

# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

COMMUNITY NEWS BY NEIGHBORS FOR NEIGHBORS

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March 2000

## A busy month at Brown Memorial Library

### Wooly Things Exhibit

The Thistle Spinners will present a show of knitted, woven and felted work at the Brown Memorial Library during March and April. Every Monday, the Thistle Spinners meet at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn to spin, knit and share their knowledge. Most of the group have their own sheep, llamas or angora goats to produce the fiber they spin. Each artist creates her own variation of color and texture. Some have experimented with chemical and natural dyes. The Bradford Art Group is grateful to all the spinners who have been willing to let us exhibit their hats, mittens, shawls and sweaters even though it's still cold outside.

### Charlotte's Web Book Discussion

The Not for Children Only book discussion of *Charlotte's Web* will be held on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00pm. in Brown Memorial Library. Children are invited to bring their parents, friends, and grandparents to this unique opportunity to discuss E. B. White's classic story. Dr. Patrick Anderson will guide and stimulate discussion. The free event, made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities Council and the Friends of the Brown Memorial Library, will take place in the new children's section. Refreshments will be served. Multiple copies of the books are now available at the circulation desk.

### Collage Workshop for Kids

The Friends announce a new program, *Adventures in Art*, that will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning March 7 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the library. Laurie Buchar, Sue Rayno and Jan Riley are coordinating the program that combines a reading experience with a hands-on art and craft activity.

This first session will feature the books of popular children's authors and illustrators, Eric Carle, Lois Ehlert and Leo Lionni. Children will read stories, then try their own hand at creating similar "picture stories" in collage techniques.

Parents are responsible for bringing their children to and from the library for this after-school program. Spaces are limited to 20 elementary school-age children. Call Jan Riley at 938-5539 to sign up in advance.

**The Bradford Area Community Center is open for activities!  
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U. S. men had their best day of the World Disabled Alpine Championships as Jason Lalla (of Bradford, New Hampshire) and Clay Fox (of Gillette, Wyoming) won their giant slalom races to boost the Americans medal count to 16. By the end of the races that were held in February, 2000, in Anzere, Switzerland, U. S. head coach Ewald Zirbisegger was proud to announce that with the combined alpine and nordic results, the U.S. team claimed the most medals: USA 31 medals (including 11 gold medals) to Germany's 30 medals.

Gold Medallist Jason Lalla almost led a U. S. medals sweep in the LW-2 class. He took command on the first run and laid down the fastest second run, as he won in 2:22.75, more than two seconds faster than silver medallist Australian Milton Michael, who finished in 2:24.86. Monte Meier (of Hastings, MN) took bronze in 2:25.71. Lalla was Giant Slalom Gold Medal Champion in the 1998 Paralympics in Nagano, Japan. That year he also won four titles in the Canadian Nationals. Congratulations, Jason!

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## Selectmen's Update

February is always a busy time for the Selectmen in Bradford. The meetings with the Budget Committee and department heads are numerous. Every line item is scrutinized by the Selectmen and then gone over again by the Budget Committee. Sometimes we negotiate, other times we just agree. Holding the line on spending is always the focus and yet we have to get the job done of maintaining the infrastructure of the town. It becomes a delicate balance between spending and "wait until next year".

The public hearings concerning the budget and the warrant articles are over. Next in the process is the Town Meeting which officially starts with ballot voting on Tuesday, March 14 and is continued on March 15 at 7:00pm at the Bradford Elementary School. The Town Report will be distributed before and at the meeting and has all kinds of good information in it. Read the reports submitted for your information. Look at the financials so that you can better understand where your tax dollars are being put to work. But most important, come out and VOTE! Participate with us. It will be time well spent.

—Dick Vitale for the Board of Selectmen

## News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

January 17. Isabel Dickenson Steiner was born to Jonathan and Robin in Concord.

January 23. Alana Marie O'Keefe was born to John and Maureen in Concord.

February 4. John Swinnernton died in Webster.

Absentee ballots for the March 14 Town Election are available at the office during office hours. You may also request an absentee ballot by phone or by mail.

Town Election will be held at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford on Tuesday, March 14 from 8:00am-7:00pm. Town Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm at the same location.

Lien notices and Deed notices will be going out soon. Please try to clean up any outstanding property taxes soon in order to prevent further costly charges.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, March 14 for the election. Please vote!

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

—Sue Pehrson

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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 March 20.

Congratulations to Laura Hallahan who passed her Real Estate Broker exam and sold over 1.7 million dollars worth of land and homes in just 8 months!

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Do you have a child who will be ready to start Kindergarten or Preschool in September 2000? If you do, mark March 14 on your calendar. BNKP will hold our annual Registration Night for new students on Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00pm at the Bradford Area Community Center on Main Street. Come in to meet our teacher, Mrs. Kingsbury and see our new classroom. Registration materials for the 2000-2001 academic year will be available.

BNKP moved into our new classroom at the Community Center over February school vacation. The children started their first day back February 28 at our new location. What a fun month this will be discovering all the wonderful spaces in our new classroom! Thank you to Alan Kingsbury for all his help with the giant move.

We are grateful to all the people in Bradford and Newbury who bought our baked goods at the Election Day fundraisers. We made close to \$500 which will go to our new playground fund. Thank you.

—Mary Keegan Dayton

## Senior Rally


The next meeting of the Senior Rally will be on Saturday, March 18 from 1:00-3:00pm at the Bradford Area Community Center, East Main St. in Bradford. The speaker will be Margaret Sullivan from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service. Her topic will be "Food Safety in the Home." All area seniors are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

At the February 12 business meeting, Meg Ames, the new Director of the Center, was introduced by the Rally President, Betty Perron. Ms. Ames spoke on her present and proposed duties as the Director.

Discussion then followed with Dick Whall reporting on the Neighborhood Watch program. A motion was made and accepted that the Rally would hold monthly meetings. One month the meeting will be business oriented and the next month there will be a special social meeting, with a speaker or social activity. A motion was made and passed to appoint a nominating committee at the June meeting. This committee will present a slate of officers and committee chairpersons for voting at the August business meeting.

Betty Perron spoke of the proposed meals to be served at the Center in the near future. These meals would be served twice monthly with a donation of two dollars. It is obvious that the Rally is growing, and serves as an important forum where seniors can voice their needs. Seniors are very fortunate to have a new space where they can meet for fellowship; and they wish to express their gratitude to the persons who are responsible for the beautiful new Area Community Center. For further information about the Senior Rally, call Betty at 938-2640 or Genie at 938-6009.

—Genie Polm



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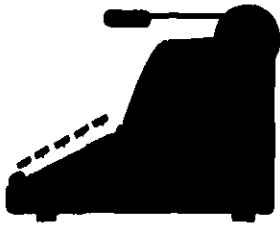
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# Letters

To the editor:

On March 14 we will be voting at the Bradford Elementary School for items on the Kearsarge School District Warrant. One of the articles concerns a vote for or against the "repeal of the Charter..." so that we can go back to the former way of voting. What this is asking you to do is to give up voting at the Bradford Elementary School and let's go back to going to the High School in Sutton and sit there for several hours and vote! It is saying that we "should become more informed" by going to the deliberative session and then vote there. Well, we already have a deliberative session, and the "Kearsarge Chronicle" that the schools send out to all households, and numerous articles in newspapers and in the Kearsarge Shopper that are paid for by the school administration that they say will keep us informed. This is ongoing all year long by the schools!

Are the 700 or so people out of the 8000 voters in this district who signed the petition to get this article on the ballot telling us that what the schools have put out all year is ineffective or that we are not intelligent? Either way, I feel insulted. Going back to the "old way" is so wrong. What about the elderly and the people who work? What about the people who are away the day of the deliberative session? They now can vote by absentee ballot. Do we re-

ally want to take that away from them?

Don't lose your right to vote in your own town at your own time. Vote no for the repeal of the charter!

Dick Vitale

To the editor:

Will the charter school have a zero net cost impact as stated in a recent letter by a member of the founders' group? Posing the question another way, what programs at the middle school will be sacrificed in order to offset the district funds required for the charter school? With only 14% of the students from the middle school transferring to the charter school, can we really eliminate two teacher positions as suggested, or, if not, what other basic programs will be cut?

Faced with this reality and with what would then become an add-on cost to the district of two and one half million dollars over the five year life of the charter school contract, both the budget committee and the school board voted not to recommend funding this charter school proposal. I hope you will join me in supporting this recommendation.

