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Bradford Resident Honored Guest of Japanese Government

Bradford resident, Kathleen Bigford is traveling in the Tokyo Prefecture of Japan as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program. Mrs. Bigford, a teacher at

and students. Her itinerary included stops at cultural sites and local industries in addition to an overnight stay with a Japanese family.



The JFMF Teacher Program is funded by the Government of Japan as part of the "People-to-People Exchange" initiatives. Established in 1996, the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Program, which has provided scholarships for 6,800 Japanese nationals to study in the US.

Japanese Fulbright awardees have made great contributions to Japanese society. The activities of JFMF are a symbol

of the Japanese Government's thanks to Americans and an expression of Japan's continued commitment to better understanding and friendship between our two nations.

The JFMF Teacher Program is an educational and professional development program. It is intended to provide participants with an overview of Japan's education system, culture and people through a 3-week immersion program. Hence, it is a very focused and intensive educational experience.

While in Japan Mrs. Bigford worked on a curriculum to complement a 6th grade study in economics and also explored opportunities for students to exchange information about their lives and cultures.

—*Christopher Powers, III
& Kathleen Bigford*

Bradford Art Group Features Ann Austin Water Colors



The Bradford Art Group announces the opening of a new exhibition, "At Ninety: Watercolor Paintings by Ann Austin," at Brown Memorial Library beginning January 9 through March 4, 2006. An open-to-the-public birthday

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Bradford Resident Invented Microwave

Do you know that the inventor of the microwave lived in Bradford? From 1943 through 1960 Percy Spencer, vice president of Raytheon in Waltham, Mas-

sachusetts, owned the house at the corner of Center and Jones Road. As he told the story, during World War Two Mr. Spencer was working on high frequency electronic equipment and was measuring a square copper pipe when he put his hand in his pocket for a candy bar and found it liquefied. Quick to realize what was happening, he sent out for popping corn. When he placed it near the copper wave-guide the corn exploded, as did an egg. Thus was the radar range — today called the microwave oven — invented.



Percy LeBaron Spencer
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From 1983 through 2001, Deborah and Bernie Lamach, who owned the R. L. Dodge Store, owned the house. Since 2001 they have lived in Florida.

Charles H. Morse, who had a cider mill on the property, built the house in the early 1890s. Remnants of a large dam and sluiceway are still visible. His nephew Bud remembered that, "Uncle Charles' hard cider was the best to be found in these parts."

—Ruth-Ann Harris

Bradford Historical Society

History can wait. The Bradford History Society calendar will appear in July 2006 not six months late, but six months early. We found that history could wait, and we will now be on an annual cycle with a July 4 release.

The calendar will feature Bradford people who made the town interesting in years gone by. Anyone with ideas for the 2008 edition should contact Ruth-Ann Harris 617-522-4361; weekends and summer, 603-938-2660 or e-mail harrisrd@bc.edu.

—Ruth-Ann Harris

The Bradford Women's Club

I hope everyone had a great New Year's Eve. With the beginning of this new year I hope to see our members enjoy all the great programs that we have lined up.

We are starting off with a Chinese Buffet & Bingo on January 17th at 11 a.m. This will be held at the First Baptist Church. Lunch will be provided by the Women's Club as a thank you to our members for all their hard work at fair time.

Bingo cards will be free of charge and small prizes will be awarded. See you there!

Our next board meeting is on January 10th, 9:30 a.m. downstairs at the BACC.



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Guild Hill Given Permanent Protection

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The lakeshore is now thickly settled with houses and summer camps, but most of this prominent landmark will be forever wooded thanks to the wishes and design of the extensive Nelson family, owners of this landscape since 1934.

Working with the Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust, and over the span of several years, all members of the clan were polled on their vision for the holdings held in family trust. A surveyor was brought in to map the 88-acre parcel that they all agreed should be conserved.

The land is still owned by the Nelson family, property taxes are still paid. The conservation easement however is permanently grafted to the deed and will follow the land whether it is sold, willed, or given. Thanks to the foresight of this fifth and sixth generation of Nelsons, much



Photo by B. Duffy

of Guild Hill will never be clearcut, nor will it sport cell towers or the switchback driveways of trophy houses. Protection of the watershed to the lake by this easement is an additional important benefit. The land trust will monitor the terms of the agreement and see that they are adhered to over time.

If you have property with features that are special to the community or the natural resources of the area, and would

like further information, please contact Beth McGuinn of the Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust at 526-6555, Ann Eldridge of the Bradford Conservation Commission at 938-5266, or Miranda Levin of the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc at 938-6095.

—Conservation Commission

Amended Subdivision Regulations

A Planning Board Subcommittee has been working on an amended version of the subdivision regulations for the past few months. The goal is to prepare updated regulations that are both easier to follow and better suited to the more complex applications that have been submitted to the Board. A Public Hearing will be held in January to obtain comments prior to approval of this document by the Planning Board.

Copies of the Regulations will be available at the Town Hall. Watch for the posted notice of the Public Hearing date.

—Bradford Planning Board

Sunapee Community CoffeeHouse

The Sunapee Community CoffeeHouse will continue through the winter to provide the community with great local, regional and national talent, both professional and amateur.



The steering committee thanks Paul and Holly Wood for their past and present continued support and hosting of the Sunapee Community CoffeeHouse at their restaurant, Woody's, in Sunapee Harbor.

As always, our Open Mic will be held on the last Friday of the month. This month that's Friday January 27th at 7 p.m. Expect a jam, so bring your drum, guitar

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As we leave the Joyous Season of Christmas and the New Year everyone will feel the effects of post holiday stress. This may very well add to the incidents of domestic violence. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44. According to one study, family violence may cost the country as much as \$5 to \$10 billion each year in health care and associated costs.

While you may have heard some of the above facts, did you know what effects domestic violence has on our children? 70% of the men who abuse their female partners also abuse their children. Boys who witness family violence are more likely to batter their female partners as adults than boys raised in nonviolent homes. Girls who witness their mother's abuse have a higher rate of being battered as adults.

While we learn more each year of the effects and dynamics of domestic violence, we are constantly being challenged to find ways to break the circle of violence.

One more area of concern is the large number of baby boomers who are now coming to the golden age of retire-

ment. This generation of Americans was raised to believe that what happens in the home stays in the home—that to seek help from abuse is somehow an admission of failure. These people are at such great risk. Consider that the victims are older and injuries to their systems are far more dangerous to their health. Now add abusers who may be suffering from the onset of Alzheimers Disease or Senile Dementia and their abuse is without any conscious consideration or limitations.

I am including some contact information should you or someone you know be a victim of domestic violence.

For information or help within New Hampshire call 1-800-852-3388, outside New Hampshire call 603-225-9000.

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; PO Box 353; Concord, NH 03302; 603-224-8893

As a reminder we are establishing a list of contacts to check on during stressful times.

From all the members of the Bradford Police Department we wish everyone the best in 2006.

—Jim Valiquet, Chief of Police

Ann Austin

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January 14 from 2 - 4 pm in the library.

