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Needs Assessment Update

Time rolls on as it usually does with what seems to be never enough. The target of the Committee is to present plans to the March 14th, 2007 Bradford Town Meeting for alterations to the town hall and new construction for the highway and police department facilities at the transfer station site.

Architect Wendell Phillips' latest floor plan for the town hall indicates an allowable seating capacity of just under 180 persons in the second floor meeting room. This brings us back to where we were for town affairs and gatherings that we presently lack. The first floor will remain town offices expanded to accommodate welfare, building inspection, planning and

zoning boards. A small meeting room will be available to serve these various functions.

The floor plans for the highway and police buildings, both designed to serve those specific needs, were presented to the committee on December 21 and were passed on to the department heads for comment.

Once again we urge that you arrange to visit the present facilities. The need is obvious.

The next NAC meeting will be at 7 pm January 3rd at the town hall. Bring your questions and thoughts.

Minutes of NAC meetings are available at town hall

10 Questions: Lynne Hubley, First Baptist Church Minister

By Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation in a series of *Bradford Bridge* interviews with people who make a difference in Bradford. Lynne Hubley is our guest this month.



Lynne Hubley was born in Chelmsford, MA. She attended Endicott College in Beverly, MA, and then Rivier College where she received a BA in paralegal studies. She worked for personal injury lawfirms for more than three years after graduation. One of the cases she worked on involved a man who had been rendered a quadriplegic. The law firm won a \$15 million lawsuit in the case. This was Pastor Hubley's epiphany. "The law firm had many other cases, but they were so wrapped up in this huge victory that they concentrated on this settlement and lost concentration on the other

Bradford Town Office Vacancies:

- SELECTMEN:** 3 years, 1 vacancy
- TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST:** 3 years, 1 vacancy
- TRUSTEE OF BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** 3 years, 1 vacancy
- TOWN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** 3 years, 1 vacancy
- BUDGET COMMITTEE:** 3 years, 2 vacancies
- PLANNING BOARD:** 3 years, 2 vacancies

Applications for vacancies may be filed with the Town Clerk from January 26 thru February 2, 2007. Town elections will be at KRES Bradford on Tuesday, March 13, with town meeting scheduled for the following night, Wednesday, March 14. After the filing period ends, all interested candidates will receive a questionnaire, the results of which will be printed in the March, 2007, Bradford Bridge. A "Meet the Candidates' Night" will also be scheduled prior to the March election and plans will be announced in the February and March editions of The Bridge. Stay tuned for details.

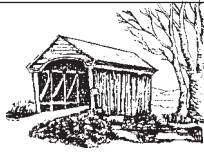
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Recent issues of the *The Bridge* have described some of the benefits to the town of the transfer station's waste recycling program. Town waste is not only effectively disposed of; much of it has commercial value which helps offset the cost of transfer station operations. There is more to the story, however, which warrants mention: the town's reluctance to invest further in the transfer station makes operating costs higher than they could be and prevents some opportunities for earning further revenues.

Plastics cannot be recycled at our transfer station. The selectmen recently turned down a chance to buy at a favorable price a used baler for plastic waste. Processing this waste for recycling would earn additional revenue for the town and contribute to efforts elsewhere around the country to reduce petroleum consumption.

In another category, the proposed purchase of a roadworthy trailer for storing and transporting baled waste would have significantly reduced transportation charges and allowed a higher return on the waste materials involved. Here again, the selectmen declined to act on a chance to make a very modest investment to eliminate this inefficiency.

Bradford residents may want to consider the merits of such additional investment in the transfer station to improve its utility and value to the town. Let your selectmen know if you think this is important.

-David Halstead, Bradford

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.

To the Editor:

I would like to thank our Bradford Selectmen for addressing the eyesore conditions of the Ploetner property on Main Street. A letter from the selectmen to the owner seems to have begun the process of restoring the area after the (much missed) Bowie's store was destroyed by fire. That's good news for Bradford, as that particular property is the face of our town - what newcomers and potential business owners see when they drive down our main street and assess whether this is the place they'd like to settle. As demographics change, smart growth planning should insure that Bradford is a friendly, supportive environment for business and residential uses, and an environment that is developing a tax base that will serve us in the years to come. While the Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) works diligently to plan for the replacement of our degraded town facilities, and the landscape of our town becomes more attractive, we all have a sense of increased pride in living in this wonderful corner of New Hampshire.

