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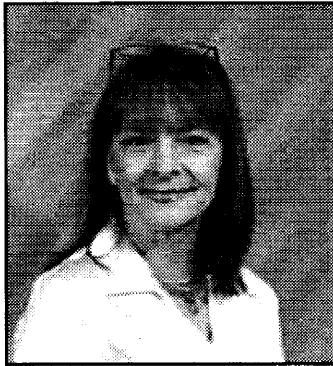
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## Local Physician honored at International Conference

**S**eddon Savage of Newbury and Bradford received the prestigious Marie Nyswander Humanitarian Award at the International Conference on Pain and Chemical Dependency February 6 in New York City. The award is given annually to a leader in the healthcare community for notable work bridging the fields of pain medicine and addiction medicine.



Savage was cited for "her extraordinary efforts to enhance the compassionate care of addiction and pain". Previous recipients of the Nyswander award are Dr. Vincent Dole, Professor Emeritus at Rockefeller University, who pioneered methadone maintenance treatment in the 1960s and David Joranson, senior scientist at the University of Wisconsin Pain and Policy Studies Group whose international work has increased access to pain treatment for cancer related pain in third world countries.

In an address entitled "The New Opium Wars: Directions for Peace," presented to over 400 clinicians, researchers, and media representatives attending the awards ceremony on February 6, Dr. Savage examined societal issues that often lead to conflict among doctors, regulators, patients, and law enforcement officials and may impede the appropriate treatment of both addictive disorders and pain. She discussed archaic, confusing, and stigmatizing language related to opioids in Federal, State, and professional organizational policies. She noted the high prevalence of both pain and addictive disorders in society and the proportionally little training health care providers receive in these areas. She

explored legal limitations on physician prescribing of opioids for legitimate medical purposes that are unique in the history of medicine. And she examined how the current focus of the War on Drugs may interfere with the evolution of effective solutions to the problems of drug abuse and addiction and may negatively impact the care of persons with pain.

Dr Savage is a clinician, educator, and policy consultant in the fields of pain medicine and addiction medicine whose recent work has focused on the development of strategies for improving the safety and effectiveness of therapeutically prescribed opioid analgesics while reducing the individual and public health risks associated with opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion. She is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology on the adjunct faculty of Dartmouth Medical School and serves as a Pain Consultant at the Manchester Veteran's Administration Medical Center. Dr. Savage chairs the Pain Committee of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the Liaison Committee on Pain and Addiction that links the American Pain Society, the American Society of Addiction Medicine, and the American Academy of Pain Medicine. She serves on the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Medical Society and has chaired the NH Medical Society Task Forces on Pain, on End of Life Care, and on Prescription Drug Abuse. She has served on the NHMS Physician Health Committee for 10 years.

## Special House Election Tuesday, March 2

**S**pecial elections for State Representative from Merrimack County District 34, representing the towns of Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, and Webster, will be held on March 2, 2004.

The following won the Special Election Primary and are candidates vying for the open seat: Beth Rodd, (D), Bradford; and Peter Russell (R), Hopkinton.



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**Town Elections Tuesday, March 9**  
**Town meeting Wednesday, March 10**

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## Attention Bradford Voters Proposed 2004 Budget Information

The following was presented and discussed at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 7:00 pm. The proposed Town operating budget for 2004, as recommended by the Budget Committee, totals \$1,296,336.00 which represents a 3.9% increase over the 2003 operating budget of \$1,246,540.00.

In addition, warrant articles recommended (see note) by the Budget Committee totaling \$375,100.00 increase the above \$1,296,336.00 to a total recommended operating budget of \$1,671,436.00 (which does not include the school and county budgets yet to come). Reducing this budget of \$1,671,436.00 by anticipated revenue of \$497,193.00 leaves an estimated amount to be raised by taxation of \$1,174,243.00. This \$1,174,243.00, if not changed and accepted at Town Meeting in March is estimated to result in a tax rate of \$9.95 per thousand evaluation which is \$1.41 increase over the 2003 tax rate of \$8.54 per thousand.

For a detailed breakdown of all of the above, please obtain and read the 2003 Town Report when it becomes available.

Note: There are two Warrant Articles not recommended by the Budget Committee. One is for \$2,500.00 and one is for \$30,000.00 for a total of \$32,500.00. If these are accepted at Town Meeting and added to the above proposed operating budget of \$1,671,436.00, it will increase the above estimated tax rate of \$9.95 per thousand by \$0.28 to \$10.23 per thousand or \$1.69 increase over the 2003 tax rate.

## The Tax Impact of the High School and Middle School Bonds

Most voters are aware of the crowded conditions at our High School and Middle School and understand that the continued growth of the Kearsarge District will only make conditions worse. But they worry about affording the cost.

Fortunately, state building aid of 55% and the low interest rates on the bonds keeps the impact on our local taxes at reasonable levels. The estimated impact on Bradford taxpayers in 2005 of the High School bond is three cents per thousand and the Middle School bond will cost 22 cents. In 2006, when the full impact of the bond amortization will be felt, the tax rate impact of the High School bond is 17 cents and the Middle School bond is 78 cents per thousand. That means that an owner of a \$150,000 home will pay about \$143 in 2006 or about \$12 per month.

These favorable conditions will not last, however. Interest rates are headed up, the inflationary increase in construction costs exceeds overall inflation rates, and the formula for State aid is being revised downward for projects approved after July 2004. Delay in approving the bonds only means that the cost to taxpayers will increase as the conditions in our schools continue to deteriorate.

Most of the Selectmen in the towns of the Kearsarge District, including the Selectmen of Bradford, have joined with the KRSD Municipal Budget Committee in voting to support the bond proposals.

Please vote on March 9. If you are not a registered voter, you can register conveniently at the polling place at the same time that you vote.

—Dean E. Bensley, Chairman, KRSD School Board

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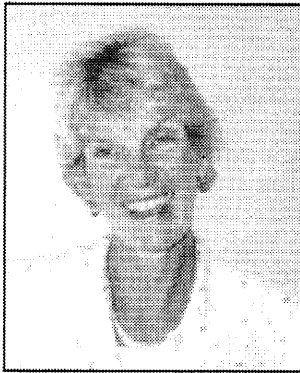
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Girl Scout cookies will be delivered shortly after March 1 if you ordered them from one of our local troops. If you missed out, you can still pick some up! Bowie's Market will carry Girl Scout cookies while supplies last, beginning Sunday, February 29. In addition, cookies will be available on Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in front of the Bradford Post Office. Please help support a very worthy cause!  
 —Phyllis H. Curtiss

## SPECIAL ELECTION DISTRICT 34 Tuesday, March 2nd



### Beth Rodd for State Representative

Former two-term Legislator with experience working for the people and small businesses of District 34: Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, Webster

Fiscal Agent: Carey Rodd, Bradford, NH

### Kearsarge Area Preschool

Kearsarge Area Preschool (KAP) formerly known as Bradford/Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool (BNKP) has thrived in our area for 35 years thanks, in part, to support from the towns of Bradford and Newbury. The name change from BNKP to KAP came when the school district implemented a public kindergarten program in September of 2001. Kearsarge Area Preschool no longer has a kindergarten program but does offer preschool for children ages three and four. The program also facilitates the Kearsarge School District's special education program by enabling students of varying needs to learn, develop, and flourish alongside their peers in a school setting while receiving educational assistance in the classroom from district special educators.

