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## The Results Are In...

On November 7, New Hampshire Democrats, in a reflection of the national trend, gained healthy majorities in the House (239-161) and Senate (14-10). This is the first Democratic majority in both legislative chambers since 1874. Newcomer Harold Janeway of Webster won a senate victory over three-term incumbent, Bob Flanders of Antrim, to represent Senate District 7 that includes Bradford. Incumbent Democrat Barbara French and first-term representative Eleanor Kjellman, both of Henniker, declared victory over Bradford's Republican incumbent David Currier and James Walsh of Henniker. French and Kjellman will represent Bradford in the State House for the next two-year legislative session.

In closely contested federal congressional races, Democrat Paul Hodes, a Concord attorney, prevailed in his race against popular Republican incumbent congressman Charlie Bass, while Democrat Carol Shea-Porter beat Republican incumbent Jeb Bradley to become the first woman congresswoman to be sent to Washington by New Hampshire.

The defeat of the Republicans, locally and nationally, has been attributed to the fact that voters cast their ballots *against* the current Republican administration in a show of discontent and not necessarily *for* the Democratic party. As Democrats attempt to keep their momentum going and Republicans begin the process of reorganizing and strengthening its base, both parties stride toward the 2008 presidential elections with renewed vigor, strength and purpose. Stay tuned. Interesting times are ahead.



**December, 1960 - The First Baptist Church emanates a Christmas calm.** Built in 1830, the First Baptist Church is older than the Union Congregational at the Center by eight years. The Town Clock was purchased with funds raised by Zebulon Smith and placed in the Church tower in 1916.

Photo courtesy of Milly Kittredge

## 10 Questions: Meg Fearnley, Brown Memorial Library Director

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people who make a difference in Bradford. Meg Fearnley is our guest this month.*

Meg Fearnley was born in Marblehead, Massachusetts. She attended New England College and the University of New Hampshire, where she majored in Spanish and Portuguese. She was employed by Harvard's Widener Library for 17 years where she ordered Spanish and Portuguese books for the library. She came to Bradford in 1994 to get away from the city and to give her son a village life and education in a more rural area.

**Q. You appear to blend the position of town librarian with a back-to-the-land life in the woods. Someone saw a moose strolling down your road recently and thought it was magical. How did you choose Bradford working and living as you do?**

Prior to my life here, I moved around a lot. My father was in the plastics business and we lived in Texas and in New York State. I had enough of living in the city, and when my grandmother, who lived in Springfield, Massachusetts, died and left me enough money to buy a house in

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## From The Editor's Desk

by Dorothy & Gerry Monigan

Upon moving to Bradford in April, we discovered The Bradford Bridge, and we immediately were taken by its combination of professionalism and small-town charm. Little did we imagine we would soon be its co-editors. Yet when Mike Quinn was no longer able to devote the time necessary to shepherd The Bridge, some of our new friends here in Bradford thought we might be a good fit. Between the two of us, we have organizational and editing experience, and we welcomed the opportunity to become a part of the fabric of this wonderful community. Therefore, we're giving it a go. Already we've met many interesting and likeable people. Some, like us, are transplants; others trace their roots here back many generations. Together we represent the future of Bradford.

Coincidentally, we come to this job at a time of great change nationwide. In last month's elections, the existing order was dramatically shaken up. A little more than half of the electorate is ecstatic that the Democrats will control Congress. A little less than half is unhappy about it.

The key word is little. There's so much more that unites rather than divides us. We all want our country to be a beacon of inspiration to the world. Thinking back to the days following 9/11, we all were to focused on what united us. It's up to each of us to keep that flame burning, and that cooperation must start in towns like ours if it is to be reflected in Washington — not the other way around. We look forward to being part of the process.

Happy Holidays from our house to yours!

## Bradford Historical Society

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Seed Guessing Contest. There were 608 seeds in the Giant Pumpkin. Some of them are packaged for sale.

The 2007 calendars with scenes from Old Bradford are available, as are the genealogy books, the 200+ Town History, and scenic notepaper.

The winter months will be workshop times for updating and sorting the albums of Bradford pictures and history. Anyone interested in a couple of hours of looking through the past is welcome to join us.