-Beth Rodd, Bradford

**ATTENTION BRADFORD
RESIDENTS**

- The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Saturday, January 13, 2007, 11-11:30 am, at Town Hall to register new voters and update the checklist. Please bring proof of age and residency.
- The annual school district meeting will be on January 20, 2007, 9 am, at Kearsarge High School.

Supervisors: Ann Lucier, Judith Marshall, Jarna Perkins

Obituary

Estelle Rooney

Sutton, NH

Estelle(Wright) Rooney, 90, died Thursday, December 14, 2006, at the Clough Center in New London. Mrs. Rooney was born in South Sutton, NH, in 1916, the daughter of Chester A. and Ola (Gay) Wright. She lived her entire life at Lake Blaisdell in Sutton. She was a descendant of five of the original families of Sutton: Wright, Russell, Harvey, Blaisdell and Fellows.

Mrs. Rooney graduated from the Bradford Grammar School where classes were held in the Town Hall. She attended Stevens High in Claremont, NH, Simonds Free High School in Warner, NH, and attended Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY.

She and her husband, Pat, ran "The Dog House" at Lake Blaisdell for 32 years before it closed in 1984. Mrs.

Rooney was extremely active in civic affairs. She was very athletic and was an avid fan of the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox.

Mrs. Rooney was predeceased by her husband, Pat Rooney III, in 1979 and by her half brother, Charles A. Howe of Homewood, IL. She is survived by her brother, Capt. Donald G. Wright, US Army (Ret.) of Ventura, CA; three nieces, Carol, Susan, and Sandi; and a nephew, Donald; and their families.

There will be a summer memorial service at The First Baptist Church of Bradford, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford, NH 03221. Chadwick Funeral Service of New London is making arrangements.

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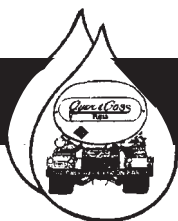
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cases pending. They didn't move on." At the same time, she was active in her home church as a lay leader, and people asked her why didn't she consider the ministry. Everything fell into place - her calling, the money to pursue it, a part time job - and she decided to study at Andover Newton Theological School.

Q. What attracted you to the Bradford Ministry?

We filled out a profile that was given to the executive minister in different regions. I applied to the Vermont/New Hampshire region. Someone from the Bradford Baptist Church Board saw the profile and I was asked to interview. I wasn't at all nervous and it went well. I told my husband Fred that this was "a match made in heaven."

Q. What is the most satisfying aspect of your work? The most challenging?

I love doing what God has called me to do. No day is ever the same. I love the variety. I love being a participant in helping people come to the faith or getting their lives together again. It's extremely satisfying. The most challenging is trying to balance my family life with my job. Trying to set appropriate boundaries. It's multi-faceted and it's difficult to deal with so many problems.

Q. Is it conflicting to teach love and tolerance in a world where hate and intolerance are the norm?

I used to be overwhelmed by what goes on in the world and have a sense of helplessness, but I can make a difference where I am by modeling love and tolerance. I believe it has a ripple effect - that it starts with family, then to neighbors, then people you're in contact with during the day, and so on.

Q. We live in a society where families have to deal with many issues. How do you help them deal with lives that are stressed by both parents needing to work, substance abuse, poverty, a gamut of social ills that need to be addressed?

When people are dealing with things I feel are beyond me, I refer them to counseling. I pray with people. I ask them how they are doing. Sometimes, all they want or need is someone to talk to. I am an active listener but I know my limits.

Q. If you had unlimited resources - if a benefactor provided you with the ability to enhance your ministry, what kinds of programs would you provide for your parishioners and the Bradford residents?

I'd love to have a thriving youth program here. We're looking at hiring a youth pastor. I'm interviewing people

for this position in January. We have AA and NA programs, but I would love to have more support groups available. If you want me to dream - an after-school program and possibly a pool - although I do not know where we would put it.