Changes are coming to KAP this year. One major change is that it has filed for a non-profit status with the IRS. KAP is currently recognized by the state of New Hampshire as a non-profit organization but until now KAP was not able to apply for federal grants, and contributions directly to the school could not be used for tax deductions. Now, with the non-profit 501c3 filing, KAP has a brighter future.

Another significant change came with the adoption of new by-laws passed by the parents on February 10. The organization will continue to operate as a parent cooperative but members may now elect board members from the community who have interest and experience in early education and who may have business administration skills to govern the business affairs of KAP. All these changes will improve the continuity of the program and add valuable new

perspectives to the school.

Parents of KAP have always been heavily burdened to raise money to support the school in order to keep the tuition affordable for all interested families. Parent-run fundraisers in the past have supported as much as 20% of KAP's budgeted expenses. Financial aid will also be available this coming year.

Parent volunteers will still be a vital part of the school's success, but with these new changes we are better organized to continue to provide a quality and affordable early childhood program in Bradford. With the continued support of the towns of Bradford and Newbury and the great facilities and brand new playground at the Bradford Area Community Center, it is our sincere hope to see your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren come through KAP. If you would like more information on KAP please call 938-2442.

—Fred Hubley, KAP Board Member

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## BWC Christmas Craft Fair Workshops

Bradford Women's Club Christmas Craft Fair Workshops began in February at the Mountain Lake Inn. We will be making Santa Cones and need all BWC hands to help. Craft Workshops will be every two weeks as follows: Tuesday, March 9, 11:00 am (bring a bag lunch); Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 pm; Tuesday, April 13, 11:00 am (bring a bag lunch). For further information, please contact Erica Gross at 938-5566, Jean Gaito at 456-3779 or Tracy Foor at 938-6196.

—Tracy Foor

## Good New Hampshire Milk

Sullivan County Pomona Grange, in its meeting February 14, passed a resolution for presentation to the Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture. Master Kenneth Tashro, of Cornish Flat, will present the resolution calling for New England milk to be identified for the consuming public rather than being mixed with milk being trucked in from Midwest farms. There are some farms in our area that produce substantial amounts of milk but competition with the large farms in the Midwest is severe. It is expected that the public will respond to the availability of milk that has not traveled or been handled as much as it might otherwise have been.

—Edythe Craig, Secretary Sullivan  
 County Pomona Grange #9

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## Rural Heritage Connection Update

Several additional meetings of the Rural Heritage Connection have been held in the last two months. Work has continued to preserve the best of the Atlantic white cedar swamp that adjoins the existing Bradford Bog conservation land. Results from one grant proposal are expected before the Town Meeting, while pledges and donations from individuals have begun arriving at PO Box 296. All efforts are being made to eliminate the need for a warrant article requesting that any shortfall be covered by town funds.

A public site visit is being organized for March 6 at 1pm to view the property. Meet at the Bradford Bog entrance on East Washington Road, almost to the Washington line. Refreshments available. All interested residents are also encouraged to attend town meeting on March 10th to take part in the discussion.

Ann Eldridge

## Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

Roger Stephenson, who manages an independent public relations and management consulting firm in Stratham which deals with environment issues, will present a slide program to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter entitled "The Carbon Coalition and Impacts of Climate Change on New Hampshire," Friday, March 12, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

## The Workshop

The Workshop is looking forward to a very special program on Thursday, March 11: a travelog on Antarctica presented by the Kruegers of Newbury. After a brief business meeting and bag lunch, the program will commence at 12:30. This will be a timely program given the deep freeze we've been having this winter. Bundle up and come see and experience (superficially) survival in a climate not unlike ours but, fortunately, for only a few months a year. Anyone with an interest in Antarctica is welcome to join us for the program. For more information call Dolores Hansen 938-5586.

Clare Bensley

## Selectmen's Meetings

The January 20 Selectmen's Meeting was cancelled. Illness and previously excused absences resulted in the Board not having a quorum.

**January 27.** Meeting rescheduled from January 20. Meeting was held at the Bradford Area Community Center at 5:00pm. Primary elections were held in the Town Hall causing the meeting to relocate to the Community Center.

Steve Patten met with Selectmen to report his complaints regarding the Police Department to the Selectmen. Selectmen thanked him for his concerns and will take the matter under advisement.

Dan Wolf, representing the Middle School building committee met with Selectmen to request their support. Selectmen will discuss and contact Mr. Wolf of their decision.

Larry Hall, representing the Parks and Recreation Department, met with Selectmen to request support in their warrant article requesting funds to hire a part-time director. Selectmen agreed to support their warrant article for \$5,850. Mr. Hall also discussed the warrant article for the Gazebo. Parks and Recreation has raised \$10,000 over the past few years. This money is currently in a savings account and town auditors have indicated this money cannot remain in this type of account. Parks is requesting a capital reserve be created for a Gazebo or recreation building and be funded with the savings account.

Ann Eldridge of the Conservation Commission met with Selectmen requesting support for two warrant articles concerning land purchases and sales on East Washington Road. The land to be acquired is adjacent to the Bradford Bog. They request to sell three small parcels in the former Penhallow subdivision to an abutter and use resulting funds towards the purchase. Selectmen requested they submit the warrants by petition.

Matt Ordway met with Selectmen to discuss difficulty he is having at the transfer station. Selectmen will take his complaints under advisement.

Intent to cut for Michael Kelley on Rte 103 map 3 lot 35 signed.

Timber tax warrant signed.

Veterans tax credit approved for Mr. Gamp.

Transfer Station survey contract discussed.

Selectmen unanimously voted to move to non-public session per RSA 91 3AII to discuss personnel issues. In attendance were

Newbury Chief of Police, James Valiquet, Newbury Selectman, Jim Powell and Bradford Officer Doug Trottier. The termination of the Bradford Police Chief created the need to discuss public safety issues with the neighboring town of Newbury. Chief Valiquet laid out a plan for the Bradford Selectmen to follow, offering suggestions for coverage and recruiting a new Chief of Police. Jim Powell, acting as the Captain of the Rescue Squad, reported on a personnel matter of concern within the squad. Newspaper headlines had created negative publicity. Returned from non-public session at 7:00 pm with no decision.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**February 3.** Captain Hannigan, of the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, met with Selectmen to offer assistance to the Town of Bradford while recruiting for a new police chief. Captain Hannigan was asked to stay for a non-public session with Chief Valiquet of Newbury. He agreed.

Bob Foor met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the Selectmen's decision not to support a warrant article for hiring a circuit rider from Central NH Regional Planning Commission to assist the Planning Board in meeting with individuals with planning questions or interests in subdivision. The board of Selectmen voted not to change its stand on supporting the warrant articles.