Warner resident, Ann Austin, will display a selection of recent watercolor paintings—an exhibition that coincides with her 90th birthday. In a nutshell commentary, Jackye Pehrson of Bradford (Ann Austin's daughter) gave her mother's 90-year artistic history. Pehrson said, "When my mother was a young woman, she attended The School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. When she married and had children, she found she had no time to continue her art and stopped painting. Thirty-five years later, after losing her home and her husband

in a fire, she resumed painting as a source of peace." Austin re-entered the world of watercolor painting by taking a concentrated 3-year course. Ann Austin has exhibited her work at the Federation of Womens' Clubs in Washington, DC, and has won four "First Prizes" in the Federation's New Hampshire exhibitions.

A "Meet the Artist" 90th Birthday reception will be held on Saturday, January 14 from 2 - 4 pm in the handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library. The library is open: Mon. 10 am - 8 pm; Wed. 10 am - 7 pm; Sat. 10 am - 3 pm. All Welcome. Refreshments served. For

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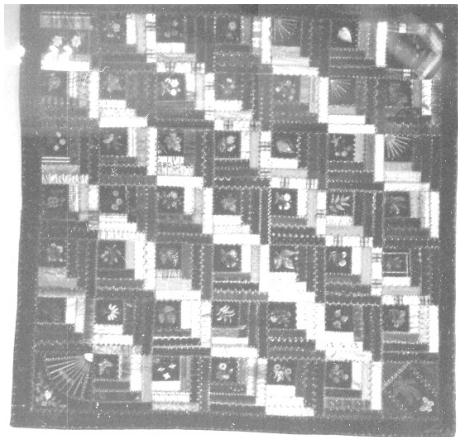
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Historical Society Features Bradford Woman's Quilt

The NH Historical Society (NHHS) in Concord has a museum gift shop. Among its new items this year is a ceramic tile and canvas bag, both having a colorful copy of a quilt made by Emily Hadley of Bradford. Quoting the NHHS, "the nearly three-dimensional embroidery that decorates each quilt block attests to her great creativity and skill."

Emily Jacobs Gillingham Pierce Hadley lived from 1817 to 1906. Her first husband, Madison Gillingham drowned saving a young family member from drowning. Her last husband, blacksmith Thomas Hadley, was a founding member of the Christian Church of Bradford in 1829.

There were seamstresses, both in and out of town, who sometimes lived with the family they were working for. They lived this way until all family members were outfitted. Some had shops in their



homes. There were millineries along Main Street, some with a living room window for displays. Hats were in fashion and styles changed frequently. Newspapers from the early 1900s had frequent ads for the latest styles available.

—Milly Kittredge

Share What You Know...Mentor a Child

January is National Mentoring Month!

To be a mentor, you don't need any special skills—just an ability to care, listen, offer encouragement, and share fun activities with a child. And you'll be amazed by how much you'll get out of the experience.

Volunteers can be school-based (meet with a child at a local elementary school) or community-based (take a child out in the community to do things like walking, going to the library, visiting new

places). Adults of all ages are welcome. Program serves children ages 6 through 17. Training and match support provided.

So, share what you know. Become a mentor.

For more information contact: Terry at The Friends Program Kearsarge & Newport Area Office, 167 Summer Street, Newport, NH 03773, 603-863-5200.

Public Hearing on House Numbering

The Selectmen and the Fire Department will hold a public hearing regarding a new house numbering ordinance. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall after the opening of the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend.

—Cheryl Behr

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SRK Greenway January Hikes

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's winter hike schedule includes choices ranging from easy to difficult. For the full winter schedule and other SRK information go to www.srkg.com. The schedule includes a monthly hike with the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway (MSG). For MSG hike details, see www.msgtc.org.

For regular SRK hikes, please call the hike leader at least the night before to learn starting location and time. Snowshoes are the presumed mode of transport, but anything can happen here in New Hampshire.

Jan 6 and every Friday: For ambitious hikers, Dan Allen and Natalie Davis (763-5320) are offering a Winter Walkabout of all 14 SRK Greenway segments, but hikers can opt in or out any week. All hikes on Fridays. Please call a couple of days ahead.

- January 21 (Sat), Andy Hager (526-2846): In New London, a 6.5 mile loop hike to Devils Half Acre and Morgan Hill. Trails followed will be Great Brook, Old Poor Farm, Perley Road, Kidder Trail and the new Durah Crocket Trail.
- January 22 (Sun), Gerry Gold (938-6132): Winter Wander #1: a 3-4 hour gentle snowshoe exploration of a frozen lowland in Newbury or Sutton.
- January 28 (Sat), Frank Shlauer (see www.msgtc.org): in Stoddard, NH. 6.2 miles on the Trout & Bacon Trail.



Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores. The SRK Greenway Coalition, incorporated in 1993, is a ten-town all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond.

—Gerry Gold

Bradford Elementary School Promotes Community Involvement

Please save your Campbell's soup labels and box tops for education off specially marked grocery items. Your efforts directly benefit your local school and its children.

Area drop off spots are located at KRES, The Bradford and Newbury public libraries, The Bradford and Newbury Post Offices, The First Baptist Church and The Bradford Community Center.

Thank you in advance for supporting the area children and their school.

—by Susan Montminy

Rosewood Voted Most Romantic Hideaway Again



For the fifth consecutive year, Bradford's own Rosewood Country Inn, on Pleasant View Road, was voted a "Most Romantic Hideaway" by readers of Arrington's Bed and Breakfast Journal's 2006 Best B&Bs Inn's issue. Readers considered almost 1,000 inns across the country for the 2006 award. Last year the Rosewood was voted #1 as "best place to return to again and again."

According to Arrington's managing editor, Stephanie Smith, "This is a major honor since the inns that were selected represent the top three percent of country inns and bed and breakfasts in the United States."

The Rosewood Country Inn occupies 12 hilltop acres in Bradford in the Dartmouth/Lake Sunapee Region of New Hampshire, about 90 minutes from Boston. Built around 1850, the Rosewood offers 11 guest suites and was recognized for its sunlit porches, inviting common rooms, fireplaces, and whirlpool tubs. With its early Victorian style in a historic rural setting, the Rosewood offers visitors an atmosphere of warmth and relaxation.

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—Jayme H. Simoes

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Selectmen's Activity Report – November–December 05

In the aftermath of the October floods, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided the town with software to file for reimbursement of some of the expenses the town incurred during the flood event. The Road Agent, Fire Department and Police Department are working with the Selectmen's Office to recover some of our costs.

The State Department of Transportation has authorized the town to proceed with a design on the West Meadow Road bridge while awaiting FEMA's review. We hope to qualify for 75% coverage on the replacement of the bridge through FEMA and 80% of the remaining costs through the state municipal managed bridge program. Replacement is hoped to begin next summer. The State Department of Transportation is promoting these repairs and replacements by encouraging the towns to act promptly on the design issues that need to be resolved before work can begin.

Tax bills have been sent out and the office is receiving calls with questions and possible errors. The town's current state equalization rate (the rate of sales to assessments) stands at 100%. This means the revaluation was accurate and that houses are indeed selling for the same amount as the tax cards record. However, this does not mean that there are no errors on the tax cards and we urge you to review your tax assessments for accuracy.