Q. What area of your ministry would benefit from more volunteer time?

We need more Sunday school teachers. We have a self-trainable program for this.

Q. What sorts of resources might be available through the church that people do not know about?

I'd like to think that people know about the Food Pantry which is open every third Wednesday of each month. People can phone 938-5313 if they need food assistance at any time. We have a Deacon's Fund that helps pay for electric bills, counseling, and food purchased at the grocery store, but it's not an unlimited fund.

Q. What are your goals for next year?

One goal would be the youth counselor. Last fall we did a "Forty Days of Purpose" workshop based on Rick Warren's book "The Purpose Driven Life. It was a phenomenal experience. We're using this as a model for next year: Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism. This will help us to focus. I preached about this last Sunday and there was consensus that this will help us to grow spiritually.

Q. How do you manage your busy life, as a minister, mother, and wife? You wear many hats. How do you achieve harmonious balance?

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

New Photo Exhibit Opens in the Library

The Bradford Art Group presents a new exhibit in Brown Memorial Library, The 1838 Bradford Center Meeting House: Black and White Photographs by Bob St. Hilaire of Bradford.

Bob became enamored with black and white imagery when he saw his first Ansel Adams print in Concord High School, where he studied photography. He has pursued that interest for many years, and next spring, he will complete his Certificate of Photography from the NH Institute of Art in Manchester.

Next year, Bob and his wife Claudia (recent newcomers to Bradford) will be merging talents to open Fantasia Photography, a portrait studio dedicated to unique, theme-based, child, teen, and adult photography. They will also be offering Glamour and Fashion packages for both men and women.

Bob's exhibit grew out of a field trip to the meetinghouse while accompanying Audrey Sylvester on an editorial shoot to document the pre-stencil renovation condition of the

interior. Bob said, "I originally fell in love with the light and textures in the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. While Audrey shot away with her digital camera, I was busy soaking in the beauty and mentally framing images in color and black and white. When my next B & W class came up at school, I decided to shoot the meetinghouse."



1838 Bradford Center Meetinghouse. Photo by Bob St.Hilaire.

The images in this exhibit were shot in March/April of 2006. Bob said, "Boy, it was awfully cold in there! My thermometer told me it was 5 degrees above zero and the glass on the back of my camera kept frosting up! During exposures of 5 - 7 minutes, I had to sit very still so the camera didn't shake." All of the images were shot with a Wisner 4x5 view camera - one of those types that has a bellows out front and a cloth hanging in the back.

The exhibit continues in the handicapped-accessible Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main St., Bradford, NH, through March, 2007. Library hours: Mon. 10 - 8; Wed. 10 - 7; Sat. 10 - 3; Sun. 11 - 3.

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contemporary workshop songs. I'm becoming better at saying no. I had to stop some of my activities. The congregation knows that my family comes first for me – God, family and church.

Q. What kinds of things do you do for pleasure?

I love dancing. I love to play with my kids –Matthew and Tanya. I enjoy kayaking and canoeing. I have an incredibly awesome and supportive husband, Fred, and we enjoy doing things together as a family. I volunteer at the school and read to the kids. Fred and I enjoy the theater and concerts in Boston and Manchester.

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Construction crews work on the Sutton Big Dig preparing the site for new Kearsarge Middle School. Photo by Audrey Sylvester

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Planning Board Notes

Resignation: At the Planning Board meeting of November 14, the Board received and accepted, with regret and many thanks, the resignation of Bob Foor as chair and as a member of the Board. Foor was first appointed as an alternate in May 2000. When Tom Riley resigned in January 2001, Foor was appointed as full member and elected chair.

Bob Foor led the Planning Board during a period of increased activity in Bradford with several large developments reviewed and approved, cluster or open space subdivisions encouraged, and a move toward professional, objective review of major proposals from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning commission. During that time, the Master Plan was updated, Subdivision Regulations were revised, and Planning Board records were moved into the computer age using Bob's super knowledge of electronic intricacies.

