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Current Use in Bradford

In an article in the November Bridge, Chris Way discussed the NH Current Use tax provisions, and some of its benefits. Current Use helps keep land open, protecting land, water, agriculture, forests and wildlife, and providing a healthy and attractive environment. Furthermore, since Current Use land, unlike residential property, brings in more tax revenue than the cost of associated services, over the long run it helps keep down the tax rate for everyone.

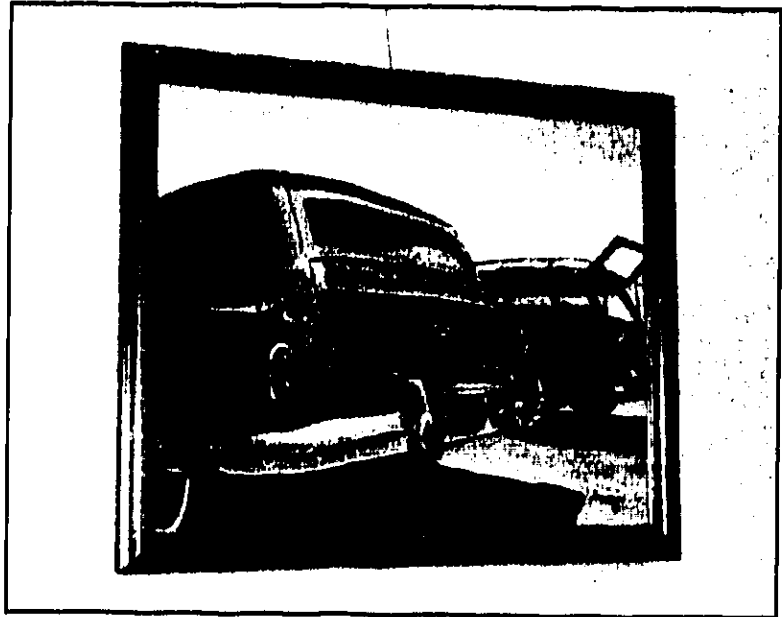
According to the 1999 Town Report, there were approximately 15,600 acres enrolled in Current Use, about 58% of the total area of Bradford. Most of this land is forest, over 13,000 acres. 547 acres are classified as farmland, and the balance is wetland or other "unproductive land", such as craggy ledges and cliffs.

Under Current Use, areas of ten acres or more of undeveloped land are assessed according to the value of their "current use", as forest, farm land, or unproductive wildland, rather than at the value for potential development. The value of the current use assessment depends on the type of land and its quality. The assessments can range from as much as \$425 per acre for the best farmland and \$170 per acre for the best forest land, down to \$12 to \$15 per acre for wetlands or unproductive wildland.

By enrolling in Current Use, a landowner makes a commitment, registered with their deed, that the land will remain open. If the enrolled land is ever developed, the owner is subject to a "Land Use Change Penalty Tax" of 10% of the appraised market value. In the ten years from 1990 through 1999, only 51 acres in Bradford were removed from Current Use.

In 1992 the Town directed that 50% of revenues received from the penalty tax be placed in the Land Conservation Fund, to be used to acquire, protect, or otherwise conserve and properly use open space in town. Thus even when land is removed from Current Use; there is still a chance for a conservation benefit.

—Bradford Conservation Commission



The Bradford Art Group presents *Automotive Reflections: From Classic to Muscle Cars*, paintings by Don Dickerson of Bradford, February 1-28. See page 11 for a profile of the artist.

Bradford Artists Featured in NHAA Exhibition

Two Bradford artists, J. Ann Eldridge and Thomas Glover (also of Dover) are included in the 53rd New Hampshire Art Association's Annual Exhibition, held in The Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester. Eldridge's etching, *My Religion has Something to do with Compost*, and Glover's oil on canvas, *Green Edge - Great Spruce*, chosen by the exhibit's curator, Carol R. Warner (Corporate Curator of Fidelity Investments), are among the 74 works of art featured in the show. The exhibit continues through February 25, 2001.

The Currier Gallery is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 11:00am-5:00pm, Friday from 11:00am-8:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am-5:00pm. For more information, call 669-6144 or visit their web site at www.currier.org.

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Submissions

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

Selectmen's Update

A meeting was held with Tom Brennan, Superintendent of Schools, regarding questions relative to newly proposed Public Kindergarten for the Kearsarge School District. The study conducted by the Superintendent's office indicated that local providers would not have the space to service 14% of the children identified as eligible for services. Your selectmen requested the district to consider using the Bradford Community Center in lieu of building an addition to the present school. Present plans indicated two classrooms designated for kindergarten use exclusively at Bradford Elementary School, which would service Bradford and Newbury children.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tom Riley from the Planning Board. Mr. Riley was cited for his dedicated efforts and service to the community both as a member and Chairman of the Planning Board.

Police Officers Andrew Turgeon and Aaron Sparks were approved as full-time officers of the Bradford Police Department. Both officers previously served as part-time officers.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee further reviewed all requested budgets and proposed warrant items. Warrants proposed are for work on East Washington Road, Fairgrounds Road and High Street. Also included in the proposed warrants are plans for energy conservation at the Town Hall, a new police cruiser and a new sander for the Highway Department.

The closing date to file for offices open for candidacy for March 13 Election is Friday, February 2, 8:00am-Noon and 3:00-5:00pm. We urge those interested in being part of our Town's government to file for the various openings.

---Marv Rich

Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 3, from 11:00am until noon to make corrections to the Checklist. This is also the last day to accept Voter Registration prior to the March 13 Town Meeting. No additions or corrections can be made to the Checklist after this session until Election Day. The Supervisors will be doing a purge of the voter list beginning in mid-April.

---Debbie Lamach

NOTICE

Voting on Tuesday, March 13 will be at the Town Hall from 8:00am-7:00pm, NOT at the Elementary School this year. Information from the school district was printed with incorrectly.

