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community news by neighbors for neighbors

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Bowie's Market Gutted by Fire



photo by Susan A. Janicki

This was the scene the morning after Bowie's Market burned for several hours.

Small towns have their centers. These are the special places where neighbors meet for a cup of coffee and a sandwich, exchange news and gossip, argue about politics, and hold court regarding matters of opinion on almost any topic relevant to the town's friends and neighbors. These important centers often have some chairs or a bench propped outside their doors where the regulars sit and exchange views or congratulate the lottery ticket winner who just a few minutes ago was testing his luck.

Bowie's Marketplace was such a place. Chris and Bruce Bowie and their children have spent the past six and a half years, from early morning until late evening, seven days a week, creating such a warm and bustling center of activity.

In the early morning of Monday, February 21, a burglary alarm went out to the Bradford police and fire departments but even a quick response could not save the property or the business. By midmorning, nothing was left but a skeleton of charred remains. Incredulous neighbors wandered around the debris throughout the day, offering sympa-

thy and speaking with unbelieving wonder at the complete destruction of an important and cherished community business.

No one was hurt and we are all grateful to the fine work of the volunteer fire department for preventing the spread of the fire to other homes or to the store's gas tanks. But, temporarily at least, a family business is in ruins and the townspeople feel a collective sense of loss and sadness as a well known Bradford landmark disappears into oblivion. Although the cause of the fire is still under investigation, it appears to have been the result of an electrical malfunction.

A fund for the Bowie family has been set up at the Lake Sunapee Bank, Main Street, Bradford. Contributions for the benefit of the family can be made there.

** See page 2 of this issue for information on upcoming fundraising benefits to help the Bowie family.*

—Carey Rodd

Cheney Hill Road Update

The Bradford selectmen have withdrawn a \$650,000 bond request in a warrant article which drew heated opposition and became a contentious town issue. Opponents of the warrant article argued that repairs and construction of a more substantial road on Cheney Hill would create a speed zone and compromise the stability of stone walls and trees. Residents of Cheney Hill also sought scenic road designation. Supporters of reconstruction of Cheney Hill as a main (and former) thoroughfare submit that the current main thoroughfare, Center Road, is in disrepair and constantly falling into Hoyt Brook. They argue that the trend towards growth and development in Bradford necessitates a better constructed road and cite safety factors to support their position. The selectmen have substituted a \$120,000 warrant article, funds to be used to repair and maintain the current road until this issue is resolved at some future date.

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**Tuesday, March 8
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**TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, March 9
7 p.m.**

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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. The *Bradford Bridge* reserves the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to the *Bradford Bridge* address, FAX number, or e-mail address above by the 20th of the month.

BOWIE'S MARKET FUNDRAISERS

Sat., March 5 at 5 p.m.—Ham & Bean Supper, homemade pies at Bradford Elementary School. Tickets, by donation, available at the door or by calling Marlene at 938-2530

Sun., March 20 from 7 to 10 a.m. Benefit Breakfast at the BAAC (Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, muffins, coffee, tea & juice). To donate, help or for more info, call Jarna at 938-6228 or 938-5545

Sabrina Freese Wins KRES at Bradford Spelling Bee

On Wednesday, February 9, twenty one fourth and fifth grade students took part in the annual KRES at Bradford Spelling Bee. The school spelling bee is the first step in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee. The Manchester Union Leader and the NH Sunday News sponsor area and statewide spelling bees.

Sabrina Freese, a fifth grade student in Mrs. Lee's class was the winner with Crystal Wegner, a fifth grader in Mrs. Perkin's class was the runner-up. Both girls spelled



correctly for 8 rounds before Sabrina won by correctly spelling the word "bruise."

Sabrina will represent KRES at Bradford at the Area Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 12 in Franklin, NH. She will compete with student representatives (grades 4 through 8) from more than twenty area schools.

—Kathy McKenna
Reading Specialist KRES at
Bradford

Aryn Conway on Dean's List at Roanoke College

Salem, VA—Aryn Lindsey Conway, daughter of Joseph and Maryse Conway of Bradford, attained the Dean's List of Distinguished Students last semester at Roanoke College. To earn this honor, the student must achieve a semester grade point average for any Fall or Spring term of 3.5 or higher.

Aryn is working towards a double major in Art History and French. Founded in 1842, Roanoke College, the country's second oldest Lutheran related college, is an independent, coeducational,



four-year liberal arts school. It is one of just 270 colleges nationwide with a chapter of Phi

Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society. The Princeton Review names Roanoke as one of the "best in the mid Atlantic." Nestled in Southwest Virginia, Roanoke sits between the Blue Ridge and Great Smokey Mountains within the Shenandoah Valley.

Aryn is a 2004 graduate of Kearsarge regional High School

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Girl Scout cookies will be delivered shortly after February 26 th if you ordered them from one of our local troops.

If you missed out, you can still pick some up! Cookies will be available on Saturday, March 5th from 9am to 12pm in front of the Bradford Post Office. Or, please call Jennifer Dow at 938-2939 to order some.

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View of the Rowe Hills from Forest Street, February 2005. This landscape, owned by multiple landowners, is in the current use program.


Make a Commitment to Land Conservation in Bradford!

The rate of development in Bradford has increased dramatically. When land owners remove property from current use for development purposes, they pay a fee called the "Land Use Change Tax" to compensate the town for the tax reduction they had received while it was in the "current use" category. In 1992, the Town directed that 50% of this tax be placed in the Land Conservation Fund, to be used to protect natural resources in Bradford that are significant for water quality, erosion control, wildlife habitat and similar values. The Conservation Fund received \$4,020 in 2004 and \$2,270 in 2003 from the Land Use Change Tax. Thanks to town support, most of this fund was spent last year to purchase the Goodridge property abutting the Bradford Bog. This purchase secured protection of the rare Atlantic white cedar bog. The cost of conserving land in a booming real estate market is increasing. The Bradford Conservation Commission wishes to increase the portion received from the Land Use Change Tax to 100% so that the funds derived from the loss of lands in open space will be used to protect replacement lands. This can be done by assisting willing landowners with costs involved in the development of easements, purchase of development rights, or, if necessary, outright purchase of important parcels.

Warrant article 264 states, "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the placement of 100% of the revenues received from the land use change penalty tax into the Town of Bradford Land Conservation Fund, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. This Fund may be used to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, or other wise conserve and properly use open spaces and other land and water areas, as authorized by RSA 36-A."

If you vote yes on this warrant article, it will mean that 100% of current use fees will go to the fund responsible for protecting and maintaining conservation lands in Bradford. Like many other towns that have adopted similar funding measures, it will ensure Bradford's commitment to securing lands that are cost effective to maintain and which provide maximum conservation benefits to the Town. Using last year's numbers for comparison, this would have meant an increase of only 3 cents on the tax rate. Please feel free to contact any Bradford Conservation Commission member for more information, or to simply lend an opinion.

-Bradford Conservation Commission



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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

Please come to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter program on "Vernal Pools", Friday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Speaker David Anderson, education director for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, will show slides of this unique amphibian habitat which teems with life following ice-out in the spring.

For more information, call Fred Sladen at 526-4321.

On Saturday, March 12, Soo-Nipi Audu-

bon Chapter will provide an opportunity for participants to see bald eagles along the Connecticut River. Wilder Dam, off route 10 in Lebanon, will be the focal point of this birding trip. Ample parking will be provided. Meet leader Joe Sullivan at New London Park and Ride, exit 12 off I-89, at 9:30 a.m. Bring binoculars and a scope if you have one. An optional lunch out to a restaurant will be considered. For details, contact Ruth White at 763-4893.

—Phyllis H. Curtis

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream/Plus dance at the Bradford Town Hall from 8 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. Ed Renauld will call and Corinne Renauld will cue. Admission is

\$5 per person and includes refreshments. For more information, call Norma or Arlo Burns at 927-4455. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

Daffodil Days are Coming

Once again this spring, the American Cancer Society and our volunteers will be raising funds and hope during Daffodil Days, scheduled for the week of March 21, 2005. The daffodil is the first flower of spring and a beautiful symbol of hope for a cure for cancer. Our goal is to raise nearly \$3 million in New England this year, and that money will help to make the hope for a cure a reality.

In addition to groundbreaking cancer research, the American Cancer Society sup-

ports a full range of cancer prevention and early detection programs, patient services, and policy advocacy. We provide cancer information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through our toll-free phone line, 1-800-ACS-2345, and our Web site, www.cancer.org.