Reorganization: At the November 28th Planning Board meeting, Vice-Chair Phil LaMoreaux was elected to fill the position as chair and Edythe Craig, longtime member of the Board and currently an alternate, was appointed as a full member and elected to serve as vice-chair.

Carol Meise was appointed as an alternate member of the Board.

Other Business: Approved a two-lot

subdivision of property on Route 103 for Kellco Academy, which has been sold to NFI North.

Voted to consider as a simple revision of the existing site plan a proposal to place a 40' x 40' concrete pad at the junk/salvage yard operated by Larry McDonald to meet State requirements under a Green Yard Program developed for the Auto Salvage Industry. This would be placed within the footprint of the current yard, would help protect the environment by containing spills, and would not expand the business.

Approved a boundary line adjustment between properties owned by Jeff and Robert Aarons located between West Meadow and West Roads.

Minutes of Planning Board meetings are available at Town Hall.

Zoning Amendment:

A Public hearing will be held on January 9th at 7 pm for an amendment to the zoning ordinance dealing with building permits on island lots and lots served by the footpath beyond East Shore Drive

The Bradford Bridge is looking for people who attend meetings and submit small write-ups of what is happening in and about our town.

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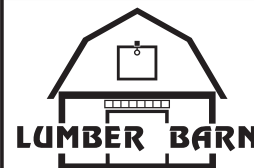
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Selectmen's Meeting Highlights

November & December

Highlights

Highway: Estimates for repair of the Bement Bridge range from \$60,000 - \$70,000 including the flooring. The State is to reimburse 80%, but availability of funds is uncertain. /Road Agent Steve Lucier updated the Selectmen on repairs to the grader and the sanding and repainting of one of the trucks, He presented a warrant article for heavy equipment and his recommendations for a 5% wage increase for the highway crew. Selectmen will take that under advisement.

Independence Day: Marlene Freyler presented a contract from Atlas Pyrotechnics for signature. The Independence Day Committee submitted money it has raised for the deposit.

Transfer Station: The purchase price of \$5,000 has been submitted for a bailer for plastics. The Budget Committee discussed a chipper rather than a bailer for that purpose. This will be investigated.

Fire/Rescue: Fire Chief Mark Goldberg and Rescue Squad Captain Deborah Bede, with members of the Henniker Rescue Squad, explored means of maintaining a full time Rescue Squad for Bradford. Suggestions to be considered included regionalization with an ambulance in an area town, a Fast Squad

within the town, and sharing towns with a zone definition. Response time, distance, liability and insurance issues are all concerns to be investigated.

Selectmen: A Saturday open house with selectmen is tentatively planned for January 13, 2007 at 9:00am. This would be an opportunity for citizen input in an informal and friendly discussion.

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Robert Toppi has been appointed to fill this position.

Needs Assessment Committee: A request was presented for a bond hearing for construction of a new highway garage and police station and alterations to the town hall. Board of Selectmen will need specifics for the project, site, and buildings before the posting. Suggestion was made to hold the hearing on January 13 following the Selectmen's open house.

Police Dispatch: Selectmen announced that effective January 1, 2007, the Bradford Police Department will be dispatched out of the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department. The new number to reach an officer will be 938-2980. The department will continue to maintain the 938-2522 number for information calls and 911 will be used for emergencies.



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Bradford Happenings:

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Michael J. Quinn of Bradford received his commission as a New Hampshire Justice of the Peace from Governor John H. Lynch on December 12, 2006.

Volunteer Recognized

The Governance Board of the Bradford Area Community Center nominated Bob Stewart for the "Spirit of New Hampshire Awards" Program and presented him with a certificate of appreciation to acknowledge his exemplary volunteer service. The Spirit of New Hampshire awards program recognizes outstanding volunteers in two ways. First is through category awards at the annual Spirit of New Hampshire Awards celebration each fall; the other is through New Hampshire Volunteer-of-the-Month Awards. Bob's nomination will remain eligible for a NH Volunteer-of-the-Month Award through October 2007. Each month, one New Hampshire Volunteer will be honored for his/her outstanding service at a meeting of the Governor and Executive Council.

