

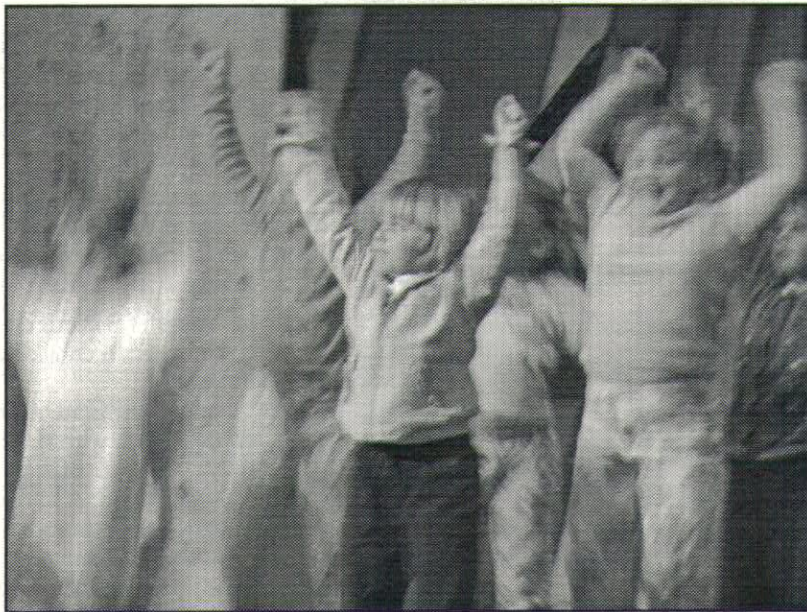
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Spring in Motion!



Kaytie Torro, kindergartener, dances to "Joy to the World."

The elementary school students sprang into action at their "Spring In Motion" concert on April 17. Children in grades K-5 from the Bradford school performed to a nearly packed high school auditorium. They sang folk songs, played African drums, and danced to Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

Eddie Daigle, musical director, led the children in a creative and fun mix of songs, complete with rolling waves and playing dinosaurs. The final song, performed by the fifth graders, offered a sneak preview to their upcoming performance of the musical "The Castaways."

Jess Lawler, artist-in-residence from the New Hampshire Dance Institute, danced with each grade as they performed their "Creature Feature" songs. Ms. Lawler explained to the audience that the dances were not a polished performance, but were "works in progress." It was very obvious to the audience that the children were having a wonderful time. The kids' enthusiasm filled the auditorium as they wrapped up their two-week artist-in-residence. Ms. Lawler, or "Jess" as all the kids called her, worked with each grade four times during the two weeks, encouraging the kids to leap, kick, spin, and rock. The dancing was incorporated into the school's physical education classes. At her first meeting with the third grade, one boy asked skeptically, "Is this like ballet or jazz?" Jess replied, "Think of it more as sports." Within minutes, most of the boys had replaced their doubts with eagerness.

On stage at the high school, kindergartners danced to "Joy to the World." The other dance numbers included, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" (first graders), "Octopus's Garden" (second graders), "Hound Dog" (third graders), and "Flying Purple People Eater" (fourth graders). With each class, the dance moves grew more complicated, ending with the fifth grade dancing to music from the film, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

Bradford's Small-Town Character Examined

New Hampshire is the fastest growing state in New England, and the boom has reached Bradford: Bradford has had as many building permits in the past year as it had in all of the decade before.

After watching what other towns have gone through as they grew and hoping to avoid losing the very attributes that make Bradford such a great place to live, a committee is being formed to help interested landowners preserve their land. An exploratory meeting will be held on Monday, May 12.

In 1997, the Master Plan survey, which attained an amazing 70% response rate, showed that the Town's highest priority was to preserve the Town's rural character. Maintaining traditional agricultural and forestry uses and historic and recreational resources are one way to preserve that small-town feel.

Many landowners long to keep their land undeveloped, but are not in a financial position to do so. The State's Current Use program can help a great deal in making open land affordable to maintain but, when land changes ownership through sale or inheritance, the premium prices offered by developers prevail unless deed restrictions are already in place.

There are resources—Federal, State, and private—that provide funds to preserve land and historic sites and structures. The tools most often used through these programs are conservation easements. This is a deed restriction custom-designed by the owner to encourage certain uses on the land—for instance, logging or agricultural—and can allow some development if desired. Extensive development is limited. Other programs are available to purchase the development rights for a property and these limit extensive housing. The beauty of these programs is that the

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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 May 20.

Host Families Needed

It may not seem like it, but summer is just around the corner. Many of you may be looking forward to sweet corn, swimming, and the smell of fresh cut grass. New York City youngsters think of stifling heat, pollution, and the noise of the city. Your family can help change this by opening your home for two special weeks this summer.

The Fresh Air Fund is seeking host families from Hillsborough to Hopkinton, Warner to Wilmot, and all points in between. The children will arrive in Warner on July 9 and return home on July 23. A second bus will arrive in Concord on August 11 and depart August 22.

"We have so much here in a New Hampshire summer," says Joyce Foley of Warner. "These kids have never been swimming in a lake or picked a fresh tomato."