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Bradford Business Association

The Bradford Business Association is mailing out the annual membership forms. If you don't receive one in the next week, contact Marilyn Gordon or Bob Floor, and they will get an application to you. This year's annual meeting is scheduled to be at the Mountain Lake Inn on May 16. The BBA will provide items to barbecue, chips, and sodas. Any stronger drinks must be brought for your own use. The annual meeting will also elect our officers, so if you have any

nominations or volunteers, contact Marilyn or Bob. Membership in the BBA includes having your business information listed in the brochure, updated every other year, and on the Bradford web site. The site listing includes a web link and an email link, if your business has them.

—Bob Floor

Bradford Women's Club

Our guest speaker, Andrea Steele, from the Visiting Nurse Association was extremely informative and interesting. Also special thanks to Cheryl Behr, from Town Hall, for joining us at our meeting and reviewing the Town's warrants and budgets. Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, at 11:30pm. This will be held at the First Baptist Church and we will be learning about the safe handling, usage and care of fire extinguishers. This will also be a Pot-Luck Luncheon, so everyone is asked to bring an entrée (dessert will be brought by our hospitality committee). The

Scrapbooking Committee has found that we are missing quite a few membership books ranging from 1941- 1945, 1966 – 1980, 1987 – 1991 and 1993 through 1998. We are also missing some of the earlier Street Fair books. If you have a copy of any of the dates listed above, please give me a call at 938-5566 and we can arrange to get them to the committee. Remember, we will be holding a Town Wide Yard Sale in June, keep saving! See you at the next meeting!

—Erica Gross, President

The Kearsarge Area Preschool

The Kearsarge Area Preschool will present a fine arts and entertainment program entitled "Entertainment and Arts For Little Hearts" on a monthly basis for all children in the Kearsarge community aged preschool to third grade. All activities will be at either low or no cost for all those who attend. Our first event is a free event scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bradford Area Community Center. We will be showing Disney's "Finding Nemo". Popcorn and beverages will be available. Chil-

dren must be accompanied by an adult. Come and enjoy this family fun film.

The Kearsarge Area Preschool is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2005-2006 school year.

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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

Bring on the babies! Thanks to a generous donation, Brown Memorial Library now has a baby-changing station in one of our restrooms. No more need to cut short your library visit when baby needs a change.

The library will have a mud season book sale on Saturday, March 19 from 9:00am until 2:00pm. There will be chili and chowder available to keep you warm while shopping for bargains.

Come to the library on Wednesday, March 23, 7:00pm, for a talk on The Fate Family Farming by local author Ronald Jager. This exciting program is sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be on Saturday, March 26 at 11:00am. Young children should bring their own decorated basket.

There will be two book-to-movie discussions in early April. On Friday, April 1 at 7:00pm join us for a discussion of how *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand

inspired the movie *Roxanne*. On Friday, April 8 at 7:00pm, the next in our book/movie series for children eight years old and up will tackle *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Copies of the books are available at the library.

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

FOR ADULTS:

All I Did Was Ask by Terry Gross
His Excellency George Washington
by Joseph J. Ellis
Kafka on the Shore
by Haruki Murakami

Death of a Bore by M.C. Beaton
FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG

ADULTS:

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Primary Numbers by Marie Harris
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NH Author Ron Jager Coming to Brown Memorial

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring a fireside talk, *The Fate of Family Farming*, by New Hampshire author, Ron Jager of Washington, NH, on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm in the Bradford library.

The talk will draw upon Jager's rural books, especially his recently published, *The Fate of Family Farming: Variations on an American Idea*, and will focus on the meaning of the family farm ideal in America generally, using examples from Michigan and New Hampshire, and from American writers such as Jefferson and Emerson. The presentation will include the author's reading of short selections from *Eighty Acres*, *Last House*, and *The Fate*.

Ron Jager grew up on a farm, earned a doctorate from Harvard University, taught philosophy for a dozen years at Yale before moving to rural New Hampshire to take up consulting, historical research, and freelance writing. His books range from *The Development of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy* (awarded the Matchette Prize by the American Philosophical Association), to *Portrait of a Hill Town* (a history of Washington, NH), and to *Eighty Acres: Elegy for a Family Farm* (a memoir of his youth on a Michigan farm).

In 1983, with his wife, Grace, he wrote a history of the state. The revised 2001 edition was titled *The Granite State: An Illustrated History of New Hampshire*. Jager is presently working on an historical study of the double axe as tool and symbol from prehistoric times to the present.

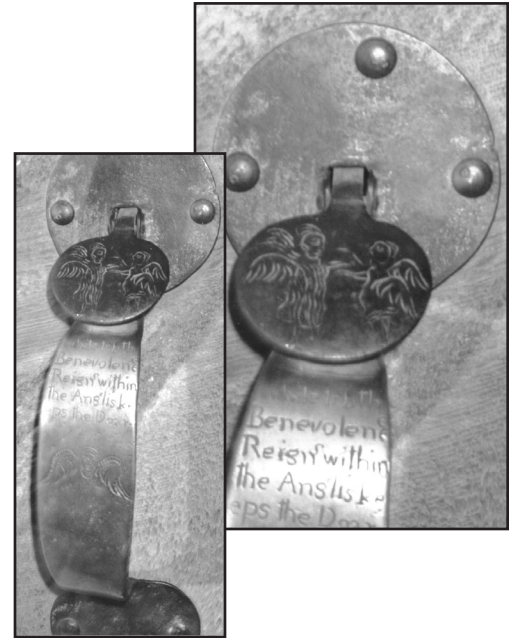
The free talk on March 23 at 7:00 pm will be held in the handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library at 78 West Main Street in Bradford.

The author will sign books brought to the event. Pre-event book orders may be arranged by calling 938-5948. Refreshments will be served.

Then...

by Milly Kittredge

A thought for Town Meeting... "While truth and benevolence reigns within, the angels keep the door." This door handle, made by Richard Cressy in 1796 for the Meeting House which is now the Town Hall, was inscribed with two angels on the thumb piece and one on the handle. It is now owned by a descendant of Richard Cressy.



It was cold in the winter of 1920. Village Grammar School (Town Hall—there were two rooms, the primary and grammar and many more students than pictured here.) Front Row l. to r.: Raymond Caldwell, Pauline Butman, Gladys Caldwell & Ruth Hazen. Second Row l. to r.: Ralph Dodge, Frederick Hawes, Helen Wyman, Elsie Gove, Teacher Muriel Bedell, Julian Dodge & Kenneth Hazen.



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**Real Estate Hints:
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by Laura Hallahan

If you want to buy a house but are hopeful that prices will come down sometime soon, why not get your financial house in order now so that when that opportunity arises, you can jump on it?

Get a copy of your credit report and review it thoroughly. If there is an inaccuracy, you can clear it up before a potential lender finds it. Ideally, you should request one from each of the three credit reporting companies – Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union.

Get pre-approved for a loan. This way you'll be ready to make an offer and it will have a better chance of being accepted if accompanied by a pre-approval letter.

Be realistic. Look at your overall financial picture and don't think that because you were approved for a certain amount that you should buy a house for that amount. You have to factor in other debts and savings goals, like college and retirement where you need to put aside funds each month.

Determine how much cash you'll have available for a down payment and closing costs. Most people don't know about these costs or factor them in and they could affect the offer you can make.

Figure out how much your new bills will cost you each month. Remember, you are a homeowner now and on top of utilities, fuel, insurance and taxes, you'll have maintenance and repairs to consider.

Avoid making any major purchases. This is a big one, and the most common

major purchase is a new car. Such a purchase could potentially lower the amount of your approval, so hold off if a house is what you really want.

Keep an eye on interest rates. If they start to creep higher, you may want to buy.

Make a budget. Plan now as if you have that mortgage payment and the monthly expenses that come with owning a home. Do this for a few months and see if you can swing the extra payments. Better yet, put the difference between what you spend now and what you will need to spend into a savings account and use it for your down payment!

Gather your paperwork. You are probably already doing this for tax season, but collect recent pay stubs, tax returns and bank account statements so that you can provide these documents to your lender.

Think about homeowner's insurance. Your credit history can also affect whether a company will insure you and at what rate. Get a copy of your CLUE report – a loss history report – that outlines any home insurance claims you have filed in the past five years. The better your report, the better the rate you'll pay for insurance. If you are renting, be sure to have renter's insurance to create a history.

**Interested in helping out? Have ideas to share?
 E-mail us at bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com**

Bradford Police Department

As the winter months draw to a close, I want to thank the residents of Bradford for cooperating with local and state road highway crews for the purpose of snow removal and allowing access for school buses and emergency vehicles. Winter is always a challenge in New Hampshire and our smaller police department is thankful that our local residents can be counted on to cooperate with police, fire and highway to keep the roads clear.

February has been a busy month for the department, we have responded, as of February 21, to 417 calls for service in addition to dealing with two major snow storms.