Members of the Bradford Highway Crew met with Selectmen to request they reconsider the warrant article they submitted for a new one-ton pick-up truck. Arnold Anderson, Chris Frey, and Steve Lucier explained the need for the new vehicle to the board. The poor condition of the Army truck currently being used for in-town and parking lot plowing caused the Selectmen to reconsider their vote and replace the article on the warrant with their recommendation.

Selectmen voted to move to non-public session per RSA 91 3:All to discuss personnel and public safety issues. Vote was unanimous. Time out 6:00 pm. Time out of non-public session was 7:00 pm. No decision to report.

**February 17.** Roll Call: Bruce Edwards, Chairman; Peter Fenton, Selectman

February 3 minutes accepted with changes, #2, warrant article(s), rejected both articles for a circuit rider for the Planning Board, and Steve and Chris in attendance regarding Highway Department.

Appearances:

SEA cancelled an appearance, and requested a review with Selectmen about Cheney Hill Road; Bruce will contact them.

Milly Kittredge requests the Selectmen consider holding the front of the Marshall property lot for the building of a new Historical Building in the future. Bruce mentioned Parks and Recreation has a warrant for building a gazebo, but the lot is big enough for both, if that is decided. Bruce reminds it is prime property. Milly said a historical building would be attractive for both the intown and out of town visitors, safely hold town artifacts that are now in a building built in 1918, with no facilities. 123 collections have been added since 1997. Peter said he would keep an open mind.

Accounts payable manifest reviewed and signed.

One tax abatement was signed.

The contract of authority with the Police Department from Chief Valiquet was reviewed and agreed to with assurance of adequate insurance. New London, Henniker and Sutton signed.

Property liens were checked over.

The Highway Dept. has a furnace problem and Cheryl will contact the original installer to inquire about warranties.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

### Bradford Board of Selectmen

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Peter Fenton

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**LETTERS**

To the editor:

Voters, we have a great reason to go to the polls on March 2nd! We have the opportunity to vote for Peter Russell in the special election for Dist. 34 state representative—Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, and Webster.

Public service is not new for Russell—he has served as a selectman and as a fire fighter & chief in his hometown of Hopkinton. He is a small businessman and also operates an organic pick-your-own blueberry farm. He is committed to his community.

I look forward to casting my vote for Peter Russell. He knows New Hampshire and will work hard to represent us well. Vote Tuesday, March 2nd for Peter Russell. respectfully submitted,

Amy Patenaude

To the Editor:

The smaller towns in Districe 34 need to unite to elect Beth Rodd to fill the vacancy created when J.D. Colcord (Warner) resigned. The Special Election to replace Colcord is to be held March 2, 2004. The far-flung, seven-town Distruct 34 has six representatives assigned to it—all are elected at large. Currently, three of those representatives come from Hopkinton and two from Henniker. The remaining five towns have none. The bigger towns are well represented, the smaller ones are not.

The voters in the Towns of Newbury, Sutton, Bradford, Webster, and Warner should join together to provide equity in representation in our District to the Legislature in Concord. Join me in voting for Beth Rodd (Bradford) to help provide that representation.

David Hartman, Warner

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage residents of Sutton, Newbury, Bradford, Webster, and Warner to vote for our Bradford neighbor Beth Rodd in the upcoming March 2nd special election. As the five less populated towns in District 34, we are often outvoted by our larger counterparts in Hopkinton and Henniker. That needs to change in the March 2nd election.

Six members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives are elected to represent District 34. J.D. Colcord of Warner stepped down as one of the District 34 representatives, and the March 2nd special election is to replace him. If Beth Rodd's Hopkinton-based opponent is elected on March 2nd, four of our representatives will be from Hopkinton and two from Henniker.

We who live in the smaller towns of District 34 should stand together for Beth Rodd and make our voices heard. Beth Rodd is known in Bradford and the surrounding towns as a solid, down-to-earth neighbor who is always willing to listen. As a former legislator, she has the experience necessary to make sure our interests are represented well at the legislature.

Let's get out to vote on March 2nd, and let's vote for Beth Rodd.

Derek Lick, Sutton

Dear Editor,

With the failure of our State Senate to adequately address their redistricting responsibilities two years ago, our state supreme court took over - creating, among other problems, District 34, an overblown hotch-potch of urban and rural communities that seemed immediately unrealistic, and made even more so by the concept that this diverse territory should have 6 representatives—at large!

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I have some hope, therefore, that the House bill passed recently—but still subject to Senate and Governor's approval—would redress this ungainly District by breaking it into 3 more coherent and balanced territories, one allying Newbury and Sutton with a single representative, another that would include Bradford and Henniker with two representatives, and the third comprising Hopkinton, Webster, and Warner with three representatives.

But, prior to that time, the resignation of JD Colcord from one of the six seats representing District 34 has created the need for a Special Election, scheduled for Tuesday March 2nd, to replace him.

Bearing in mind the existing thoughts of the House in presenting a bill designed to break up District 34, it would be utterly invidious if candidates from Henniker or Hopkinton filled this vacant seat — bearing in mind that the other five seats are already held by candidates from these two more urban communities!

If, as smaller rural communities, we are to have any direct representation in our State House, we could do just that by reinstating Ms. Beth Rodd, a two-term legislator of proven ability. Between 1996 and 2000, Beth Rodd of Bradford proved her worth in our State House with her work on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, her commitment to improving family and community life, and her aggressive protection of our environmental resources that included co-sponsoring of the Milfoil bill that is already beginning to stem the tide of contaminating our lakes with the thoughtless spread of exotic weeds.

March 2nd is the earliest date that we can vote to put Beth Rodd back to work in the State House. With a Governor who seems hell-bent on considering the state as a financial statement, rather than an environment in which people are really struggling to live, we need Beth Rodd, and more like her, protecting our interests. Please, vote for her on March 2.

*Iain Gilmour, North Sutton.*

Dear Editor:

Voters in district 34 should get to the polls on March 2nd. Seldom will a better qualified candidate for the New Hampshire House be found on the ballot than Beth Rodd.

Beth proved herself as a superb legislator from 1996 to 2002 and is ready to work full bore immediately in the current session. If you want to be represented by someone who is able to speak with authority on the

important issues facing New Hampshire today, support Beth Rodd. Her training and continuing service in the areas of criminal justice, public safety, strengthening families, environmental concerns, education, and fair employment practices make her a spokesperson of unusual competence.

Beth truly serves her constituents. She offers people both sides of an argument so that understanding and informed opinions are the result.

I urge you to vote for an outstanding representative on March 2nd by selecting Beth Rodd.

*George W. Chase*

Dear Editor:

Friends and neighbors in House District 34, please remember to vote in the special election on March 2 to return Beth Rodd to the New Hampshire House

Beth has been and will continue to be a voice of compassion and reason for children, families, the disabled, and elderly.

With a master's degree in social work, Beth worked for many years with indigent families as well as abused and neglected children in special education classes and in the prison system. She worked at the New Hampshire Hospital as a psychiatric social worker on the intake unit. While raising her own family, Beth has continued working in a volunteer capacity as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer and a guardian ad litem, representing the best interests of children in the child welfare system.