You may select a boy or a girl age 6-12. It's a wonderful feeling to share everything we take for granted with these children. They are so appreciative of our kindness and they are all just wonderful little kids. All it takes to be a host family is an extra bed and a plate at the dinner table. Last year 200 children came to our region. For information contact Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

Skateboarding Reminder

Now that good weather has arrived, Chief Kirby and the Board of Selectmen want to remind residents of the town ordinance regarding skateboarding. In consideration of safety, health, and well being, here is a reprint of the ordinance.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to skateboard or conduct any skateboarding activity on any public way, sidewalk, common or upon any town property within the boundaries of the Town of Bradford. Skateboarding or skateboarding activities shall be allowed only on and at designated site(s) approved by the Board of Selectmen. Any and all approved sites will have rules governing conduct, safety requirements, responsibilities and hours of use conspicuously posted. Violation of any provision of this ordinance will constitute a statutory violation, which may be subject to appropriate enforcement action (s) and/or fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.00)."

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Tall Pines Program Receives United Way Grant

It was announced on April 11 that the United Way of Merrimack County has made a \$5,000 matching grant available to the Bradford Area Community Center to assist in continuing the "Tall Pines" summer vacation camp. This is a coordinated effort with the Kearsarge Regional School District, the Bradford Police Dept., the Bradford Youth Council, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. "Tall Pines" will be expanded to accommodate grades 3-8 and will run for 5 weeks this summer. The United Way of Merrimack County raises money within the county and then makes grants and gives support to various community and countywide agencies and programs.

Major League Soccer Camps

Major League Soccer Camps is coming to Bradford again this summer, from August 11-15. Half-day camp is available for children grades 1-4. Full-day camp is also available for children grades 5 and up. Also, there will be a camp for Nippers, grades K-1, if there is enough interest. MLS Camps is the official camp of Major League Soccer, the nation's premier professional league. Coaches, primarily from Great Britain, bring loads of energy, humor and skills to the playing field in Bradford. This year's camp will feature games and activities, Rising Star secret moves and techniques, theme days, an awards ceremony, fun activity breaks, and more! All coaches are licensed and educated in all aspects of coaching, interaction, and communication and first aide. Children at KRES/Bradford will be bringing home registration forms. If you do not have one, or need more information, please call Diane Gadoury at 938-2482 or Debbie Bruss at 938-2979. Registrations are due by July 1. (Late registrations will be taken if space is available.)

Rabies Clinic May 3 in Bradford

Drs. Brust of the Henniker Veterinary Hospital will host a rabies clinic at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, May 3, from 2:00-4:00pm. Cost will be \$9.00 for a rabies shot. Bradford residents are reminded that dog licensing is due by April 30, but residents will be able to license their dogs at the rabies clinic without penalty of a late fee. Dogs four months or older should be licensed.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office News

April 6. Carol A. Box and William H. Smith were married in Wilmot.
 April 7. Susan Morse died in Bradford.

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, May 3 at the Town Hall between 2:00 and 4:00pm. You can register your dog(s) at the same time. No late penalty will be charged at that time. The cost to register your dog is: Male or female, \$9.00, spayed or neutered, \$6.50, puppies under six months, \$6.50, owners over 65, \$2.00 for the first dog.

Tax bills will be going out sometime in the middle of the month. If you do not receive one or have questions on your bill, please contact the Selectmen's Office or the Tax Office. The office will be closed on May 26 for the holiday.

During our renovations, please be patient for any delays that you may experience. We hope to have business as usual during this time.

Congratulations to Ann and Steve Lucier on the birth of their beautiful new granddaughter, Tatum Joy.

OFFICE HOURS: —Sue Pehrson

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Max Recognition is selling the building on Mill Street, Warner and moving to Bradford. With the building on the market, people have been asking if we are going out of business. On the contrary, we are expanding our business and retrofitting an existing building at 44 Rowe Mountain Road to accommodate additional embroidery equipment. The actual move will not take place until the building is sold. There will be no interruption in service during the transition. We intend to notify all customers of the move.

The Johnsens: Don, Jane and Charlie

Maybe it's you...

Many people have asked me with great concern if I have found someone to take my place as Editor of the *Bradford Bridge*. The answer is still, "Not yet." If no one comes forward (or is pushed forward by others!) in the next month, the June issue may be the last. I remain hopeful that there are enough others who value the paper that the community will rally and someone will take a deep breath, as I did five years ago, and say, "Well, I'll give it a try." Yes, it is a substantial commitment, but it also brings substantial rewards.

My only qualifications when I started were a reasonable command of written English, a love of Bradford, and a willingness to learn. I had never worked on a PC, knew nothing about page layout, and had no experience in newspapers or publishing whatsoever. I'm not sure I had ever even sent email with an attachment.

How does the paper look so good? Because lots of people in town helped me learn what I needed to know, and a great volunteer staff helps me each month! It has been a wonderful experience. I highly recommend that if you have a little question in your mind about whether you could enjoy a mind-stretching new experience that also builds a stronger community for all of us, you give me a call at 938-5029.

Lyn Betz, Editor

Bradford Women's Club Update

Thanks to all the members who worked so hard on the successful bake sale and for making the yellow bows. Thanks to Tracy Foor, Sandy Goldberg, Linda Winn, Tracey Quigley, Jackye Pehrson, and to the members who contributed an item to sell. A sign will be erected at the Rt. 103 garden to honor our men now in the service. We thank USAPFC Craig Foor, USAFTGST Alexander Stewart, and USAPFC John Hedding. There will be a box at Bowie's to contribute items to be sent to these men. For more information call Erica Gross at 938-5566.