Please don't discard old pictures or newspapers you have hanging around in your attic - there are always inquiries about ancestors and their likenesses.

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# BRADFORD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

## TOYS FOR TOTS

The United States Marine Corps Reserve kicked off their "Toys for Tots" Campaign on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The BACC will again be collecting toys, which should be new and unwrapped. All donations made at the BACC will be distributed within the local area. For more information, please contact Bob Selig at 938-2677, or call the BACC, 938-6228.



The Bradford Country Squares held a "Toys for Tots & Teens" Dance on November 18 at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School. Robert Selig, USMC, Retired, talked of the origin of "Toys for Tots" and accepted gifts.

## COMPUTER INSTRUCTOR SEARCH

The Bradford Area Community Center is in need for volunteer computer instructors for a couple of hours each month to conduct classes in their "specialty." The BACC would like to offer Word, Excel, Photoshop and various other computer programs. If you have a couple of hours a month that you could volunteer on an ongoing basis, please call Jarna at the BACC, 938-6228.

## BACC OPEN FOR FAMILY FUN DURING SCHOOL BREAK

The Bradford Area Community Center activity rooms will be open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> for anyone who would like to come in and play pool, ping pong, games, or participate in any crafts that are taking place. On Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be an afternoon "G" rated movie scheduled for 1:00 pm. For more information, contact the BACC at 938-6228.

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## 10 Questions—Meg Fearnley

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1993, I saw an ad in the Harvard Magazine for an old farmhouse. I met with Ann Hallahan who advertised the house, and I immediately fell in love with it.

**Q. How do you choose the new books purchased for the library?**

I consider the budget, interests of the people in town. It's fascinating because people have such a variety of likes and dislikes from romance novels, history, short stories, to internet library loan or make a purchase.

**Q. If you could expand the town library resources in any way you chose, what would you do?**

The actual space is appropriate for the town population and size, but I would like to see the library open more hours. I would also like to see more children's programs. I do appreciate the programs that the Library Friends have organized. The Sunday opening has been good and has attracted people, but I think that people are frustrated with the lack of hours.

**Q. How has library use by the public changed since the Internet was introduced?**

Today, there are library patrons who come in just to use the Internet. Many of these people have not used the library previously. We are happy to help anyone who would like to use the Internet.

**Q. There is something magical about reading a book, touching the pages and drifting into another world. Do you think that people read less because of the new ways to find pleasure such as books on tape, CD's, videos, and the Internet?**

Nothing about the joy of reading has changed. Some people like e-books, but it is no threat to the printed pages of a book. The books on tape are a boon for commuters and people who spend long periods of time in their cars.

**Q. What is your favorite book? Your least favorite?**

My favorite book is "Tess of the D'Urbervilles." As far as my least favorite, there is no such thing. I use

the librarian's 50-page rule - if I read 50 pages and still don't like the book, I stop.



Photo by Audrey V. Sylvester

**Q. What is the most satisfying part of working as the town librarian?**

One of the most satisfying things about the job is the people. You never know who is going to walk in the door or what questions they will ask. It's very satisfying to provide people with

books that they want to read. And now in the computer age, we help those residents who don't have one at home.

**Q. What is the most frustrating part of the job?**

The most frustrating thing for me is attracting children to the library. Most parents work and don't have the time to come to the library. Another difficult thing for me is to decide which books to discard.

**Q. With the advent of the Internet, information that was once available only through libraries is now instantly available through the computer. How has the library adapted its use for modern times?**

Thanks to the state library we have an extremely reliable database that patrons can use to find information about on medical matters, genealogy, magazine articles - virtually anything they need to know.

**Q. What do you do in your spare time?**

I take care of my animals- two dogs and some sheep; I chop and stack wood for the stove. I don't really have a lot of spare time.

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## Bridge to the Past: December 1991

by Mike Quinn

As 1991 drew to a close and Bradford hunkered down for another cold Akearsarge winter, the Bradford Bridge was chock full of stories about its people and organizations.

*The Bradford Bridge's* cover featured the smiling Dick Keller, Joe Battles, Dick Hambrecht and Dick Whall holding up a plaque commemorating "the placement of the Bradford Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places." The effort to acquire the historical designation started in 1980, according to the paper. Evelyn Lammert, who spearheaded the paperwork, was joined by Carroll Butman, Gene Schmidt, Bill Curless, and Tillie Weaver on the Town Hall Restoration Committee. The plaque was purchased by the Bradford Bicentennial Committee and the Bradford Historical Society.