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Ski-A-Thon/Ride-A-Thon

It's not too late to gather pledges and join the Ski-A-Thon/Ride-A-Thon at Mount Sunapee on Saturday, February 3, to benefit the New England Handicapped Sports Association. Take runs at South Peak (formally known as the Province Area) or on the Eggbeater. Lots of prizes, including the Grand Prize—a free pair of skis or snowboard to the person who brings in the most pledges!

NEHSA, which teaches adaptive skiing and riding to disabled children and adults, depends on its fund-raisers to support its program, which includes a dedicated corps of volunteer instructors, a well-stocked equipment room and its own lodge. Their weekday program includes teaching 35 students from nine area schools.

Start skiing or riding at 9:00am then join NEHSA for a BBQ lunch. After lunch, ski or ride for the rest of the day. To help NEHSA cover costs, which includes the lift ticket, we require that each person bring at least \$50 in pledges. For those who raise more, prizes include: NEHSA T-shirt (raise \$100), NEHSA sweatshirt (raise \$250), \$100 gift certificate (raise \$500), \$250 gift certificate (raise \$1000).

For more information and pledge sheets contact: Debbie Bruss at 938-2979 or NEHSA at 763-9158, or go to www.NEHSA.org.

—Debbie Bruss

BWC presents Town Reports

On February 20 at 11:30am, the Bradford Women's Club will host a pot luck luncheon and Town Reports meeting. There will be representatives and Town officials to present the reports. We invite anyone interested to join us at the Bradford Area Community Center.

—Jean Gaito, President

Community Workshop: Voter Information Session

The Community Workshop will meet on Thursday, February 8 at 11:00am in the Friendship House in South Newbury. It's "the usual" up until 1:00pm when there will be a review of candidates and issues in both Newbury and Bradford that the towns will be voting on at the March election. This should be an informative session and an opportunity to ask questions of town representatives who will be meeting with us.

We all know now how important each of our votes is. Here's your chance to become an informed voter before you go to the polls on Tuesday, March 13.

—Clare Bensley



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Dear Bradford Residents:

For the first time in many years, my husband and I were able to spend a summer in Bradford at our cottage on Lake Massacum, our favorite place on earth. We have been coming to the lake for over sixty years. We moved to Florida about twenty years ago, expecting to take vacations in NH each summer. However, things happen, situations change and we have spent very little time at the lake.

This past summer we were able to return and we felt so thankful to be back. There were a few changes such as the IGA store having disappeared, a new pizza restaurant standing in its place (delicious), and new cottages around the lake, others redone or added on to.

We ate at some wonderful restaurants in and around Bradford. Cousins from CA came east and they spent an hour or so of most every day at the Bradford Junction. Couldn't believe the wonderful home made food and the prices.

I missed the IGA. I guess it was tradition and it's hard to lose an old habit. It was not only the food and the more convenient location that I missed; it was 'Country' that was missing. I'm sure families appreciate Warner's lovely store but

it's just like every other grocery chain: it's large, has choices, and is cheaper but there's no 'Country.' However, it's progress and I know it is needed.

One of the nicest changes was the library. It's wonderful and we made use of the computers on a regular basis. I keep close contact with far off relatives through email, my own children and many nieces and nephews, so I really appreciated the computers that were available. For those who use the computers, I hope you will consider a donation to ensure their availability in the future.

Several times a group of very young children visited the library for story time. They were excited to be there and quieted right down when the reading began. What a wonderful way to start off a young life, by finding joy in the library.

I would also like to add that the people working there were very helpful and pleasant. A special 'thanks' to Maggi who helped us with some family memorial funds. Our whole family appreciated her assistance.

So, our favorite place on earth was a nice place to return to. We certainly hope to be back next summer.

Charles and Martha Glover Watson

Obituary

JANET NILES

Janet Niles, 94, of Havenwood, died Friday, December 29, 2000 at Havenwood. Miss Niles was born in New York City, NY on June 15, 1906 the daughter of Theophiolis E. and Rominda (Burnett) Niles. She graduated from Vassar College in 1927. She had lived in New York City and taught mathematics at Horace Mann School for Girls. She moved to Boston in 1943, taught in the Windsor School and retired in 1971. Miss Niles purchased a home in Bradford in 1952 and summered there until her retirement in 1971. She moved to Havenwood in 1978. Members of her family surviving include a grand nephew, Thomas Niles of Underhill, VT; three great grand nieces; and cousins. A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Bradford on January 11. Burial will be in the spring. Contributions may be made to Brown Memorial Library, P.O. Box 437, Bradford, NH 03221.

Birth Announcement

Janet and Allan Clark of Snow Hill Farm in Bradford proudly announce the birth of their daughter Sarah Rachael Clark, born on December 24, 2000. Sarah was born at the New London Hospital Family Birthing Center. She weighed eight pounds, one ounce at birth and was 21 inches long. Her paternal grandparents are Jean and Rocco Sciamacco of Warwick, RI and Allan Clark, Sr. of East Greenwich, RI. Maternal grandmother is Monica Marti of Warwick, RI. Big brother Benjamin Clark is thrilled.

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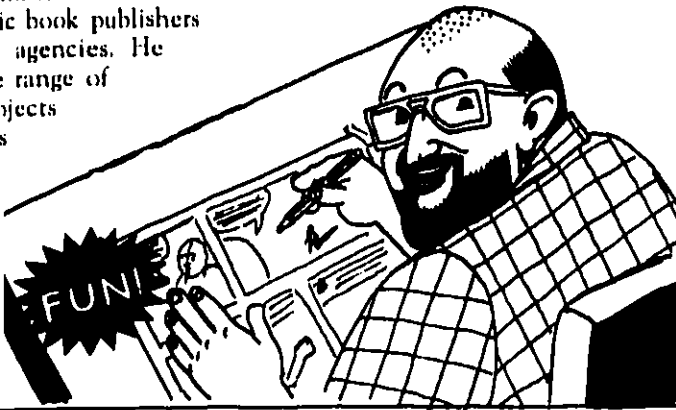
Adventures In Art Cartooning Workshop

A cartooning workshop, *Creating Comics*, with Dan Pettiglio, cartoonist and illustrator, will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14 from 3:00-5:00pm in Brown Memorial Library. The free workshop is the second program in the 2001 *Adventures in Art: A New Hampshire Arts Sampler*. This session is open to Upper Elementary and Middle School students. Pre-registration is suggested by calling Project Director, Sue Rayno at 938-2849.