Kearsarge Fitness Will Help Members "Lose It" This Winter

This winter, Kearsarge Fitness will kick off a program to assist members achieve success in their individual fitness programs. "I Lost It at the Club!" is an 8-week, motivational, weight loss program, coordinated by the International Health, Racquet &

Sportsclub Association (IHRSA) and sponsored by Kearsarge Fitness. It is designed to kick-start renewed exercise programs of existing club members who may have taken off during the holidays and to help new members as well. The program will begin on January 8 and end March 5, 2007. Participants in the program will receive activity cards designed to make every workout different and fun, as well as periodic newsletters filled with useful information and exercise tips. Program winners will be announced on March 12th.

Musical Auditions

The First Baptist Church of Bradford will be holding auditions for its Lent, 2007, production of *Godspell* on Sunday, January 21, 2007, from 12 noon to 3 pm at the church on West Main Street. Please bring a song to sing – an accompanist will be provided. *Godspell*, a musical based on the gospel according to Matthew, will be presented in spring by the First Baptist Church. For info call 938-5313.

New Hampshire on Skis

Join noted author Dr. John Allen, of the New England Ski Museum, on January 9, from 4-5:30 pm, at The Fells in Newbury for a great presentation. Dr. Allen will discuss ski history, traditions and innovations in New Hampshire and in particular, the Sunapee region. It is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and part of the 1920's &

30's *Pastimes and Amusements Around Lake Sunapee Series*. Meet at The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, New Hampshire. Admission is free, limit 25, advance registration required. To register, call 603-763-4789, ext 3, or email fells@tds.net. For more information, visit: www.newlondonhistoricalsociety.org or www.thefells.org.

Reception Honors Local Photographer

In early December, The NH Department of Health & Human Services held a reception for artists commissioned to create artwork for a new residence, Bayberry House, operated by New Hampshire Hospital's Transitional Services, located in Concord. NH Hospital is a state-operated, publicly-funded hospital providing a range of specialized diagnostic and therapeutic psychiatric services. Bayberry House is a certified community residence that serves people needing supervised transitional housing from hospital care until they are ready to return to independent living.

Three New Hampshire artists were commissioned to create artwork for Bayberry House through New Hampshire's *Percent for Art Program*: photographer, Audrey V. Sylvester of Bradford; oil painter, Byron Carr of Contocook; and mixed media artist, Gail Sumda of Concord. The artwork was chosen by arts, mental health, and public works personnel.

Bridge to the Past: January 1991

by Mike Quinn

By the time Bradford residents sat down to read the January 1991 issue of the Bridge, some of the most cataclysmic events in recent history had been set into motion.

On the 4th, the UN Security Council condemned Israel's treatment of the Palestinians; on the 11th, Soviet troops stormed Vilnius to stop Lithuanian independence; the 13th saw eleven unarmed civilians killed in that city's TV tower; and on the 16th, eerie green flashes lit television screens as bombing raids in Iraq signaled the beginning of Operation "Desert Storm." It's no wonder that Luanne Mayo referenced "worrisome times" at the end of her article about a "Bradford Historical Society/Three R's Mid-Winter Event."

For Bradford, two troublesome issues that dogged the town during the prior year wound down to resolution: a consent order was issued relative to

the Naughton property, and former town employee Robert Patten was granted disability pay by the New Hampshire Department of Labor Compensation Appeals Board.

The issues and times were balanced by photographs that depicted Bradford at its best: on the front cover, a smiling Mike Hague appeared with Santa, the caption reporting that St. Nick "shows his support for recycling in Bradford."

Nancy Hibbard, Mary Batchelder, and Donna Seabolt conversed at the Bradford Women's Club's First Annual Holiday Crafts & Antiques Show, which the paper characterized as a "smashing success." (That year, Lucille Tardiff of Oakdale Road won the raffle prize of a painted and decorated 10-gallon milk can donated by Louise Doten.)

Thorsten Lohmann, a German exchange student aspiring to a career in medicine, smiled out at readers in a

photo taken during his tenure at Kearsarge Regional High School. Lohmann was a guest of Parker and Edythe Craig.

Linette Strout, daughter of Perley and Marcia Strout of Bradford, joined Troika, a Broadway company, and was headed toward a tour throughout the States and Canada.