Audrey Sylvester's "At Work - At Home" series featured sculptor Amy Blitzer, pictured carving butternut wood "with a gouge and lignam vitae mallet as she creates 'Mother and Child.'" (*The Bridge* reported in October, 2006, the inclusion of one of Blitzer's most recent works in a Boston gallery exhibition.)

The paper bade farewell to Ruth Perron, a postal clerk at the Bradford Post Office for seven years, who left to become the postmaster in Washington, NH. She worked with Bradford postmasters Ed Damour, Harriet Douglass, and Mike Ripberger. The paper also welcomed the arrival of James Monahan and Donna Brown, who "purchased the Susie Glowsky property on Route 114 in October."

And what's December without Christmas cookies? The Bradford School PTC held a Christmas Cookie Walk in December, 1991, at which participants selected the cookies they wanted and paid for their selections by the pound.

*The Bridge* reported on the Bradford Inn's winning apple pie entry in the Great New England Inns Apple Pie Contest held at Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston. Pastry chef Ruth Hall recommended Baldwin apples for the pie. Mildred Schmidt's "Cozy Corner" topped off the year with "Mildred's Best Christmas Cheesecake."

Marcia Keller's series on State House activity continued with descriptions of significant amendments to laws that would take effect in 1992, including a more stringent Right-To-Know Law; municipal liability for unsafe highways and sidewalks; wetlands; and regional development. (January 1, 1992, would also put New Hampshire's open container law into effect.)

Laurie Buchar reported on an abundance of winter sports activities available to residents. A photo of Brackett and Spencer Scheffy, who won the father-son tennis tournament at King Ridge, was featured. Buchar also noted skiing at King Ridge and Pat's Peak; the new Camille's Dance Studio on Main Street and Colby-Sawyer's Hogan Center; and her "Jock Award," which she awarded to Kathleen Bigford, the fifth-fastest New Hampshire woman bicyclist in the Second Start endurance race.

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## Real Estate Facts:

### Profile of Second Home Owners

**H**appy Holidays to one and all! The National Association of REALTORS periodically surveys homeowners, as well as recent buyers and sellers, to gather detailed information about their preferences and experiences in the real estate market. Their 2006 profile of second home owners provides a detailed snapshot of households that own one or more second homes, including vacation homes and investment homes. Ownership of second homes is driven by several factors. These include baby boomers in their peak earning years who have the financial wherewithal to invest in real estate; the superior returns real estate has provided in recent years compared to other financial assets; and tax law changes that allowed home sellers to exclude up to \$500,000 from capital gain taxation, thus making it appealing for some buyers to purchase a vacation or other residential investment property. Here are some interesting facts in each category:

#### Second Home Owners:

Over three-quarters of second home owners are married.

For nearly half of them, their primary residence is in the suburbs.

Nearly two-thirds used a real estate agent to buy their property.

Determining comparable prices when selling their property is the task for which most wanted an agent's assistance.

#### Vacation Homeowners:

The typical vacation home owner is 59 years old and reports a median income of \$120,600.

While three-quarters of them purchased their home to use for vacations, one-third reported that it was a good investment opportunity as well.

The typical vacation home is located 220 miles from the owner's primary residence.

Nearly half of all vacation homes are in resort or recreation areas.

Vacation home owners spend a median of 39 nights in their home each year.

One in ten plans to sell in the next two years.

#### Investment Home Owners:

The typical investment home owner is 55 years old and reports a median income of \$98,600.

Nearly two-thirds of them purchased their property for the purpose of generating rental income; half viewed their property as a way to diversify their investments.

The typical investment home is 10 miles from the owner's primary residence.

Thirty-five percent of investment properties are located in a suburb, while one-quarter are in a central city or urban area.

The typical investment property is 1,520 square feet in size and half are detached, single-family homes.

Thirty-five percent plan to buy one or more investment properties and 43 percent expect to sell one in the next two years.