The next executive meeting will be May 13, 9:30am, at the Bradford Area Community Center. The next membership meeting will be our annual luncheon on May 20 at 11:00am at the Appleseed Restaurant. Cards will be mailed to all members to send dues and luncheon money to be in by May 7.

Scholarship applications are now available. For more information call Beth Rodd at 938-2692.

BWC Cookbooks will be available for purchase at the Library Book Sale on Saturday, May 31 from 9:00am-2:00pm.

The swim program will be starting July 7. For more information call Jane Lucas at 938-2570.

—President, Barbara Vannata



Roast Beef Dinner May 17

The South Newbury Union Church is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner featuring home made desserts. Please join us on Saturday, May 17 from 5:00-7:00pm at Friendship House, on the corner of Village and Sutton Roads, South Newbury. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 through 11 and those under six eat for free. Take out will be available and we will have great raffle items as well. The Friendship House is handicap accessible. Come one and all—visit with old friends and meet new ones. For information call 938-2064.

—Gail Bostic

Race to the Finish

March 29 was an exciting day for the cub scouts of Pack 69 as the 2nd annual Pinewood Derby got underway. The location for this exciting event was the Bradford Elementary School Gymnasium and the enthusiastic judges were Scott Bouranis (Bradford Elementary Principal) and Sue Rayno (LiveWire Afterschool Program). Seventeen boys raced their sleek derby cars in front of a packed house of ninety excited fans. This year was also special in that the Pack purchased a new track and timer with the funds the scouts raised from popcorn sales and a garage sale.



Left to right: Laurie Dunlap (cubmaster), Ethan Way, Bobby Paine, Kyle Wallace

Who were the grand winners? Kyle Wallace (9) of Newbury sped into first. Bobby Paine (11) of Bradford sped into second place, and Ethan Way (8) of Bradford raced into third. But every child was a winner and each received a certificate, patch, and a driver's license (police take notice!).

This year, we were also fortunate to have sponsors who supported the pack with monetary donations, food, and supplies. Many thanks to Cobblepond Farms, Hugo's Electric, Pickman and Sons, Rainbow Garage, Northeast Industries, Archer Construction, LiveWire Daycare, and Bowie's Market. Their strong community support is appreciated.

Sound like fun? If you have a child interested in joining the cub scouts, contact David Leathers at 456-2137.

—Christopher Way, Pack 69

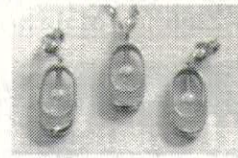
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The Friends of Brown Memorial Library invite members and library users interested in becoming a Friend to attend the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 15 at 3:30pm in the library. The agenda includes finalizing plans for the 2003 Summer Reading Program, "Reading Rocks the Granite State." Summer Reading Program leaders will be Debbie Bruss, Denise Fairbank, Lyn Betz, and Sarah Harvey. Programs begin on Wednesday, July 9 (10:00-11:00am), and continue each Wednesday through July 30.

Looking ahead, the Friends will sponsor "An Evening with the Yogurt Poets," on Thursday, July 10 at 7:00pm. An Open Mike session following the reading welcomes aspiring and published poets to read. On Thursday, September 25 from 3:30 to 5:30pm, the Friends are planning a second "Poetry Writing Workshop for Ages 6 to 90" to be led by a notable New Hampshire poet.

With great sadness, the Friends report that Membership Chairman and Secretary, Susan J. Morse, died on April 7, 2003, at the age of 58 after an extended illness. As a Friend, Susan organized a fund-raising trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts whose proceeds benefited the library's building expansion fund. Susan's energy, determination, vitality, and vision of possibilities for the betterment of our community are her legacy to our library and community. Donations in her memory may be made to the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, Post Office Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.

May is the month to renew or join The Friends of Brown Memorial Library. Forms are available at the library. Dues (tax-deductible) paid in May for the 2003 Calendar Year may be delivered to the library or mailed to Jan Riley, Treasurer.

—Executive Committee: Audrey V. Sylvester, President; Laurie Buchar, Vice-President; and Jan Riley, Treasurer

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

The library will hold the first book sale of the season on Saturday, May 31, from 9:00am until 2:00pm. We have spent hours organizing and weeding out books, so you will be sure to see lots of "new" titles. Please enter at the Church Street entrance for the book sale.

Come in to the library to see our new art exhibit sponsored by the Bradford Art Group, showing original watercolors from the Senior Center watercolor class. The gala opening of this new show will be held at the library on Monday, May 5 from 5:00-7:00pm.



Many new books are published in April. Here's a sample of some of the latest additions to your library:

For adults:
Krakatoa by Simon Winchester
Birthingright by Nora Roberts
Dead Aim by Iris Johansen
Jarhead by Anthony Swofford
All He Ever Wanted by Anita Shreve
The Second Time Around by Mary Higgins Clark
The Guardian by Nicholas Sparks

And for children and young adults:
The Second Summer of the Sisterhood by Ann Brashares
Close Your Eyes by Kate Banks
My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann
Zathura by Chris Van Allsburg

Please make a note of our new expanded hours. The librarians and trustees hope you will find the new hours more convenient.

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The AARP Driver Safety course is approved in every state and graduates may be eligible for discounts on their auto insurance. To register for the course, send a check for \$10 (made out to AARP) to the instructor, Bob Vernon, at 217 Pingree Rd., New London, NH 03257. Please include your telephone number when you register. For more information, call Bob at 526-6216. Space is limited, so call early.