Officer Shari Swinerton graduated from the part-time academy at New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council on Saturday, February 26. She will now begin the process of field training with fellow officers. Officer Anthony Shepherd was sworn in as a part-time officer on February 14, 2005. Officer Shepherd is certified as a full-time police officer through NH Police Standards and Training Council. He is currently working full-time as an Assistant County Attorney for Cheshire County. We would like to welcome both of these new officers to our department.

On February 15, 2005, the Merrimack County Chiefs' Association hosted its monthly meeting at the Applesseed Restaurant. The Chiefs were joined by the members of the New Hampshire State Police SWAT Team that presented a training overview on "Active Shooter Response". This training, provided by New Hampshire State Police, provides local law enforcement agencies with immediate response techniques. A total of 28 members of various law enforcement agencies attended this meeting.

Tragically, Bowie's Market was destroyed by fire in the early hours of Monday, February 21. The State Fire Marshall's Office will investigate and, in conjunction with the Bradford Fire and Police Departments, hope to determine the origin and cause of this incident.

Again, I wish to thank the Bradford Board of Selectmen, Cheryl Behr, Town Administrator, and the residents of Bradford for their continued support.

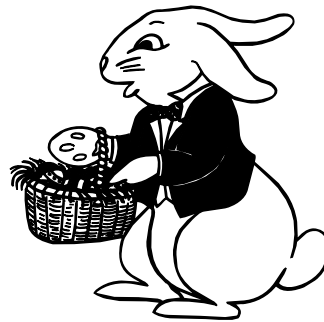
—James S. Valiquet
Chief of Police

Easter Egg Hunt at the Library

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will hold the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages pre-school to age 9 on Saturday, March 26, at the library. Story-time will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by the search. Parents are invited to help children find eggs during the hunt.

The Friends thanks the students in Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Green's fourth grade classes at the Kearsarge Elementary School of Bradford for volunteering to stuff

the eggs for the event as a community service project.



South Newbury Union Church

Our Annual "Spring" Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held indoors, rain or shine on Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Friendship House which is located at the corner of Sutton and Village Roads.

There will be household goods, toys, tools, books, collectibles, puzzles, pots and pans, and attic treasures....something

for everyone!

Don't forget to visit our bake sale table and bring home a special goodie.

The Friendship House is handicap accessible. For more information, call 938-5369

BAAC is a Town Emergency Facility

Due to the snow storm on February 10th and the many power outages that occurred during that storm, we want to remind the community that the Bradford Area Community Center is a town emergency facility.

Last year, through an energy grant with the State of New Hampshire, we received funding to install a generator at the center. When the power is out and the generator is running, we have all the essential needs.

If you have been without power for a long duration of time and are concerned for yourself or others, please call the center at 938-6228, the selectmen's office at 938-5900, or the police department at 938-2522. We will make sure the building is open and available to those in need.

Volunteers Needed for American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days

Celebrate the arrival of spring by volunteering for the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. You can help immediately by taking orders for daffodils in your office, club, school, or neighborhood. You can also sign up to deliver flowers the week of March 21.

With your help during Daffodil Days, the American Cancer Society can raise vital funds for research, education, advocacy, and patient services. Please call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 (voice) or 1-866-228-4327 (TTY), to be connected with a staff person in your local office.

Bradford Bridge is on line:

www.bradfordnh.com

Click on the Bradford Bridge link.

Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports

Spring baseball and softball signups will be held at the Bradford Area Community Center on Thursday, March 10 from 6-7 pm; Thursday, March 17 from 6-7 pm and Saturday, March 26 from 4-5 pm.

First-time participants in a BNSYS sponsored program need to provide a copy of your child's birth certificate. Fee: \$30 first child/\$25 each additional child. Please call Joe Torro at 938-5938 with any questions.



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Food for Thought:

The Next Wave

by Mike Quinn

After the tsunami brought destruction to South Asia, Americans did what they always do after global disasters: acted quickly to help.

The *Chronicle of Philanthropy* reports we contributed over \$597 million to relief efforts by the end of January. Add the \$350 million pledged by the U.S. government, \$116 million in corporate contributions, and \$124 million in services, and you have over \$1 billion in U.S. aid.

Here is the critical question: are the governments of the tsunami-ravaged countries responsible stewards of our generosity? These nations expend minimal resources to clothe, house, educate and protect their citizens. Many of their leaders lead lives of privilege acquired and secured with brutality and tyranny.

Most relief agencies have staff monitoring how funds are expended. As non-profit organizations, they have a fiduciary responsibility to their donors.

However, when we hand these governments a big fat U.S. government check, it all but eliminates our ability to demand oversight and accountability. Some of the victims were living in abject poverty before the disaster. What makes us so certain that those corrupt governments are going to assist their citizens now?

It is time to prepare yourself for the harsh reality that a portion of the money is being misappropriated—stolen, if you prefer plain English.

The next wave that hits won't be seawater, but outrage. We will be inundated with press reports about victims who haven't seen a bit of relief. Then "experts" will appear on network news, somber-faced, to report that yes, there is a good possibility that some of the money has disappeared. Hearings in Washington will follow, politicians will howl in protest, we'll work ourselves into a lather wondering how those foreign governments can be so corrupt.

We've put up over a billion dollars in earnest money—ample proof that we are a generous nation and not the "Great Satan" as extremists claim.

So enough is enough. Let's stop the benefit concerts, fundraising drives, and kids collecting pennies until we see tangible proof that people in South Asia are actually receiving care as a result of our generosity.

Mike Quinn is a writer living in Bradford. Comments? Ideas for topics? E-mail michaeljquinn@tds.net.

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Planning Board Warrant Articles

The Bradford Planning Board has four Warrant Articles, on this year's ballot, affecting the Zoning Ordinance. Including them here would encompass many pages, so I am providing a quick overview of them. To see the complete versions, visit the Town Hall.

1. Bradford Historic District:

This Historic District is commonly known as Old Bradford Center, and this article includes regulations to preserve the historic significance, establish a commission to oversee its governance, and provides procedures to conduct maintenance, repairs, renovations, demolition, and relocations of this district.

2. Kennel Facility:

This amendment adds a definition and establishes the requirements and procedures to acquire a Special Exception and a Site Plan for the conduct of a Kennel Facility.

3. Home Occupations:

This amendment revises the definition of Home Occupation, establishes criteria for the conduct through a new section of the Ordinance, and eliminates previously different Zoning District requirements in the current Zoning Ordinance.

4. Buildable Acres:

This amends the definition of a Buildable Acre, clarifying those items to be excluded in the calculations. The current definition will be replaced in total.

Also, we are still working on our Master Plan update, and would welcome any participation. The subcommittees have only included a couple of people, so we have decided to work on each chapter at our monthly working meetings. These meetings are the

fourth Tuesday of each month, and we will provide a complete schedule to the Bridge so you can participate in any that interest you. For our March (22) meeting, we will finalize the Population and Economics chapter; review the draft Community Facilities chapter; and review the outline for the Housing chapter. You are welcome to attend and participate.

-Bob Foor

On March 8th

Please Vote **YES** on Article 1

To Support a new Kearsarge Regional Middle School

MYTHS	FACTS
It would be less expensive to renovate the existing Middle School.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The building is too small for the present population. • The site is too small for adequate expansion. • Today, it would cost over \$13M and still be insufficient for tomorrow.
The proposed new school is too big, too fancy and that's why it will cost \$23M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New building is designed for 700 now and expandable to 900. • It is designed to be efficient, durable & useful. • If we act now, state aid will cover 55% (over \$12M). • Cost to construct this increased by 3M over last year; if we wait, we are likely going to have to pay more next year.
The school board did not consider other options such as 2 smaller schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1981, over \$1.5M has been spent studying all options and repairing the existing school. • In 2002, voters approved a centrally located single school. In 2003, voters approved the purchase of a central site in Sutton. • The board has considered and reconsidered this alternative and
concluded that two schools are not in our best interest.	
The voters said NO in 2004. The plan should change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2004, 62% of voters district-wide supported this plan. • 62% of citizens voting yes is a strong vote in favor. • We need 67% this year to move forward this year.
The school board will abandon the existing facility and leave a public nuisance for New London to deal with.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning process has begun for the future of the building; ideas are being gathered and evaluated with town input. • The school board has committed to maintaining public access to educational services, civic & recreational activities at the facility.
It would be less expensive if the school district were divided into two smaller districts with two smaller middle schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some now advocate splitting the district into 2. If this happens, towns such as Bradford no longer served by the school located in New London would need to develop our own middle school at significant costs estimated to be at least \$15M. This would cost everyone more than Article 1.

Selectmen's Minutes, February 15, 2005

Present: Bruce Edwards, Selectman, Chair; Peter Fenton, Selectman; Dave Pickman on vacation. Cheryl Behr, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes of February 1 were accepted. Minutes of the Cheney Hill hearing were accepted with changes "four driveways will be impacted on Cheney Hill, since there are four homes."