We encourage you to call us if you

have any questions on your bill. While we can not change your bill, we can at least make sure you understand the process to make a correction and provide you with the necessary forms to file for abatement. The abatement requests must be received back at this office by March 1st to be considered for the 2005 taxes. We are happy to provide you with copies of your tax card.

The Budget committee has begun its review of the 2006 budget requests. The Selectmen met in extra meetings on November 25th and November 29th to work on salary requests and individual department budgets. The budget committee met on November 15th, and will meet every two weeks until the budget is finalized on February 7th, 2006. The public hearing on the budget will be February 14th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Anyone interested in presenting a warrant article by petition for the March meeting must have it submitted to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector with 25 signatures from Bradford registered voters by 5:00 p.m. on February 7th, 2006. This date is set by State law and cannot be extended if errors are found in the wording of the warrant article. Please submit your requests early so they make be checked for accuracy prior to the deadline.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the Transfer Station Manager and Attendant for another successful recycling year. The town has received over \$13,900 from materials recycled through

NRRA and \$6,400 from revenue collected at the transfer station for demolition. Your cooperation with recycling has repaid the town over \$13,900 through November 2005. Good Job!!!!

The Needs Assessment Committee has continued to meet. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the proposal to ask the town to purchase the Brunnhoelzl (Valley Transportation) property, and relocate Highway, Police and the Town Offices to that site. The Committee has also identified space for future Parks and Recreation use. Peter Tennant, of Tennant and Wallace Architects, is working with the committee to prepare conceptual drawings and costs. The Committee is preparing information packets to distribute at the Library and other town locations to prepare for the bond hearings in January. We hope to be able to answer your questions with this material, and if you have questions, please call either the Selectmen's office or one of the committee members.

The cost to purchase the property is \$905,000 with projected renovation costs adding another \$1,400,000 for a total bond of \$2.4 million dollars. A bond hearing will be held early in January and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The article will appear on the town warrant before the operating budget at the 2006 town meeting. It will be the first item voted at the Wednesday night meeting. The estimate is that the bond will add \$1.00 to the tax rate.

The Road Committee met on December 7th to discuss road repair projects for 2006. The Road Committee has decided to place two warrant articles before the town. One for paving Center Road between the two ends of Cheney Hill Road and a second for guardrails on Center Road.

The Christmas Holiday and our year end accounting will close the Selectmen's office to the public for the week of December 26th through January 2nd. The Offices will reopen for business on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006.

Filing for elected positions voted in March will begin the end of January 2006. Please consider running for one

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Planning Board Notes

The past month has been a relatively quiet one for the usually busy Planning Board. A power outage on Main Street resulted in cancellation of the November 22nd Work Session. This has delayed completion of the Master Plan document until early in 2006.

The Regular Session on December 13th was chaired by Philip LaMoreaux, Vice-Chair of the Board, when Bob Foor stepped down temporarily. The following items were addressed:

Old England Estates – The Board voted not to accept this application because requested information has not been provided for the proposed 40 lot subdivision on Breezy Hill Road. Several abutters have attended the past few meetings in expectation of the Public Hearing, which can not be held until all the required material has been provided. The applicant was notified that a new application must be submitted to restart the review process.

Maple View Subdivision – Owner Mark Brunell provided a draft of the Homeowners Agreement to be reviewed by Town Counsel and informed the Board that the name of the subdivision will be Ledgewood Pines. The hearing for the 24 lot “over 55” subdivision on Old Warner Road was continued until January 10th pending receipt of comments from both the Fire Department and Provan & Lorber.

DP Times Two – Daniel Pettiglio said there was no new information at this time and requested a continuation of the Site Plan Review for the fitness center on Route 103. The Hearing will continue on January 10th 2006.

Laurendeau Subdivision – No new information was presented for this 2 lot subdivision on Rowe Mountain Road and this, too, was continued until January 10th.

Tardif Voluntary Merger – The Board

voted to send a letter to Attorney David Tardif informing him that if the two lots are merged the new lot would be considered non-buildable. No action will be taken pending attorney Tardif’s request to continue with the merger.

Conceptual Consultation – Chip Hasey presented a proposed five lot subdivision for 38 acres of land on West and East Washington Roads. The Board advised him of the frontage to depth restrictions for the new lots. Hasey will continue to develop the plan and return to the Board at a later time.

Budget – With the increase in number and complexity of the applications submitted, the Board is requesting funds to cover additional hours both for the Board Secretary and for the Circuit Rider.

—Marcia Keller, Planning Board

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of the many openings on the ballot. Our town relies heavily on its volunteers and much of Bradford’s special character comes from the involvement of its citizens. Planning, Zoning, Budget Committee, Scholarship Committee, and others will be posted during the last week in January. You simply need to come into the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s office and sign up.

—Cheryl Bebr, Town Administrator



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Please come to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter program "Birding the Sky Islands in Arizona" on Friday, January 13, 7:30 p.m. at Tracy Memorial Library, Main Street, New London. Speaker Ted Keene, local birding enthusiast who travels to birding hot spots in the United States, will show slides on the amazing variety of birds in the canyons of south-eastern Arizona.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Ruth White at 763-4893.

On Sunday, January 15, Robin Gray will lead the annual birding trip to the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island, Newburyport, Mass., to observe over wintering shore and water birds. Participants should meet Robin at the Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89 at 8:00 a.m. Please bring lunch, beverage, binoculars and a scope if you have one. PLEASE DRESS WARMLY. For details call Robin at 927-4127.

—Submitted by Myra La Pierre



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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

We would like to thank Santa for coming to the library! Over 80 people came to see him. Thanks also to the Bradford Women's Club for sponsoring Santa's visit and the Tree Lighting. Photographs taken with Santa are at the library. Please drop by and pick them up.

The library staff and so many patrons enjoyed the exquisite quilts that were on display for the month of December. Charlene Harris is one talented lady! Thank you, Charlene.

Our next book-to-movie discussion will be on Jane Austen's *Persuasion* on Friday, January 6 at 7:00pm. I hope you can join us. Refreshments will be served.

New books added to your library in December:

FOR ADULTS:

S is for Silence by Sue Grafton

The Lighthouse by P.D. James

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KRSD News: Democracy In Action = Democracy Inaction

One of the great things about small town New Hampshire is that the right of citizens to have a voice is a basic pillar of how we self-govern. Open government and involvement are hallmarks of our citizen-based town and school meetings. But this broad inclusion policy also has pitfalls, meaning that citizens or minority groups of citizens have the right to be heard and to offer their own ideas to the voters and advocate for what they believe in. But our system offers more than just the opportunity to be heard, it also offers ways for citizens to bypass the decisions of local officials if they wish to challenge them. That is also a right. While an important check and balance, the result can sometimes be that by being careful to be completely inclusive, the wheels of progress grind to a halt and projects that need to get moving are all held up while democracy takes its time. The equilibrium between fairness and balance must be found. This is the continuing saga of trying to build a regional middle school for the Kearsarge district.

There is no question that we need a new middle school. Even the most frugal among us understand that continuing to pour money into the worn out and cramped structure in New London is akin to flushing money down the toilet.