Container Gardening Greenhouse Tour

The Fells in Newbury will sponsor a greenhouse tour at Edgewater Farm, Plainfield, N.H., on Wednesday, May 21 from 10:00am-noon. Meet at the farm for a tour of the greenhouses emphasizing unusual annuals and herbs suited for patio pots, window boxes, and other containers. Ann Loeffler, Fells' nursery manager, and Pooh Sprague, owner of Edgewater, will work individually with participants to create eye-catching combinations for container gardens. The tour includes an opportunity to purchase plants. Members \$5, non-members \$7. Register at (603) 763-4789.



Parks and Recreation News

Baton Twirling starts Thursday, May 8 at the Town Hall, 3:30-4:30 with instructor Donna Acker from Jenkins School of Dance. Call Joni at 938-2224 for information. Call Margaret at 938-5392 for May's date for a "Paint a Picture" workshop. French's Park Annual Clean Up will be Saturday, May 24, starting at 9:00am. Bring your rake. Hot dogs and soda will be served at noon.

—Jane Lucas

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a square dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, May 10. Shawn Cuddy will call A1 from 7:00-8:00pm and Plus from 8:00-10:30pm. Marilyn Rivenburg will cue the rounds. Admission is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. For more information, you may call Kris Sweet at 863-0974. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

—Kris Sweet, President



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Power Wheelchairs Available

The Independent Seniors program makes available power (electric) wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 years old and up) and to others permanently disabled at no out-of-pocket cost if they qualify. The power wheelchairs are provided to those who: 1) cannot walk and cannot self propel a manual wheelchair, or 2) can walk only 10 feet or less and are at risk of falling, and 3) who meet the additional guidelines of the program. If your need is for use in the home, please call for more information on the additional qualifications. No nursing homes or HMO insurance agents please. Call toll free 1-800-383-8435.

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Real Estate Hints:

Realtor® Pride Campaign

by Laura Hallahan

If you watch local cable TV or listen to the radio, you may have seen or heard the advertising campaigns of the National Association of Realtors® (NAR) and the New Hampshire Association of Realtors® (NHAR). The national campaign has the slogan of, "Work with someone who'll work with you. We're Realtors®, real estate is our life", addressing the role a Realtor® can play in handling the details of buying or selling a house so that the consumer can worry about other things. The NHAR campaign, which is also a national campaign, discusses the differences between a Realtor® and a real estate agent or licensee, showing a photo of the Realtor® pin with the slogan, "How can something so small make such a big difference?" Many consumers may not even know there is a difference between a Realtor® and a person who has his or her real estate license. One major difference is that Realtors® are members of the local, state, and national associations and, as such, can call themselves Realtors® and use the Realtor "R" in their advertising. Realtors® also adhere to NAR's strict Code of Ethics which is based on professionalism and the protection of the public. They are held accountable for their ethical, professional behavior by their local association. Through their local association, Realtors® also have access to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) that allows them to post and research listings throughout the state. Finally, Realtors® have the expertise, resources, and dedication to guide consumers through the entire transaction, specifically in the areas of financing, property selection, pricing, negotiation, inspections, closing, and marketing. According to NAR, between 1999 and 2002, the percentage of consumers who believe there is a benefit to working with a Realtor® increased to 61 percent from 42 percent. The findings show that:

- 67% said that Realtors® have the best network of sources to help consumers buy and sell a home;
- 57% said that Realtors® are best qualified to promote the sale of their home;
- 21% said that they'd attempt to sell their own home, down from 29% in 1999.

The next time you are speaking with a person who says they sell real estate for a living, ask them if they are a Realtor® and see if they are wearing their Realtor® pin. If not, consider working with a Realtor® instead. After all, you wouldn't select a lawyer who isn't a member of the Bar, would you?

On another topic, now that tax season has come and gone, you may find a recent Gallup Poll of interest. It shows that Americans rated property taxes as the "least fair" tax, beating out federal income taxes! The last time a poll was taken back in 1994, property taxes and federal income taxes were almost equally despised. People living in the eastern United States and households making at least \$75,000 per year had the strongest distaste for property taxes, though they are universally disliked among all income groups. Census data shows that the typical U.S. homeowner paid \$885 in property taxes in 2000, twice the average just 15 years earlier. I bet many readers would love that property tax bill!

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KRES at Bradford PTC sponsored the two-week artist-in-residence. One parent wrote, "Wow! We loved the production. I knew that (my son) was enjoying the instruction because he would come home and show off his moves. (He) has a friend who is shy.... He would be one of those kids whose lips barely moved. Last night he was in the front row dancing like he'd been born again! It was incredible and he looked like he was having the time of his life. It was so satisfying to see him and other kids who are reluctant performers really take off."