Dan Pettiglio from Brentwood, New Hampshire, is a professional cartoonist and illustrator who has worked for comic book publishers and advertising agencies. He works in a wide range of styles and subjects from humorous strips to non-fiction biographies. A graduate of the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art,

Dan teaches weekly classes in the Exeter School System.

The monthly *Adventures in Art* free programs are sponsored by the Friends and the Trustees of Brown Memorial Library, the Bradford Newbury Parent Teacher Club and through a grant from the Community Arts Program of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Programs take place in the handicapped accessible library and the Bradford Elementary School. For more information, call Sue Rayno at 938-2849.



Beekeeper Course

Kearsarge Beekeepers will be hosting their annual Beekeepers Course February 17 through April 21 at the Grantham Firehouse, Grantham NH. Classes are from 6:00-8:00pm. This course is designed for the beginning beekeeper or those interested in pursuing the hobby of beekeeping.

For more information and a brochure with an outline on the classes offered, please call Larry Snelling, Vice President, Kearsarge Beekeepers Association at 542-6305.

Victorian Ice Skating Party

The Rosewood Country Inn will sponsor a "Victorian Ice Skating Party" on Sunday, Feb 18 at 2:00pm. Victorian dress encouraged.

"It's wonderful seeing inn guests and neighbors alike getting so much use of our new pond" says Lesley Marquis, co-owner of the inn. "Ice skating was our weekend entertainment growing up in Rhode Island! We'd spend the entire weekend on the pond! Dick and I are glad to offer the use of ours to our neighbors to enjoy."

BACC Benefit Rummage Sale

Save the date Saturday, February 17, 9:00am until 2:00pm, for the "Everything But the Kitchen Sink" Indoor Rummage Sale at the Bradford Area Community Center. All proceeds will benefit the Bradford Area Community Center. Browsers welcomed!

Donations of saleable "stuff" in good condition can be dropped off at the Community Center on February 12 through 16 from 10:00-Noon. Please call 938-6228 with any questions.



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Library Lantern

We are excited about the upcoming Adventures in Art program "How to Draw your own Cartoon" with Dan Pettiglio. This program for upper elementary and middle school students will take place at the Library on Wednesday, February 14 from 3:00-5:00pm. In the January program "Painting Banners," the second graders at Bradford Elementary created two beautifully colorful banners depicting scenes from around town. The banners will be hung up in the Library soon; be sure to check them out.

Have you visited our New Hampshire books collection lately? The librarians will be happy to show you this section with history books, guides, essays and poetry—all about New Hampshire.

You may notice in the front entrance that we have some jigsaw puzzles for loan. Are you bored with doing that same old puzzle over and over again? Bring yours in and take home a new challenge. Perhaps this will help pass those long winter evenings (when you aren't reading, of course.)

The Library recently purchased a series of "Eyewitness" videos for the Children's Room. Choose from Shark, Desert, Volcano, Ocean or Jungle.

Library hours:

Monday 9:30am-8:00pm, Wednesday 9:30am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:30am-1:30pm.

Telephone: 938-5562.

SPNHF Snowshoe Tour

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will lead a high-skilled snowshoe tour on Saturday, February 10 (snow date is February 11) from 9:00am to 4:00pm at its Wilkins-Campbell Forest in Deering. This strenuous, five-mile hike is geared to experienced snowshoers. It will be an exploration of rugged hills offering spectacular views surrounding this Deering Preserve. The route links many protected properties in the area. To register or for more information, contact Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail signup@spnhf.org.

Girls' Softball Clinic

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports will sponsor a softball clinic featuring Plymouth State College head coach Harry Blood and his coaching staff, at the Bradford Elementary School on February 17 from 10:00am-Noon. Harry's Moultonboro Academy team has won the last two class "S" state championships, five of the last seven. Lindsey Blood will also be along to help her father and his staff teach the fundamentals of fielding, throwing, batting, base running and pitching. Lindsey was a four-year starter at Keene State College, earning their Female Athlete of the Year award in 1998. In 1999, she was named Little East Conference Pitcher of the Year and led the nation for Division III strikeouts per game. She was also named Regional All-American. Girls ages 8-18 are invited to participate. A \$10 admission fee for each player will be donated to Plymouth State College's spring trip to Florida. Parents and coaches are also encouraged to attend. To pre-register, or for more information, call Alan Craigie at 938-5154. Snow date will be February 24, 10:00am-Noon.

—Alan Craigie

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Local Sculptor featured at AVA Main Gallery

Recent works by Bradford sculptor Amy Blitzer will be on display at the Main Gallery of the Alliance for the Visual Arts in Lebanon, NH from February 16-March 15, 2001. There will be an opening reception on Friday, February 16 from 5:00-7:00pm. For more information, call the AVA office at 448-3117.

In her artist's statement, Amy writes that "my work is based on my reverence for nature and my love for people and animals. I grew up on a farm, and animals have always been an important part of my life."

When describing her working methods, Amy states that "wood has a life of its own. It exerts its personality on the artist. Even carving a piece from a square block, wood guides the chisel in one direction or the other. Cracks and knots demand a change in direction or design. The artist must 'go with the flow.'" Amy generally works with hand tools, appreciating the degree of control and the wide range of effects they offer.