So for years, studies have been done, meetings held, votes cast and designs created for a centrally located school in Sutton. The groundwork and effort by many, including Bradford's own Joe Conway, has been tremendous and for two years we have only needed just a few more votes to get it passed.

Now a group from the New London area called KARMA (you may have seen their ads in the Shopper) feels strongly that the new middle school should be built in New London. They have packed our meetings and have been vocal. Since the School Board and many other citizens of the district disagree and have never wavered from the Sutton choice, KARMA collected enough signatures to have a warrant article for a new New London School placed on the ballot. With two choices, the School Board understood that the chance of either proposal garnering 60% was laughable. We and KARMA both knew it would be another year of wrangling, of costs increasing, of wasted money on repairs for the current middle school, and most importantly one more year that kids would be in an unhealthy and substandard environment. So although KARMA is well within its rights under the democracy in which we live, their proposal would most likely lead to inaction.

In a pragmatic compromise here's the solution agreed to by KARMA and the Board. You, the voters will be faced with two questions—you may not like this, but we felt it was the best we could do to get things moving. One question deals only with the money needed for a new school with no mention of location. The second question is a choice: should a new school be built in New London or Sutton? In this way it is hoped that 60% of the voters will agree we need a new school and pass the bond. The location will then be decided by a simple

majority.

You will be bombarded with information from a variety of groups about which site is best. I've already been bombarded with it and if you want to

take a short cut to the right answer here it is, using what I call the Uncle Bob test:

I have an Uncle Bob who lives in California. Born in China as the son of medical missionaries, he is now a retired teacher. He's thoughtful and reasonable. If I sat down with him and offered up a list of all the pros and cons of each site, he would

pick Sutton. So would any other reasonable person not entrenched in the politics. Why? Here are a few reasons. The New London site is too small for the necessary growth of the district—look at how our towns are growing! New London also requires the filling of wetlands and the violation of the height ordinance. Inside, we get students stacked on top of each other on three floors. Outside, there is not room for all the athletic fields needed and parking becomes an issue as does traffic. During construction, there will be no parking at all and the kids will spend two years dodging dump trucks and trying to hear over compressors—just a horrible learning environment. Lastly, there has been so little study of the New London site we are not even sure if it can be done and at what real cost.

Conversely, the Sutton site has been studied in detail. We also have a design for a pod-based school, where the grades are spread out. There is plenty of space for fields and parking. It's a student's and educator's dream!

You will hear all kinds of "facts" and arguments to the contrary, as free speech is also a right we enjoy. But remember, along with rights come responsibilities and you are responsible to cut through the noise and educate yourself on the truth that the Sutton site is the only choice. That's what Uncle Bob would tell you as well.

—Jon Steiner, KRSD Board Member





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BRADFORD BRIDGE ABBREVIATION MAP

BACC-Bradford Area Community Ctr.
 BML-Brown Memorial Library
 BWC-Bradford Womens' Club
 KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
 KRES-Bradford Elementary School
 S. Ctr. -Senior Center at the BACC
 TH-Bradford Town Hall
 ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustments

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | Senior Center is Closed 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC | 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10 am, Quilting Bee Party, S. Ctr. 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7:30 pm, Yoga w/Fran, S. Ctr. 6:30 pm, KAP Board Mtg., BACC 6-7 pm, Line Dancing, KRES 7 pm, Zoning Board, TH | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 10-11:30 a |
| | 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga of the Heart, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 3-5 pm, Junior Girl Scouts, BACC 7 pm, Rural Heritage Connection, | 9:30 am, BWC Board Meeting, BACC 10 am, Knit Wits, S. Ctr. 3-5 pm, Brownies, BACC 6-7 pm, Line Dancing, KRES 7 pm, Budget Committee, TH 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Planning Board, TH | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 10-11:30 a 6:30 pm, Par Matinee M 2104 fo |
| Bradford Bridge Deadline Call 938-5509 for info. | 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC Senior Center is Closed | 10 am – 12noon, Bradford Quilting Bees, S. Ctr. 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7 pm, Line Dancing, KRES 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7:30 pm, Conservation Committee, | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 10-11:30 a Filing Peri Begins-see |
| | 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, S. Ctr. 12:30 pm, NEW, Sudoku Mind Exercise Class, Free, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 3-5 pm, Junior Girl Scouts, BACC | 3-5 pm, Brownies, BACC 6-7 pm, Line Dancing, KRES 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Budget Committee, TH 7 pm, Planning Board, TH | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | NEED F On Jan 9 am to apply fo a Please ap |
| | 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 7 to 11:30 am & 12:30 to 5 pm Sign up for Town Office, TH 12:30 pm, NEW, Sudoku Mind Exercise Class, Free, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC | 6-7 pm, Line Dancing, KRES 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC | |

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Calendar for January 2006

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | 6 pm, Cemetery Commission, Call 938-5539 | 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am–12 pm, Card Sharks, S. Ctr 10–11:30 am, "Continental Breakfast Café", S. Ctr. 7 pm, Book-to-Movie Discussion, BML | 11am–1pm, Writing Group, BACC |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 10 am, Yoga Class, BACC | 12:30 pm, "New Ways to Grow Old" w/Dr. Paul Klose, 938-2104 for reservations, S. Ctr. 5–6:30 pm, Bradford Area Community Center, Governance Board, BACC | 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am–12 pm, Card Sharks, S. Ctr 10–11:30 am, "Continental Breakfast Café", S. Ctr. | 1–3 pm, Senior Council, Bingo & Refreshments, BACC |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 10 am, Yoga Class, BACC 9 am, Parks & Recreation, BACC 7 pm, Movie Club, Call 938-5539 for departure time. | 11 am–12:30 pm, Blood Pressure & Foot clinic, Free, S. Ctr. | 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am–12 pm, Card Sharks, S. Ctr 10–11:30 am, "Continental Breakfast Café", S. Ctr. | 11am–1pm, Writing Group, BACC 1 pm, KAP Musical Concert, BACC |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 10 am, Yoga Class, BACC 10 am, Food for Town Offices 11 am, Town Offices, pg. 15 | | 8 am to noon & 1 to 5 pm, Sign up for Town Office, TH 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am–12 pm, Card Sharks, S. Ctr 10–11:30 am, "Continental Breakfast Café", S. Ctr. | |

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Food for Thought: 'Twas the Season

by Mike Quinn

I saw a bumper sticker the other day that said, "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season."

From where I'm sitting (in mid-December, as this column is being written), there's an additional reason: food.

Within arm's reach, there are truffles, spritz cookies, peanut butter buckeyes, fudge and Chex Party Mix. And we're still over a week away from the holiday.

At the office, the countertop is groaning under the weight of the brownies, donuts and muffins: spontaneous, festive expressions.

Food is so much a part of our celebrations this time of year we don't give a

second thought to items that are ignored the rest of the year: eggnog, fruitcake and the aforementioned peanut butter buckeyes.