Beth served as a State Representative on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee from 1996 to 2000. On the Merrimack County delegation, Beth served on grant committees that disperse county funds to communities for the VNA, Meals on Wheels, community-based after-school and outreach programs, emergency housing,

and other programs designed to meet the critical needs of towns and organizations in our region.

I have known Beth and her family for many years, and I admire her commitment to those in need of support and compassion in our society.

*Ann McLane Kuster, Hopkinton*

Dear Editor:

On March 2nd your readers can vote in a special election to return Rep. Beth Rodd to represent the people of Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, and Webster.

At this special election, voters in Merrimack Co. District 34 will have the good fortune of again choosing to have Rep. Beth Rodd represent them in the Statehouse. While it will take a special effort to vote, it will be worth it to regain an excellent representative.

In these complicated times, Beth already has four years of legislative experience and a wide range of expertise in fields of Public Safety, Criminal Justice, prison reform, and juvenile justice. Her work as a member of the Merrimack County delegation has given her valuable understanding of the critical health care issues and programs that affect the lives of families, children, the disabled, and the elderly throughout our communities. She's been a voice for the working people of our state. Beth has earned the respect of her colleagues both in the Statehouse and in her communities through her hard work and knowledgeable service to her community. I urge voters to go to the polls in your towns March 2nd and cast your ballot for Beth Rodd. Help return a balanced, moderate voice of reason to our Statehouse.

*Sen. Sylvia Larsen, Senate District 15*




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**Letters**, Continued

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to ask residents of District 34 to vote for Beth Rodd in the special election on March 2nd. Beth has served in the House as a member of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee.

She cares about property tax relief, education and fair funding for same, the environment, and health care with prescription medication for the elderly and affordable health insurance for all. The New Hampshire legislature, unfortunately, has a majority of shortsighted, narrowly focused members who are consistently eroding the rights of women, supporting massive cuts to Health and Human Services, and totally undermining our educational system.

The legislature as it stands, has a need for a younger, enthusiastic, hardworking Beth Rodd, who will help to represent our district and add another Democrat to the small dedicated group currently serving.

Go to the polls on March 2nd and vote for Beth Rodd. We should all be grateful that she is willing to serve as a representative in the difficult times ahead in our State politics.

*Phyllis Wilcox, Bradford*

To the editor:

I have been receiving Fax's from companies with hot tips about investments. They say, "Defense Stocks Are Poised for Huge Gains." With the staggering costs of the war in Iraq in terms of money and human life, this kind of opportunism is disgusting. To date, the war has cost over 100 billion dollars, 643 coalition lives, 8,000 civilian lives, and resulted in 11,000 medical evacuations via Andrews Air Force Base. "Protecting the U.S. against terrorism of all kinds" is a booming business. The homeland security industry should grow to more than \$170 billion in 2006." Going to the website, I learned, "The ongoing war on terrorism is probably not going to end in our lifetimes," and, "companies are going to gain

from this war." While jobs are fleeing, Wall Street is fleecing Main Street. Chances are your financial situation has not improved under the current administration. My husband and I got the \$400 tax cut; at the same time our health insurance premium went up \$500 a month. I'm lucky. We can afford it, but it isn't easy. Our property taxes went up. Again, I'm lucky to own property. But, we feel the hot breath of a faltering economy on our necks as clients struggling to pay their bills fall behind and tenants struggle to pay their rent. If I had money to invest, I would not invest it with these opportunists. The more we read, the more we see that this war is a wrong war, and it is time to get out. All the fear mongering that attempts to convince the public that this huge investment in "homeland security" and the "war on terrorism" is failing. People want jobs. They want health care. They want an end to the war.

*Patricia L Frisella*

To the editor:

I am writing to express my, as well as the Hopkinton Republican Committee's, support for Peter Russell of Hopkinton in the special election for State Representative to be held on March 2. I have known Peter and his family for fifteen years. In that time, I have watched Peter consistently give outstanding community support in various capacities. He has served his community well as a 33-year member of the Hopkinton Fire Department (serving as Chief for 10 years), Selectman for four years (Chairman for two years), and opening his family's blueberry farm to all in the summertime. Peter Russell is a well-respected, open-minded, and strong leader who will take no pre-determined agenda to Concord. He will listen to the people of his district and serve us and the State of New Hampshire well. Please vote for Peter Russell on March 2.

*Susan Griffin Yonkers, Hopkinton Republican Committee Chair*

To the editor:


The Conservation Commission would like to recognize the staff of the Transfer Station for their efforts to manage recycling in Bradford and, in particular, the mixed paper program. Under this program, the town can recycle junk mail, cereal boxes, office paper, and other glossy items. If one considers that this paper makes up 22% of our trash and that the town can receive revenue from the sale of the paper to northeast paper markets, it makes good economic sense to collect this material and avoid costly disposal and transportation costs.

In New Hampshire, almost half of all communities conduct mixed paper collections and many more are considering new programs. Why? Because towns recognize that the revenue and avoided disposal fees of collecting mixed paper justifies the time commitment of the staff to manage the material. A State economic model that calculates the benefits of recycling estimates that Bradford's mixed paper program could result in a net savings to the town of at least \$2,400 per year. That estimate takes into account our current level of recycling and our costs from avoided disposal. The more we recycle, the more our savings increase.

There has been discussion of a possible warrant petition to eliminate the mixed paper program. Before supporting this measure, consider that placing glossy paper in a bag along with other recyclables seems to be a minor inconvenience compared to the savings. Recycling is now part of the culture of this town and we recognize the benefits of avoiding costly disposal and hauling fees, and the advantage of using regional recycling markets. Eliminating recycling activities without justification, or because it may be inconvenient, simply results in increased costs as our town trash boxes are filled quicker and need to be emptied at a greater rate.

Recently, residents of the Town of Bradford received a Master Plan Survey, where this issue as well as many other topics are open for your thoughts. If you haven't completed it yet, please take the time to fill it out and send it in. Come to the Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 10.

*Bradford Conservation Commission*



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# Candidates for Town Offices

**Moderator**, for two years  
 • Dan Coolidge

**Selectman**, for three years  
 • Bruce Edwards

**Supervisor of the Check List**, for six years:  
 • Jarna Perkins  
 • Robert Stewart

**Trustee of the Trust Funds**, for three years  
 • Everett Kittredge

**Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library**, for three years  
 • Brooks McCandlish

**Scholarship Committee**, for three years  
 Write-in

**Budget Committee**, for three years—vote for two  
 • Cheryl Frey  
 • George Freyler  
 • Margaret Leppanen

**Planning Board**, for three years—vote for two  
 • Bob Foor  
 • Marcia Keller

**Zoning Board**, for three years—vote for two  
 • Mildred Kittredge  
 • Lester Gordon  
 • Steven Pierce

**Zoning Board**, for two years  
 • William Glennie  
 • Bryan Ayars

**Zoning Board**, for one year  
 • Richard Dionne

**Cemetery Commission**, for three years  
 Write-in

# Candidates Questionnaires

Questionnaires were sent to the candidates for office in Bradford. The questions were:

- 1 Why do you want to serve?
- 2 What is the most important issue facing Bradford?
- 3 What do you hope to accomplish?
- 4 What experience do you bring to the office?