There were no appearances.

In Regular business:

Accounts payable manifest signed.

Tax Abatements were discussed and signed.

A supplemental intent to cut, map 3 lots 23,25, 9C was signed.

The warrant for town meeting was signed.

The road signs for subdivisions and private roads will be the same configuration as the town road signs. Private roads may be named by the developer as long as there is no conflict or great similarities of names and upon the Selectmen's approval. If it is voted in to a town road in the future, the town is allowed to change the name.

Anthony Shepard was sworn in as a part time patrolman.

There will be a state visit to the Police facility this week to monitor for compliance with juvenile issues.

The laptop computer policy has been developed. These were purchased at great discount from the State auction.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Kearsarge Women's Network

The Kearsarge Women's Network is an informal group - one that aims to blend business networking with social activities. We get together regularly to network and to exchange ideas, to socialize and to sample the delicious cooking that the network members bring to each meeting. With over 50 members so far, the group meets monthly on Wednesdays and there you will encounter a wide variety of women from different walks of life and many varied interests. You do not have to attend meetings to be a member and there are no dues or fees involved.

The idea was started by Marianne McEnrue, who after living in this area for quite a few years, found the need to meet and network with other women who enjoyed the outdoors, who wanted to meet new people, to exchange information about business and socialize with new friends.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at the Tracy Library Community Room in New London from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Potluck* and Networking Time with a 7:30-9:00 p.m. meeting.

*Potluck: Don't feel obligated to cook something, bring cheese and crackers or chips and dip. Please bring your own utensils, plate and beverage.

For more information, check out our website at <http://www.kearsargewomensnetwork.com/>

-Heather Turner



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Bradford Historic District Warrant Article

One of the Warrant Articles you will be asked to vote on this year will be establish an Historic District for the Town-owned land at Old Bradford Center, encompassing the Bradford Center Meeting House, the Old Schoolhouse, the Burial Ground, and the Town Pound. This Historic District is limited to Map 6, Lot 117. No abutting land is affected.

The purpose of this ordinance is to preserve a district in the town of Bradford that reflects elements of its cultural, social, economic, and architectural history; to foster the beauty of the area; and promote the use of the district for the education, pleasure and welfare of the citizens of Bradford.

An Historic District Commission will be appointed by the selectmen. It will include representatives from the Union Congregational Society, The Bradford Historical Society, The Bradford Cemetery Trustees, The Bradford Conservation Commission and a member of the Board of Selectmen. The Commission will have to approve of any exterior work on buildings in the district, as well as alterations to walks, fences etc. Alterations to interiors of buildings will be left to the discretion of the group responsible for their upkeep.

—Marge Cilley

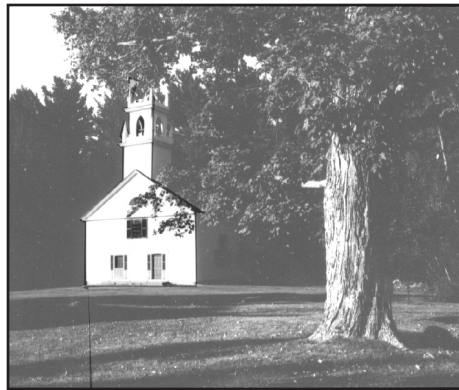


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Clock Tower Repair

The First Baptist Church of Bradford Trustees recommends that all Bradford registered voters support the passage of Article 60 on the Town Warrant which addresses needed repairs to this very prominent feature of downtown Bradford.

Bradford Historical Society

Regarding Article 288 on the Town Warrant requesting that the town dedicate the front three plus acres of the town-owned land on East Main Street, formerly known as the Marshall property, for a cultural center:

The term “cultural center” is not meant to imply snobbery. The wish is to build a new historical building on the site with hopes to resurrect the Marshall Barn in the future near where it once stood. The present plan is to rebuild the barn into a museum of rural life, displaying agricultural, blacksmith, carpentry tools and other memorabilia used in this area in the past.

Currently the barn is in many numbered parts stored at several sites.

The present Historical Society Building is inadequate for the wonderfully rich cultural collections that have no area for display and is also not a comfortable meeting site.

A secure and attractive location would encourage more bits of Bradford’s past to stay in town and more people to enjoy the fascinating artifacts we now have.

—Milly Kittredge

Bradford Women’s Christian Guild Scholarship

A scholarship is being offered by the Bradford Women’s Christian Guild to an adult or student who has applied for further education to a college, university, or technical institute.

The applicant must be a resident of Bradford, show academic goals, what school or university you have applied to, and something about yourself, such as your involvement in the community, your willingness to help others and how this scholarship will help you in achieving your future goals.

Please send this application to the Women’s Christian Guild c/o Edythe Craig, or Betty Perron at P.O. Box 768- Bradford, N.H. 03221, by April 30, 2005.

If you have questions call 938-2640.

Senior Council News

The Senior Council of the Bradford Area Community Center will not meet in March but will reschedule the February plans for carpooling to the Rainbow Chinese Restraunt in Concord on April 9. All seniors are invited to meet at the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. to carpool to Concord.

—Jarna Perkins



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Candidates for Town



Selectmen for three years—vote for one

- Peter C. Fenton

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years—vote for one

- Thomas A. Riley

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for three years— vote for three

- Corinne McCandless
- Amy Blitzter
- Joan Perry

Scholarship Committee for three years—vote for one

- Dawn Rich

Budget Committee for three years— vote for two

- George P. Morse Jr.
- John Meaney

Planning Board for three years—vote for two

- Philip Lamoreaux
- Marlene Freyler
- William L. Glennie

Planning Board for one year—vote for one

- Barbara Vannata
- Susan A. Janicki (withdrawn)

Zoning Board for three years— vote for one

- Richard Dionne

Cemetery Commission for three years— vote for one

- Thomas A. Riley

TOM RILEY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

- 1.) to continue to help manage the town's trust funds
- 2) controlling building growth
- 3) n/a (not applicable)
- 4) three years with the trustees

CORINNE MCCANDLESS, LIBRARY TRUSTEE

- 1) Passionate about the library
- 2) Growth
- 3) Stay informed, attend meetings, volunteer where I can and vote.
- 4) A love of books and community.

AMY BLITZER, LIBRARY TRUSTEE

- 1) I hope to help maintain the excellent quality of our library.
- 2.)We have to figure out how to accomodate the growing population without losing our small town environment.
- 3) I will support any groups in Bradford that seem to be working for controlled growth.
- 4) I have been an alternate trustee for two years.

JOAN PERRY, LIBRARY TRUSTEE

- 1) I believe people need to participate in and give back to their communities, if they are able.
- 2) Planning for the future and the increase in population; what kind of plan do we want for our town.
- 3) Since I was once a professional mediator, I believe in collaboration and cooperation. In deciding what the issue is and then finding ways to resolve it.
- 4) I am an avid reader and an extensive user of the library so I have a personal interest in making sure that it is run well. I have worked in management positions in business, for profits and not-for-profits. I have volunteered in the past as a board member for Sexual Assault Support Services, Chair of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee of my church, volunteer mediator.

DAWN RICH, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

- 1) To continue my support to Bradford students who plan to continue higher education after their graduation from high school.
- 2) The issue we now have to face is the support for the Kearsarge Regional Middle School. Our students need this building.
- 3) To read all the information that is available and then decide what is best for the

To provide the community with information on this year's candidates for town offices, the *Bridge* asked each candidate to answer four questions:

- 1) Why are you running for office?
- 2) In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing Bradford today?
- 3) What approach will you employ to address issues facing Bradford?
- 4) What professional/personal experiences do you possess that will enhance your candidacy?

PETER FENTON, SELECTMEN

I am seeking reelection for selectman for several reasons. I feel it has taken the past 3 years to learn and understand the job. It appears simple from the outside but becomes very complex at times. Many situations involve research, multiple meetings, and difficult decisions. Bradford has many important issues including town growth and conserving the small town atmosphere which is why many of us choose to live here.

I feel that a successful town requires participation by everyone no matter how big or small the contribution. A level headed approach to town politics and a conserva-

tive eye on our tax dollar is very important to me. I am always willing to listen to both sides of an issue and make the best decision for Bradford.

I am very concerned that many decisions are made at town meeting by so few voters. These decisions have a major impact on Bradford's quality of life and taxes. Twenty eight years of owning and running a small business with my family in Bradford has given me experience and insight in working with the public. I try to bring that experience to the job of selectman. Thank you.

community, especially our children, our future.

4) My professional experience as a retired school secretary and my personal experiences of being Mom to five children and Grandma to eight grandchildren has always kept me involved in education. Through scholarships my five children were able to receive their college degrees. I want to continue my support of helping my Bradford "children" receive scholarships.