Burton Hersh looked relaxed in a photo taken in his home office—the latest installment in Audrey Sylvester's series about Bradford residents working at home. Hersh had just published his third major non-fiction work, *The Old Boys: The American Elite and the Origins of the CIA* (Scribner).

The Bridge also reported that Jim Pickman received his master plumber license; Marcia Keller wrote about new RSA amendments related to voter qualifications, town meeting votes, local option questions, budget committees and collective bargaining, and school district meetings; and Luanne Mayo wrote an account of the history, trials and tribulations of East Washington Road. She reported that one of Bradford's most remote roads had been invaded by cure-seekers, dumped by Concord (actually, sold to Bradford), flooded by beavers, designated as a nuclear refugee resettlement location for New York City residents, targeted as a nuclear waste site, and flooded by beavers again. Mayo reported that plans were afoot to raise the level of the roadway and solve the problem "once and for all."

Finally, the three regular columnists offered up their monthly dose of sound advice: Mildred Schmidt published a recipe for "Easy Pepper Steak;" Fred Winch advised readers to use their discarded Christmas trees as shelters for birds (or garden plant cover for procrastinators) and spend a few evening hours poring over seed catalogs; and Howard Brooks' "Tech Talk" covered a potpourri of topics ranging from manipulating memory and handy DOS commands to tuning your computer. Brooks did an excellent job of making a complex topic accessible—but read his column today and you might be compelled to send a thank you note to Bill Gates for creating Windows.



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KRSD School News

Bradford KRES News

Mary Keegan-Dayton

The Winter Activities Program is alive and well at the Bradford School. This year we will offer skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, snow shoeing and sledding to 194 students. The program starts January 5th. "It's a nice tradition," comments Jim Spadaro, principal, "and tradition is so important in our students' lives." Area schools have been participating in this tradition for over 40 years in Bradford, Newbury, Warner and New London. Students in Bradford can participate in Winter Activities now through the 8th grade.

You might ask "what are winter activities?". Just ask the old timers and they'll tell you. It is a school-sponsored activity that promotes health and fitness. Students sign up for an activity and provide their own equipment. The school provides the learning, fun and transportation. Skiers go to Mount Sunapee; skaters go to the New England College Rink; and snow shoeing and sledding happen on the fitness trail behind our school. The learning and fun take place five afternoons in January and February. All staff and students participate. Fourth grade teacher Kris Sweet learned to skate during winter activities with the kids in our program. Former school secretary Dawn Rich shared her love of swimming with students during winter activities. Back in '88, swimming at the Hogan Center pool was one of the activities. She remembered the donated skates and hot chocolate back at school at the

end of the day. "I remember Alea Paddock and Elizabeth Forgiel swimming with us at school. Alea now swims in college and Elizabeth swims for the high school. They are continuing their love of swimming. It's great."

Alan Craigie learned to ski with the Bradford School and remembers winning the skiing award in fourth grade. It was 1973. "It was a great confidence booster to win a trophy like that. The first trophy I ever received."

Fifth Grade Teacher Katie Perkins and parent Holly von Svoboda coordinate the school program every year. One hundred and ten skiers, forty-five skaters, twenty one for snow shoeing/sledding and eighteen snowboarders will get ready after lunch on January 5th. Scads of parent volunteers will assist in preparations, boot fitting, and transporting of equipment. It's a wonderful sight.

Amelia Powers and Amber Chick will be snowboarding. Mrs. Fenton will be ice skating. Mackie Emery will be skiing. The program enhances the relationship between staff and students. Bradford teacher Nikki Finger summed it up in one of her favorite quotes, "education is the sum total of all your experiences." Here at the Bradford School we will continue the time-honored tradition of offering students a unique opportunity that would otherwise not be available to some. We call it "winter activities."

School District News

John Steiner

The Board continues to try to reduce the operating budget which will be presented to the voters in later this month and on the March ballot. At its most recent meeting, a projected savings in health insurance reduced the budget to less than a 4% increase in operating costs not including the debt service for the middle school. This debt service is 57% of the budget increase and brings the overall increase to 7.84% - roughly a \$29 million budget. Recent additions to the budget include badly-needed new uniforms for a variety of teams.