As of press time, the following responses have been received. Any additional responses will be printed for handing out at the polls on Tuesday, March 9th.

**MARCIA KELLER**  
 Candidate for Planning Board - 3 year term

1. The Planning Board has a vital role in shaping how Bradford develops as the town continues to grow. I would like to continue to be a part of this process and help to ensure that Bradford remains the comfortable place to live that it has been for so many years.

2. The planning regulations must be administered consistently so that everyone who proposes a development in Town understands the requirements and is guided through the process in a fair, impartial, and timely manner. To do this effectively, the Board should not only streamline its procedures, but also continue to make use of the professional services available.

3. The goals and objectives in the updated Master Plan should be reviewed as soon as possible to determine what changes, if any, are needed in the planning and zoning regulations in order for them to reflect the objectives established in the Plan.

4 I have served on the Planning Board for the past six years and previously worked for the NH Office of State Planning, giving me an understanding both of the planning process in Bradford and the state laws that form the basis for the local regulations.


**RICHARD A. DIONNE**  
 Candidate for Zoning Board, 1 year

1. I am semi-retired now and have the time to get involved in my community. I heard there was an opening in the zoning board and thought that might be interesting.

2. I hope to maintain the style of living by making sure new structures proposed will be built complying with the current zoning laws.

3. I want to find out just what is involved in the zoning process and keep an eye out for possible opportunities for the Town of Bradford to broaden its tax base and help to achieve a lower tax burden for the average tax payer.

4. I was born and raised in Manchester, NH. I worked with my father building houses and general carpentry repairs. I graduated from St. Anselm's College with a BA in economics and business. I moved to Los Angeles, Ca. and was self-employed as a general contractor for 16 years before returning to Manchester to work as a supervisor for Associated Grocers, where I am still working.



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## Traveler Brings Switzerland to Bradford

The Senior Council of the Bradford Area Community Center invites area adults and seniors to hear Everett Downing of Wilnot present "Switzerland as I Saw It" at the Council's next regular meeting on March 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Mr. Downing, a former history professor, will show his colored slides of Lausanne, Geneva, Bern, and the mountain villages and will describe Swiss culture and customs. Refreshments and conversation, as usual, will be enjoyed following the program. For information call Publicity Chair, Phyllis Whall at 938-5352.



## Real Estate Hints:

What's in a Commission?

by Laura Hallaban

With today's savvy consumer using the internet and other means to obtain information quickly and anonymously, it is easier than ever to convince ourselves that we can do things on our own without professional help. You can read how to fix a leak, but if you create a bigger problem, you'll end up paying a plumber regardless. In real estate, buyers and sellers can come together without a realtor, but if things go wrong, someone can end up being sued. As I have mentioned before, there is no standard commission rate. It is, and always has been, negotiable. The bigger question is what do you get for the fee you will be paying?

### FSBO – For Sale By Owner

In this type of situation, the seller is doing all the work and paying no commission at all. This is popular because consumers – both seller and buyers – feel that they will end up with more in their pocket as a result. However, many sellers price their house too high because they don't take into account that other houses that have sold in the area included a commission. So, if anything, their price should be lower. Buyers need to understand that they will not be provided with state or federally approved written disclosures about the property. A property that is listed with a real estate office will provide you with a listing sheet, a seller disclosure and a lead paint disclosure if the house was built prior to 1978.

### Discount Brokerage Offices

There are some agencies that run catchy ads offering reduced commissions or a set commission no matter the selling price of a house. These enticements sound good, but again, what are you getting for this lower fee? Sellers need to ask if the lower commission means less service. How will the property be marketed? Will that office rely solely on putting the listing into the Multiple Listing Service? Will the listing agent actively participate in every aspect of the transaction? Is that office local or just trying to drum up new business? Another important question consumers may not think to ask is what the compensation will be for other agents who may have buyers for the property.

### Full Service Offices

A full service office will take you from A-Z in the real estate selling process. The first step is to price the property correctly, using good market data. From there, the house should be prepared for showings and marketed aggressively. Ask to see the marketing materials and advertising venues. Your listing agent will be present for showings and inspections and will help negotiate all terms. All of the agents in that office will be working hard to sell your property for the maximum amount, which can often be more than you expected and enough to cover any fee.

As with any type of decision you face, the choices are many. Consumers should weigh the pros and cons, ask the right questions and listen to the answers carefully to determine whether the price of hiring a professional is worth it.


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## Bradford Fish and Game Club

This month the club saw an excellent turnout at the monthly meeting; there were twenty members present. Plans were finalized for the Ice Fishing Derby, with the club hoping for a good turnout and good weather. Trophies and prizes had been delivered and plans were being implemented to supply the food. Volunteers are needed to spruce up the clubhouse for the event.

The President reported on the progress of repairing the heating system and keeping it in good repair in the future. We also received reports on estimates to get our pool table resurfaced with the results looking good for a refurbishment in the future. John Wardwell mentioned he had had it done 15 years ago. So, maybe it is about time we had it redone. The topic of clubhouse security came up and the club decided new locks were in order. The windows would also receive improved security. Members will be asked to cover the cost of a new key and Trudy Willett, V.P. will have some on hand. Doug Jackson and John Wardwell volunteered to do the labor. Thanks guys! We have a large number of new members, so Chip Meany, President, took the opportunity to review proper clubhouse usage etiquette for the members.

A coyote hunt contest was discussed with Dickie Wright being given free rein to get the contest up and running. The current heavy area population of coyotes should make for a great contest. For more information on the progress of this please stop by and see Dickie at Dickie's Bait and Tackle on Route 103.

Under new business, our President reminded everyone that Doug Jackson was our head of the entertainment committee and asked about interest in a monthly pool night. We were reminded that Vice President Trudy Willett is looking forward to holding a free Ladies Handgun Class. Let Trudy know if you are interested. The President's fly tying and rod building class is also planned this year. For more info please talk to Chip. Our fearless leader also called for pre-meeting potluck suppers and asked that we have one for the March meeting. Everyone bring a dish. Dave LaBelle asked about interest in a bass tournament. Let Dave know so he can get one going. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm and the dinner to start at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Mary Hodgman, Secretary

## Bradford Area Community Center Sponsors 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Auction

The Bradford Area Community Center is planning its first fundraising auction which has been scheduled for August 14 at the White Star Auction Hall in Newbury. The Community Center receives some funding from the Town to cover utility and janitorial expenses but the Community Center is responsible for raising the balance of the monies needed to pay for a part-time director, general operating expenses, programs, and activities.

The Community Center also houses the Kearsarge Area Preschool, CAP's Meals on Wheels program which services ten towns, senior programs, computer classes, yoga, art and craft activities, summer camp, as well as providing meeting places for various community groups and businesses.

The Community Center is looking for storage facilities, for a limited time, to store donated auction items. The space needs to be clean, dry and easily accessible. The Community Center is a non-profit organization so donations are tax deductible. If you can help with storage, please call Jarna at the Community Center at 938-6228 or Marty Bunis at 938-5051.