It has been stated that the charter school curriculum will be based on the middle school curriculum. That would amount to funding a private school using public funds. Tax dollars should not be used to fund a private school.

If the thrust was to provide an intensive program for specifically at-risk students and those that would otherwise drop out, then perhaps the direction and cost could be justified. Other funding sources could very well be tapped

for these specific, much needed, purposes.

Research on charter schools conducted by the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory raises questions about the claim that charter schools serve to stimulate innovation in public schools. Indications, to date, are that they do not. This area merits discussion before we move ahead with a proposal that will undermine the present school system.

Despite the problems associated with middle school students, both personal and otherwise, the overall system works well at Kearsarge. Let's not take the district apart.

Dick Keller

To the editor:

Parents and citizens of the Kearsarge Regional School District are encouraged to vote on March 14 for Article 5 which would establish a Charter Middle School in our school district. The Kearsarge Charter Middle School would provide: a choice in public middle school size and learning environment with fiscal and educational accountability through quarterly reports on progress toward academic goals, quarterly and annual financial statements, annual reports for District budgets, in 5 years-proof that the school has met or exceeded the objective academic test results or standards/goals set forth in the proposal and contract and a new middle school building and operating expenses at no cost to the school district.

The time is right for a charter school in our community. Get informed, ask ques-

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tions, and visit the Charter Middle School website at [www.kearsargecharter.com](http://www.kearsargecharter.com). A yes vote on Article 5 brings choice to our school district.

*Lori Terwilliger*

To the editor:

Carol Adams, whose vision and leadership have been a driving force in the development of the Bradford Area Community Center (BAAC), has turned her formidable creative energy to development projects in other towns. In a controversial decision, the Board of the BAAC voted not to retain Carol as Coordinator, a position funded by money which she obtained through successful grant writing.

Though much of Carol's work on the BAAC has been on a volunteer basis, she more recently had a formal contract with the Bradford Community Corporation as part-time development coordinator for the Center. The contract expired in January. Since 1998, Carol has obtained \$400,000 in grants to support the evolution of the BAAC. Many feel that Carol spearheaded this project and that without her efforts, it would not have happened. In addition to her effective fund raising, Carol has provided leadership in developing an organizational structure and a broad vision of the programming and services to be provided at the Center. Some of us feel that, in voting to disengage Carol from this project, the Board may have underestimated the critical role that her leadership played in the Center's development. Many people have made contributions of time and energy but Carol must be credited for keeping the entire project on track. Her attention to the long view and day-to-day details have made the Community Center possible.

Supporters of Carol's acknowledge that her enthusiasm, tenacious focus on "doing it right" and her insistence on always being "in the loop" as project coordinator may have grated on people at times. This kind of energy and insistence on proper management gets things done. She sees what the impact will be if details are overlooked or deadlines are missed. She lets people know when they are getting complacent and many people do not like to hear that.

Although Carol was disappointed that she was not hired to coordinate the ongoing project, she continues her innovative work in community development in several other communities. We wish that her talents were being used here in Bradford where they have made a significant difference to this town. When the Community Center has its grand opening and townspeople gather to view the project and congratulate those who have made this possible, please join us in offering Carol Adams a thank you for her tireless work in making our community a better place. She deserves our praise. Thank you.

*Beth and Carey Rodd*

To the editor:

The Bradford Conservation Commission is concerned by the Selectmen's recent decisions to grant building permits on unmaintained Class VI roads. We request that the Selectmen heed the recommendations of the Planning Board against prematurely opening these roads for housing and call for a moratorium on such development.

Under State law, building on a Class VI road is prohibited unless the Selectmen, after consultation with the Planning Board, adopt a policy allowing building on that section of road. The owner must then sign a statement filed at the Registry of Deeds acknowledging both the lack of road maintenance and that Town services may be restricted. Unfortunately that doesn't solve the problem. In a fire, medical, or police emergency the town crews will always do what they can to get through. Despite the statements attached

to their deeds, towns (including Bradford) have had to pay stiff legal fees as residents living on Class VI roads sue for better services. This was the reason the State restriction came into effect in 1983 during the last building boom, as an attempt to advise and protect against this situation.

Development always comes with a price tag, especially when permitted on outlying, unmaintained roads. The property taxes on an average home don't come close to paying for the education of the children of the average household (approximately \$8000 per year per child). Roads, busing, police, fire and other services must also be taken into account. The population of Bradford is expected to grow between 20 and 30% within the next 20 years.

We have the tools to determine where and when this growth takes place. In creating the Master Plan, the overwhelming majority of residents expressed the desire to maintain the rural character of the town and to control escalating property taxes. Permitting premature development of the Town's Class VI roads does neither.

*Bradford Conservation Commission  
Charlie Betz and Ann Eldridge, cochairs*

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Preheat oven to 425°F

Combine:

- 3 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. Baking soda
- pinch of salt

In a separate bowl beat together:

- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 4 Tbsp. Melted butter

Fold the flour mix into the buttermilk mixture and mix until blended. Turn out onto a floured board and quickly knead 8 or 9 times. Form dough into two balls, place in two floured 9" cake pans and flatten slightly. Cut a deep cross in the top of the dough with a sharp knife. Bake for 40 minutes or until the bread is crusty and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom. Cool before slicing.

Great with that Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner!



# Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

The Women's Christian Guild will participate in Church Women United's "World Day of Prayer" on Friday, March 3. They will travel to the First Baptist Church in New London to enjoy a service entitled "Women of Indonesia." The time will be announced closer to the event.

Our Youth Group (Grades 4-12) will meet at the church vestry on Sunday, March 5 from 2:00-4:00pm. The theme will be "Baby Day." Activities will include a baby food tasting contest, crawling race, baby trivia game and many more games. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. They will also meet on Sunday, March 19 from 2:00-4:00pm to travel to a maple sugar house. Details will follow.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet on Tuesday, March 7 for a business meeting at 7:00pm. At 7:30pm, members of the Board of Trustees will share their plans for renovations to the church properties. The program is entitled "Seeking a Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

An Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00pm. There will be special music, readings and a skit entitled "A Change of Owners" based on 2 Corinthians 5:17. Some of our youth will be participating in this service.

For a Lenten Bible Study our bible study group will be reading the book *Finding a Faith that Makes Sense* during the

Lenten season. The meeting dates will be Thursday, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13 from 7:30-8:30pm at the parsonage. We will still be enjoying some song time at the beginning of the study with Paul Craig leading us with his guitar.

On Friday, March 17 at 6:00pm everyone is invited to a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Adults are \$7.50 and children 12 and under are \$4.00. The proceeds will benefit an immigrant from Kenya and help her continue her education in the United States. There will be a special program after the dinner. We will have an Irish sing-along and Ruth Ann Harris will share some letters entitled "Come You All Together Courageously: Irish Immigrants Write Home from America."

Members of the Church are asked to attend a Church Meeting on Sunday, March 26 immediately following the worship service. There are four items on the agenda 1) vote on the Deacons' recommendation to extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to new members, 2) vote on a new member to the Board of Christian Education and Board of Trustees, 3) make a constitutional amendment that would add Missions to the Board of Deacons responsibilities instead of the Board of Christian Education and 4) to listen to the Board of Trustees' recommendations regarding renovations to the Church properties.



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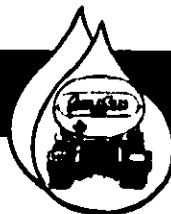
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## The Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

The Brown Memorial Library is pleased to announce that we have two computers with printers connected to the Internet. Patrons under age 18 must have parental permission. Forms are available at the circulation desk. Thanks to MCT for making this possible and to David Levine for his help in setting it up. We recently purchased a large table and two chairs for this area.

The Friends final book discussion is on *Charlotte's Web* on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00pm. Copies of the book are available at the library. A huge thank you to the Friends for the lively print by Tomie dePaola of Strega Nona and Big Anthony.

Thanks to Sue Rayno for the puppet collection in the Children's Room. Arthur, D.W. and Baby Kate are also new residents, donated by Eric and Carl Betz in honor of their grandparents.

Mrs. Stanley Brown and Henry Fleming have added to our audio collection. Bindy and Bill Glennie and Maralyn Doyle recently donated videos. Come by to see what's new!