Warrant articles you will see on the ballot include a new contract for teachers. This three-year contract represents many months of negotiations, some give and take on both sides and a fair deal for employees, citizens and children, so please support it.

Granting the Board authority to lease the old middle school is a piece of enabling legislation on the ballot. I am currently chairing a committee that is negotiating with the New London Area Outing Club and the Kearsarge Area Community Center regarding use of the building once the new school opens in 2008. Each group wants to make modifications and improvements to use the building for community and educational purposes. We hope to reach some type of agreement with each group

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in the spring and create a place for the entire region to enjoy.

Lastly, a petitioned warrant article for a "default budget" will appear on the ballot. The School Board does not support this change to the charter, as it can take the rational thinking that goes into creating a budget, discard it in place of an arbitrary number, and not base it on real need. Further complicating the issue is that four or more budgets could appear on the ballot, meaning 26% of voters could potentially decide the outcome. The system we have in place, although not perfect, works well and allows multiple players -the administration, the board, the School Municipal Budget Committee, and voters at the deliberative session a hand at crafting the budget. I urge you to vote "No" on the Default Budget question.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Unhanging of the Greens: We will be undecorating the church on Sunday, January 7, immediately following the worship service.

Mom's Bible Study The moms will meet every Wednesday in January beginning Wednesday, January 10, from 8:45 - 9:45 am. They will be reading "The Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer.

Thursday Study Group: This group will meet every Thursday in January beginning Thursday, January 11, from 12 noon to 1:00 pm. They will be studying a Serendipity study called "Women of Faith."

Food Pantry: The January distribution date will be Wednesday, January 17, from 5:30 - 6:00 pm. Food can also be received by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Godspell; The auditions for anyone who would like to perform in the musical *Godspell* will be held on

Sunday, January 21, from 12 noon - 3:00 pm. The first rehearsal will be on Sunday, January 28, from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet on Wednesday, January 24, at 7:00 pm at the home of Fred Hubley for an evening of pool, fellowship, and refreshments.

"Friendship First" Our church will begin a 13-week program called "Friendship First". This will encompass Sunday morning messages, weekly small groups and our Sunday school classes.

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Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Due in part to the inhabitants of our chicken house, the grass in the garden this year reached over our heads. “WHAT?” you ask. I have always been charmed by the knowledge that corn is a form of grass. Because it is an etymologist’s business to know, one could tell you that the word ‘corn’ is yet another North American linguistic bungle, along with the misnamed ‘Indians,’ ‘potatoes,’ ‘Jerusalem artichokes,’ and whatnot. Corn originally referred to a nubbin or kernel of any sort as in ‘peppercorn’ and ‘corned beef,’ so named for the addition of small chunks of salt. English corn was wheat, in Scotland, it was oats, and in the Bible, corn was probably barley. North American corn is known everywhere but here by its Native-American name of ‘maize’.

From the vantage point of a meadow mouse, there is much in a lawn that bears a miniature resemblance to our corn. And because it is a vole’s business to know, he could point out the structural, olfactory, and gustatory details that make grass a grass. Being primarily visual creatures, we would note that it is the habit of grasses to have narrow leaves with vertical veins, and usually, inconspicuous flowers. The stems are always hollow except at the somewhat chubby nodes where the leaves attach. Grass stems are usually round and the base of the leaf wraps partly around the stem in a sheath. Corn is a giant example of this definition.

Perhaps the most significant characteristic of the lifestyle of grasses is that the growing point of these vegetation factories is at or near ground level. This makes grazing possible. Mowing is very nearly the same operation but with much less purpose. Cell division in most other plants happens at the tops and at the tips of lateral branches. The grass family harbors equal or greater biomass below the surface in its roots, which makes it drought, fire, and graze tolerant. I imagine my sweet corn would also grow back if it were mowed, but I would not risk a single ear to mere curiosity on this point. Corn, as I said, is a giant grass on many levels. Probably the oldest of domesticated grains, the identity of its forebears is still hotly contested among people whose business it is to hotly contest these things. Some will tell you that its closest weed relative is the Mexican teosinte grass. Some will argue its origins are far more complex. All agree that corn exhibits a prodigious genetic variability that has allowed it to adapt rapidly to new conditions. A few well-placed mutations might have caused drastic changes to the size and structure of its cob. The seeds