## Hopkinton Town Band

The Hopkinton Town Band will begin weekly rehearsals for the 2004 concert season on Wednesday, March 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Maple Street School in Contoocook. The Band is comprised of musicians from several area towns and range in age from high school through seniors, many with extensive musical experience and backgrounds. Musicians interested in joining the Band, woodwind, brass, and percussionists, will be welcomed. The conductor has uplifted the performance level and the enthusiasm of the Band members through his excellent leadership

and the selection of music to be played.

Particularly exciting for the Band members and their conductor, Dr. Earl Lord, has been the completion of a beautiful bandstand in Contoocook, erected through the generosity of the Lewellan family and dedicated last October in honor of Jane Lewellan, which will be the site of the summer concerts.

Concerts for the year 2004 are being scheduled now and organizations wishing information about having the Hopkinton Town Band perform should call 746-4380 or e-mail pertic\_c@attbi.com.

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# Bradford Area Community Center

## March 2004 Calendar

### MONDAY, MARCH 1

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am.  
Senior Center: Craft Club working on "Book Baby Totes" for NH Reads Program, 10:00 am

### TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Senior Center: Bradford Quilting Bees, 10:00 am-noon

Senior Center: Massage with Pamela Monaghan, 10:30 am-noon.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Senior Center: Marlene from Marlene's Flower's will teach us how to make a spring basket arrangement to take home. Cost is \$6.00 per person, 10:00 am

### FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

### MONDAY, MARCH 8

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am  
Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

Senior Center: Free Hearing Tests with Cheryl Kennedy from Sound Advice, 10:00 am-noon. You must have an appointment. Please call 938-2104 to register.

Senior Center: Karol Dermon from DEAS will review Medicare and its new policies, 12:30 pm

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Senior Center: Claudia Messier, Coordinator for Long Term Care for Merrimack County will be available for concerns or questions you may have for yourself or your family, 11:00 am

Senior Center: March Birthday Luncheon. You must reserve space by March 4 in order to receive your birthday gift.

Senior Center: Today we celebrate "Good Samaritan Day"! From now until Mar 11 the Senior Center will collect food items and personal items such as toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, and bars of soap for the local food pantry. Anyone may drop items at the Senior Center between 8:30 am-2:30 pm Monday through Friday. Our goal is to collect 100 items. Pastor Lynn Hubley will attend lunch to accept items we have collected. Join us and be a part of this community project!

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am  
Senior Center: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month Dave Poisson from *Mr. Fix It*, 10:00 am-noon

### MONDAY, MARCH 15

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am  
Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Senior Center: Bradford Quilting Bees, 10:00 am-noon

### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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

Senior Center: Service Link is available for questions and concerns for your family, yourself, a friend or neighbor. Support this free referral service in our community. 11:00 am. Please call 938-2104 to make an appointment.

Senior Center: St. Patrick's Day Party Luncheon.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

### MONDAY, MARCH 22

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am  
Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Senior Center: Strong Living exercises, 8:45 am

### MONDAY, MARCH 29

Senior Center: Strong Living exercises, 8:45 am  
Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Enrichment Series Program at the Newbury Public Library, 10:00 am. Debbie Stanley, Executive Director of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust will give a slide presentation on "Rewards and Benefits with Open Spaces." Debbie will discuss land conservation easements for wildlife and tax benefits. After the program, lunch will be served at the Bradford Area Senior Center. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Senior Center: Strong Living exercises, 8:45 am

## Program Information

For general information or to schedule an activity call Director Jarna Perkins at 938-6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups, organizations, or activities at the BACC.

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

For Kearsarge Area Pre-School information, contact Heather Cooper at 938-2668.

## Senior Lunch Schedule

Lunch is served at 12 noon. Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. You might be surprised who you'll meet!

Advanced reservations are appreciated.

**Mon. Mar. 1:** Veal Parmesan, Spaghetti, Wax Beans, and Tapioca Pudding.

**Tues. Mar. 2:** Grilled Chicken, Orange Juice, Brown Rice, Winter Blend Veggie and Cake.

**Thurs. Mar. 4:** Soup de jour, Sandwich Bar, Garden Salad, and Fruit.

**Mon. Mar. 8:** Chicken Pot Pie, Sliced Carrots, a fresh Biscuit, and Jell-O.

**Tues. Mar. 9:** Ham, Baked Beans, Cole-slaw, Brown Bread, and Pudding.

**Thurs. Mar. 11:** March Birthday Luncheon. Salisbury Steak, Whipped Potato, Garden Blend Veggie, and Birthday Cake and Ice Cream.

**Mon. Mar. 15:** Batter Dip Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Wheat Bread, and Cookie.

**Tues. Mar. 16:** Stuffed Peppers, Whipped Potatoes, Veggie Blend, Rye Bread, and a Crunchy Bar.

**Thurs. Mar. 18:** St. Patrick's Day Party luncheon. Join us for a Corned Beef dinner with all the fixings!

**Mon. Mar. 22:** Chicken Teriyaki, Rice, Oriental Veggie, Pineapple, and a Fortune Cookie.

**Tues. Mar. 23:** Macaroni and Cheese, Cranberry Juice, Stewed Tomatoes, French

Bread, and Yogurt.

**Thurs. Mar. 25:** Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Blend Veggies, Wheat Bread, and Fudge Sticks.

**Mon. Mar. 29:** Baked Chicken, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Whipped Potato, Broccoli, and Nutty Buddy.

**Tues. Mar. 30:** Soup de jour, Sandwich Bar, Coleslaw, and Cake.



# Then...

by Milly Kittredge



## The Old Post Office

Built in 1918, after the 1918 Main Street fire, the Old Post Office, looking from the railroad station. Danforth's Store is in the background. In 1978, the Historical Society purchased the building from Carl Danforth and moved it near the entrance to the Transfer Site, where it is the home of the Bradford Historical Society.

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Senior Center: Continental Breakfast, Fridays 9:00 am-11:00 am. You can take it with you!

Senior Center Luncheon, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon

Bridge Group, Mondays, Community Room, 1:00-4:00 pm

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, Community Room, 6:00-7:15 pm

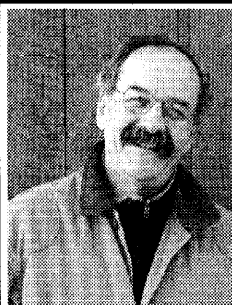
Yoga Class (Not Advanced), Community Room, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 am. Call Fran at 456-3099 to register.

Computer Tutoring, Fridays, 10:00 am.

Beginners: first and third Fridays, intermediate: second and fourth Fridays. For information call Bev Leo at 938-2996.

**Have you E-mailed Your Answers to the Master Plan Survey? Deadline is March 5th!**

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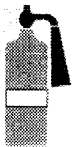
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# First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley



**Youth Group:** Youth who are in grades 5-8 are invited to come to our youth gatherings. On Sunday, March 7, we will meet at the church at 2:00 pm and travel to the home of Sheila & Jim Denoncourt on Fairgrounds Road for some good old fashioned sledding. They have what they call a "luge" near them so only sleds with runners are suggested. We will enjoy cocoa and home made cookies after the sledding. If the weather is too bad, we will postpone the event until March 14. We will return to the church at 4:00 pm.