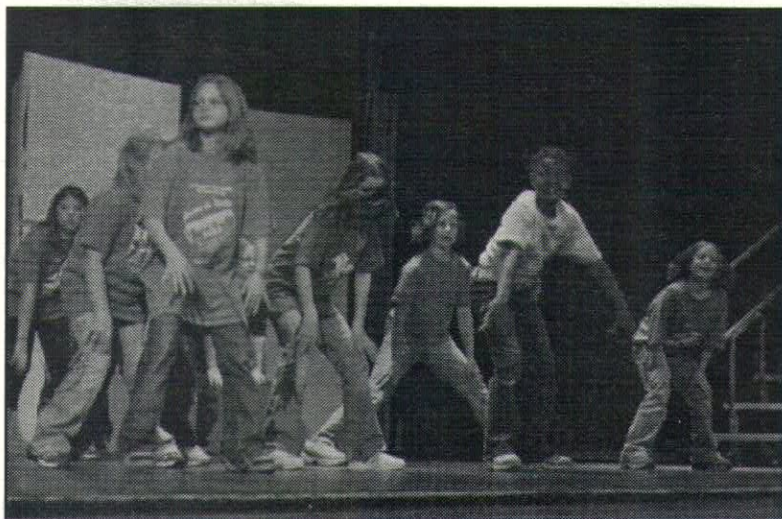
NHDI is a non-profit arts-in-education program that has been bringing professional dancers into public schools in the Monadnock region for seventeen years. In nine middle schools, NHDI has become part of their yearlong school curriculum. Each year, 250 boys and girls dance weekly and then perform at their "Event of the Year" on Memorial Day weekend at Keene State College. Over 3,500 children from the southwestern part of the state have participated during NHDI's seventeen-year history.

NHDI's mission is not to train professional dancers, but to introduce children to the joy of arts through dance. Through teamwork, listening, and practice, children learn that there is no end to what they can achieve with their bodies and their minds. This is the New Hampshire Dance Institute's second year of its Residency Program. For more information on NHDI, log on to www.nhdi.org.

—Debbie Bruss



Jess Lawler, dance instructor, leads the 4th graders onto the stage



Amy Calvino, Raeanna Lucey, Oshun Quinn, Isatu Bruss, and Caitlin McNeil do their Elvis moves.

Community Workshop

The Community Workshop will have a speaker for the May 8 meeting who will let us know what the Legislature is up to in Concord and what changes we can expect to see in the next couple of years so far as budget, schools, Governor's Office, etc., are concerned. This is always an exciting meeting and gives each one of us a chance to ask those questions we've had in the backs of our minds when we read the newspaper.

The meeting will be held at the Friendship House in South Newbury. Plan to arrive at 11:00am to set up for the plant swap. Bring your own bag lunch and come learn about the legislature at 1:00pm. As always, guests are welcome and dessert and coffee will be provided.

—Clare Bensley

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mayonnaise

cider vinegar, (just a tsp. for every pint of mayo)

fresh dill weed

Worcestershire sauce

Tabasco

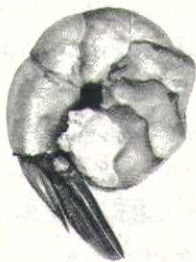
Salt and pepper

Thaw the shrimp, dice all the veggies and put them in a bowl. Add the mayo and vinegar and blend well. Season to taste with the other ingredients, just a little at a time until it is to your taste. Serve on a bed of red leaf lettuce with a nice selection of crackers.

Enjoy!

(If anyone has a question about, or problem with, any of my recipes, please feel free to call the Inn for assistance.

—JRH)



Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Women's Christian Guild: The ladies will meet in the church parking lot on Friday, May 2 at 10:30am to travel to St. Andrews Episcopal Church for a luncheon meeting and May Friendship Day.

Youth Group: (Grades 5-8) Youth will meet at the church on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30pm and travel to the home of Phyllis & Dick Whall for an evening of ping-pong, pool, darts, and other games. We will return to the church at 8:00pm.

ABWM Elegant Tea: In lieu of a mother/daughter banquet this year, we will enjoy an afternoon of teas and savory foods on Saturday, May 10 from 2:30-4:00pm. All "daughters of God" are invited to join us. There will be a very funny skit for entertainment.

Spring Clean-Up Day: On Sunday, May 18 immediately following the worship service we will be spring-cleaning the church. Ice cream sundaes are the reward for all the helpers.

Meat Lasagna Dinner: On Monday, May 19 at 6:00pm we will enjoy another delicious church supper. The menu will include: meat lasagna, garlic and plain bread, a green salad, asparagus, and ice cream pie for dessert. This is a fundraiser to help with the church budget. Please call church office to make reservations at 938-5313.

Food Pantry: The May distribution day is Wednesday, May 21 from 6:00-7:00pm. People can call the church office to make other arrangements to pick up food, as well.

Men's Fellowship: Men are invited to an evening of pool and fellowship on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30pm at the home of Fred Hubley.

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landowner can still realize income from the sale of their land or the development rights, often receive tax benefits, and still the land is privately owned and on the tax rolls.

Why is undeveloped land so important? The factors that add up to that vote for "maintaining the small-town character" are many. Open land provides habitat for the wildlife so many of us enjoy. Recreational trails and room to hunt are significant traditional uses. The town is still rich in mill sites, old farmsteads, and other historical treasures (and mysteries). Breathtaking views have value of their own. There are rare plants and animals that make their homes here, and some need large tracts or connecting corridors between undeveloped parcels to survive. Some land is, or could be, working farms potentially providing locally grown produce. Yet other properties protect water quality and provide flood control for whole neighborhoods.

Undeveloped land also saves us money. Overwhelming evidence compiled by the State and other sources has demonstrated that even land in the lower tax bracket of the Current Use program costs a town less in expenses than if that land had houses on it. Undeveloped land uses fewer services, meaning that costly expansions of police and fire coverage, additional schools, and bigger transfer stations are delayed. And, if more land is being used for full-time residents who require full-time services, a town becomes less attractive to tourists and second-home owners, taxpayers who have fewer needs to service.