GEORGE MORSE, JR., BUDGET COMMITTEE

- 1) I believe it is important to be involved in town affairs, particularly the annual budget which has so much effect on so many.
- 2) Rapid growth and escalating taxes
- 3) Fiscal responsibility related to budgetary concerns
- 4) Professional management during my working career. Also, served on Bradford's Planning and Zoning boards, the BRLF, BCC and 22 years on the Budget Committee

JOHN MEANEY, BUDGET COMMITTEE

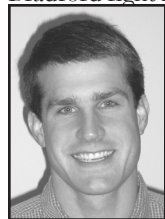
No questionnaire returned

PHIL LAMOREAUX, PLANNING BOARD, 3 YEARS

1) I have chosen to pursue a seat on the Planning Board for a couple of reasons. I think I have a unique perspective having come from a small rural community not unlike Bradford. I have also seen and lived in other locations within New England and become aware how growth can affect a community. I hope to use this perspective to represent the residents of Bradford in town matters. I hope to have a long future ahead of me as a resident of Bradford and would like this town still be a pleasant place to live in fifty years.

2) I think the most important issue facing Bradford right now is the potential for rapid growth. Through work related travel, I have seen many areas within the Northeast and consequently recognize what a wonderful place Bradford is. I think there is a strong consensus among the residents of this town that we should do what we can to maintain the rural feel of Bradford.

3) As a member of the Planning Board, I will use forethought and reason to ensure that the best interests of the people of Bradford are represented.



4) I was involved with the development of the most recent master plan survey and have been serving as an alternate on the Planning Board. I am aware of the issues that have come before the Board over the past nine months and would like to think I have contributed to the Board during this time. Although I currently work as a carpenter, I have other work experience as a geologist in the field of environmental consulting.

MARLENE FREYLER, PLANNING BOARD, 3 YEARS

- 1) I care for the Town, and what happens to the people that have lived here for most of their lives.
- 2) Growth and how it is handled
- 3) Fairness, to see a well balanced town, to make it affordable for all not just a few
- 4) I have a business in town and know and care about the people who live here

WILLIAM "BILL" GLENNIE, PLANNING BOARD FOR 3 YEARS

1) I'm alarmed by the rate at which open space is turning into developments in neighboring communities. To the south, roads that were empty a few years ago are now lined with house after house. Southern towns are scrambling to find the funds to protect the remaining open spaces. Tax rates rise to supply services to the increased population that property taxes can't keep up with. As a developer working in Hookset said, "Bradford is next." We need to think about where we want housing to develop and what kinds of spaces we need to keep for our water quality, history, and piece of mind.

2) Sprawl. Unplanned growth over the next 20 years will turn our town into a uniform pattern of roads and houses. We would then lose the charm of uncrowded streets, uncluttered views, clear starry skies, the sense of solitude, and the presence of wildlife that enrich our lives. Our neighbors would become strangers who wave as they go past, not people whose stories we know, who are willing to go out of their way to help each other.

3) Listening. To our residents, to those in other communities who are taking action, to



professional planners who know how help us design our future. Explaining what I've learned in my time with the planning board and CRNHPC about the tradeoffs between development and quality of life.

4) Seven years as a Bradford resident, three years as an alternate and elected member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments and three years as one of Bradford's representatives to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. I have degrees in Architecture and Civil Engineering, and have worked with and around Architects for three decades. I've lived in two areas of the country that have been devastated by sprawl, so I know how quickly that which we take for granted can disappear.

BARBARA VANNATA, PLANNING BOARD, 1 YEAR

No questionnaire returned

SUSAN A. JANICKI, PLANNING BOARD, 1 YEAR

Withdrawn as candidate, see letter to the editor on page 19.

TOM RILEY, CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 3 YEARS

- 1) to continue the jobs we have started
- 2.) n/a & 3) n/a
- 4) Many years experience in cemetery management.



Bradford Town Warrant Meeting Articles

The Polls open at 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 8, 2005.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in said State qualified to vote in town affairs;

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road in said Bradford on Tuesday, the eighth of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following Articles:

1. To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article IV to establish a Bradford Historic District applicable only to the Old Bradford Center, Map 06, Lot 117, which encompasses the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, the Old Schoolhouse, the Center Burial Ground, and the Town Pound. A 5-member Historic District Commission is created to establish rules for issuing certificates of approval for certain work proposed to be carried out within the District.

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To insert a definition of a Kennel Facility in Article II, amend Article III to allow kennel facilities by special exception if certain conditions are met, and to add a new section in Article XI to permit such kennel facilities in any zoning district only if the applicants can meet a list of specific additional conditions required for the issuance of the special exception.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend the definition of a Home Business in Article II, and amend Article III to provide that a home business is permitted in all zoning districts if it meets a list of specific criteria, including that it not produce noises, vibration, dust, smoke, or odors that would interfere with the enjoyment of neighboring properties.

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend the definition of Buildable Acres in Article II to exclude wetlands as defined in the ordinance, certain areas of steep slopes, and any land which is defined as a special flood hazard under the towns Flood Plain Ordinance.

6. To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday,

day, March 9, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road. The raising of money and remaining articles in the Warrant to be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million Four Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$1,424,586) for general municipal operations. This amount does not include funds raised in other vote. (Majority vote required). *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

a. Executive	79,385
b. Elections and Vital records	4,050
c. Financial Administration..	77,534
d. Revaluation	64,232
e. Legal	17,000
f. Employee Benefits.....	193,600
g. Planning and Zoning.....	20,321
h. General Government Buildings	17,752
i. Cemetery	18,660
j. Insurance.....	49,200
k. Other General Government	30,553
l. Police Department.....	214,011
m. Fire Department.....	46,450
n. Rescue Services.....	13,000
o. Building Code Department	12,798
p. Civil Defense.....	1,000
q. Highway Department	319,592
r. Bridge Maintenance.....	8,000
s. Street Lighting	3,000
t. Solid Waste Collection.....	41,835
u. Solid Waste Disposal	61,500
v. Inoculations.....	1,500
w. Welfare Administration	3,286
x. Welfare Vendor Payments	14,000
y. Parks and Recreation.....	17,870
a. Library	43,872
aa. Patriotic Purposes	8,500
ba. Community Center..	35,450
ca. Other Conservation ..	1,635
da. Interest on Tax Anticipation	
Notes	5,000
TOTAL.....	1,424,586

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to reconstruct approximately 1900 feet of Center Road between the two intersections with Cheney Hill Road. This is a non lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2010. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing a

pumper truck for the Fire Department (this agreement contains a fiscal funding non appropriation clause), and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000) for the down payment and first year's payment under the lease/purchase agreement. The total cost of the pumper truck over the six years will be Three Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$332,000). The estimated annual payment for the remaining five years will be Forty Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000) per year. The passage of this warrant article will cause WA 11 to be withdrawn. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

10. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$114,190) for the purchase of a new ambulance. The funds will be provided as follows: Seventy Four Thousand Dollars (\$74,000) to be withdrawn from the Ambulance Capital Reserve, Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) to be received in trade for the old ambulance and Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$32,690) to be paid from donations held by the Bradford Rescue Squad Association, Inc. No money to be raised by taxation. If passed Warrant Article 14 will be withdrawn. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Ambulance Capital Reserve. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00)

for continued operations of Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to help defray the expense of repairs to the steeple of the Baptist Church where the Town Clock is located. This appropriation represents the town's fair share of the repairs to the steeple needed to insure the safety and preservation of the historic clock owned by the Town of Bradford. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

84. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Facilities and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

96. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Emergency Repair Fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

108. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the New Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

120. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the Grave-stone Repair Expendable Trust Capital Reserve Fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

132. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for road oil sealant. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2010. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

144. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

156. To see if the town will vote to withdraw Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the New Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of conducting a needs assessment consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan schedule of facility re-

placement. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2010. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

168. To see if the town will vote to withdraw Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Town Facility Capital Reserve for the purpose of conducting a needs assessment consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan schedule of facility replacement. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2010. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

180. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing a Police Cruiser for the Bradford Police Department (this agreement contains a fiscal funding non appropriation clause), and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$9,254) for the first year's payment and outfit of the cruiser. The total cost of the cruiser over the next three years will be Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$27,761). The cruiser to be replaced will be sold and proceeds will be placed in the general fund. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

192. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of repairing bridges under the State of NH Municipal Bridge Project. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2010. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

204. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$12,500) for the purchase of a new Highway Department Road Broom for the Town Loader. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

216. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the continuation of the reconstruction of East Washington Road. This will be a non lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2010. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

228. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$21,500) to repair the roof on the Town hall. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

240. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand

Dollars (\$3,000) for the purchase of street signs. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation to continue until the money has been used or until December 31, 2010. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

252. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of inspecting boats launched from the town boat launch on Lake Massasecum and educating the public on milfoil contamination. This would provide an attendant five days a week to inspect from May to September. *Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.*

264. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the placement of 100% of the revenues received from the land use change penalty tax into the Town of Bradford Land Conservation Fund, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. This Fund may be used to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, or other wise conserve and properly use open spaces and other land and water areas, as authorized by RSA 36-A. By Petition. *Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.*

276. To see if the Town will vote to designate Cheney Hill Road in its entirety, a Scenic Road, as provided for under RSA 231:157 and 158. By Petition.