Every Christmas Eve, our family enjoys Christmas Lasagna, an 18-pound, meat-and-cheese-layered behemoth admired as much for its sheer heft as its quality (it's excellent, by the way). Each year, I'm challenged to add even more heft and break the previous year's weight. I am running out of tasty, heavy ingredients. To add chunks of granite might be the only remaining option.

When we sit down for dinner at the in-laws on Christmas Day, there are no fewer than 18 side dishes, including all the traditional favorites and carnip, a

mash of carrots and turnips that's a must-try if you're a fan of root vegetables. The crowning achievement is the whipped potatoes, which become ambrosial with the addition of about a pound of butter.

By the time you read this, the only people licking their chops will be the health club owners, anticipating the annual rush of contrite, slightly overweight revelers.

There Goes Santa Claus

It's the end of an era. My 9-year-old son Liam recounted an argument at school regarding the existence of Santa Claus. He was counsel for Kris Kringle; opposing counsel was a team of nine arguing against flying reindeer. My son's Exhibit A was a letter from Santa—an innocent, sweet and ultimately futile gesture. Two days later, it was obvious he'd conceded the point. The moment at which we stop believing is inevitable, but sad nonetheless.

Mike Quinn is a writer living in Bradford. Comments or suggestions? His e-mail is michaeljquinn@tds.net.



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WARNER: Completely rebuilt in 1994, nice one BR plus sleeping area in loft, cathedral ceiling, 2 flue chimney, wide pine floors, full basement, nice lawn and back yard. Property presently leased. **\$172,650**



CONCORD: Cozy cape in nice neighborhood. New furnace, tile floor in kitchen, maple cabinets, wood floors. Great fenced back yard. Family room in basement. Motivated seller. **\$269,000**



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Town Budget Committee Update

At the November 15th meeting of the Bradford Budget Committee, the following letter was received from the Bradford Insurance Committee.

Letter dated November 15, 2005

Dear Budget Committee Members:

The time has come once again when you the Budget Committee members must take upon the most important task of developing and recommending a budget to the tax payers and voters at Town Meeting. It is a very difficult task indeed as you must ascribe and recommend what moneys must be appropriated and expended for the necessary daily operations of the Town of Bradford. At all times during the process you must pay close attention to the fiscal responsibility that this committee has been charged with, so the tax payer has a full understanding and explanation of the monies being appropriated and expended. Some monies are legally required in order to conduct the business of the town, and some monies are necessary to conduct business and help tax payers obtain goods and services that are needed for the day to day operation of the town and achieve goals set forth at Town Meeting by the voters.

There has been wide spread concern on the issue of tax payer funded health insurance benefits for elected officials which the tax payers have been funding for a select few since 2002 Town Meeting. The Bradford Insurance Committee formed by the tax payers at the 2005 Town Meeting to look into this important and costly issue, and found that there was no disclosure or information of any kind given to the tax payer and voters prior to 2002 town meeting. And the information given at the meeting was a wrong answer, incomplete at best. Consider the fact that no legal document exists, no vote of record by the voters and tax payers establishing permanent tax payer funded health insurance benefits

for any elected officials has ever been made. The Bradford Insurance Committee recommends that the Budget Committee not include any monies on this item on the 2006 budget. If the committee chooses to include monies for these items, then the Insurance Committee strongly recommends that those monies be listed as a separate budget line item identifying the amount as elected official benefits.

This would give the tax payers and voters the opportunity to get full disclosure and better understanding of who is receiving this benefit and why they are receiving it. It would also give the tax payers and voters their entitled right to decide for themselves if they wish to continue with this expense.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. The Committee is available to answer any questions and provide any information you need concerning this issue.

Committee Members of the Bradford Insurance Committee signing this letter are: Gary Wall, Joseph P. Conway, Tandy M. Hartford, Jonathan P. Teele, and Bruce M. Bowie

Copies of the letter were sent to Budget Committee members who were not present at the meeting.

In other business that evening, the Committee reviewed several budget items, noting possible increases in electric bills and expected requests for a tractor at the Transfer Station and a dump truck for the Highway Department.

No dates have yet been scheduled to review budgets with specific departments. These will be posted when set.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

January 10th and 24th and February 7th. February 14th will be the Public Hearing for the 2006 Budget.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

VITAL STATISTICS

November 22, 2005 Caleb LeBlanc was born to Scott & Amy in Concord.

December 4, 2005 David Avanzini died in New London.

December 16, 2005 Charles Glover died in Florida.

December 17, 2005 Charles Ginepra died in Bradford.

TOWN OFFICES

The filing period for town offices begins on January 25, 2006 and continues through February 3, 2006. You can sign up on the following dates:

Fri. Jan. 27, 8-Noon, 1-5; Mon. Jan. 30, Noon-7; Tues. Jan. 31, 7-11:30, 12:30-5; Fri. Feb. 3, 8-Noon, 1-5

Offices open for town offices are as follows:

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Scholarship Committee for 3 years

Budget Committee for 3 years (2 openings)

Planning Board for 3 years (2 openings)

Zoning Board for 3 years (2 openings)

Cemetery Commission for 3 years

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Interest started accruing at 12% on the 10th of December. The 2005 taxes will be going to lien at the end of March.

The office will be closed January 2, 2006 for the holiday.

Ann and I would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year.

—Sue Pehrson, Bradford Town Clerk and Tax Collector



First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD: Ladies in the Guild will meet at the church on Friday, January 6, at 1 p.m. and enjoy fellowship and a cookie swap.

Sunday School: Sunday school for children ages 4 and up will resume on Sunday, January 8 during the worship service at 10 a.m. We have a new curriculum from "Empowering Kids". It's entitled "New Creation". Adults meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and are currently studying the Book of Daniel.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE: Anyone who is interested in reading through the entire Bible is invited to come to a gathering on Thursday, January 12 at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This is an informational meeting to hear

about a program that helps us read the entire bible in a certain amount of time and a chance for people to ask questions. We encourage people who have never read the bible to people who have read the Bible many times to attend.

FOURTH OF JULY FAIR MEETING: On Sunday, January 15, immediately following the Worship service, there will be a fair meeting. Two people have agreed to chair the fair, but we need lots and lots of help. This is our largest fund raiser.

FOOD PANTRY: The January distribution date for the food pantry is Wednesday, January 18 from 6 - 7 p.m. People may call the church office if they need food at other times at 938-5313.

PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE FOLLOW-UP MEETING: The leaders in the church will meet on Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fisk House to discuss the "Purpose Driven Life Spiritual campaign" we did in the Fall. We will use this time to evaluate and set goals for the coming year.

GAME NIGHT: Children and adults are invited to come to the Fisk House on Saturday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and an evening of games and fellowship. Last year we played everything from Candy Land to Trivial Pursuit. Everyone is welcome



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Real Estate Hints:

The Real Estate Market for 2006

by Laura Hallaban



If you think the bubble has burst, you're wrong! You would never know it from all of the negative articles and news stories in recent months, but it is true. What we are experiencing is the normalization of the market. Real estate goes through cycles and the high prices of the past few years are starting to level off. Has it become a market that favors buyers over sellers? It is trending that way and has been since about August. Remember, too, that the holiday period between Thanksgiving and just after the New Year is typically slow and the market will pick up again. The good thing about this time of year is that the buyers who are out there looking are serious and usually need to buy.