- New books recently added:
- Murder at the Library of Congress*, by Truman
  - Girl Singer*, by Clooney
  - Reason for Hope*, by Goodall
  - Washington Square*, by James
  - Country of the Pointed Firs*, by Jewett
  - In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle*, by Blais
  - Fanny Farmer Junior Cookbook*
  - Edward Hopper*, by Berkow
  - Tiny's Bath*, by Meister
  - What the Dormouse Said*, by Cash

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 Wednesday 9:30am-5:00pm  
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Story Time for all Kindergarten age children every Wednesday at 10:30am.

## Tomie dePaola donates print to Library



Celebrated children's author Tomie dePaola of New London donated a signed, limited edition print to The Friends of Brown Memorial Library who presented it to library trustees on February 2. Seen here are Marty Bunis (l.) Sue Rayno (Friends member who arranged the gift), and Brooks McCandlish (r.), accepting the gift. The print will be framed and displayed in the Children's Room. In the print, Big Anthony is giving an apple to Strega Nona. Tomie dePaola signed the print, "to my friends at Brown Memorial Library."



## BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

THE GAZEBO  
 Emily Grayson  
 New York: William Morrow & Co., 1999

*The Gazebo* is a story within a story and is the first book authored by Emily Grayson. The story begins when Martin Rayfiel enters the office of Abby Reston, editor of the local newspaper. "Forgive my interruption," said the elderly gentleman, "but I have something that may interest you and your readers." He leaves a briefcase full of letters, photographs and mementos for Abby to discover. Abby works her way through the materials in the briefcase and readers are carried along as she discovers the story of Martin Rayfiel and Claire Swift. The two fell deeply in love despite their class differences. Since 1949, the couple met once a year at the gazebo in the Town Square. This is a book about the choices one makes in life. *The Gazebo* is a haunting tale.

*The Gazebo* is available at the Brown Memorial Library.

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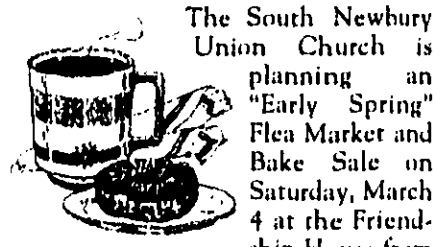
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**Signs of Spring:  
Flea Market March 4**



The South Newbury Union Church is planning an "Early Spring" Flea Market and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 4 at the Friendship House from 9:00am until 2:00pm. There will be something for everyone—plus coffee and goodies. Snow date is March 11.

An "April Fool's Day Turkey Dinner with all the Fixin's" will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Friendship House. The cost for the dinner will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages six and up and children five and younger eat for free. Take out and delivery will be available. For more information about either event, call 938-5369. Friendship House is located on the corner of Village and Sutton Roads and is handicap accessible.

—Gail Bostic

**Parks and Recreation News**

I'm glad to report our Step Aerobics with Molly Clark is stepping right along. A new session will begin March 21, from 7:00-8:00pm every Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Center. The cost is \$36 for six weeks or a six-night drop-in option for \$24. Please call Molly at 938-5978 to register.



We are letting Line Dancing and Fun Dance rest for a while. Thank you, Debbie Hanson for all your time and energy with Line Dancing.

We are having a Fitness Dance with Molly Clark on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00pm at the Town Hall. If you don't like to exercise this is for you. Get yourself moving the fun way. This six-week program costs \$18. Call Molly to register.

Baton Twirling for 6 to 12 year olds begins Wednesday March 8 at 3:30pm at the Town Hall.

We have a number of other programs in the works for the spring, so please watch for announcements.

—Jane Lucas



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# Voter's Guide 2000

## Basic Voting Information

New Hampshire law provides that all citizens presenting proof of age and residency may register to vote at the polls on Election Day. On the first of February at the Presidential Primaries, Bradford registered a record number of new voters. This month, there is another chance to exercise your democratic privilege at the polls. The Town Election on March 14 is a non-partisan election for Town Offices, School District issues and some Warrant Articles. You may register to vote with the Town Clerk until March 4. On March 4 the Supervisors of the Checklist are in session from 11:00am until noon to register new voters and make corrections to the Checklist in preparation for the Town Election. Your next opportunity to register as a new voter is at the polls on Town Election Day, March 14. You will be asked to provide proof of age and residence when you register.

The voting process is simple. Announce your name to the ballot clerk (inspector) as you come in. You will be handed a ballot, enter the voting booth and vote. As you leave the booth, hand your ballot to the moderator and announce your name to the Clerk. *The ballots in and out must tally; do not take them as souvenirs!* It is important to follow the instructions on the ballot. If the instructions say vote for two and there are three candidates, you may vote for just one, but no more than two. A vote for three negates the vote. You may write in another choice. That's fine. Just take note of the number of candidates for whom you may cast a vote. You may choose not to vote for any office or issue you know nothing about, that's fine too. Your vote does count. One vote could make a difference!

In next month's *Bridge*, look for more about changing party affiliation and registration for the September State Primary.

—Nancy Hibbard

## Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Town elections will be held from 8:00am-7:00pm on Tuesday, March 14. Town Meeting will follow on Wednesday, March 15, 2000 at 7:00pm. Both voting and the meeting will take place at the Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road.

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend all expenditures on the warrant.

Voters will be asked to raise and appropriate the sum of \$957,151.00 for general municipal operations. For a breakdown of the budget, see the Town Report. The report is available at the Selectmen's Office and at the polls.

The remaining articles are as follows, with a majority vote required unless otherwise noted:

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a mortgage for a term of ten years to the Community Development Finance Authority in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 on the land and buildings formerly known as the Bradford Elementary School, now known as the Bradford Area Community Center. The purpose of the mortgage is to secure the obligation of the town and the Bradford Community Corporation that the property will be used for a community center during the term of the mortgage, and that the annual reports will be made to the Community Development Finance Authority. The mortgage will automatically decrease by \$5,000 each year until the mortgage terminates.

5. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from ambulance transportation to expenditures for the purpose of operating the Bradford Rescue Squad, including salaries and new equipment. Such

revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as The Bradford Rescue Squad Fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$40,000 for the purpose of operating the Bradford Rescue Squad. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Bradford Rescue Squad Fund previously established. No amount to be raised by taxation.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the purpose of tank repairs to Fire Department truck 82M4. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, which will not lapse until the repairs are completed or in

five years (December 31, 2005), whichever comes first.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of a tanker truck for the Fire Department, (this agreement contains a fiscal funding (non-appropriation) clause and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000 for the down payment and the first year payment under the lease/purchase agreement. The total cost of the tanker truck over the four years will be \$126,000.

9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Department Capital Reserve created in 1996. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$106,867 for the purpose of purchasing a new loader/

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## Candidates for Town Offices



### Budget Committee—vote for TWO

- John "Jack" Meany
- Robert Stewart

### Cemetery Commission, for three years

- Marancy Pehrson

### Moderator, for two years

- Daniel S. Coolidge

### Planning Board—vote for TWO

- Thomas A. Riley

### Scholarship Committee, for three years

- Diane Gadoury

### Selectman, for three years—vote for ONE

- Richard "Dick" Vitale
- Jeffrey Russell

### Supervisor of the Checklist, for six years

- Deborah Lamach

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector, for three years

- Susan Pehrson

### Treasurer, for three years—vote for ONE

- Diane Gadoury
- Marilyn Gordon
- Michelle Marson

### Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library, for three years—vote for TWO

- Roderick Jones
- G. Richard Keller

### Trustee of the Trust Funds, for three years

- Bliss Dayton

### Zoning Board of Adjustment, for one year

- Mildred Kittredge

### Zoning Board of Adjustment, for three years—vote for TWO

- Everett Kittredge
- H.T. "Al" Grindle

### Diane Gadoury, Scholarship Committee

- 1) To be involved with our community.
- 2) Any issue that may arise will be important.
- 3) To serve our community the best I know how.
- 4) First I am a concerned parent and second a member of this community. Third, my background will allow me to deal and work well in a professional situation.

### Dick Vitale, Selectman

- 1) I am presently completing the third term as Selectman for the Town of Bradford. I realized early on that this "job" was going to take a lot of effort in learning how things are done and what a Selectman can and cannot do. I have attended many seminars offered by the State and the New Hampshire Municipal Association. I have put many hours into learning. At times I have put in more than 30 hours a week both in the Town Office and in attending weekly meetings at night. I also have spent many hours responding to emergency calls as a member of the Bradford Rescue Squad. I feel that this is my time for giving back to the community and I want to continue offering my time to the town.
- 2) One of the most important issues that is on going is the issue of education funding. This will always directly impact our taxes. I have testified at the House Finance Committee hearings and would gladly do it again as one of the Selectman from Bradford. The issue that keeps coming up concerns the distribution of the state portion of the education tax to the towns in a cooperative school district. This has to be monitored constantly.