288. To see if the Town will vote to dedicate a 3.6 acre portion of Town property at Map 17, Lot 12, with frontage on East Main Street for the purpose of developing a cultural center for the Town. Said cultural center may include such facilities as a Historical Society Building and re-erection of the Marshall Barn.

300. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Bradford Board of Selectmen

Bruce Edwards, Chairman

Peter Fenton, Selectman

Dave Pickman, Selectman

Letters, Letters...

Letter to the Editor:

It was a sad day when I drove past the building that housed Bowie's Market and saw it in ruins. It's not the building I care about, but the Bowie family and the many townspeople who came to make it a daily excursion. Who can forget the guys out on the front stoop? Or the laughter inside while waiting on a sandwich or another scratch ticket?

As a Realtor, I know that buildings are not merely floors, walls and ceilings, rather each is a memory, a hope, a dream.

Bruce and Chris have supported every town event and fundraiser I can think of, either with time, food or both. Let's do everything we can as neighbors to support them in their time of need

—Laura Hallahan

ED. NOTE: A fund for the Bowie family has been set up at the Lake Sunapee Bank, Main Street, Bradford. Contributions for their benefit can be made there. There will be a fundraising dinner and a breakfast to benefit the family. See details on page 2.

To the Editor:

I read with interest the letter from last month's Bridge which implored residents of Bradford to vote no on the Buildable Acres question.

Zoning issues address the delicate balance between the rights and desires of the individual and the thoughtful planning of our community. People who live here and those who have been drawn to live here, feel comforted by their surroundings, feel appreciative at the uncrowded roads, the wooded hillsides, the expanse of the lake. Like a piece of music, zoning is about composition, not about optimal return on your investment. Ultimately, the composition of a community, if thought out and planned, results in higher property values for everyone.

Voting yes for Buildable Acres indicates that you are able to understand the concept of looking ahead instead of immediate gain. Our community faces enormous pressure from development. If you have come from away, you are likely one of those who don't recognize the place you came from. We have a special place here, I use the plural there hoping you will feel it, for it is us who have

the opportunity to be careful to preserve our character.

—Belinda Glennie

Letter to the Editor:

Vote "No" on the new proposed Buildable Acre restrictions if you want to keep and maintain the value of your property. The present zoning bylaws all ready restrict the allowance to allow wetlands and any areas of ledge as buildable acreage.

I've had second residency for over 35 years in Bradford. I've owned my property at 42 Cheney Hill Road for approximately 20 years that consist of over six acres. When I purchased the property, I positioned my residence on it in the anticipation that I would one day subdivide my property into two additional lots to help me with my retirement. If the proposed zoning amendment is passed I may not be able to subdivide my property at all.*

It appears that slopes over 15% are being added as a restriction on my property even though I all ready have approval from the State of New Hampshire Subdivision Bureau. The State who recognizes that I have more than enough acreage to subdivide my property due to its existing characteristics. The proposed bylaw wants to exclude slopes greater than 15%. Slopes in excess of 15% have very productive uses to support a single-family residence such as utilities, buildings, yards, woods, and visual vistas. The bylaw also wants to exclude easements. Easements are temporary restrictions that allow uses such as utilities, access and drainage across property. Easement areas are never intended to be excluded from the land area because they are usually temporary. However, the proposed zoning bylaw would require that I have six acres of land to support one residence even though I only have approximately 3,000 s.f. of wetlands. Isn't two acres enough for single family residence?

When Bradford landowners want to give their children a piece of property or counting on it as income for retirement, you may find that you won't be able to. Property owners should recognize that existing established lots will find them less valuable if these new bylaws are passed at the next Town Meeting, because if they do not meet the new bylaw

the will become nonconforming lots.

I have worked very hard all my life now to see my investment being taken away from me. Don't close the golden gates to Bradford. There are a lot of nice people who want to move to Bradford who are building nice homes which are adding to the Town's tax base and ultimately making everybody's property more valuable. New proposed bylaws should be targeted towards developers who are subdividing large tracts of land and proposing new roadways where lot lines can be adjusted to conform to restrictions to meet new regulations. All of the town residences and property owners don't necessarily understand the ramifications of such restrictive hindrances on their land. The town should conduct a full study of all the land in Bradford before they create a new bylaw which could cost's everybody a considerable amount of money which is probably in the millions of dollars.

Vote "No" on the proposed bylaw amendments and let's not allow a few people to affect a whole town without knowing the long-term effects of depreciating our property value.

—Donna Duren

ED. NOTE: Our fact checkers found several inaccuracies in this letter that bode clarification: The proposed Zoning amendment refers to slopes greater than 33%, not 15% as misstated in the letter. Also, the writer will still be able to subdivide her land under the proposed Zoning amendments although she may only be able to create two lots instead of three. Additionally, the stated NH Subdivision Bureau which allegedly granted approval does not actually exist. Lastly, easements are most often permanent and typically restrict a landowner's ability to locate wells, septic systems and other improvements. Adding substandard lots to the tax base usually has a negative effect that will not add to property values as stated by the writer.

and More Letters...

To the Editor:

While all four zoning amendments on the March 8 ballot deserve your support, I would like to add some background to Amendment No. 4, Buildable Acres. The Bradford Zoning Ordinance requires 2 buildable acres (5 in the Conservation District) for each dwelling or business unit. During the past year, the question of what land is, in fact, considered "buildable" has arisen several times. In consultation with the Conservation Commission and through public input, the Planning Board developed the definition presented on the Zoning Ballot as Amendment No. 4.

Under that definition, portions of a lot that contain wetlands, floodplain, or steep slopes could not be used in calculating the required acreage. The wetlands and floodplain designations are based on existing definitions in the Zoning Ordinance. The slope designations would increase the lot size to compensate for slopes greater than 33% covering more than 5,000 contiguous square feet and prevent any disturbance of slopes greater than 50%.

Wetlands and floodplains are vital resources for protection of groundwater and absorption of run-off during heavy rain and snowmelt. The steep slopes are not only fragile areas, but also provide much of the landscape that contributes to the natural beauty of Bradford.

In addition to supporting the first three amendments, I strongly urge Bradford residents to vote for Amendment No. 4. Buildable Acres to provide the Planning Board with a workable definition of the term and, more importantly, to provide needed protection for these resources.

—*Marcia Keller*

To the Editor:

On March 8, the town will vote on the definition of a buildable acre. The definition will state that a house lot must be at least two acres in size, not counting wetland soils, and not including slopes that are more than 5000 square feet in area and greater than a 33% incline. Determining lot size based on the environmental characteristics of the land simply makes good sense because it is not the size of the lot which makes it suitable for a new building, but the limitations of the soils and the waterways on the property. Recognizing that these limitations are real concerns to

both the town planners and the prospective builder will ensure that increased septic or well needs can be met and that there will not be erosion of sensitive soils.

This definition will only affect newly created lots and does not mean that a home cannot be built into or on a hillside, unless it is an excessive slope of 50% or greater. (A one foot rise in two feet.) A map will be provided at the town hall that illustrates where in town such slopes are likely to occur, primarily in the Lowe State Forest and hills of the southern part of town.

Protecting the long-term health of the natural resources for the benefit of the community at large should be the priority of good town planning. A definition of buildable acres will assist the Planning Board as they move the inevitable growth of Bradford in a direction that is protective of our resources and considerate of our neighbors. The Bradford Conservation Commission recommends adoption of this definition.

Vote "yes" on the definition of "buildable acres" presented by the planning board.

—*J. Ann Eldridge*

Letter to Editor,

Does Social Security need a complete makeover or simple adjustments to make it a viable entity long into the future? Simple adjustments. What we've been hearing from the Bush-Cheney administration is that Social Security is facing an immediate financial crisis. Many other authorities say just the opposite.

The White House is amping up fear and anxiety among seniors, retirees and future beneficiaries while the President is out on the road hawking his Social Security privatization wares. This administration is out of sync with the truth; Bush and Rove are manipulating the American public with a new grandiose scheme.

Privatizing Social security will actually make things worse by draining trillions of dollars from the Fund. Who would these trillions go to—the investment brokerage industry? Who would the trillions go to otherwise? Future retirees.