We have had a wonderful stretch of time where prices were high, inventory low and we even experienced bidding wars over a property. While it may not be that way now, it has not gone from great to gloom. There are more houses on the market. There are fewer buyers and the buyers who are looking know their facts. Like supply and demand for any product, that means prices have to adjust. Sellers must be more competitive, not only with price, but also condition. The house that needs a paint job or new carpet is going to be put at the bottom of the list of available inventory. Homes that can offer a warranty to buyers or where a seller offers money back for closing costs, etc. will also set one property favorably apart from another. It is also taking longer to sell a property - known as time on market - so sellers must be more patient.

Let's look at the U.S. Economic Outlook for 2006 as compared to 2005:

The Annual Growth Rate will increase from 3.4 to 3.8 percent.

Inflation will go down from 3.5 to

2.7 percent.

The Unemployment Rate will hold steady at 5.2 percent.

Interest Rates (Fed Funds Rate) will increase from 3.1 to 4.2 percent.

Mortgage Rates will increase from 5.8 to 6.4 percent for a 30-year fixed and from 4.4 to 5.1 percent for a 1-year adjustable.

Existing Home Sales will drop from 7,015 to 6,801.

New Single-Family Sales will drop from 1,284 to 1,221.

Housing Starts will decrease from 2,043 to 1,997.

Nothing earth shattering at all. While sales for single-family homes may decrease, it is likely that sales for 55 and older housing communities will increase. Interest and mortgage rates are still good and still offer an incentive to purchase over renting. Instead of double-digit increases in appreciation, we will head back toward the single digits.

Most economists believe that housing prices will rise again after this stabilizing, but the rate of future increases may not match the glory years of the recent past. The bottom line for buyers is you may get that house for less but don't miss out because you think prices will come down even further - if you love it, buy it! For sellers, think about when you want to move and plan accordingly, knowing that it may take longer for your house to sell. Spend time getting it into top condition and make sure you stay on top of recent sales to price your property competitively.

RECENT SALES IN BRADFORD

* 10 High Street, Antique Cape on 1 acre for \$175,000

* 125 Breezy Hill Road, Ranch on 1 acre for \$150,000

* 32 West Main Street, Antique Cape on 0.46 acres for \$225,000

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On November 4th at the State House in Concord, Governor John Lynch presented a proclamation to Andrea Steel, President and CEO of the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, naming November as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month."

With the support of the Lung Cancer Alliance, a national advocacy group, organizations like the VNA and communities around state and country are striving to increase awareness about lung cancer. A devastating disease which afflicts non-smokers as well as smokers, lung cancer claims the lives of more Americans each year than breast, colon, liver and kidney cancers combined. "I am so very grateful to Governor Lynch for his time and for his support of this important issue" says Andrea Steel.

—Cathy Raymond, LSRVNA



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Letters

To the Editor:

We were surprised to read in the December issue of the Bridge that our champion pitch pine had picked up and moved to Bradford from its usual place beside our house by Lake Todd in Newbury. We consider ourselves honorary members of the Bradford community but are not ready to give up our tree to another location!

After re-measurement, the tree recently survived a challenge from another pitch pine in GA. The web site <http://www.americanforests.org/resources/bigtrees/> does say Bradford - we hadn't seen that and will try to correct it.

—Bill and Margie Weiler

Letter to the Editor,

Did you know that there are benefits to becoming a foster parent, aside from caring for the foster child? Among these are the many training opportunities available to foster parents, such as the yearly NH Foster & Adoptive Parent Conference. The Annual DCYF Conference is an opportunity for foster parents to get together with each other, DCYF staff, and staff from other involved agencies.

Granite State College (formerly The College for Lifelong Learning) offers free ongoing classes that teach foster parents behavior management, guiding teens, taking care of yourself as a foster parent, and transitioning from fostering to

adoption.

Find out more—all your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

—Jan Feuer, Intake Specialist, NH Foster & Adoptive Parent Association

Letter to the Editor,

Reading the Selectmen's Activity Report in the December Bridge and learning the Selectmen have decided to "participate in the insurance program at the same rate as town employees and, effective December 2005, will pay 15% of the cost of the benefit," it occurred to me that maybe a handful of town residents even knew Selectmen receive any medical insurance. This is a volunteer job and as such should not receive insurance. If the Selectmen believe this is fair then the town boards should receive the same treatment. All volunteers run for the office they wish to serve and never think of medical insurance.

With medical insurance in mind, why would any Selectman give up that job. Medical insurance would be a great incentive.

Letters to the editor should be no more than 400 words and may be edited for clarity and content. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification.

KRSD Middle School Update....

HERE ARE THE FACTS

In 1998, voters PASSED a warrant article for \$20,000 authorizing a middle school facility feasibility study regarding addition and/or renovation. In 2001, voters PASSED a warrant article authorizing an extension of the feasibility study to include the high school.

In 2001, a Feasibility Study Report compiled the findings and presented four options to the School Board:

- Renovate existing middle school with possible addition
- Renovate existing school and build a new school in the southern part of the district
- Build two new schools
- Build a new centrally located school

Administration and school board members traveled to all seven towns, held 13 forums, and presented the four options. Feedback was for one centrally located middle school.

In 2002, voters PASSED two warrant articles authorizing \$178,000 to fund architectural, engineering, and related studies for once centrally located school and authorizing \$100,000 to purchase an option on centrally located land.

In 2003, an independent and objective Site Selection Committee comprised of citizens from the seven towns was charged by the KRSD School Board with finding a centrally located suitable site.

In 2003, voters PASSED a warrant article authorizing \$212,000 to purchase the recommended site in Sutton.

In 2004, the vote in favor of the project was 61.39% but did not meet the 66 2/3% requirement.

In 2005, the vote in favor was 62.56%.

—KRSD Communications Committee

The District Communications Committee is committed to providing you accurate information regarding the middle school building project. Look for us on



Holiday Storytime

Joan Perry reads a holiday story to a group of children at the Brown Memorial Library on Saturday, December 3 (prior to Santa's visit).



Trinity Bible Church & Casey Family Services Help Teens Improve Area Homes

Trinity Bible Church and Casey Family Services plan to bring up to 350 teenagers and adults to the Kearsarge area to improve the homes of local residents.

Elderly, handicapped, and lower income residents of the Kearsarge area to get free home repairs

As many as 75 local residents will benefit from the work of a projected 350 teenage and adult volunteers at the 2006 Kearsarge Workcamp. The Workcamp, to be held the first week of August next year, will provide free home repairs through the Group Workcamps Foundation program sponsored locally by Trinity Bible Church and Casey Family Services.

The Group Workcamps Foundation is a non-profit, interdenominational Christian volunteer home-repair organization headquartered in Loveland, Colorado. This summer, an anticipated 30,000 young people and adults will participate in 64 Workcamps in communities across the United States and Canada.

At each Workcamp, teenagers and adults – all members of church youth groups – volunteer a week of their time to repair homes throughout the community. “This represents about 12,000 hours of volunteer labor – worth at least \$96,000 to the community,” said Ed Rennells, director of Casey Family Services in NH.