With all this in mind, a group of residents has decided to form a "special places" committee. This committee could do the following:

- Identify parcels of land that would be a priority to protect. These areas would be identified by taking all of the reasons mentioned above into consideration plus responses from the Master Plan Survey. It is important to elicit a broad range of input on what parts of Town are significant and why.

- Educate landowners about the tools that are available to help them protect their land and still derive significant income and/or tax benefits. The concept of conservation easements and development right purchases are relatively new, and tax laws are confusing and ever-changing. Interested landowners can be matched with appropriate options and assisted through the process.

- Fundraising and grant-writing. Most State and Federal land-protection programs require matching funds. Creative long-range cash raising will be pivotal.


So, please bring your constructive ideas to Amy and John Blitzer's house at 433 Center Road on Monday May 12, at 7:00pm for a short meeting to get this project under way. All are welcome and we promise that Amy's favorite refreshment, Hydrox Cookies, will be served.

For more information please contact Miranda Levin at 938-6095 or inthering@conknet.com.



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SAVE THE BRIDGE!

Lyn Betz will be retiring as editor after the June 2003 issue. (That means NEXT MONTH could be the LAST!)

A volunteer or volunteers are needed to take her place so that the paper can continue its thirteen-year tradition of providing Bradford readers with community news and information.

No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn! The job involves contacting contributors, coordinating other volunteers, and doing the final layout.

A computer, fax machine, and digital camera come with the job. Training will be provided.

Afraid to commit to the whole job yourself? Convince a friend to do it with you! We already have a great group of volunteers who handle billing, ad-gathering, typing, proofreading, and distribution. It is a great way to meet people and learn more about your town.

If you or someone you know is interested in keeping this community resource alive, please call 938-5029 or email bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com.

April Selectmen's Meetings

April 1. Chris Frey and Mark Goldberg met with Selectmen to discuss options to correct an omission in the Fire Department budget. Several options are being explored and the Fire Department will keep the Selectmen abreast of their progress.

Marlene Freyler met with Selectmen regarding the possible use of the Naughton Property as a staging area for the Independence Day Fireworks. Mrs. Freyler is meeting with a representative of Atlas Fireworks this weekend to consider locations in town for the event. Selectmen questioned Mark Goldberg on the possibility and the State Fire Marshall will need to sign off on the location. Clean up after the display was discussed. Mrs. Freyler will report back to the Selectmen after the meeting.

Three applications for the position of Data Lister have been received. The Selectmen will wait until there is a full board present to review the applications.

Selectmen signed a letter to the transfer station manager.

Street sweeping contract with Mike Rabbitt Enterprises was signed.

Selectmen signed the abatement letter for Michelle Cox.

Three current use applications were signed—Bistany, Moore, and Harris.

Selectmen approved a request from the First Baptist Church to use French's Park for Easter Sunrise Service.

Selectmen signed a revised waiting period insurance letter.

Provan and Lorber proposals for UST testing and monitoring of the Naughton Property were signed.

Selectmen have tentatively scheduled a telephone conference call with the Office of State Planning to review the original Revolving Loan requirements on April 18 at 9:00am.

Abatements were signed to correct posting errors.

Cheryl reported to the Selectmen the possible need to withdraw money from the NH deposit pool to cover cash flow shortages prior to the First Tax Billing in May.

April 15. Tom French of Hoyle and Tanner Engineering met with Selectmen to inform the board of his firm's experience in covered bridge repairs. He provided the Selectmen with materials about his company and explained the variety of funding available for historic bridges. Selectmen thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Selectmen signed current use penalty invoices.

Signing of disabled exemptions was postponed until the necessary financial information is obtained from applicants.

Fire Truck Lease amendment was signed. Selectmen read a letter to the record from the Fire Chief regarding the installation of lock boxes on the front of town buildings to store keys for use by fire personnel. Selectmen will have the boxes installed as budgets permit.

Intent to excavate for Doug Troy was reviewed and Mr. Troy will be contacted to complete an additional intent.

Complaint was read to record regarding the highway crew.

Complaints from the Transfer Station Manager on citizens not recycling were discussed. Dave Pickman will handle.

Selectmen moved to non-public session per RSA 91A:3II to review the applications for Data Collector. Time 6:00pm. Vote was Edwards, yes; Fenton, yes; Pickman yes.

Selectmen returned from non-public session at 6:20pm and announced an applicant had been selected. Chris Frey has been hired for the position.

Bradford Board of Selectmen

Bruce Edwards, Chairman

Peter Fenton

Dave Pickman

Cheryl Behr, Administrative Assistant

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Legislative Report

By Representative
Barbara Conner French



I want to thank you for re-electing and supporting me, giving me the opportunity to continue to represent you. We are now at the halfway mark having sent our House bills to the Senate and the Senate sending us their bills. Of course in the middle of those, this is the budget year. The House finished its work last week. The budget is a problem, which is putting it mildly!

I don't think I've ever heard from as many people sharing their concerns during the budget process and not just from my district, which is now seven towns, but from all over the state. Here are some samples:

- High cost of prescription drugs—Gilford
- Substance abuse programs—Dublin
- Alcohol prevention and treatment—Manchester
- Alzheimer's respite care—Newbury
- Meals-On-Wheels—Newbury
- Children's health programs—Newbury
- Foster care concerns—Webster
- Sewerage disposal—Loudon
- Labor union concerns—Manchester, Hooksett, and statewide
- Education funding—Warner

Department of Corrections—Webster (Staff cuts and inmates living in dayrooms.)