Social Security has saved millions from poverty since its inception and remains the cornerstone of retirement security for most Americans, yet Bush wants to fiddle with this

American success story. Do you trust Bush monkeying around with your Social Security retirement benefits?

—*Ron Lowe*
Nevada City, CA

Dear Bridge Editors:

I am Sammy Lowe's sister. We lived in Bradford when I was a little girl in the parsonage.

I loved Bradford and being a PK (preacher's kid). We moved several times but all of us children consider Bradford our home, our town.

I love the Bradford Bridge and congratulate you on your fine journalism. I am a piano teacher and taught English for many months in Montgomery County, MO before I had my children.

God bless you and all you cared so much for our children.

—*Lois Lowe*
Baltimore, MD

Dear Bradford voters,

I respectfully withdraw my name from the ballot for the one-year opening for the Planning Board.

Barbara Vannata has served the Board well and deserves to be re-elected. I also throw my support behind Bill Glennie and Phil Lamoreaux who are both well qualified and I believe will bring a much-needed fresh perspective to this valuable town group.

I will still be attending Planning Board meetings as I have been for the last several months and will eventually request to serve as an alternate on the Board. Thank you for your support. I may call upon it again in the future.

—*Susan A. Janicki*

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First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

LENTEN SUPPERS & SERVICES: Wednesday, March, 2, 9 & 16; At 6:15 p.m., we will serve a soup and bread supper (no charge and reservations are not necessary). At 7:00 p.m. there will be a Worship Service with music, prayers and a time of sharing. The themes come from Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP: This group will meet every Thursday during March at 11:00 a.m. in the pastor's Study. The Ten Commandments will be studied.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD: Ladies will meet at the church on Friday, March 4, at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck luncheon. A program will follow after lunch.

LIFE LINE SCREENING: On Monday, March 7, Life line Screening Radiology, LLC will be at the church to do vascular screening. The following screenings will be done: Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening; and Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening. Appointments are required-call 800-636-0418.

YOUTH GROUP: Youth who are in grades 5-8 are invited to come to our youth group events. The name of the group is "God's Squad". On Sunday, March 13, we will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. and travel to the Hogan Sports Center at Colby Sawyer College for an afternoon of swimming and basketball. We will return to the church at 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, March 29, we will have our gathering at the church from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. It will be a "Post Easter Celebration".

FOOD PANTRY: The March distribution date will be Wednesday, March 16 from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be picked up at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Men will meet at the home of Fred & Lynne Hubley on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, pool and refreshments.

PALM SUNDAY: Our Worship Service on Palm Sunday which is Sunday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m. will include a "Procession of Palms" by our children and after the service the congregation will have the opportunity to visit the Jerusalem Marketplace (in the church vestry) that our Sunday school have created during the Sunday school year.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: On Thursday, March 24, everyone is invited to come to a Seder Meal to be held in the Church Vestry at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30, we will have a Maundy Thursday service in the sanctuary to include a celebration of The Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY: The church sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation from noon until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

EASTER: An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at French's Park on Lake Massasecum on Sunday, March 27 at 6:30 a.m. The service is sponsored by the First Free Will Baptist Church, N. Sutton and First Baptist, Bradford. After the service a Sunrise breakfast will be served at First Baptist, Bradford. Our Easter Worship Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

POT ROAST DINNER: On Wednesday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m., we will have a Pot Roast Dinner to raise money for the Heifer Project International Mission. The menu will be pot roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, home-made pies, coffee and cold drinks. The cost is \$7.50/adults; \$4/children under 12, under 3 eat free.

PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE: On Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. we will have a service of contemporary and traditional songs, prayers and a celebration of the 5 Purposes that we have learned about during the season of Lent.

"BUY A KEY" PROGRAM: Our church is looking into the possibility of purchasing a new piano to replace the 35-year-old instrument that is in our sanctuary. Each key of the 88 keys of the piano will cost \$60.00. We are inviting people to purchase 1 or more keys in celebration of, in honor of or in memory of a loved one. If you are interested, please call the church at 938-5313.

Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

A few weeks ago, we went skiing up over the Rowe Hills, through the Lowe State Forest to Dunfield Road. At that time, there had not been enough snow and ice to knock down the weedy stems and spent flower heads of last summer's flowers. The winds had been fussing over them though, tracing curves in the snow. Dried fingers writing a last will and testimony before lying down to decompose for the next generation's benefit.

Up by the Dunfield Road, where Knight's farm stood until the 1950s, the State Forest and the Fish and Game people teamed up to create some two and three-acre clearings. Brushy openings and their edges are wildlife producers and sustainers, and this is the intent of the State's intervention.

At a distance, a snowshoe track was visible meandering between neat piles of rocks. Boulders shifted, no doubt, to accommodate a brush hog. Closer inspection showed these marks to be evidence of a passing moose. Nothing of interest here yet in the winter for a large herbivore, the tracks flowed downhill to the forest on the other side.

Necklaces of rodent tracks connected the granite ornamentation. Most were the umlaut, double dot tracks of a vole at high speed. Some, made perhaps when the snow was softer, showed a slight tail touchdown. Voles, also called meadow mice, are shorter of tail and stouter of body than the white-footed and deer mice that also occupy this territory. Winter voles do not rest as much as mice do, and voles continue to reproduce regardless of the season. Perverse mathematically inclined naturalists like to calculate and variously illustrate the quantities of rodents one would have barring the stresses of disease, accident, and predation. Its a lot.

Another disturbance in the bland snow higher up in the field stirred our curiosity. Fanned face-plants of a pouncing bird. Foot-plants would be more accurate. Outstretched wings, a spread braking tail, dual leg scrapes. The death-dealing equipment of a predatory bird is not the beak, but the talons. The lovely hooked bills of eagle, hawk and owl are only eating utensils. Here was evidence of a struggle, which was successful, bird or rodent, is hard to read.

Can a bird be identified by a snow angel?

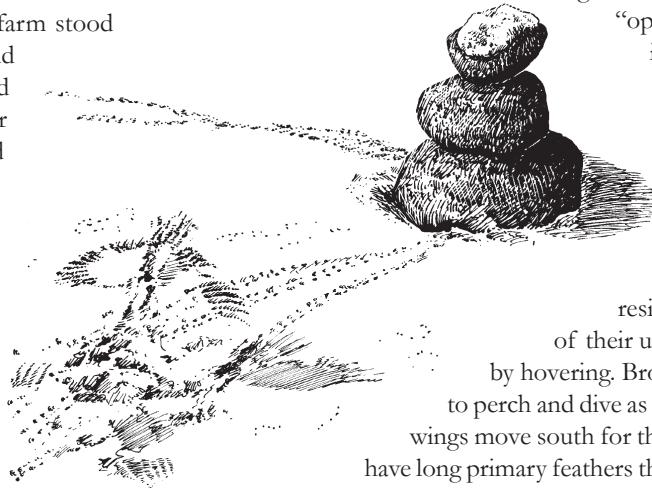
Crow, raven, hawk, owl – someone was stationed on this rock tower waiting for action. Crows seem to me to bore easily, they like company and good conversation. Could one have posed here at dawn? They would find an easy vole an appealing meal however.

Ravens are also wintering in these hills. Carrion, though, is the greater part of their diet. Unable to "open" a large carcass with their impressive but ineffective bills, they watch for leftovers from coyote or Chrysler. Yet, in rodent killing they would certainly not lack for talent, given opportunity.


Hawk? The red-tail hawk is the only common winter resident here. Rodents are most of their upkeep – yet they usually hunt by hovering. Broad-wing hawks are more apt to perch and dive as this snow bird did, yet broad-wings move south for the winter. Both of these birds have long primary feathers that allow them to glide at slow speed. Are these marks in the snow long-fingered?

Owl? The wings are short and rounded like an owl, but the tail imprint seems too long, unless sliding with the touchdown. The snow does not give the minute detail of wing feathers that would show the comblike leading edge and the fuzzy upper surface that makes owl flight soundless. To their favor in this mystery, owls can hunt in the dark on auditory signals alone, when rodents might be more active.

Perhaps I favor the owl because I think it would be a most appealing image in moonlight. A barred-owl, or a horned owl would be nice.