Amy received her A.B. from Radcliffe College and later studied at the Art Students' League in New York City. She is a member of the Cambridge Art Association, the Copley Society, and the New England Sculptors Association, and her work has been exhibited in museums and galleries throughout New England. She has won many awards for her work.



BEOC tackling several projects in 2001

The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC) is gearing up for a great upcoming year. We have many projects in the works and a limited number of hands to work on them. Once again, if you have a passion for a particular BEOC-related issue, join us at a meeting or two. Your input may be vital to the review that we give the Planning Board, Selectmen or others.

Among the projects that are in the works are a Capital Improvement Program aimed to anticipate predictable expenditures. The Highway Department Garage/Sheds Relocation Project and Village Improvement Program are firmly on the agenda for this year. A great amount of work is involved with both of these undertakings.

The BEOC assembled the initial recommendations for changes to zoning regulations regarding signage and lighting. An effort was made to create more detailed regulations with Master Plan guidelines as a compass. Due to time restrictions before the Town Meeting, a final set of regulations for the Planning Board could not be agreed upon. With input from local businesses and residents we will be working on this project in upcoming months.

The site assessment of the Bradford Green Project has continued between the snowstorms. One underground tank containing a mixture of gas and water was removed and the DES picked up the tab for this removal. Since there was some leakage, remediation will need to be done. The details on this have yet to be firmed up, but will be handled in conjunction with other work on the site. Test results for methane will also be delivered this month. These tests will clarify the condition of the landfill and the usage possibilities of the property.

Consider becoming involved with the BEOC. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 8, 7:00pm at the Bradford Area Community Center.

—Stephen Manley

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 385 calls for service (2 arrests were made) between December 16 and January 17. The breakdown is as follows: Two alarm activations, three ambulance calls, 11 animal complaints, six assists to other agencies, 240 business checks, three citizen assists, two cases of criminal mischief, one case of domestic violence, one fire-works complaint, six incident/services, one juvenile complaint, three motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle complaint, one case of operating after suspension, one parking violation, three pistol permits issued, one case of reckless conduct, one simple assault, one theft, seven traffic citations, 88 traffic warnings, one case of transportation of a controlled drug and one 911 hang-up.

Keith Pierce, 35, of Penacook, NH was arrested on January 10 for operating after suspension. He was released on \$500 personal recognizance bail with a court date of 2/18/2001 at Henniker District Court.

Mathew Huppe, 20, of Windsor, VT was arrested on January 14 for transportation of a controlled drug. He was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail with a court date of 2/18/2001 at the Henniker District Court.

—Pennie M. Spooner

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BACC News

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—BACC Governance Board

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Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Thursday Morning Study Group: Pastor Lynne will lead a study of the Serendipity study series entitled: Core Values, Setting my Moral Compass. The group will meet Thursday mornings in her study from 10:00-11:00am.

Bible Study: Our Thursday evening Bible Study meets in the Church Vestry every Thursday evening from 7:30-8:30pm. The group is presently studying the Gospel of John.

Women's Christian Guild: The ladies will meet in the Church Vestry on Friday, February 2 at 11:00am for a brunch and to make Valentine cards for shut-ins.

Special Mission: Our Church will take a special offering to support the New England Institute of Religious Research on Sunday, February 4. The Institute provides churches and organizations with up-to-date research on cultic structures. It does cult evangelism, offers support groups and counseling for former members of cults, exit counseling, strategic intervention and assists families in gaining access to and receiving a loved one from a destructive group. The Board of Deacons is sponsoring this mission.

Youth Group: On Wednesday, February 7 from 6:30-8:00pm both Youth Groups will meet at the Church. Grades 4-6 will make Valentine cookies and cards for shut-ins. Grades 7-12 will make Valentine cards and enjoy a program entitled "True Friendships."

Winter Wonderland Gatherings: Our annual all-Church and Youth Group Win-

ter Gathering will be held on Sunday, February 11 from 1:00-4:00pm at the home of Tom and Judy Marshall on Lake Massacum. We will enjoy many winter sports, toast marshmallows, play inside games and have lots of snacks.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The ladies will hold their February meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00pm. The program will be a Love Gift program.

Family Winter Picnic: Our Board of Christian Education is sponsoring a winter picnic on Friday, February 16 at 6:00pm. This is a potluck dinner with lots of fun and games including the game "Who Wants to be a Christiannaire?"

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting: Our teachers will meet on Saturday, February 17 from 8:30-9:30am at the Sweet Patch to share the challenges and joys of teaching Sunday School.

New Membership Gathering: People interested in becoming a member of the First Baptist Church will meet at the Fiske House on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00pm.

Food Pantry: The pantry will be open Wednesday, February 21 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can be picked up at other times by calling the Church office at 938-5313.

Ash Wednesday Services: The Church will begin the season of Lent with a special Ash Wednesday service on February 28 at 7:00pm.D

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Real Estate Hints: Your Year to Buy

by Laura Hallahan

The New Year has just begun, we have a new President and interest rates are down. With all the changes, this could be the year that you own your first home. I can't tell you the number of people who come into the office looking for rentals because they think they can't afford to buy a house. There are many misconceptions about home buying that can easily be dispelled:

It will cost more to own than to rent. Often, mortgage payments are the same or less than your monthly rent. As we all know the rental market in our area is very tight and rents are high as a result. If you were to take out a 30-year, fixed rate mortgage for \$100,000—even at 8%, your monthly payment would be \$733, less than many two-bedroom apartments in our area. On top of that, you are building equity and not throwing your money out the window.

I don't have enough to put down on a house. While putting down 20% allows you to avoid private mortgage insurance, or PMI, many low- and zero-down payment loans are available. Some banks offer special rates for first-time home buyers and there are

programs such as New Hampshire Housing that assist you every step of the way. The first stop should be your local bank to see what they can offer. You can also try going through a mortgage company or even surfing the Internet to find a lender. Remember, too, that a friend or family member can give you money toward the down payment; you do not have to earn it.