Potential closing of the Goffstown Women's Prison—Berlin (Its effect on Concord & Berlin, jobs, etc.)

Tobacco Tax—Concord

Of course there are other concerns, but constituents contacted me about these in particular. I understand reducing of many of these programs means that town welfare offices will become the first and last resort for people and that the additional town welfare expenses will cause local property taxes to rise. In Bradford in 2002, there were 102 Medicaid recipients. Of those, 80 were children between the ages of birth and 20.

Although the "B" Budget had some deficiencies, it was the better solution and so I voted for it because I believe our government is there to provide the services our citizens need. Despite what our Governor says, these are not "wants." We are talking about needs! We do have a revenue problem and I have long supported changing our tax structure to be more responsible and responsive to our citizens. I believe our tax structure should be based on our ability to pay.

I will continue to follow the budget process as it goes through the Senate and push for the services I believe our citizens need.

The Milfoil issue is still with us. Senator Carl Johnson sponsored a bill to collect some boat fees from out-of-state boaters. They enjoy our lakes and need to contribute to our struggle against milfoil. It passed the Senate with no problem but when I attended the House hearing yesterday there was some opposition. I did testify for the bill and will follow its progress.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

On Friday, May 9, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a slide program entitled, "Ospreys—Scotland to New Hampshire," at 7:30pm at St. Andrews Church, Gould Road, New London. Iain MacLeod, Executive Director of the Silk Farm Audubon Center in Concord, will be the speaker. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information call Ruth White at 763-4893.

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter has scheduled a very special daylong field trip to an Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, the Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge, for Saturday, May 10. Located in both Whitefield and Jefferson, this National natural Landmark is ideal for viewing spring migrants and other wildlife. Birder David Govatski will meet the group at the trailhead for the two-mile easy walk to Cherry Pond and Little Cherry Pond. Participants should meet at New London Park and Ride, exit 12, I-89, at 6:00am. Bring lunch, beverage and binoculars. For details and to register call Ruth White at 763-4893.

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter annual "Birdathon" to raise money for chapter programs is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. These two half-day trips begin at 7:00am. Participants should meet leader Peter Newbern at Cricenti's Market parking lot in New London. Please remember to bring binoculars. For details call Peter at 763-4308.

Kathy Green and Ruth White will lead the annual "Bloomathon" field trip for the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter on Tuesday, May 27 at 8:30am. Please meet at the Main Street parking lot across from Lake Sunapee Bank in New London. For more information call Kathy at 526-2834.

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Bradford Area Community Center

May Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 3

May Basket Fair, 10:00am-2:00pm, Artisans will demonstrate and sell items for Mother's Day

MONDAY, MAY 5

Massage with Pamela Monaghan, 10:30am

New London Hospital presentation on blood pressure and stroke, 12:30pm

TUESDAY, MAY 6

CAP Spring luncheon, Car pool to Elaine's new house, Meg will demonstrate spinning wool, 11:30am

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 8

BACC Governance Board, 5:30-7:00pm

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, 7:00am

Dave Poisson from Mr. Fixit will discuss his services and answer questions, 10:00am to noon, call 938-2104 for an appointment

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Senior Council, 1:00-3:00pm

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Kearsarge Area Preschool parents meeting, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Reiki, 10:00-12:00am

Personal Touch Home Health Care, Free Blood Pressure and Foot Care, 11:00am-12:30pm

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

MONDAY, MAY 19

Presentation on medication safety by Lake Sunapee VNA, 12:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Senior Coffee social, 11:30am

BACC Governance Board meeting, 5:30-7:00pm

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

Program Information

For general information or to schedule activities, call Director Jim Bibbo at 938-6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups at the BACC.

For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels or CAP Senior Programs call CAP Program Director, Sandi Bandieri at 938-2104.

For After-school Youth Program information call director Susan Cowan at 526-6415 or 526-2389.

For Kearsarge Area Preschool information call Sarah at 938-2624.

Help Wanted

The Bradford Area Community Center is in need of custodial services. Anyone over 55 and able, on a limited income, may be eligible to work under an AARP Grant and would be paid for 20 hours a week. Any person wishing to volunteer to help keep the Center clean would also be appreciated.

There is also a need for volunteers to work in the administrative office and again, if over 55 and on a limited income, you may be eligible to work under the AARP Grant in the same manner as the custodial position.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to teach an interest class or teach an interest class for pay is also encouraged to contact the Community Center office at 938-6228.

Ongoing Activities

Senior Craft Club, Mondays, 10:00am-noon

Creative Writing Course, Mondays, Senior Center, 2:30-4:00pm

Bridge Group, Mondays and Thursdays, 1:30-4:00pm

Senior Luncheon, Mondays and Thursdays, noon. \$2.00 donation requested.

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm

Beginner's Watercolor Class for Seniors, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am

Yoga Class (Not Advanced), Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am. Call Fran 456-3099 to register

Weight Watchers, Thursdays, 5:00-7:15pm

Computer Tutoring, Fridays, 10:00am in the Senior Room (Other times by arrangement; call Bev Leo 938-2996)

CAP Senior Bus is available Monday through Friday for local doctor's appointments, grocery stores, banking, pharmacy, hairdresser, and other local errands. There is a trip to Concord on Tuesdays and a trip to Market Basket on Fridays. Service available to the towns of Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Warner, New London, Sutton, Webster, and Wilmot. Call Sandi at 938-2104 for more information or to reserve space.