Another issue of concern is the future of the infrastructure within Bradford. Equipment has to be replaced and updated. Roads have to be repaired and prepared for paving. Costs have to be spread out so that we do not have spikes in the tax rate from year to year.

- 3) I hope to continue to learn. This job demands a lot of time. We do not have the luxury of having a Town Administrator or Town Manager to oversee the daily operation of the town. Therefore, with the help of our Administrative Assistant, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and all the department heads and

**T**o provide the community with information on this year's candidates for town offices, the Bridge asked each candidate to answer four questions:

- 1) Why do you want to serve?
- 2) What are the most important issues you will have to address?
- 3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of office?
- 4) What are your qualifications?

### Jack Meany, Budget Committee

- 1) I want to try and take an active part in the community and its growth in the future.
- 2) The most important issue is taxes and the quality of service for the money provided to the Departments in the town.
- 3) What I hope to do the best I can for the people who elect me.
- 4) I am a small business owner and I know what it is like to account for cash flow and how to earmark it for certain items to keep costs down and keep running in the black.

### Bob Stewart, Budget Committee

- 1) Because I have lived in this Town for 48 years, care about the important issues that face the town and feel that the Budget Committee is the best place I can serve the Town.
- 2) Maintaining the lower tax rate that we now have through responsible decision making while protecting the infrastructure of the Town.
- 3) To serve to the best of my capacity to keep a realistic budget in this time of growth and revitalization of the Town.
- 4) 24 years on the Budget Committee and 28 years as a businessman in the real estate and insurance industry.

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# Candidates

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the rest of the Board of Selectman I hope to make use of tax payer's money in the most efficient way possible. Our property tax dropped substantially this past year with the direct help of the Selectman and it appears that this year's Town Tax, with the help of the Municipal Budget Committee, will be about the same rate as last year's tax rate. I want to continue to be part of the process that has allowed the governing body to hold the line on spending. I want to see the roads improved, the Community Center up and running and providing services to the surrounding communities and a "Town Hall" that meets the needs of the residents of Bradford.

- 4) Three years serving the town as Selectman.

## Jeff Russell, Selectman

- 1) I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the budget committee over the past two years. I've listened, learned and have come to realize that the Board of Selectmen can only be enhanced by the presence of a younger individual. Someone who does not have a personal attachment to town departments. Someone who will be considerate of young families with regard to decision making. Someone truly thoughtful of the wishes of the taxpayers.
- 2) To tow the line on spending. Unfortunately the issue of school funding is only a quick fix, and a gubernatorial change, or majority change in the State Senate could have a dramatic effect on taxation for all communities. Town wastewater will be another hot topic in coming years. Whether we're for it or against it, want to pay for it or not, any attempt at growing the tax base of Bradford is going to be directly connected to our ability to deal with wastewater. As a community we need to be proactive rather than reactive with ideas and true cost estimates.
- 3) Lets get back to the goals set forth in the master plan. We need a change in leadership of our Police Department. Leadership that reflects the image of a small town like Bradford. I would like to see an expansion of our recreational activities; to keep Bradford youths involved in positive activities.
- 4) I've been a resident of Bradford for eight years. Currently a member of the Bradford Budget Committee. Opera-

tions Manager for Yellow Freight Systems, Bedford N.H., a 2.5 billion dollar a year LTL trucking company, overseeing the day to day operations of a trucking terminal with a union workforce. Proficient with labor issues as well as strict budgetary compliance. Married 17 years with two children. Your vote is greatly appreciated.

## Deborah Lamach, Supervisor of the Checklist

- 1) I have always been interested in the political process, and this position is at the grassroots of the political scene.
- 2) The most important issue that a supervisor faces is assuring that each and every qualified voter is allowed to vote.
- 3) I hope, with the help of the other two supervisors, to transfer the present checklist to the Town Clerk's office.
- 4) I have served as ballot clerk in both Colorado and New Hampshire and have been Supervisor of the Checklist in Bradford for about 8 years.

## Susan Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- 1) I would like to serve as Town Clerk/Tax Collector as I like my job. Not everyone can be employed in a capacity that gives them such joy and satisfaction.
- 2) There are many issues to be addressed in the next three years. Vital Records and Motor Vehicles plan on being on line with all communities. Record keeping will be going through some major changes as well. Taxation is scheduled for yet another "fix" and should be quite a challenge for Tax Collectors.
- 3) I hope to be able to implement all of the changes in an orderly fashion, so that the townspeople and taxpayers are inconvenienced as little as possible.
- 4) Having worked in the Town Clerk's office for over twelve years and having held the combined post of Town Clerk/Tax Collector since 1991, I feel I am qualified to continue in this office for another three years.

## Diane Gadoury, Treasurer

- 1) This is an opportunity to put my skill to work within our Town.
- 2) Probably to keep an up to date dollar figure available and to keep the cash account balanced monthly.
- 3) To do my job the best I know how.
- 4) My qualifications are ten years of accounting experience in private industry. Most of that experience coming

from accounts payable, general ledger and bank statement balances to be kept.

## Marilyn Gordon, Treasurer

- 1) As the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the past five years, I would like to go on and see the other aspects of Town government. Being in that office has already introduced me to some of the duties that are performed by the Town Treasurer.
- 2) The important issue that would need to be addressed is knowing at all times the current financial status of the Town.
- 3) What I hope to accomplish in my term would be working closely with the Selectmen's office with day to day finances, so that the Town can function smoothly and efficiently.
- 4) Before moving to Bradford, my prior position was in banking and I feel with that knowledge it will also be beneficial to the office I'm seeking. My husband and I are the owners of the Candlelite Inn and we have lived in the community for eight years. I am also active with the Bradford Business Association as a board member and I'm currently on the board of the Lake Sunapee Business Association.

## Roderick Jones, Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library

- 1) I want to serve because Bradford is the town where I will stay. I feel that if I am going to be a permanent resident of a town, I should help support that town in the best way that I can.
- 2) Now that the library has the addition, how can the trustees best serve the patrons? By giving them access to the best books at the best prices.
- 3) I hope to be able to help Brown Memorial Library find the best ways to get the best books for the patrons—and if we can add to the number of patrons, all the better.
- 4) I have a fair knowledge of books and how to get them at good prices.

## Dick Keller, Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library

The Brown Memorial Library has undergone a substantial renewal in the past three years through the dedication and hard work of the Trustees. I would like to continue for a second term and be part of the team that will provide the on-going support and direction.

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## H. Bliss Dayton, Trustee of Trust Funds

- 1) I want to participate in the prudent investment of Town trust funds.
- 2) The most important issues will involve investment decisions that balance the goals of investment income, asset growth, and safety of principal. Other important issues involve record keeping and reporting.
- 3) I hope to help make investment decisions that preserve capital while achieving sufficient growth and acceptable returns.
- 4) My qualifications include banking and investment experience as well as prior terms serving as one of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

## H.T. (Al) Grindle, Z.B.A.

- 1) Having served previously and now being retired, I find that I can devote more time to the zoning problems that arise and, with the serving board, can come to fair decisions.
- 2) Seeing that zoning is delivered fairly and honestly, keeping in mind the best interest of both the Town and the applicant.
- 3) Making sure that the people of the Town maintain their rights and that infringement is not placed against them by misinterpretation.
- 4) I was a member of the first zoning board as well as intermediate building inspector. As the retired Chief of Police, I am used to dealing with laws and the intent of the law.

## Mildred I. Kittredge, Z.B.A., 1 year

- 1) It's interesting, and certainly challenging.
- 2) Important issues are focusing on the objectivity of the state and local mandates while resolving unusual situations in conformance with them.
- 3) I hope to be a part of an efficient and fair board.
- 4) Alternate, member for three years.

## Ev Kittredge, Z.B.A., 3 years

- 1) Public service is a privilege and duty of citizenship in a democratic society. I think I can do a good job. Sometimes it's fun.
- 2) We don't know what the issues are until the appeals come to the board. That is some of the fun part.
- 3) Lawful, evenhanded and equitable administration of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 4) Member of the ZBA as alternate or elected since 1991.

# Warrant Articles

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backhoe for the Highway Department. \$63,654 will come from the trading in of the existing loader backhoe, \$43,213 will be raised by taxation.