no longer ‘shatter’, but remain huddled in a pack, trapped in an uncharacteristically tough husk. The novel relocation of the female flowers to the lower region of the stalk, unlike other members of the family, seems to cause overfed seeds. In an intricate chemical dance, the windblown pollen falls from the tassels to land on the silks where the female flower lies. Each strand leads to an incipient kernel of corn. Hungry, observant, Central American humans took note of this. By the time

the Pilgrims set down to a serving of popcorn at Thanksgiving, the natives had developed thousands of cultivars for every environment and use.

“Corn now covers more of the earth’s surface than virtually any other domesticated species, our own included,” according to author Michael Pollan. This is a lot. The “corn belt” of North America is one of the most altered environments on earth. Currently, most of our consumption is in the form of high-fructose corn syrup and other miracles of processing. For a few decades now, the politics of economics has encouraged farmers to produce as much corn (and soybeans) as possible and dump it on the market, no matter what the price, driving prices lower and thus causing greater taxpayer assistance to farmers. In spite, or perhaps because of, this system, farmers are still struggling, growing even more corn, and thus causing greater need for price support money to cover the continually lowering cost of grain.



The desperate flood of corn gave rise to the weird practice of cattle feed lots. Cattle, in their natural state, are incapable of digesting grain. They now suffer forced gastro-intestinal adaptations and increased illness with medication, not to mention a serious lowering of former pastoral living standards and senses of humor. Ethanol (corn) is now added to gasoline largely in an effort to use up the excess.

All of this is a bit mystifying and more than just a little depressing. But I am lingering here in the garden in the diminishing warmth of a December day surveying the remains of a successful harvest. Around me lie the spent bodies of crops. All but the strawberries originally inhabited some tropical climate, and virtually all of our domesticated plants and animals are now utterly incapable of reproducing or surviving except by our design and effort. Still, I am looking forward to another summer of sweet corn.

References include: *Blue Corn and Square Tomatoes*, R. Rupp, *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, J. Diamond, and *The Omnivore’s Dilemma*, M. Pollan. All are available through the Brown Memorial Library.

Kenny's "Paper Mill" at Bradford Transfer & Recycling Center

by Kenneth Anderson, Manager

As soon as Lois and I finished baling yet another mountain of mixed paper recently, we chimed together, "Kenny's paper mill!" We produce up to four bales of mixed paper on a busy day at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center, especially around the Christmas holidays and during the summer. It is apparent to the residents bringing their recyclables to the center that baling mixed paper and cardboard keeps us quite busy. To me, tying up a bale of paper is not drudgery – it is rewarding. Rewarding because I am saving taxpayers \$42.50 in tipping fees each time I keep a ton of paper out of the compactor. Rewarding because I bring in currently about \$33 per ton for mixed paper and \$58 per ton for cardboard for our residents. And, rewarding because recycling paper saves trees that absorb carbon dioxide and helps curb global warming. So, thank you, residents, for your increasing participation in the mixed paper and cardboard recycling effort.

The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center is no longer

collecting computer components, or, eWaste. Call Beth at IAMNOW.net, 938-2127, to get your eWaste to them for environmentally-responsible recycling. This will be of benefit to the town because it will reduce the cost of electronics disposal.

The center is no longer accepting fluorescent tubes or CFL bulbs. To quote the November, 2006, issue of Living with Energy, "When your energy efficient bulbs have burned out, TrueValue Hardware, the NH Department of Environmental Services, PSNH, and the NH Small Business Development Center have teamed up to provide a convenient way to properly recycle old fluorescent light bulbs. TrueValue stores will let customers drop off up to six bulbs per visit. These include burned-out CFLs and four-foot and eight-foot fluorescent tubes."

Please note: Northeast Resource Recovery Association has issued a bulletin. For safety reasons, no wire is to be put into the compactor. Wire is to be placed into the scrap metal container.

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