Closing costs are significant. They can be, but again, programs like New Hampshire Housing pay for a significant portion of the costs. You may also try to have the seller of the property you want to buy pitch in toward closing costs.

If you think this is the year for you to buy, be smart about the whole process. Know your financial situation before you even start looking. Better yet, fill out an application and get yourself approved so you know how much house you can afford. Letting a seller know you are pre-approved helps tremendously as they consider your offer, since financing is usually a concern. Ask about locking in an interest rate, too. Even if your financial past isn't perfect, now is the time to take control and make your dream of owning a home a reality!

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Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News

The Annual Ice Fishing Derby will be held on Lake Todd, Sunday morning February 18. Registration starts at 9:00am at the clubhouse on Gillingham Drive. The Derby is for kids age 15 and under. Parents should remember that if they are going to assist the youngsters they will need a Fishing License. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Free lunch will be served as usual. Large pots of coffee and hot chocolate will be available throughout the day. This is one of our most fun events of the year. Fishing is always great, a wonderful time to spend with your kids. Sunday the February 25 will be the foul weather date in case Mother Nature decides not to cooperate. Don't forget to dress appropriately for the occasion.

At the Fish & Game Commission's January meeting one of the topics discussed was the on-going moose study. The object of this four-year program will be to collect data for a final report on the habitat, feeding habits, range and mortality rates of the moose herd. It was stated that there is a lack of knowledge in several areas and this information will help in the herd management. Twenty-five cows and forty calves will be fitted with ear tag transmitters and collars. The work will be done with the help of a professional crew from our west using a helicopter. The project coordinator is a Ph.D. from UNH with the help of two part-time and one full-time student. The cost of the project is \$361,891, which will be paid entirely by hunters from the sale of moose permits and application fees.

Last month I reported about the proposed increase in hunting and fishing license fees. I had recommended getting a Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License. I did some checking and found that if the fee increases pass, lifetime fees will go up accordingly the following year. So it may be the time to purchase one this year. At the commissioner's meeting last month it was proposed to add Lifetime Archery and Muzzleloader categories. These would be welcome additions.

Cold weather months that we are ex-

periencing now are not an excuse to stay in and miss out on outdoor activities such as ice fishing, snowmobiling, and hunting. Just remember to be prepared for it. Bring your survival pack with you just in case, and dress appropriately. Dress in layers and remember that wool is warm and cotton kills. Wool will retain your body heat even when wet. Always wear a hat and mittens. Familiarize yourself with the symptoms and treatment of frostbite and hypothermia.

The definition of frostbite is "The freezing or the local effect of a partial freezing of some part of the body." The cause is exposure, not necessarily prolonged, to subfreezing temperatures (usually below 10° F). Symptoms of frostbite are discoloration of the skin (chalky white, yellow-gray or gray), body part becomes numb and insensitive, prickling and itching. Ears, face and extremities are most susceptible. For treatment, immerse frostbitten part in water (104°-108° F, such as for a hot bath); continue treatment until area has softened. If warm water is not available and the hand or fingers are frostbitten, gently place under armpits or between thighs without squeezing or rubbing frostbitten part. Cautions: Do not rub affected area with oils, snow, ice or hands. Do not force off frozen shoes or mittens. Do not thaw if there is any chance of re-freezing (especially if the toes or feet are involved). Do not use artificial heat sources (heat lamps, heating pads, etc.) for thawing due to risk of burns. Do not break blisters.

Note: Understanding temperature and wind chill relationships is especially important with respect to exposed body parts (e.g. face, ears, hands). The dramatic effect of the wind chill factor on exposed flesh can be illustrated in the following example: air temperature -10° F. + wind speed 15 mph = wind chill of -45° F. In this example exposed flesh can freeze in 60 seconds!

The definition of hypothermia is "sub-normal body temperature." Hypothermia is caused by loss of body heat when exposed to severe weather but not necessarily freezing temperatures. Improper or inadequate clothing and alcohol are the most common causes. Symptoms of hypo-

thermia are shivering or rigid muscles initially (shivering generally stops at 86-90° F). Fatigue and numbness set in as temperature drops below 98° F and reaches maximum at 95° F. Lack of coordination, slurring and slowing of speech, poor judgment, impairment of memory, loss of awareness, may occur at 93° F. Unconsciousness, slow pulse and respiration, dilated pupils below 90° F. Changes in heart rhythm may occur below 86° F. Treatment: Rescuer must prevent further heat loss. Get patient out of wind and weather. Handle patient gently. Remove wet and cold clothing when possible. Add heat to the environment and/or surround patient with body heat (effectively transferred through direct skin to skin contact). Insulate the patient from the ground. If patient can drink and eat, give warm drinks of tea or soup but no alcohol. Provide foods containing simple sugars (hot chocolate, candy bars). If the rescuer is certain that the patient is not breathing (watching for one minute is required) and no pulse is felt for at least one minute, CPR should be performed. It can be very difficult to feel a pulse in a hypothermic patient. Notes: CPR should only be performed if it does not place the rescuer in danger. CPR should be continued until patient reaches the hospital. Misdiagnosis of cardiac arrest is harmful to the patient. (Source: "Out Smart Field Guide," 1998 provided by New Hampshire Fish & Game Department Hunter Education Program.) Information offered is from first aid procedures taught by the NH Fish & Game Dept. through the Hunter Education Program. It is not presented as a cure, home remedy or substitute for proper medical care. If you have any of the above symptoms, get out of the cold and seek professional medical assistance immediately.

Don't forget dues were due as of January 1. It is only \$12.00 per year, which includes membership in the NH Wildlife Federation. Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. Monthly meetings are 7:30pm the first Tuesday of the month at our Gillingham Drive Clubhouse. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 6.