11. To see if the Town will vote to change the Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund to the Library Expendable Trust Fund and name the Library Board of Trustees as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$48,350 for a complete statistical revaluation and authorize the withdrawal of \$39,600 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$8,750 is to come from general taxation.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$10,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. The sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount is to be raised from taxation.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$5,000 to be added to the Town Facilities and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. The sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount is to be raised from taxation.

15. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the sum of \$5,000 from the Town Facilities and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of renovating Town Offices in the Town Hall.

16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$16,000 for the purpose of drainage construction on East Main Street.

17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum \$14,800 for the purpose of paving Ring Hill Road and paving an apron at the Highway Garage.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum \$550,000 for the rehabilitation of Bridge #064/140 and the construction design of Bridge #063/141. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of bridge aid from the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$440,000 which represents 80% of the total amount to be expended; and further to authorize the withdrawal of the \$55,000 from the existing revenue raised for this purpose in 1999 with the remaining \$55,000 to be raised this year from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2005.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the existing Emergency Repair Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised by taxation.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for fuel oil. This amount is in addition to amounts currently in the operating budget and is to cover unstable fuel prices.

21. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.



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# School District Ballot: One budget, important choices

by Mark Fairbairn, Bradford representative to the Kearsarge Regional School Board

This year the Kearsarge Regional School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee will present voters with a single proposed school district budget. This is the result of compromise by both groups. The over seventeen million dollar figure for the operating budget was arrived at after the administration's proposed growth items were scaled back somewhat and after the budget committee acquiesced on certain "base" budget items. The two groups concurred that the debate over two proposed budgets might needlessly distract voters from the overarching issues the district faces in the other warrant articles.

Two key items you'll decide on voting day are the negotiated contract with the teachers' union and the start of a capital reserve for the purpose of roof repair and replacement, district wide.

In an earlier *Bridge*, I wrote about the priority the school board has given the teachers' contract. You'll recall that the district has operated for over two years without a collective bargaining agreement. This has resulted in a stagnation of salaries and erosion of morale amongst the faculty. The salary situation makes us less competitive in attracting talented teachers. This has become critical as we are experiencing staff turnover at an increasing rate. The negative impact to morale will take more than money to turn around. It will take strong and positive leadership from our principals and our administration. Nevertheless, your endorsement of the negotiated contract will restore confidence in our schools. I urge you to vote for the teachers' contract on this year's warrant.

The school board is seeking to start a capital reserve fund for the purpose of repairing and replacing roofs at every school in the District. The amount that appears on the warrant is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This amount would enable the district to replace the most expensive roof in the District, which is at the high school. That roof and many others are likely to need replacement within the next five years. The total cost for all roofs to be replaced is estimated to cost between seven and eight hundred thousand dollars. The school board will seek to build the reserve over five years. The funds would be restricted to be used for the purpose stated in the warrant article. I ask that you support this important initiative. Bradford's roof is in poor shape.

A proposal to change the way school budgets are determined will also appear on the ballot. A yes vote on this supports a return to the method by which the budget is presented, debated, and decided all at the same meeting. It would be a return to the process in place prior to the current charter that calls for the school board and the MBC to present you with budget proposals on a town ballot. Early in my tenure as your representative, I signed this petition not understanding its potential impact. I incorrectly believed that the change would result in better control on what is presented to voters on town ballot. I did not realize that the proposal would eliminate the town ballot. I have listened to folks on both sides of the issue and, while I believe in the town meeting style of deliberation and decision-making,

I also believe that we risk room-packing techniques that defeat the will of the majority of townspeople. Therefore, I plan to vote against this ballot initiative.

You may already know that Superintendent Jean Richards has submitted her resignation effective August 2000. The school board has begun developing a search process that includes meetings with selectmen, parents, teachers, and citizens throughout the district in order to recruit a new superintendent who reflects your priorities. The school board advertised last month for volunteers to take part in the search committee process of evaluating applications for this position.

Two Bradford citizens responded to the ad. Carey Rodd and Joe Conway have been nominated and selected to serve on the search committee as voting member and alternate member respectively. The initial search committee comprises 11 voting members representing their towns, the MBC, faculty, parents, and including the school board chairwoman. Bradford and two other towns have an alternate member in order to ensure town representation in the event that the first member can't complete the process. This group will assess the initial set of applicants and make recommendations to the school board.

On March 1 at 7:00pm, a Kearsarge Community Conversation will be held at the Bradford Elementary School. The agenda includes your thoughts and recommendations on our participation in the Governor's Best Schools program and the selection process for the next superintendent.



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## Bradford Area Community Center News

With only a few technical setbacks, the beautiful new Bradford Area Community Center was open for activities February 3. All of the volunteers and boards who worked so hard to make this happen for Bradford and the surrounding towns should be proud of their accomplishments—and now we begin the activities, programs, and services that we hope will serve the needs of our extended community! All of the following programs will be held at the BACC.

**Dads and Kids: An Active Parenting Program.** Toby Wood-Facilitator. Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm. March 21, 28, April 4, 11. Cost of book is \$10.00. Please register with Cathy Mayne at KRES at Bradford (938-5959) by March 10. A minimum of 8 people need to join in order for this program to take place.

**Personal Touch Home Health Services:** Tuesday, March 14, 1:00-2:30pm. Free blood pressure/foot and nail care clinic. This clinic will run the second Tuesday of every month.

**Busy Bodies:** Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28. A parent/infant-toddler group, 9:30-11:30am.

**Step Aerobics:** Tuesdays and Thursday evenings 7:00-8:00pm. Six week session \$36.00. Please register for the next session by March 7 for the March 21-April 25 program. Bring your own "step". Sponsored by Parks and Recreation.

**Senior Rally:** Saturday, March 18, 1:00-3:00. Topic "Food Safety in the Home."

**Youth Council Meetings:** (For kids!) Sundays from 4:00-6:00pm in the Youth Room. March 12, High School age. March 19, Middle School age. March 26, Grades 4-6. Please come and share your ideas about programs and events that you would like to see occur. We would also like to plan for times when kids can just "hang out and socialize" as well. Yvonne McCormick, Youth Council Representative will be at each meeting.

**Bradford Historical Society Meeting:** Wednesday, March 22, 7:00-9:00pm.

**Taking Charge of Your Personal Finances:** Provided by UNH Cooperative Extension. Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm, March 7, 14, 21, and 28. Cost for book is \$18.00. Need a minimum of 8-10 people to join for the class to happen. Please try to pre-register by making out a check to UNH and mailing to BACC, PO Box 276, Bradford, or you may register the first night.

**Public Input Concerning BACC Use and Activities:** Saturday March 4, 9:00-10:30am. All are welcome to meet with the Governance Board, The Bradford Community Corporation, the Planning and Program Coordinator and the Bradford Board of Selectmen to hear your ideas.

**Strategic Planning Meetings:** Saturday, March 4, 10:30am-1:00pm, BACC Directors. Tuesday, March 21, 7:00-9:00pm, BACC Directors. Friday, March 31, BACC and BAC Corp. Directors and Selectmen.

Although the building is ready for activities, the interior rooms still have some "needs." The Governance Board is in the process of formulating a business plan to generate sustainable income for the BACC. We would welcome donations of furniture, office equipment, entertainment, kitchen items, etc. that would help to fill some voids. You may call the BACC phone at 938-6228 and leave a message, or call me at home at 938-2589. During the winter, it is best to park in front of the building and use the front entrance. The back of the building is plowed and parking will be available as long as the ground remains frozen; back entrance is handicapped accessible.

Together we will grow and make progress to ensure the success of this vital new community center! We will continue to need your time, talent, and ideas. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or suggestions.

—Meg Ames, Planning & Program Coordinator

## Bradford Women's Club Update

Oh what a sight it was! Yes, the new Bradford Area community Center is finally in use and what a day February 15 was. A fabulous lunch was put on by the Bradford Women's club followed by the Town Reports Program by Bob Stewart, Chairman of the Budget Committee, Chris Frey Selectman and Dick Vitale, Selectman and, also, Meg Ames the new Program Coordinator for the Center. This function was held in the Senior Room with the kitchen adjacent to it. In the lower floor Medical Exam Room, Addie Stewart gave free blood pressure readings and a foot care clinic. In the evening with lights glowing in the Senior Room and Kindergarten Rooms, a Budget Hearing and a Strategic Planning Meeting were being held. Elsewhere in the Community Center, Line Dancing was going on. It is truly gratifying to see so much time and effort by so many people bearing fruit.