Outside

by Ann Eldridge



Wood frogs are splay-legged across the surface of the pond. Smooth, tan frogs with bandit masks, the first of the anurans (toads and frogs) to arrive. Wood frogs are obligate vernal pool species, along with the large yellow spotted and the blue-flecked mole salamanders, and the delicate, transparent fairy shrimp. These fishless and usually ephemeral waterholes are critical for their survival. Vernal pools in turn are defined by the presence of these species. Vernal pools can be found in wet forests, damp meadows, rocky depressions, and roadside swales; sometimes isolated and sometimes in association with larger, more permanent wetland systems. A multitude of other invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals use vernal pools for breeding, feeding and sometimes as important migration routes.

Wood frogs and spring peepers have spent the winter frozen quite senseless under the leaf litter. They have rearranged their internal fluids, changing liver glycogen to freeze-resistant glucose. Breathing and heart rate are suspended. Their bodies go stiff and their eyes opaque.

The wood frogs are the first to awaken from this apparent death and travel the ancient paths to the breeding ponds. The males, a little smaller and darker than the females, arrive first and stake out the territories they will defend with aggressive, headlong dashes. The females, swollen with eggs, will silently follow the quacking call. For a week or two, joined perhaps by spring peepers, the wood frogs will court with vocalizations more complex than a casual ear can discern. The male wood frogs clutch their mates in amplexus, seeming to help squeeze the eggs from their bodies, fertilizing the shining gelatinous mass as it floats loosely attached to emerging plants and debris. Occasionally, slippery heaps of males converge on a single early or especially attractive female, figuratively and sometimes literally drowning her with their attentions.

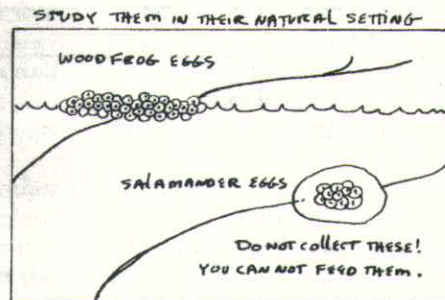
Frogs are able to assess which areas of their pool will be last to dry out as summer progresses. Immediately after deposition, the protective jelly coating of the eggs expands and a mutually beneficial relationship with algae turns the glassy islands green. The communal grouping of the egg masses apparently offers some protection from freezing, predation, and desiccation.

After a few weeks, the tadpoles hatch by the hundreds and set about harvesting algae. The seemingly identical tadpoles are discerning and have been found to favor the company of their full relations. Their maternal half-siblings are preferred over their paternal half-siblings, and total strangers are tolerated. Tadpole growth is regulated by the rate at which their food is depleted and the water levels drop. In wet seasons or in more permanent pools, larger froglets appear on the shores to begin dry land life than in drought years.

Profound and rapid alterations create an air-breathing insect eater from an entirely aquatic and vegetarian larval frog. The life cycles of amphibians are far more intricate than those of any other vertebrate group on this planet. And profoundly underappreciated. Occupying a huge segment at the base of the food chain, they have been remarkably resilient for some 200 million years. They have survived various eras of extinction including that which took out the dinosaurs, and withstood the massive forest clearing and grazing of this area in the mid-1800s. A global decline in amphibians has occurred in the past thirty years though. Habitat loss does not explain all of it, though a few hours of trenching or filling with a shovel, or overly zealous pond building or landscaping, can eradicate an ecosystem that has been in place for thousands of years. Degradation of uplands, the other half of amphibian life, can have the same end result.

David Carroll, recipient of the Burroughs Medal and a resident of Warner, writes in his book *Swampwalker's Journal*: "Generally speaking, vernal pools are the smallest, most seasonal, most isolated of wetland habitats. Yet they are among the most ecologically complex of natural environments, inhabited by remarkably specialized species whose life histories are intimately interconnected. Vernal pools are a profound study in the convergence of the living and the nonliving, of plants and animals, earth, water, and climate coevolving and adapting to achieve the balance of their present moment. The migrations and metamorphoses of vernal pool amphibians ... are only a few aspects of a long, complex history that, up until some three centuries ago... had been playing out in an essentially unbroken landscape. The future of the vernal pools that are left, whatever it might have been otherwise, for the time being lies with the whims of human actions. It does not appear to be a very bright future."

I am now well over my allotment of words. Go out at night to the frogs nearest you.





May Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 1

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

MONDAY, MAY 5

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, MAY 6

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

Zoning Board of Adjustments, Town Hall, 7:00pm. Public Hearing, 7:05pm

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8

BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

TUESDAY, MAY 13

BWC Board Meeting, BACC, 9:30am

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MAY 15

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Bradford Women's Club annual meeting & luncheon, Appleseed Inn, 11:00am

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

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Kearsarge Regional High School Music Program, sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society, First Baptist Church, 7:00pm

Road Committee, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MAY 22

BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Library Book Sale, Brown Memorial Library basement (use Church Street entrance), 9:00am-2:00pm

Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open most Saturdays from 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

To list events for the June Calendar, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029 or e-mail bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com before May 20.

NOTES:

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CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP will meet Thursday, May 8 at 7:15pm. Please call 428-7086 for additional information.

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