On Wednesday, March 24, we will meet at the church from 6:30-8:00 pm and watch the movie entitled "The Rejection Connection" which talks about how to deal with rejection from friends. We will be playing "Hot Potato" and "Suitcase Relay" for games and enjoy bagel pizza bites for a snack.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries:** Ladies will meet in the church vestry on Wednesday, March 10 at 2:00 pm. This is part three of a series of stress workshops. Yoga and stress relief will be the focus. Ladies are asked to bring a jumbo size towel or a blanket and to wear comfortable clothing.

**Food Pantry:** The March distribution date is Wednesday, March 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**Men's Fellowship:** Our men will meet on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 pm at the home of Fred and Lynne Hubley. This is an evening of pool, refreshments, and fellowship.

**Mother's Bible Study:** Our mom's bible study meets every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 am, except the fourth Wednesday, when they meet from 10:00-11:00 am. Childcare is provided. They are presently studying Alice Fryl's "Parenting with Purpose and Grace."

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Fred Hubley leads a bible study every Thursday morning from 9:00-10:00 am. They are currently studying how the Bible came about.

**Thursday Morning Study Group:** Every Thursday from 10:00-11:00 am, there is a study of Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Life."

**March Mission Project:** During the month of March, we will be collecting clothes to be sent to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. When U.S. soldiers are wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq, they are flown to Landstuhl, Germany for treatment and rehabilitation with just the clothes on their backs. They are looking for shoes, long underwear, thermal socks, polo shirts, sweat pants, jackets, slacks, shirts, and outer jackets. We will collect these clothes during the whole month of March.

**Life Line Screening:** On Monday, March 29, Life Line Screening will be at the church to offer the following screenings: Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery (\$45), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening (\$45), Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening (\$45), and Osteoporosis Screening (\$35.00). If you sign up for the complete Vascular Package (all three screenings) the cost is \$99. For all four screenings, the cost is \$125. You must call for an appointment. The phone number is 1-800-407-4557.



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# Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Our book-to-movie discussion of *Double Indemnity* will be held on Friday, March 19 at 7:00 pm. Copies of the book are still available at the circulation desk. It is a very quick read. Feel free to join us just to watch the movie, no need to have read the book.

The library is looking for help with adult and children's programming. We especially would like help organizing this summer's reading program for children. Please share with the librarians your exciting new ideas!

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, March 9 at the Town Hall. Two trustees are up for re-election. Brooks McCandlish will be on the ballot, please write in Jane Lucas for the second spot. She is in Florida and was unable to sign up to be on the ballot.

Here are some of the new books added to your library in February.

**For adults:**

- Death of a Poison Pen* by M.C. Beaton
- Swimming to Antarctica* by Lynne Cox
- American Dynasty* by Kevin Phillips
- The Cat Who Talked Turkey* by Lillian Jackson Braun
- Crown Jewel* by Fern Michaels
- The Dante Club* by Matthew Pearl

**For children:**

- Witch's Business* by Diana Wynne Jones
- The Day the Babies Crawled Away* by Peggy Rathmann
- Beegu* by Alexis Deacon



## BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday, 10:00 am–8:00 pm  
 Wednesday, 10:00 am–7:00 pm  
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### GLAZED MEAT LOAF

Submitted by Beverly Leo

- 1 1/2 tsp unsalted butter
  - 2 medium shallots, minced
  - 1 1/2 tbs minced celery
  - 1 1/2 tbs minced red bell pepper
  - 2 1/2 pounds ground beef
  - 1 pound ground pork
  - 1 tbs minced fresh basil, or 1 tsp dried
  - 1 tbs minced fresh parsley
  - 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
  - 1/2 cup milk
  - 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
  - 1 tsp soy sauce
  - 1 tsp prepared chile sauce
  - 1/2 tsp salt
  - Freshly ground black pepper
  - 1/3 cup duck sauce (Chinese sweet & sour sauce)
  - 2 tsp Dijon mustard
  - Chopped fresh parsley
1. Preheat oven to 400° F.
  2. Melt the butter in a medium skillet over medium-low heat. Add the shallots; cook 2 minutes. Add the celery and bell pepper; cook 3 minutes longer. Remove from heat.
  3. Combine the beef and pork in a large bowl. Mix well. Add the shallot mixture, the basil, parsley, eggs, milk, bread crumbs, soy sauce, chili sauce, salt, and 1/4 tsp pepper. Mix thoroughly. Form into a loaf on a shallow baking dish.
  4. Combine the duck sauce with the mustard in a small bowl. Spread evenly over the top and sides of loaf. Sprinkle with more pepper. Bake 1 1/4 hours. Let stand 5 minutes before serving, sprinkled with parsley.
- Serves 6 to 8

## Help Thank an Outstanding New Hampshire Teacher

Nothing touches more lives, or gives more promise to the future than education. More than ever before, high quality educators are critical to the future of our community and our country. Without such educators, our children will not have the high skills necessary to succeed in the world of tomorrow. The New Hampshire Department of Education not only administers and presents awards to recognize leadership in education, these national and state-wide awards build community awareness of our educators, while providing positive messages about the teaching profession as a whole.

Now is the time to participate in selecting that outstanding teacher who will represent New Hampshire as Teacher of the Year for 2005. Nominations can be made by anyone: parents, students, school superintendents, principals, other teachers, school staff members and teacher organizations. Teachers may also apply themselves. The deadline for nominations is March 12. Educators are encouraged to submit an application to the New Hampshire Department of Education by April 12. Applications may be downloaded from the *Leadership in Education* website at [www.NHGoldApple.org](http://www.NHGoldApple.org).

A Teacher of the Year candidate should be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled person from any state-

approved or accredited school, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. They should inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn; have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school; and be poised, articulate, and possess the energy to work under a taxing schedule. The New Hampshire as Teacher of the Year carries out his/her duties while maintaining a full classroom load.

"We have so many dedicated educators in New Hampshire today, however, as we face a growing shortage of educators it is all the more important that we take time to recognize our very best," said Commissioner of Education Nicholas Donohue. "The Teacher of the Year Program recognizes teaching quality, builds community recognition and support, and increases networking and mentoring among educators. Through this program we hope to encourage more people to consider a career in education and remind all of us about the value of investing in attracting and retaining the very best educators."

Ida Dziura, a teacher for 22 years at Londonderry South School, is the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year for 2004. Ms. Dziura is a fourth grade teacher whom colleagues describe as "a gifted teacher who continually strives to develop skills and

acquire knowledge to help ensure that her students grow emotionally as well as academically."

Each year, schools all around New Hampshire participate in the State and National Teacher of the Year Program. Hannaford Supermarkets is proud to partner with the Department of Education to sponsor the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year program. The national program is sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers in partnership with Scholastic Inc. and is the oldest and most prestigious honors program to focus public attention on excellence in teaching. Nominations must be made on or before March 12. Nominated teachers who wish to be considered for the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year will be asked to complete application materials for review by the state selection committee. Application packets will be mailed to all teachers who are nominated. Completed application materials will be due April 12. Please send your nomination to Lori Kincaid, Teacher of the Year Coordinator, New Hampshire Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301 or email [lkincaid@ed.state.nh.us](mailto:lkincaid@ed.state.nh.us). If you have any questions, please phone Ms. Kincaid at 271-6646. Additional information and applications may be downloaded from [www.NHgoldapple.org](http://www.NHgoldapple.org).