At the Women's Club meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 1:00pm at the BACC, our guest speaker will be Fred Winch who is affectionately known as our "Garden Guru". Fred will speak about plants and gardens and he will answer questions. At this meeting members are also asked to make their favorite cookie and to bring copies of the recipe. This will be a great start for our new edition of the Women's Club Cookbook.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, March 14 at the Bradford Elementary School and the Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 15. Your participation is important and your vote does count.

—Suzanne Vitale, President

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## Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News



Participants in the children's ice fishing derby watch and wait for the one that won't get away.

On February 20 we held our annual Ice Fishing Derby on Lake Todd. Mostly clear sunny skies welcomed 40 children 15 years and under. The derby began with a brief instructional period by "Lets Go Fishing" instructor Richard Wright and a check of gear to make sure everyone was aware of the new ban on the use of lead sinkers. Parents and kids scrambled through a foot and a half of fresh powder covering the two feet of ice to pick spots and place tip-ups, and wait for the flags to fly. Lunchtime brought hungry fisherman inside for a filling lunch. There were four species allowed for entries Pickerel, Perch, Black Crappie, and Horn Pout. Only two categories ended up being entered. Pickerel: tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place at 18 1/4", Eric Dwinell and Nick Dyer; 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 17 1/4", Ben Eaton. Perch: 1<sup>st</sup> place at 12 1/4", David Sczymkiewicz; tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 10 5/8", Pat Dyer and Andrew Kalipolitis; 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 10 1/8", Taylor Newell.

At the February meeting we voted to join the NH Wildlife Federation. The Wildlife Federation is "dedicated to preserving and protecting hunting, fishing, and trapping and to the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat". The Wildlife Federation has been around since 1933, and in the last decade has been involved with Operation Game Thief, Shoreline Protection Act, Hides for Habitat, Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, Wildlife Habitat Bill, and Fisheries Habitat Bill. To cover the cost, we are going to raise our membership rates from \$10 to \$12 effective April 1. As an active member of

the BF&G you will also become a member of the Wildlife Federation, receiving their newsletter 6 times a year as well as legislative notices. If your membership has lapsed or you are thinking of joining the BF&G, the month of March is the time. See Bob Stewart.

The Club has received a "Junior Range in a Box" on permanent loan from Gun Owners of New Hampshire. The Range in a Box consists of four Crossman Black Diamond Peller rifles and assorted accessories. The program is for junior shooters, to encourage marksmanship, safety, ethics, and responsibility. We in the process of working out the details now. Those interested should stop by Dickie's Outdoor Sports and sign up. Funding for the program came from the NRA Foundation in the form of a grant to GO-NH. Two "Boxes" have been produced so far. The boxes were hand crafted by our own vice-president John Wardwell. Richard Wright obtained the equipment. The other "Box" was loaned to the Wilson Hill Pistol Club in Manchester.

Ted Walski of New Hampshire Fish & Game has put down the Bradford Fish & Game Club for one plot of twenty crab apple trees. These trees are planted as mini-orchards for turkey winter food. One tree can produce half a bushel of fruit. They bear some fruit at only two years of age. We should be getting them for planting in late April. In the mean time we will be talking to landowners with good interest and turkeys around.

—Lance Rickenberg

## Author David Carroll speaks at Conservation Center

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will host New Hampshire author and naturalist David Carroll at its free Cabin Fever program on Thursday, March 16, at 7:00pm at the Conservation Center in Concord.

Carroll will speak about his latest book, *Swampwalker's Journal: A Wetlands Year*. Through beautiful sketches and tales of his adventures researching turtles, salamanders, and other wetland creatures, *Swampwalker's Journal* reveals the importance of wetlands to all life. Carroll's books and artwork will be available for sale and signing. David Carroll is the author of *Trout Reflections* and *The Year of the Turtle*. He has received an Environmental Merit Award from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for his work on wetlands. For more information, contact Kristin Loomis or Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail [signup@spnhf.org](mailto:signup@spnhf.org).

## Preserving Family Lands Workshop

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will host a workshop on preserving family lands on Wednesday, March 22 from 7:00-9:00pm at Tracey Memorial Library in New London. The cost is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple.

As agricultural and forest land change hands, experience has shown that good estate planning is imperative to protect family land from unexpected and often significant inheritance taxes. New laws and timely planning can save taxes and keep land in the family. This workshop will focus on the basics of land protection and estate planning alternatives for New Hampshire landowners.

The workshop is co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension, New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. For more information contact Brian Hotz 224-9945 or Trish Churchill 224-9945 or [signup@spnhf.org](mailto:signup@spnhf.org).

## Thank you, Lesley!

After several years of sharing her delicious recipes from the Rosewood Inn with *Bradford Bridge* readers, Lesley Marquis will be turning over her corner of the paper to Jim Horrigan of the Thistle & Shamrock Inn & Restaurant.

# Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd



The 1999-2000 legislative session has been at times contentious and non-productive with some quick, temporary fixes to bandage issues that we will continue to work towards resolving during this and the next legislative session. The primary issue that pits town against town is the school funding debate with extreme differences expressed in regard to the means of financing education. A temporary reshuffling of the state wide property tax has raised taxes in many towns with the result that litigation has increased and citizens have many frustrations about their increased tax rates and the lingering problem of finding a permanent solution to this issue. We are experiencing a \$107,000,000 budget shortfall, a gaping hole that requires an additional funding source or severe budget cuts (often taken from the Health and Human Services coffers in the past) to meet our fiscal responsibilities this year. Recently suggested proposals to once again increase the tobacco tax or to reintroduce gambling have been met with little enthusiasm. Tobacco sales have not provided the funding originally projected and gambling, once introduced on a grand scale, is irreversible and has serious implications for our social well being. The gubernatorial and legislative elections will certainly clarify the direction our state will be taking on funding trends so do be attentive to the positions taken by your candidates, vote with our interests in mind and contact your representatives to express your opinions.

On other matters, the legislature has been grappling with matters, quite literally, of life and death. The Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee heard seven hours of moving testimony on HB 1548 FN, a bill that would abolish the death penalty in New Hampshire and replace it with life imprisonment with no chance of parole. During testimony, it was noted that murder rates are lower in states where there is no death penalty and that every western democracy except the U.S. has abolished the death penalty. The death penalty does not serve as a deterrent but rather satisfies a need for vengeance, an emotion that weakens the spirit and degrades humanity.

A gentleman wearing a sweatshirt that said "death penalty survivor" gave the

committee some first hand information about life on death row in Arizona, a position he reluctantly held for 22 years after having been wrongfully convicted (a conviction later overturned) of murder. He described death row as being populated by society's outcasts—the mentally ill, those with retardation and severe developmental disabilities. One man with severe retardation was executed and was found to have left a portion of his last meal under his cell pillow to "save for later". Many states have recently released death row inmates after DNA and other high tech investigatory tools have established innocence beyond any doubt. We have the means of protecting society from sociopaths and criminals who prey upon us without sanctioning execution by the state. The cost of execution is about \$12,000,000 compared to life imprisonment, \$1,000,000. The governor and attorney general oppose the abolishment of the death penalty, preferring to leave it on the books although it has not been exercised since the 1930's. Please call the governor's office (271-2121) and express your opinion of this bill.

The Women's Lobby, a grassroots, non-partisan, statewide membership organization, promotes issues of public policy to improve the economic and social well being of women and families. Their staff study and assess legislation that will have an impact on women and families and they lobby to promote or defeat legislation as it relates to the same.

HB1116-FN prohibits partial-birth abortion in any circumstance and removes the right of a woman to make a safe, medically recommended choice regarding abortion. For example, in the case of a non-viable fetus where continuing a pregnancy would put the mother's life in danger, no termination of the pregnancy would be permitted. HB 1511-FN requires parental notification before abortions can be performed on unemancipated minors. "What" queried a legislator, "do you do when the father is the father?"

These are only two of the issues being digested by this organization but are interesting because there are no easy solutions and most people have wildly divergent views dependent on their personal backgrounds, ethics, life philosophies and individual experi-

ences. Should government be involved here? Let me know what you think.

Finally, some interesting New Hampshire facts taken from "Vital Signs, Economic and Social Indicators for New Hampshire 1995-1998". 1998 figures: population: 1,185,100 (583,000 males, 602,100 females), median age 35.7, marriage rate (per 1,000 population) 8.7, divorce rate (per 1,000 population) 5.1, crime: New Hampshire has the lowest 1998 crime index in the nation, education: fall 1998 enrollment (private and public) 227,690, unemployment rate: 2.9 (fourth lowest in the nation), export growth: 9.5% (exceeding both New England and the U.S.), state's total personal income \$34,392 million, social assistance: welfare cases open on the last day of the month declined over 40% from 1994-1998, health: United Health Group ranked New Hampshire the fourth healthiest state in 1999; New Hampshire is the fifth best state to raise a child (we think it's #1).