—Lance Rickenberg

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Profile:

Don Dickerson
by Audrey V. Sylvester

Donald (Don) Dickerson is the featured artist in the new winter exhibit at Brown Memorial Library. The exhibit, "Automotive Reflections," is a collection of Don's original acrylic paintings reflecting his passion for cars—a looking back to cars of the past and literally, reflections of light on their chrome and steel. Library visitors will find paintings from classic to muscle cars (the vroom, vrooms): a "Woodys" (a wooden-sided 1950s Chevrolet station wagon, also called a "beachwagon"); Chevy Corvette and Super Sport; Studebaker, and a Cadillac.

About the library exhibit, Don said: "My interest is in a yesterday of automobiles that roared and raced and flexed their muscles—vehicles that languished in factory parking lots awaiting their drivers who would flaunt the shiny and reflecting chrome through the drive-in circuit or perhaps on an open road, once darkness fell." Don regrets that so many treasures are abandoned in the woods and behind barns.

Family stories confirm that as early as four years old, Don could identify all cars by name and make. He said, "That's when cars had a lot of character and when they were very unique." To find his subjects today, Don searches at classic car shows, automotive junkyards specializing in old vehicles, and his own extensive collection of automotive brochures (gathered since the 1960s) and reference books. He takes rolls of film of cars he wants to paint.



Leaving Minneapolis as a downsized corporate employee, Don recently began a new life in New Hampshire where he and his wife, Gerri, enjoy a house in the woods overlooking a brook and field. Don likes his new location where he can literally cross country and hike up to Lake Solitude on Mount Sunapee from the back door.

If you see a classic convertible on Main Street—a '67 Pontiac or a '66 Covair—he is friendly to the driver. It may be our neighbor Don Dickerson, who has taken his beautifully restored cars out of their winter wraps.

Note: Automotive Reflections may be seen at Brown Memorial Library at 78 West Main Street during regular library hours: Mon. 9:30am–8:00pm, Wed. 9:30am–5:00pm and Sat. 9:30am–1:30pm through the month of February.

Money Management Workshops

Starting on Tuesday, February 6 and continuing on Tuesday February 13 and Tuesday, February 20 there will be free workshops on money management. This practical series "Planning Ahead, Staying Ahead" is designed to help you get your finances in order. Marilyn Sullivan, from the Merrimack County Extension Service, will present the workshops. The sessions will take place at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner from 1:00–3:00pm or at the Bradford Area Community Center from 4:00–6:00pm. Advance registration only; call the Pillsbury Free Library at 456-2289. Free transportation and/or babysitting will be available on request.



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Legislative Report

By Representative Barbara Conner French



According to the Department of Health & Human Services, in November 1995, New Hampshire passed a law creating two welfare reform programs to assist families receiving welfare. The NH Employment Program (NHEP) provides financial assistance and employment support services for families cared for by a parent or other relative who is able-bodied to work. NHEP helps people find jobs, access training and education, find childcare, and provides assistance with transportation and other job related expenses. The Family Assistance Program (FAP) provides financial assistance to families where the children are cared for by a relative who is not receiving financial assistance, or where the parent or other relative is considered unable to work because of a physical or mental disability. In 1996, federal legislation was signed into law creating the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act. This federal legislation eliminated the AFDC (Aid for Dependent Children) program and replaced it with TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). Under TANF, states were given flexibility to design and implement their own financial assistance programs for families, so long as the program contains a requirement for able-bodied individuals to work, and cash assistance is limited to a lifetime limit of five years. NH chose to adopt the maximum five-year lifetime federal limit. Massachusetts and Connecticut adopted shorter time limits. Massachusetts has a two-year limit, which applies only to two continuous years within the five-year cycle, and has many exemptions. Connecticut has a twenty-one month limit, however, as long as individuals are making a good faith effort to find jobs, they are granted unlimited extensions. Federal reauthorization for TANF will be in 2002.

Last summer, erroneous news reports stated that people are flocking to NH because of our policy. In response to those stories, a bill was filed that would limit the time period in NH to no more than that adopted by any other New England state or New York. This bill was assigned to my committee and we heard testimony on January 17. The Department of Health and Human Services testified that the bill is unnecessary and was based on false premises. A study conducted last year found that no migration to NH was occurring

due to time limits. They further stated that the proposed bill would have a significant financial consequence on local towns by shifting the welfare costs to communities rather than sharing those costs between the federal and state government. It is my opinion that every effort is being made to help people become truly self-sufficient, and we need to be careful so that if there are people who still have needs, no one will be denied assistance. In NH, 100% of the TANF cases involve children living in the household, therefore, the proposed changes would have a severe impact on the children of those families.

Many hospitals, nursing homes, and others are extremely short of nurses and CNAs (certified nurse's aids). A bill has been introduced to study the shortage of health care workers, which will provide a way to begin to look at this issue. I'd also like to point out that in a few years the supply of teachers is going to dramatically drop. A lot of teachers are near to retiring and they'll all be leaving at the same time. I think we need to take a look at how we deal with the helping professions. There are many other job opportunities for our young people to enter, such as high tech, that have great career potential and greater financial benefits. We desperately need nurses, teachers, CNAs, dental hygienists, and others and we must value them and give them the respect they deserve. There are many resources for the shortages and this deserves attention.

I have introduced legislation that will help increase funding for milfoil prevention and research. A number of people, organizations, and agencies have been working diligently on this issue. I'm sure you are very aware of milfoil and what it can do, as we are continuing to deal with this on Lake Massasecum. Certainly we are doing everything we can to control it, but more needs to be done, not just for our lake, but all lakes. We have become aware that we really need to learn more about plant growth and development. I have convened a group of UNH biologists, county extension specialists and others, to discuss this subject. When the NH Lakes Association had a bill request to help do this, I was glad to put it in. We have learned a lot in the process but it will take a lot more work to finally resolve the milfoil problem, and we just have to continue to work on it.