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Bradford Area **MARCH 2005** Calendar Community

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Fuel Assistance Applications, 9:00am–12:00pm, call 456–2207 for appointment

Brownies, 3:00–5:00pm

Kearsarge Area Preschool Board Meeting, 6:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Foot Massage with Betty Perron, 10:00am–12:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Computer Class, 10:00am–12:00, Call Bev at 938–2996 for information

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Writing Group, 11:00am–1:00pm
Cake Decorating, 1:30–4:30pm

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Bradford Women's Club Board Meeting, 9:30–11:00am

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

BACC Governance Board Meeting

5:30–7:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Computer Class, 10:00am–12:00pm

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Hearing Screening, 10:00am–12:00, call 938–2104 for appointment

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00–7:30pm

Rural Heritage Connection, 7:00–9:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Fuel Assistance Applications, 9:00am–12:00pm, call 456–2207 for appointment

Brownies, 3:00–5:00pm

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:30pm,

Call Fran at 456–3099 for information

Kearsarge Area Preschool Parents Meeting, 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Yoga Class, 10:00–11:30am

Parks & Recreation, 6:30–8:00pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Blood Pressure & Foot Clinic, 11:00am–12:30pm, no appointment needed, FREE

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Note: No Yoga classes first two weeks in March.
No Senior Council meeting in March.

Computer Class, 10:00am–12:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Writing Group, 11:00am–1:00pm

Cake Decorating, 1:30–4:30pm

MONDAY, MARCH 21

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:30

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Yoga Class, 10:00–11:30am

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Computer Class, 10:00am–12:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports Baseball Registration, 1:00–3:00pm

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00–7:30pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Brownies, 3:00–5:00pm

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:15pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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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 Fred Hubley at 938–5521.

For general info, call the Administration Office, 938-6228.

MARCH ACTIVITIES & Dining *Bradford Area Senior Center*

TUESDAY MARCH 1

10:00am Bradford Quilting Bees quilt the Senior Center's new fundraising quilt

12:00pm Lunch: Beef Stew, Orange Juice, Butternut Squash, Corn Muffin and Pudding

THURSDAY MARCH 3

12:00pm Lunch: Pot Roast, Whipped Potatoes, Capri Blend Veggies, Gingerbread

12:30pm "Massage and Your Health" presented by Betty Perron & Pamela Monahan. Learn how massage is good for your health and answers to the many questions you may have. Everyone in the local area is invited to attend.

FRIDAY MARCH 4

8:45am Strong Living Exercises

10:00am-11:30am "Continental Breakfast Café". Fresh fruit, pastry, cereal, juice and coffee every Friday.

MONDAY MARCH 7

8:45am Strong Living Exercises

10am Ceramics w/Doris. Bus departs 9:45am.

12:00pm Lunch: Stuffed Peppers, Whipped Potato, Wax Beans, Wheat Bread, Fudge Sticks

TUESDAY MARCH 8

10:00am Bradford Quilting Bees

12:00pm Lunch: Soup du Jour, Crackers, Spicy Riblet and Roll, Carrot Raisin Slaw, Pickle/Chips, and Butterscotch Pudding

THURSDAY MARCH 10

Today we celebrate March birthdays. Birthday participants receive a free meal and gift! Make your reservation by March 3 to receive your birthday gift. Come and enjoy the fun!

12:00pm Lunch: Meat Loaf & Gravy, Red Bliss Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll, Cookie

FRIDAY MARCH 11

8:45am Strong Living Exercises

10am-11 am "Continental Breakfast Café"

MONDAY MARCH 14

8:45am Strong Living Exercises

10am Ceramics w/Doris. Bus departs 9:45am

TUESDAY MARCH 15

10:00am Bradford Quilting Bees

10:00am Merrimack County Committee on Aging meeting at the Centennial Senior Center. Hear what advocates are doing for seniors. They represent you! Meet at the Bradford Area Senior Center 9:15am to car pool. Call 938-2104 if you are interested in visiting this new senior center.

12:00pm Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Sauce, Cheese, Italian Green Beans, Italian Bread, and Cookie

THURSDAY MARCH 17

11:00am-12:30pm Blood Pressure and Foot Clinic with Personal Touch Home Health Care. This free clinic is sponsored by the Bradford Community Center and is open to everyone in the community. 12:00 Lunch: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Carrots, Pickled Beets, and Pistachio Pudding. Today is our St. Patrick's Day Party! 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes & fun!

FRIDAY MARCH 18

8:45am Strong Living Exercises

10 am-12 pm "Continental Breakfast Café"

10 am-12 pm Dave Poisson from the "Fixit Program" will be available to discuss your personal home repairs or answer questions.

MONDAY MARCH 21

8:45am Strong Living Exercises

10:00am Stitching Circle. Bus departs 9:30am

12:00 Lunch: Creamed Chipped Beef, Biscuit, Sliced Beets, and Pudding

TUESDAY MARCH 22

10:00am Bradford Quilting Bees

12:00 Lunch: Crisp Soup du Jour, Crackers, Pub Burger w/Mushrooms, Roll, Salad, Fruit Cup

THURSDAY MARCH 24

12:00 Lunch: Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Garden Blend Veggies, Hot Cross Bun, and Dessert. Today is our Easter Holiday Lunch. Wear your Easter Bonnet! Prize for the best bonnet, gifts for everyone, 50/50 Raffle. Come for fun and fellowship and the celebration of spring on its way.

FRIDAY MARCH 25

8:45am Strong Living Exercises

10 am-12 pm "Continental Breakfast Café"

MONDAY MARCH 28

8:45am Strong Living Exercises

10:00am Baby Hats Project; Continuing our ongoing project in making hats for needy children in NH, specifically the Colebrook area this year. Join us in this much needed cause.

12:00 Lunch: Teriyaki Chicken, Seasoned Brown Rice, Oriental Veggies, Pineapple Tidbits, and Fortune Cookie

~~All programs are~~

open to the public.

Any questions??

Call Sandi at

938-2104

SENIOR LUNCHES

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
Lunch is served at noon.

Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. You might be surprised who you'll meet!
Advance reservations are appreciated.

Continental Breakfast Cafe
Fridays 9 - 11 am, all are welcome.

March Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Cemetery Commission meets, Town
Hall, 6 pm, call 938-5539

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00 pm
Kearsarge Area Preschool meeting
6:30 pm at the BAAC.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Election, Bradford Elementary School
8 am to 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Town Meeting, Bradford Elementary
School 7 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

B/N/SYS Spring Baseball & Soft-
ball Signups, BAAC, 6-7 pm,
Call Joe @ 938-5938 for info

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

SRK Greenway sponsored winter hike
lead by Peter Sabin. This will be a 2-1/2
hr. hike in the Mink Hills. Call Peter for
more info and meeting place 456-3473.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Rural Heritage Connection, BACC, 7 pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Bradford Women's Club – Board meeting
9:30-11 am

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5 pm

Kearsarge Area Preschool meeting
6:30 pm at the BAAC.

Conservation Commission meeting
7:30 pm at the Town Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

B/N/SYS Spring Baseball & Softball
Signups, BAAC, 6-7 pm, Call Joe @ 938-
5938 for info

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

South Newbury Union Church Annual
Flea Market & Bake Sale, 9 am to 2 pm,
Friendship House, Newbury
Book Sale, BML, 9 am-2 pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 19 & 20

Sweet Maples Sugarhouse—Annual
Open House to celebrate Maple Week-
end from 10 am to 5 pm. Tours,
demos and samples. Free and open to
the public.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

“The Fate of Family Farming” with Ron-
ald Jager, BML, 7 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Easter Egg Hunt & Storytime for children

ONGOING

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

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post
Office, open by appointment, call

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY FIRE, POLICE &
RESCUE**

TELEPHONE 911

**Police non-emergency number
938-2522**

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Two beautiful soft-touch Brass
Lamps; 24 inches in height; Paneled frosted
glass shades, with engraved roses. Retail \$75.
each...asking \$100. for set. Call 938-5959 days
or 938-2056 eves.

FOR SALE: Fabulous variety of fine art
and photography books, including a signed
Yousef Karsh. Too numerous to name--
giving Bradford residents first shot before
E-Bay. Also, available MS Magazines from
first issue. Call for more info. 938-2603 and
leave message.

FOUND: one pair of eye glasses in brown
case with a snap, found on sidewalk across
from Community Center. Claim by calling
938-2253 Leave word & number.

COMPUTER TUTORING: Onsite or Off-
site, Beginner to Intermediate. Please call
Heather at 938-2433

DON'T FORGET—Free Online Classifieds
are available at www.bradfordnh.com

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words
or less: please contact Carey Rodd at 938-
2692 or e-mail us at bradfordbridge@bradfordbridge.com

**The Bradford Town Report is
searchable by article, on the Town
of Bradford Website**

**To list events for the April Cal-
endar, please call Beth Rodd at
938-2692
or e-mail [bradfordbridge@mcttele-
com.com](mailto:bradfordbridge@mcttele.com) before March 20.**

Due to printing deadlines, the editors
must receive display ads by the
20th of the month.
Articles and notices received after the
20th will be included only if space allows.

Bradford Bridge April Deadlines

Display ads	March 20
Classified ads	March 23
Articles	March 20

Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Of- fice

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Noon-7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00-11:30 am

12:30-5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am-Noon
1:00-5:00 pm