In many areas we excel in making New Hampshire the envy of the country. Let us continue working together in balancing public policy issues to reflect the unique and sometimes quirky characteristics that define our collective New England personality. Rep. Beth Rodd tel. 983-2692, e-mail [c\\_rodd@conknet.com](mailto:c_rodd@conknet.com). Rep. Barbara French tel. 428-3366. Senator Rick Trombly tel. 228-1180 e-mail [RArtrombly@aol.com](mailto:RArtrombly@aol.com).

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## Real Estate Hints: Agency Relationships

by Laura Hallahan

Real estate, like many industries today, has become a bit more complicated. There are new rules and regulations being implemented all the time, and with each rule comes a new form to be completed. Gone are the days when a handful of cash or a promissory note transferred property from one person to another. One area that has changed significantly and continues to evolve, is agency. Agency is the relationship between a principal and an agent wherein the agent is authorized to represent the principal in certain transactions. In the past, brokers always represented sellers, and buyers were expected to look out for themselves. Today, however, many brokers and sales associates are discovering opportunities of buyer representation. When you walk into a real estate office today, the broker or sales associate will have you sign an agency disclosure form, which is not to be confused with a contract. This form acknowledges the type of agency relationship you have entered into with the realtor and is used to disclose this relationship, in writing, to all other parties involved in the transaction. No matter which type of agency you choose, the broker or sales associate is obligated to deal honestly and fairly with all parties to the transaction and to comply with all aspects of the license law, including the disclosure of any known defect.

Types of agency include Seller Agency: agent represents the seller's interest in the sale of the property, Buyer Agency: agent represents the best interest of the buyer as a client. A subsequent Exclusive Buyer Agency Agreement must be completed and signed. The seller or the buyer may pay a buyer's agent. Disclosed Dual Agency: this type of agency is only permitted if both the seller and buyer are informed in writing and consent to an agent representing both parties in the same transaction. A dual agent can never fully represent either party's interests. Non Agency: also called a transactional broker, this person is not an agent of either party. The agent simply helps both the buyer and seller with the necessary paperwork and must not disclose confidential information to either party. There are pros and cons to each type of agency. Ask your real estate professional to explain the advantages and disadvantages and how each affects your interests.

## Bradford-Newbury Community Workshop

We'll meet on Thursday, March 9 at the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford for a tour of the newly renovated and enlarged facility at 11:00am. After a bring-your-own bag lunch at noon we'll have a chance to share books we've read recently and hear book reviews of some of the new books in the Brown Memorial Library. New members are always welcome at the Community Workshop meetings. This meeting is fun, informal, and provides an opportunity to hear about new books available for borrowing. Dessert and beverage will be served. For more information, contact Shirley Markie at 938-5023.

—Clare Bensley

## Historical Society News

Bradford Historical Society will hold its March meeting at the Community Center on March 22. The program will be the video, *A Way of Life Remembered*, produced locally by Yankee Communications System. With interviews and pictures, it is a commentary of nearly a century of changes in the way of small town social and educational life. Spanning the years of horse, oxen, train, and bus transportation, two world wars, and the more recent military conflicts, memories are related by students of Simonds Free High School, the area high school from 1871 to 1970. The influence of these young people from Bradford, Newbury, Sutton, Webster and Warner is shown as a surprising number return to their home towns, marry, and take their places as successful citizens. This was a time of a cooperative community of towns as the area students interacted educationally and socially for some three generations. All are welcome to this program.

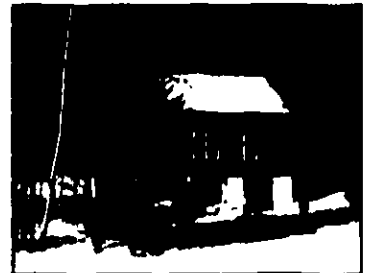
—Milly Kittredge

## Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 793 calls for service between January 15 and February 17. The breakdown is as follows: One 911 hang-up, one abandoned vehicle, four alarm activations, one ambulance call, 11 animal complaints, five assists to the Fire Department, 15 assists to other police departments, one assist to the Public Works Department, three bad checks, 526 business checks, one check on welfare, 16 citizen assists, one civil problem, one criminal trespass, one found property, 11 incident/services, two larcenies from vehicles, one lost property, four motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle complaint, one noise disturbance, two stranded motorists, two suspicious persons/vehicles, 24 traffic citations, 62 traffic warnings, 93 vacation house checks, two weapons permits.

—Pennie M. Spooner

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# Profile:

**John Riley**  
of Riley, Rowley & Associates  
by Audrey V. Sylvester

Main Street renaissance continued when Riley, Rowley & Associates, a Concord-based, well-established certified public accounting firm, opened a satellite office in John Forgiel's former office at 114 East Main (in a building that is Bruss Construction's headquarters). With his partner Eric Rowley, John Riley purchased Forgiel's accounting business. Forgiel has become the new comptroller of Bruss Construction with a new office "just down the hall."

When Riley, Rowley & Associates were considering expansion, they discovered that John Forgiel's business was for sale. Riley explained the process. "We had to do our 'due diligence.' We sat down with John Forgiel to study the personalities involved and the type of practice to make sure that the chemistry would result in a good match between us and John Forgiel's client base." They found a similar client service oriented business philosophy and a comparable rate structure. Riley and Forgiel consult daily to insure that the transition is smooth and as seamless as possible.

With a seven-person professional staff, Riley, Rowley & Associates offer many services: tax returns, tax and estate planning, IRS audits, personal financial planning, payroll tax returns, bookkeeping, computer consulting and financial statements. Financial statements meet an industry-wide standard called, "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles." In clear, succinct language, Riley outlined the differences between "Compilations," "Reviewed Financial Statements," and "Audits," and explained how financial

statements help businesses secure bank loans and bonding approvals.

For a law-based business, there is a surprising absence of books in the office. In one hand Riley held his entire tax library (on a CD-ROM) and accessed information in seconds by inserting the CD-ROM into a lap top computer. He said, "We receive a new CD-ROM every month that contains the Internal Revenue



Code, tax forms for all 50 states and Canada, with an English language explanation, instructions and new tax changes." Newsletters from a tax service supply additional information on the ever-changing tax landscape. With a portable lap top computer, Riley is mobile. He can go to a client site, do tax research, produce financial statements, and print out tax returns right on the spot.

John summed up his firm's perspective, "For many of our clients, we are an integral part of their business and an integral part of their success. We hope our clients become our friends—that's part of the quality of life here. We try to treat our clients the way we would want to be treated if we needed a specialized service."

His own life expanded and prospered in June, when he and his wife Sarah adopted an eight-year old girl named Georgiana, who came to live with them from Romania. After 25 years in the business, John still enjoys what he does, "some days more than others. The pace now is a little bit grueling." John recharges his batteries with a mental relaxation day away from phones and faxes in fresh air and sunshine as a 28-year volunteer of the National Ski Patrol now serving at Ragged Mountain. On the training and testing staff, he gives clinics to other ski patrols on the latest techniques, advanced toboggan-handling skills and a special clinic at the state's toughest—Cannon Mountain's mogul run. Back in the office, a refreshed John Riley plugs in. April 15<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner.

## BEOC Update

The bell is tolling across Bradford, inviting representative(s) from each organization to the next BEOC meeting. Perhaps this is Bradford's first "summit meeting of heads of town". In any case, in an effort to coordinate with other organizations, the BEOC invites all town groups to begin a dialogue about common goals and themes in the Village Improvement and Bradford Green projects. This joint meeting of representatives of groups is open to all, including businesses, state representatives and volunteers. This will be a great time to build bridges between organizations, and ignite a synergy of talents that lie untapped in the community. Our next meeting will be in the Community Center, Thursday, March 9 at 7:00pm.

In other business, the we expect the results of two grant applications for the beginning Department of Environmental Services (DES) work next month. The feedback from our "sources" has been positive, and if they are awarded, the Bradford Green Project will shift from the planning stage to site preparation and exploration of existing issues. Don't look for a sudden blossoming of the Green project overnight, though. Like refurbishing an antique piece of furniture, the majority of time is in the planning, preparing and repairing the weaknesses before the finish coat brings the piece alive. We are excited that the town is moving towards the next phase.