I am working on a bill that would prohibit minors from participating in any athletic activity whose object is to cause, induce, or otherwise encourage the direct and purposeful striking of the head of another participant in such activity. This obviously relates to boxing, however, it doesn't necessarily mean that children cannot take part in boxing; it just means that hitting the head would be off limits. Our children's developmental process is too important and should be enhanced and protected, especially with all we have learned about brain development. This can be likened to dripping water on a stone, which isn't anything to begin with but can become a big hole eventually. This is not about denying our children, but being sure their growth and development flourishes and other doors are opened.

The NH Commission on Education Funding has now come out with its report and has presented a large amount of significant information, which should help us proceed to solve the education-funding problem. The Commission used a wide set of criteria when evaluating different tax options including; the tax burden should be distributed as fairly as possible; the tax should generate a revenue stream sufficiently strong and stable to raise revenues to the targeted level of education funding over time; the tax should not hinder New Hampshire's economic competitiveness; non-residents should bear their fair share of the tax burden; the tax should not distort spending and other market choices made by New Hampshire's residents and businesses; the tax should be simple to administer and carry minimal compliance costs. Certainly the Rockingham Superior Court judge has shown that there could be a problem with one of the approaches—the statewide property tax. In the past, I have supported a small income tax coupled with a low property tax on second homes and commercial real estate. The Legislature is now waiting for the Governor to put forth her recommendation.

If you wish to further discuss the Commission's report, or any other issue, please feel free to contact me, Barbara French at 428-3366 or Representative Beth Rodd at 938-2692.

Selectmen's Minutes

January 8. Dick Hambrecht met with Selectmen to discuss a motor vehicle matter.

Bert Spooner met with Selectmen to discuss sending both of the newly hired full-time officers to the police academy this spring. There will be no academy in June, and he would like to get them both certified before the summer months. Chief Spooner has arranged to cover the time with the help of the Sutton Police Chief and by covering extra shifts himself. Selectmen concurred.

The Town has received pricing for the paving fabric to be used on the Fairgrounds Road Project.

Dick Moore submitted a letter to Selectmen regarding the need for the additional hours that have been submitted for the cemetery budget. The Cemetery Commission oversees 17 cemeteries covering more than 16 acres. The Commission has decided to add another 50 hours to the budget for maintenance. Selectmen approved the additional wages to cover the request.

Intent to cut for James Gezelman was signed and a \$2000 road bond was set.

Selectmen discussed a letter from Habitat for Humanity. The letter requested Selectmen place an article on the warrant to donate two parcels of town owned land to the group to build homes for qualifying individuals, ultimately returning them to the tax rolls of the town. The Selectmen decided to postpone approaching the Town, pending current legal issues with tax deeded property.

Selectmen will meet with Bill Clinton on Friday, January 12 to discuss his summary on the sewer project data.

Selectmen have signed a letter to Annie Whipple of West Road, informing her of set back violations of a trailer located on her property.

The Department of Environmental Services has indicated the need for periodic testing of the Highway Garage property following a site investigation performed by Provan and Lorber.

The handicapped lifts at the Library and Community Centers have been inspected and serviced in compliance with state requirements.

—excerpted from the public minutes prepared by Cheryl Behr

BACC February Calendar

After School Program runs Monday-Friday, Youth Room, 3:00-6:00pm unless otherwise noted. Visitors are welcome provided they obtain permission from Youth Group Leader ahead of time. February 26, 27 & 28, no After School Program.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- BACC Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm
- Creating Lasting Family Connections, Youth & Community Rooms, 5:45-8:30pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Food Distribution, Senior Room, Noon-1:00pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- Senior Council, Round table discussion of senior issues with Merrimack County District 3 Rep. Beth Rodd and County Commissioner Bernie Lamach, Senior Room, 1:00-3:00pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm, for information call 938-5352
- Rainbow Girls, Senior Room, 6:15pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Sewing Class taught by Marcia Strout, 7:00-9:00pm. Create a decorative wall hanging or pillow in the "folded star" pattern. It looks difficult, but is very easy and requires just a few stitches on the sewing machine. For further details and to register, call Marcia Strout 938-2716. Cost for class is \$10 that will help support the Community Center.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- BACC Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- Healing Touch, Second in a "Herbal Remedies," Health Services Room, 10:00am-Noon. To register, call Janet at 478-4544 or Betty at 938-2640. Donations accepted.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm. For information call 938-5352.
- Rainbow Girls, Senior Room, 6:15pm

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Owl Romance

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Owls begin courting earlier in the year than other NH birds.

Though their flight is silent, the calls of the barred owl can often be identified in the still winter nights. In light of Valentine's Day, come see a live owl and learn about the romantic behavior and other survival techniques of these nocturnal avian predators.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

On Friday, February 9, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter's annual "Slide Potpourri" program will be featured. Folks are encouraged to bring a few of their favorite slides of nature-related topics to share with the audience. A slide projector and trays will be provided. Please meet at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, on Gould Rd. in New London at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter schedules a "Cape Ann Birding Trip" on Saturday, February 10. Participants will travel with leader Peter Newbern to look for winter specialties along the Gloucester-Rockport Massachusetts seacoast. Please meet at the Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, 1-89 at 8:00am. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars and a scope if you have one. Be sure to dress appropriately for winter conditions. For details call Newbern at 763-4308.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

One fall four or five years ago I found myself leaning on a drugged pony in an effort to steady her with my insignificant weight while a vet pulled porcupine quills from her lips. The vet mentioned that quills rarely become infected. Why on earth would that be, I wondered? The vet shrugged.

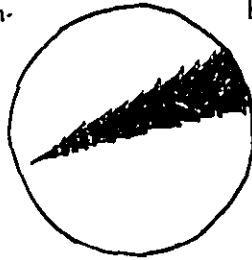
The porcupine is a rodent that has found its place on the food chain as an arboreal digester of cellulose. About a third of their body weight is dedicated to an intestinal tract capable of breaking down the sticks and leaves they consume. (Compare their physique to that of the aquatic tree-eating rodent the beaver). Porcupines move through their potential ten years of life slowly and contemplatively, partly due to their extra weight and partly because they are often taking time out to digest. They don't spend their winters idly hibernating, however. Waddling trenches through the snow, they may station themselves, chewing away, in one favored hemlock for a week at a time.