“These really are remarkable young people,” said Joel Fay, Vice President of Group Workcamps Foundation, “Each one is actually paying for the privilege of working in your community. Workcamp registration fees are used to cover our costs for food, insurance, and building materials.”

The Workcamp will be housed at Kearsarge Regional High School with Workcampers sleeping on classroom floors, eating in the cafeteria, and enjoying evening programs in the gym. “This service to the community would be impossible without the wonderful cooperation of the Kearsarge school district,” remarked Doug Dean, pastor of Trinity Bible Church. The Group Workcamps Foundation will reimburse all costs to the school.

Casey Family Services is the direct services arm of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Casey is committed to improving the lives of at-risk children and to strengthening families and communities by providing high-quality, cost-effective services that advance both positive practice and sound public policy. Trinity Bible Church is a non-denominational church located in South Sutton since 1985. This is the second time Trinity and Casey have teamed up to sponsor a Workcamp in the region, having organized the first one in 2002.

The idea behind Group Workcamps started in Colorado in 1977 when residents suffered from the Big Thompson River flood in which hundreds of homes

were damaged or destroyed and over 140 people lost their lives. Church youth groups of many different denominations came from across the country the next summer to help.

In 1978, the program went nationwide to include other disadvantaged areas throughout the country. This summer’s 64 Workcamps will take place in many different states, including but not limited to Florida, Virginia, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Illinois, Kentucky, New York, Tennessee, Minnesota, and New Hampshire.



Many Workcamps will also take place internationally. Now in its 30th year of service, Group Workcamps Foundation has hosted over 200,000 volunteers who have improved over 30,000 homes across the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

Repairs offered through the Workcamp include interior and exterior painting, weatherization, porch and wheelchair ramp construction, and other work. Residents interested in applying to receive assistance may call the local Workcamp information line at 927-4213.

School Cancellations

We are pleased to announce that you may now access school delays and closings on the Kearsarge Regional School District website. To access this information go to www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us which is the District homepage. Then select the Choose menu and scroll down to Cancellations.

KRSD Information Technology Update

Recently, the school district web site was restructured and revised to make it more user-friendly and to facilitate timely updates of information for the public. The address is www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us. Information such as school cancellations and facilities information are available on our web site. If you want to contact the webmaster with comments about the site, e-mail klee@kearsarge.k12.nh.us.

KRSD now has a listserve for members of the community who want to receive updates such as the newsletter that goes in the *Kearsarge Shopper*. If you want to subscribe to this listserve please submit your name to listserv@kearsarge.k12.nh.us.

CIVICS 101 Part 2 – Bradford

What Can I Do With My Property?

New Hampshire law regarding the use of land is termed “enabling” legislation. A town is not required to regulate the use of property within its borders, but if it chooses to do so must follow the requirements laid out by statute. In 1970, the Bradford Town Meeting authorized the Planning Board to adopt regulations governing subdivision of land. Other regulations have been added as development has increased. The following is a summary of land use regulations currently in effect:

MASTER PLAN-RSA 674:2—This document is prepared and adopted by the planning board with input from the public to guide future development and to help design regulations to preserve and protect the quality of life for residents of the town. The original Bradford Master Plan was adopted in 1987 and updated in 1997. A further update is nearing completion and is scheduled for adoption by the Planning Board following a Public Hearing early in 2006. The Master Plan is not a legally enforceable document, but is implemented by town meeting action through the zoning ordinance and by the planning board through subdivision and site plan regulations.

ZONING ORDINANCES – prepared by the planning board, presented at one or more public hearings, and voted on by ballot at the first session of town meeting under the provisions of RSA 675:3.

Bradford’s Zoning Ordinance, first adopted in 1989, spells out where and how development may occur by establishing districts for residential, business, and conservation uses. The ordinance sets lot size, frontage and setback requirements, and contains standards for parking, signs, junk yards, and gravel pits.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE—first adopted in 1988, is an overlay to the Zoning Ordinance that applies to all land designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The ordinance defines terms and spells out the criteria for any development proposed within the flood hazard areas.

WETLANDS ORDINANCE - adopted in 1989 and amended in 2004 to control and guide the use of land areas within the Town that meet standard wetlands definitions.

TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE -adopted in 2001 to balance the interests of Bradford residents, telecommunication providers, and telecommunication customers by providing guidelines for locating wireless telecommunication towers and antennas within



the Town.

LAND USE REGULATIONS—prepared by the planning board, presented at a public hearing for comment, amended as indicated, and approved by majority vote of the planning board. In Bradford, these regulations include:

SITE PLAN REVIEW— dealing with all business, commercial and industrial applications within the Town and any multi-family dwellings (defined as any structure containing more than 2 dwelling units). The purpose of the site plan review is to provide a detailed analysis

of the physical characteristics of the location and of the proposed development. The review looks at such issues as building layout and appearance, natural and man-made features, screening, safety, environmental impacts and the proposal’s effect on community character.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW— authorized by Town Meeting (1970) with the initial regulations adopted by the Planning Board in 1972. Subdivision deals with the division of land and the layout and construction of streets, but does not deal with the actual construction of buildings on a site. Land might be subdivided for residential or commercial uses and lie vacant for several years before actual building occurs. Subdivision review is primarily concerned

with how land is divided, with lot sizes and shapes, road construction, proper surveying and planning, and how the parcel under consideration relates to surrounding properties.

NOTE: Civics 101 in the December 05 *Bradford Bridge* neglected to list the position of Cemetery Superintendent. This important position has been filled for many years by Richard Moore.

Suggestions for future articles in this series are welcome. Please e-mail bradfordbridge@mctelecom.com.

—*Marcia Keller*

RUN FOR TOWN OFFICE!

The sign period for town offices begins January 25, 2006 and continues through February 3, 2006. You can sign up at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town Hall on the following dates:

Fri. Jan. 27, 8-Noon, 1-5; Mon. Jan. 30, Noon-7; Tues. Jan. 31, 7-11:30, 12:30-5; Fri. Feb. 3, 8-Noon, 1-5

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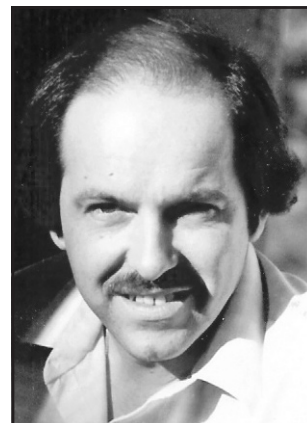


CHARLES "CHARLEY/GIP" GINEPRA,

Charles "Charley/Gip" Ginepra, 55, of Bradford, NH, passed away unexpectedly at his home on December 16, 2005.

Charley was born in Lynn, MA on February 12, 1950. He attended Simonds High School, Warner, NH graduating in 1968. He then attended NH Vocational Institute in Manchester.

Charley worked for Penetrin, a fiber optics firm based in VA and Washington, DC for several years. He also lived in San Diego, CA and worked as the Service Manager of Fun Bike Center. More recently, Charley was the proprietor of C.R. Leathers of Bradford, NH. He had many interests, but especially enjoyed dogs, electronics, music, and cars, especially Cadillacs.