## Rescue Squad Seeks Volunteers

If you are reading this article, we hope it is because you've been considering getting involved with the Rescue Squad. Additionally, we hope you will decide that today is your time to give us a call.

The Squad continues to, and always will, have need for additional personnel, whether as drivers or trained EMT's. At this time, our particular concerns are for additional EMT's. If you have previous experience and are certified, we have immediate openings. Three EMT trained members are currently scheduled to leave the squad. We are pleased to have a new member, who has a decade of experience in Vermont, to replace one of these EMT's. We are currently appealing to former members to temporarily fill in some of the gaps and pursuing other folks to make a new commitment.

If you have not had previous EMST experience but think you might want to help, please do not hesitate to call for

more information. There are many levels of training and all are helpful to the Rescue Squad. If you make the decision to become an EMT, the courses are given in the evening, and the Rescue Squad will even pay for the expenses with a minimum of a one year commitment to the Squad. The obligation to the Squad is to take one call night a week (6 pm - 6 am) and corresponding time on every fifth weekend. Daytime calls are handled in an "open" fashion, so if you are available, you can respond accordingly. We are always adjusting schedules to fit different peoples needs, so please don't let a difficult schedule keep you from contacting us.

Whether you are interested in a career as an EMT, renewing former training, or getting involved in a unique volunteer experience, please give a call for more information, to Jim Powell, Captain, 938-2228.

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# Outside

by Ann Eldridge

The 1858 map shows an isolated clump of squares in the SW corner of the tipped rectangle that is the town of Bradford. Now cellar holes outline the community that developed here around a curious water hole and a clever marketing strategy. The Indians knew of the odiferous spring that didn't freeze. A 1770 story tells of the natives who camped here with their sick by the supposedly curative waters.

General Sam Andrews, born in Hillsboro in 1813, was a soldier and entrepreneur. He made and occasionally lost fortunes in lumber, mills and stores of various sorts, and land development. In 1840, "a few feet from the spring," he built a small hotel he called "The Hermitage." Nearby he also built a store and a tannery.

In the 1840s, the tannery would have been hauling in pounded bark of oak, hemlock, and possibly cedar. General Sam no doubt purchased the newest machinery for fleshing and de-hairing the hides, but still it was a long process, with not some small amount of odor. Hides were soaked in lime and then in the stone-crushed bark for most of a year. The dam behind the tannery created the 7½-acre Lovewell Lake, used by the tourists for fishing and canoeing. Beaver had been extirpated from New England for nearly half a century already, trapped out for the fashion industry and for altering the hydrology of the area. Moose, wolf, mountain lion, turkey, bear, and fisher were also among the missing.

The farms of Deer Valley Road and the East Washington Road supplied enough children to warrant funding in 1843 of the #10 Springs school located on the north side of East Washington Road by the big rocks. A summer session was held for anywhere between two and thirteen kids, according to existing records. Male teachers were sought for the winter session when the influx of boys released from summer chores was thought to require a stronger physical presence.

The hotel, meanwhile, was a success. In 1858, the General moved the hotel forty rods further down the road, renaming it the Bradford Springs Hotel. It was expanded to 100' x 40', and as a mark of his organizational skills or his stern countenance, it was said to have been rebuilt, furnished, and open for business in ten weeks, bowling alley included.

Departing on the 1:00 pm train from Boston, vacationers arrived at the Bradford station (Merrimack Farm Store) at 4:30 pm and were met by the hotel coach. In 1850 the busy town had reached its peak population of 1,350 souls. Close to 80% of the land had been cleared and sheep were everywhere. The views of Lovewell and Haystack mountains would have been unob-

structed. Somewhere there are, or were, letters and photographs recording these long summer stays. Initials were scratched in the springhouse enclosing the "healthful sulfur water." It cost \$6-10 per week to stay at the hotel and 25 cents extra to have meals brought to your room.

The speeches of the Centennial Celebration of 1887, with the Civil War still fresh on their minds, included laments about the declining population, by that time down to 900. But the hotel business was such that an addition was added to the hotel in 1882, expanding its capacity to 150. Did the respite-seekers write home about the unusual Atlantic white cedar bog? Repeatedly logged for its long-lasting timber, it is an odd western outpost of a sea-coast tree. This was an era of recreational botanizing and egg collecting. Meadowlark, bobolink, nighthawk and whippoorwill may have been common in the pastures. Did visitors exclaim about the curious carnivorous pitcher and sundew plants in the bog? and the black flies? Did they climb Pickett Hill?

In July of 1886, Charles Kezar came up from Salem, Mass. seeking a cure for what ailed him. The hotel proprietor at that time was Henry McCoy. Apparently the odiferous waters revived his health and he bought the farm across the road in 1888. Here select overflow patrons were housed in "the cottages," away from the bustle of the main hotel.

In 1905, the spring water was piped directly to the hotel. Now past its heyday, the hotel remained open for another dozen years, May to October. In 1921, it was purchased and taken down, to be rebuilt as the Maplehurst Inn in Antrim.

Farms that dotted the once open landscape burned or were recycled. The forest closed in. Beaver and turkey were reintroduced. Moose, bear, and other expatriates returned and the sheep moved west. Meadow

birds departed, replaced by warblers. Again the human population has risen and vacations are not as leisurely. The renovated springhouse now lives at Musterfield Farm in Sutton. The brick enclosure around the spring is still out there amidst the marsh sedges. The hotel site is now a park, donated to the Town by a descendant of the restored Mr. Kezar. The quaking bog and much of the cedar swamp has been preserved for the special environment it is. Residents may decide at Town Meeting to protect the remainder of this unusual place.

*Thanks to Perry Teele for his deed research and especially to Milly Kittredge for her time and use of the Historical Society's resources for this article.*



THE SPRING HOUSE

# March Calendar

## MONDAY, MARCH 1

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00 am  
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00 pm

## TUESDAY, MARCH 2

**Special election, Town Hall, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm**

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm  
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

## THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee, BACC, 7:00 pm

## MONDAY, MARCH 8

Rural Heritage Connection, BACC, 7:00 pm

## TUESDAY, MARCH 9

**Elections and Ballot Voting, Town Hall, 8:00 am-7:00 pm**

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

**Town Meeting, Elementary School, Old Warner Road, 7:00 pm**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Senior Council Switzerland program, BACC, 1:00 pm

## TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm  
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 6:30 pm

## FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Book to Movie Discussion *Double Indemnity*, BML, 7:00 pm

## TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

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

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**District 34 Special Election for State Representative Tuesday, March 2  
Bradford Town Meeting Tuesday, March 9**

## Bradford Bridge April Deadlines

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Classified ads	March 23
Articles	March 20

To list events for the April Calendar, please call Beth Rodd at 938-2692

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