Due to their co-evolution with large numbers of agile predators, the mammal that became today's porcupine had to come up with some method of protection. The ingenious solution that formed over a great deal of time was modified hollow guard hairs, 30,000 of them, that could be raised when a crisis developed. An alarmed porcupine instantly seems larger and this alone is often an effective deterrent. Each quill is covered with overlapping scales with upturned tips. Smooth when stroked in one direction, barbed when pulled the other way. Being impaled by one is an even more effective deterrent. Their quills are easily dislodged, especially when they nervously bat their tails, but they can not more willfully or accurately 'throw' their quills. Porcupines are not territorial, although two males may engage in minor fisticuffs over an especially attractive female. They are adept at removing accidental quills with their nimble front feet and incisors. Sex is not as delicate a maneuver with them as you might imagine. The young, which are, no kidding, called 'porcupettes', are born with soft quills that become fully hazardous within a couple of days.

Most animals lacking domesticity leave the porcupine alone. A wildlife biologist told me that the discovery of a badly

quilled animal, especially a fox or raccoon, is a sure indication of the bizarre behavior of the last stage of rabies. Porcupines can be taken with effort by great horned owls, coyote, and bobcat.

The predation of that large weasel, the fisher, has been greatly exaggerated though they too are on the list of diners. In order to win with a porcupine, the assailant must catch one in the open and harass it until it is possible to attack its defenseless, spineless face.



MAGNIFIED VIEW OF A QUILL

So why wouldn't a porcupine have quills that also bestow horrible bacterial infections on its tormentors?

Just recently I read of someone who is in the enviable position of getting paid to wonder about porcupines. Uldis Roze discovered two things. The first is that the quills of porcupines are coated with a layer of a fatty substance called palmitic acid which is an antibiotic as effective as penicillin. Wondering why such an intricate circumstance would have come to pass, he made the secondary discovery that porcupines fall out of trees much more often than you would think. Examining the remains of large numbers of porcupines in museum collections, he found healed skeletal fractures on thirty five percent of his subjects, compared to a mere ten percent on other tree climbers such as raccoons. Porcupines hike themselves skyward using their stumpy, prickly tails as a brace. Apparently some of the bumps in the night that set our dogs to barking are the sounds of clumsy porcupines toppling from their perches and nursing self-inflicted wounds. At such times they perhaps lament the choices evolution has made for them.

News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office

December 5, 2000. Keegan William Keith was born to Mark and Julie in Concord.

December 24, 2000. Sarah Rachael Clark was born to Allan and Janet in Concord.

January 4, 2001. Isaiah Edwin was born to Sarah Gregory and Edwin Pacheco Jr. in New London.

Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at the Town Hall. Town Meeting will be the following night, Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at the Elementary School at Bradford. Absentee ballots should be available by the middle of February.

Letters on Notice of Lien and Notice of Deed will be going out by the middle of February. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office during regular business hours.

There is still an opening for a qualified individual for the post of deputy town clerk / tax collector. This includes job training. Please send resume or qualifications to P.O. Box 607 for a job application and interview appointment.

The office will be closed on February 19, 2001 for the holiday.

—Sue Pehrson

Band Practice

The Kearsarge Community Band invites brass, percussion and woodwind musicians to join their first rehearsal of the 2001 season on Tuesday, February 20 from 7:00-9:00pm at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Music Room in New London. No auditions are required, and all are welcome.

For membership information, contact Pam Waltzer at 763-8944, e-mail maurer@srnet.com or Nola Aldrich at 526-2942, e-mail kenola@rds.net.


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February Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm (ZBA to meet only if there is a previous agenda) call 938-5386 for information

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

KRSID School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

BEOC, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00

Budget Committee Public Hearing on Bradford's 2001 budget, Town Hall, 7:00pm

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Girls' softball clinic at Bradford Elementary School from 10:00-Noon. Snow date, February 24

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bradford Fish & Game Club's Annual Ice Fishing Derby, kids 15 and under, Lake Todd. Registration 9:00am at the clubhouse on Gillingham Drive. Lunch and Prizes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for details

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

KRSID School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

School Vacation Week commences

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Thistle Spinners, every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn
Bradford Historical Society, open during the winter months by appointment, call 938-5386

To list events for the March Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722 before February 20.



How many more weeks of winter?

Whether you are glaring at it out the window or reveling in it, we predict Bradford will have at least six more weeks, no matter what happens in Puxatawney on Groundhog's Day.

Classifieds

WANTED. Secretary for Bradford Planning Board, about 20 hours per month. For further information and details, call Tom Riley at 938-5539.

FOR SALE. 1982 GMC 1/2 ton pick up, 4 WD, runs excellent. \$1200 or best offer. 938-5062.

WANTED. Metal weights, all sizes, plates or sets, reasonably priced 938-2018.

FOR SALE. 26 inch Franklin wood stove, new chimney pipe. \$100 or best offer. (508) 432-2929.

WANTED. Housecleaner, 4 hours per week. 938-2562.

MOVING, must sell "Life-Styler Fitness Trainer" treadmill, power incline, 4 speed, digital read-out. Like new, sacrifice \$300. 938-2029.

RESPONSIBLE DRIVER wanted for Bradford area student attending NH Technical Institute in Concord this semester, two days a week. Great pay and hours. A safe car, good driver's record and insurance necessary. 938-5152.

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



Don't wait until it's too late!

Bradford Bridge March deadlines

Display ads	February 20
Classified ads	February 24
Articles	February 20*
*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after the deadline, please contact Lyn Betz at 938-5029.	

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