Charley was predeceased by his father, George E. Ginepra and his brother, George E. Ginepra, Jr. He is survived by his mother, Marge Ginepra of Bradford, NH; his sister, Jo Ann Lapp and husband, Dale of San Diego, CA; his sister, Evelyn Jamieson of Laconia, NH; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be no public services. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 206, Bradford, NH 03221. Chadwick Funeral Service of New London, NH is in charge of arrangements.

DAVID S. AVANZINI

David S. Avanzini, 69 of Bradford, NH formerly of Peaks Isle, ME, Boston and Walpole, MA, died December 4, 2005 at New London Hospital.

David was the only child of the late Dorothy and Louis Avanzini. Born on July 26, 1936, David graduated from Walpole High School in 1954 and later attended Fitchburg State Teachers College and Dean Academy in Franklin, MA.

David worked at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston and other health facilities throughout New England and Maryland. He also worked at Hopkinton High School. David was an avid reader and lover of books and volunteered at Brown Memorial Library.

He leaves long-time friends Donald and Shirley Keith of Bradford, Philip J. Picard of Boston, and Wilfredo R. Ramos of Jamaica Plain, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Brown Memorial Library, Bradford, NH 03221. A memorial service will be held at a later

CHARLES M. GLOVER

Charles M. Glover, 79 of Keene, NH and Sebastian, FL, died December 15, 2005 at Tandem Health Care in Vero beach, FL.

Mr. Glover was born on October 20, 1926 in Quincy, MA. He was a Keene resident for 47 years and a part time resident of Bradford of 67 years. He retired from the Kingsbury Corporation in Keene, NH and moved to Bradford and Sebastian FL in 2001.

Survivors include a sister, Martha Watson of Valkaria, FL and Bradford, NH, wife Cynthia Glover, sons Timothy of Sebastian, FL, Thomas of Rochester, NH, and John of Keene, NH; daughter-in-law Eileen Glover, granddaughters, Maggie, Annabelle and Emily Glover and grandson, Daniel Glover.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc., 1250 Hylan Blvd., Suite 48, Staten Island, NY 10305.



Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Guild Hill is the larger of the two hills pressed up against the northeast shore of Lake Massasecum, Cedar Hill being the hill furthest north. They keep watch over the sluggish downstream exit of the lake's excess water as it finds its way to the Warner and then the Contoocook rivers.

Perhaps it was a simple reason, an early-forming defect of near-sightedness, but I handle minutiae quite well. I have only the vaguest grasp, however, of the relations of larger objects and spaces. (Do not speak to me of solar systems.) Reducing dimensions to the observations of spring runoff in a roadside ditch, I can somewhat evoke a vision of the glacier melt scenario. Imagine the immense size of the ice age river that left behind this shallow puddle of water between the Mink Hills of Warner and the Rowe and Knights Hills of Bradford. Imagine the sifting sediment fall of this watercourse, leaving behind the sandy shores of the lake and the gravel pits of Route 114. And this lump of Guild Hill wouldn't be there at all, I'm told, if it were made of softer stuff. But it isn't. From the highway, the hard rock evidence is visible as ledge – it's close to your nose if you should scale it from the steep pitch of the lakeside. Rocks abound.

And rocks were used. Livestock was kept here by members of the nearby Pierce farms, as witnessed by the retired stone-wall enclosures. No doubt a considerable amount of erosion occurred in places up here with the shuffling of hooves and the chomping of domesticated teeth.

In December, this western face glows pale after the annual fall of foliage. The oaks, shrubs, and other deciduous trees are now regularly pruned by deer and porcupine and snowshoe hare. It has the open feel of a well-kept park. The leaves quickly blow to fertilize some other corner of the lake and the thin soils are covered with wiry poverty grass and squirreltail moss. Turkey vultures have made their nests in these ledges with a view of summer boats and the peace-defying sounds of jet skis.

The more relaxed and more northerly slope is now buried in hemlock, pine, and spruce, and this is where the aforemen-

tioned deer, hare, porcupine, and others are sheltering. It remains an open, mixed woodland over the crest and away from the lake. This landscape hasn't been disturbed by skidders in over twenty years.

And this brings me to my two questions. Quite close to a boundary wall is a fine hemlock, nearly three feet at the base. Down low is the cut notch of a chainsaw made long ago and partially healed. This wooden smile indicated the direction the tree was to have fallen. But it didn't. And so the mystery stands. Was there some late realized deficiency in this tree? Did some compassion or some sort of epiphany arise in the heart of the cutter and give him pause? Or was it merely getting dark and time to inhale something more pleasant than the sawdust and bar oil?

And why, oh why is it called Guild Hill? Usually it is pronounced "gile-d" and variously spelled 'guild' or 'gile' or 'guile'. No one has stood out in histories, genealogies or tax records with any form of the name. It is unlikely that an early summer visitor would have been so honored. Is there is some story here on the hill, perhaps some mishap? Or is it possible that the hill was

named, without recorded ceremony, to honor the Revolutionary War soldier Benjamin Guile of Newport. He was also involved in that period of early history when a group to the west argued to be joined with Vermont who they felt was more sympathetic and involved with their concerns than the governing bodies then in Portsmouth. His granddaughter Sarah was married to a Reverend Wheeler who briefly held post in Bradford. This may be the most likely scenario. The hill has lasted longer than the story.

Any successful walk in the woods should leave you with a few good questions.

Note that much of Guild Hill has recently been preserved with a conservation easement by the Nelson Family. For further information on the history of the area, read *'An Enduring Love'*, the diaries of Benjamin Franklin Pierce and Harriet Jane Goodwin Pierce. It is at the Library or available through the Historical Society.



Up on the Rooftops? Nope! Santa was at the Post Office & the Library



Photo submitted by Kristi Upton

Alexander Upton enjoys a moment on Santa's lap at the Bradford Post Office on Saturday, December 17, 2005. Santa visits the post office every year just before Christmas.



Photo submitted by Jane Lucas

Matthew, Marissa and Mary-Margaret Pickman were Santa's helpers during his visit to the Brown Memorial Library which is sponsored annually by the Bradford Women's Club.

Bradford Parks & Recreation Offers Line Dancing

Bradford Parks & Recreation will be offering country and other styles of line dancing on Tuesday nights from 6 to 7 pm at the Kearsarge Elementary School at Bradford. This is a six week course which costs \$35. Classes will start on January 10th. For more information, or to register for classes, call Jarna at 938-6228.

—Jarna Perkins

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from the Transfer Station...

Kenny's Recycling Factoids

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- Too embarrassed to donate really ragged clothes? Don't be. Planet Aid welcomes all clothing and textiles no matter how worn. Up to 50% of their stock is sold to rag merchants.
- Plant a tree. Over a 50 year lifespan, a single tree could generate \$31,250's worth of oxygen, provide \$62,000's worth of air pollution control, and recycle \$37,500's worth of water.

—references: *Natural Resources & Recovery Association, Department of Environmental Services*