The BEOC is very pleased at the response to the the "Reviewing Bradford Village" questionnaire and will be assembling the results to be published in the Bridge. Here are some of the common themes I saw as I looked at the early responses (about 35 respondents). The Community Center, Bowie's Market, Library, and Pizza Chef received the most mention as Village Area improvements. Specific properties and buildings were clearly concerns of many. Landscaping in front of town and business properties, nice quality sidewalks and curbing, and general upgrade of some residential and rental properties were improvements envisioned for the future. The majority seemed to agree with this response to the question of additional or improved street or business lighting, "No! Keep Very Limited!"

If you have not had a chance to complete your questionnaire, please do so and send it to us at P.O. Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221. We will also have copies at the next BEOC meeting.

—Stephen Manley

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# Outside

by Ann Eldridge

February trees. They don't go south for the winter. They don't bury themselves beneath ponds with frogs and turtles. Contrary to a popular notion they aren't 'dead' in winter, coming 'alive' in spring. All living things must protect themselves from freezing here. Avoid or tolerate. Absent yourself from the weather or figure some other way of preventing the water in your very cells from freezing, expanding, breaking apart the fragile cell walls and tossing all into a final confusion.

The core of a tree, the heartwood, is dead. Cells that once were living are now left empty and rigid as the tree has grown, leaving its center remaining as structural support. The layer surrounding this is the sapwood—some living and some dead cells. This is where the traffic in water and soil nutrients happens. The next layer of cells called the phloem is where food prepared in the leaves makes its way down to the roots. Outside of this continuously grows the cork or bark, the outermost layer being cells which are dead but protective so.

The trick is to keep frost from interrupting these pipelines. The answer appears to lie in an ability to shuffle excess water into the empty dead cells and into the spaces between cells when necessary. Living cells can also transform some of their sugars into a form of antifreeze to prevent cell wall breakup and to preserve them from dehydrating or drying out completely. Evergreens have an edge on the hardwoods in that they can continue to photosynthesize on warmer winter days. Their resinous pitch probably has some use as an antifreeze/anti-dehydrating substance.

"Frost crack" is another problem winter trees have to contend with. On those bright sunny days when the sun strikes the southern sides of trunks the surface temperature of the bark of dark-colored trees can easily reach 70 degrees even on a below-zero afternoon. Like most matter, bark expands when it heats up. As night falls

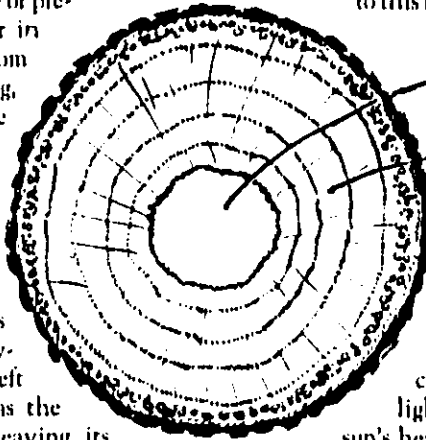
and the temperature drops the surface bark contracts much more quickly than the now-warmed and somewhat insulated inner wood. The outer bark may crack open as it shrinks because of this, and each successive occurrence may cause the crack to work deeper and deeper into the tree.

Many of our local trees manage to adapt to this by having bark that is ridged, plated or scaly. Like fins on a radiator this dissipates excess heat rather than transferring it into the tree wood. Beech, birch and poplar cope by having bark, which is light-colored, reflecting the sun's heat rather than collecting it.

As I type this we are having another warm spell. Green spaghetti sap lines are appearing. Why does syrup production need cold nights and warm days? Is it merely a matter of putting a hole in a tree in spring? Why not all winter? Or summer? Trees are still living and breathing all year. Their live cells are still respiring, giving off carbon dioxide. CO<sub>2</sub> goes into solution in cold temperatures, that is, it dissolves in water/sap. As the temperature warms up the CO<sub>2</sub> returns to a gas which puts the sap under pressure and forces it out the spiles. Imagine opening a can of soda. The cycle of cold nights, warm days creates a convenient pumping action for those who collect it. That is until the sap loses its winter-stored sugars and begins to taste like something quite different as the season progresses.

One other thing I learned recently about the new-cut green maple, birch and poplar I was tossing a few weeks ago—trees can be heavier in winter. They can have a higher water content without the transpiration of leaves. So maybe it wasn't just my aging back.

This article was written after conversations with Brooks McCandlish of New England Forestry Consultants and perusing Tom Wessel's book *Reading the Forested Landscape*.



## Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

On Friday, March 10, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present a slide program "Bird Watching in Finland" at 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Speaker Mark Suomala, ASNH naturalist and tour leader, will take you on a bird watching tour of this Scandinavian country to see secretive night birds, Taiga forest specialties and nesting waders. Using high tech equipment, Finnish birders carry mobile phones, text pagers and Finnsticks. Please join us for a fun evening of stories and pictures. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Bob Vernon at 526-6216.

A Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter field trip to Low Plains Natural Area to look for wood frogs will take place on Saturday, March 25. Leader Ruth White asks that participants meet her at the Four Corners Grill parking lot at the junction of Routes 11 and 114 at 8:00am. At this time of year, please come prepared for wet or snowy walking. For trail conditions, call Ruth at 763-4893.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

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# March Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Kearsarge Community Conversation,  
"Governor's Best Schools Program,"  
KRES Bradford, 7:00pm  
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Bradford Community Corp., Annual  
Meeting, BACC, 9:00am

## MONDAY, MARCH 6

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm  
Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town  
Hall, 9:00am

## TUESDAY, MARCH 7

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Book Discussion Series, *Charlotte's Web*,  
BML, 7:00pm  
Bradford Fish and Game Club,  
Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Adventures in Art, BML, 3:30-4:30pm  
Baton Twirling, Town Hall, 3:30-4:30pm  
Bradford Elementary School PTC, KRES,  
7:00pm  
4th of July Committee, BACC, 7:15pm  
Country Capitalists, 7:30pm, call 938-  
2787 for information

## THURSDAY, MARCH 9

BEOC, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
KRSD School Board, KRES at Bradford,  
7:00pm

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Bradford Community Corporation, Town  
Hall, 7:00am  
Bradford Area Community Center Govern-  
ance Board, BACC, 12:30pm-2:00pm

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Senior Rally, BACC, 1:00-3:00pm

## MONDAY, MARCH 13

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Town Elections, Elementary School,  
8:00am-7:00pm. Please VOTE  
Women's Club Executive Board, Sue  
Vitale's Home, 10:00am  
BNKP Registration, BACC, 6:00pm  
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm  
Bradford Revolving Loan Committee,  
Candlelite Inn, 7:00pm  
BNKP Board Meeting, BACC, 7:00pm  
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Town Meeting, Elementary School,  
7:00pm

## THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Senior Rally, BACC, 1:00-3:00pm, "Food  
Safety at Home" presented by UNH  
Cooperative Extension

## MONDAY, MARCH 20

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Women's Club, BACC, 1:00pm, "Plants  
and Cookie Recipes"  
Conservation Commission, Town Hall,  
6:30pm  
BNKP Parent Meeting, BACC, 7:00pm

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Historical Society Program "A Way of Life  
Remembered," BACC, 7:00pm, public  
invited

## THURSDAY, MARCH 23

KRSD School Board, Simonds Elementary  
School, Multi-purpose Room, 7:00pm

## FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Bradford Community Corporation, Town  
Hall, 7:00am  
Bradford Area Community Center Govern-  
ance Board, BACC, 12:30-2:00pm

## MONDAY, MARCH 27

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

**Thursday, March 29-Saturday April 1**  
American Cancer Society Daffodil  
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**Bradford Historical Society** open by ap-  
pointment, call 938-5386

**Thistle Spinners**, Mondays in March  
1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock  
Inn, all are welcome to attend, come  
and learn a new craft

**Step Aerobics**, Tuesdays and Thursdays in  
March BACC, 7:00-8:00pm, all are  
welcome

**Fitness Dancing**, Wednesday Nights in  
March Town Hall, 7:00-8:00pm, all  
welcome to join in on the fun

**Kindergarten Stories**, Wednesdays in  
March, BML, 10:30am

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

## Classifieds

**NEEDED.** Person to do household sewing  
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Priscilla curtains, 100"X81", \$25. Please  
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