers lower copayment and prescription costs to employees.

Other Business. Selectmen received a request from a resident seeking permission to cross posted Town property on a snowmobile to access local trails. Citing concerns about liability and precedent, they agreed to review the matter and respond at a future date.

Selectmen received a letter from a resident asking them to investigate a property with a number of unregistered vehicles. A copy of the letter was sent to the Code Enforcement Officer.

—Lyn Betz

Notice of BCC Annual Meeting

The Bradford Community Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, January 23 at 10:00am in the Town Hall. The BCC will receive reports of the officers and directors, elect officers for 1999 and accomplish any other business that may properly come before the annual meeting.

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Many thanks for you support during 1998. Our best wishes in 1999.



January Calendar



MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Bradford Cemetery Commission, 9:00am, call for information 938-5386
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

First Wednesday Presentation, "Sandtray-Worldplay", The Gathering Place, 7:00pm-9:00pm, \$5 donation
Brown Memorial Library Public Hearing, BML, 7:00pm followed by Trustees Meeting at 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Annual School District Meeting, KRHS, 9:00am

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Planning Board Public Hearing on Zoning, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for information

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Senior Rally, Ann Hallahan Real Estate, 1:00pm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

BWC, "Chinese Luncheon and Auction", Church Vestry, 11:30am
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Brown Memorial Library Trustees Meeting, BML, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Bradford Community Corporation Annual Meeting, Town Hall, 10:00am

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Early Release Day, KRSD
KRSD School Board Meeting, KRES at Bradford, 7:00pm

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

Bradford Bridge February deadlines

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

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

Filing period for declaration of candidacy ends January 29

Thirteen town offices are to be filled by election at Town Meeting in March. Anyone interested in running for office must file a declaration of candidacy with the Town Clerk.

The following offices are open for candidacy in the March election:

Selectman, for three years (1) \$1.00 fee
Trustee of the Trust Funds, for three years (1)
Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library, for three years (3)
Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library, for two years (1)
Scholarship Committee, for three years (1)
Budget Committee, for three years (2)
Planning Board, for three years (2)
Zoning Board of Adjustment, for three years (1)
Cemetery Commission, for three years (1)

The dates to file for these offices are as follows:

Friday, January 22, 8:00am-noon
Monday, January 25, 2:00-7:00pm
Tuesday, January 26, 8:00am-5:00pm
Friday, January 29, 8:00am-noon, 3:00-5:00pm

Classifieds

FOR SALE. Tubbs Aurora snow shoes for person weighing 120-180 pounds, 1 year old. Paid \$153, asking \$130. 938-5266

FOR SALE. Burton Sno-board boots, Size 5 1/2-6 youth. Like new, \$50. 938-2722

NEEDED. Used car, must be able to pass inspection. 938-5182

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

Help Wanted

The Bradford Bridge depends on volunteers for submissions and production. If you would be interested in helping, we can put you to work!

Ad reps, proofreaders, photographers and reporters willing to attend meetings especially needed.

Call 938-5020 for more information.