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191 Breezy Hill Road, Year-round waterfront Cottage on 1.50 acres for \$193,500

199 East Washington Road, Antique Farmhouse on 12.81 acres for \$400,000

Lot 2 Solitude Ridge Road, New Cape on 4.08 acres in subdivision for \$285,000

Lot 1 Johnson Hill Road, 12.20 acre Lot for \$100,000

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# Selectmen's Meeting Highlights

**Highway Department** Milly Kittredge and Road Agent Steve Lucier discussed drainage work at the front of the Marshall Property. Selectmen agreed to allow the town highway crew to install a drainage ditch to divert water.

**Fire Department** Fire Chief Mark Goldberg suggested establishing a matching fund capital reserve account to use in grant applications. Selectmen would act as agents for expenditures. He also mentioned setting up a meeting with the chief of a rescue squad in an abutting town to discuss coverage issues. Selectmen will confer with town counsel on this issue.

Goldberg had questions regarding the issue of wildland and urban interface as part of the Hazard Mitigation plan currently being prepared for the town.

**Needs Assessment** Dick Keller talked about the planned charette to be held at the office of Provan & Lorber. Neither the road agent nor the police chief can attend, but they have been consulted. The issue of splitting the warrant for the separate items has been raised. The Committee's initial reaction is to present one warrant article for the project. A question was raised about

the Route 103 access, which has not yet been resolved with the State.

Keller also discussed the progress being made by Wendell Phillips, the architect hired under the Moose Plate Grant to update Town Hall.

**Parks & Recreation** Selectmen agreed to place an article on the warrant authorizing creation of a full-time position combining the Community Center and the Parks and Recreation Department under one Director. The warrant article would include the cost of benefits.

Minutes of Selectmen's meetings are available at Town Hall.

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# Zoning Board of Adjustment October '06

**A Special Exception** was granted to Richard and Catherine MacLeod for an accessory dwelling on 6.5 acres to replace a trailer on a site on Forest Street.

**Rehearing** Oona Tropeano elected to reschedule her request for a rehearing on the shed built on abutting property until January in order to be heard by a full Board.

**Reminder** If you plan on appealing a decision, please get a denial from the Building Inspector or note from the Planning Board specifying what condition you are appealing. Contact the Board at 938-5386 a week before you wish to appear on the agenda of the scheduled meetings, which are the first Tuesday of each month.

*Minutes of Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings are available at Town Hall.*

# Bradford Budget Committee

The Bradford Budget Committee has begun its task of reviewing and recommending budget items for the March 2007 Town Meeting. Its meetings are held at Town Hall at 7 pm on the following dates:

- December 19, 2006
- January 16 and 30, 2007
- February 6, 2007 - Last day for petition Warrant Articles
- February 8, 2007 Public Hearing on the Budget
- March 13, 2007 Town Meeting - Voting
- March 14, 2007 Town Meeting - Business Session

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# Bradford Calendar fo

## ABBREVIATION MAP

- BACC-Bradford Area Community Ctr.
- BML-Brown Memorial Library
- BNSYS-B/N/S Youth Sports
- BWC-Bradford Womens' Club
- KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
- KRES-Bradford Elementary School
- MLI-Mountain Lake Inn
- MVSC -Mountain View Senior Center
- NAC-Needs Assessment Committee
- TH-Bradford Town Hall
- ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustment

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- For transportation info call the Senior Center Program Manager, Sandi Bandieri at 938-2104
- Kearsarge Area Pre-School; for info, contact Fred Hubley at 938-5521

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<p>10</p> <p>Bradford Bridge Deadline              Call 995-6252 for info.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1-4 pm Bridge Group, BACC              7 pm Rural Heritage Connection, BACC              8:45 am Strong Living Exercises, MVSC              10 am Ceramics, MVSC              10:30 am, Yoga for Older Adults, MVSC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 pm Planning Board, TH              6-7:30 pm Yoga BACC (call 456-3099)              10:15 am Picnic Lunch &amp; Apple Picking</p>	<p>Daisy Troop              BACC 3:15-5</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am Ceramics, MVSC              1-4 pm Bridge Group, BACC              3-5 pm Jr. Girl Scouts, BACC              10:30 am Yoga for Older Adults, MVSC              7 pm Recycling Comm, TH              8:45 am Kearsarge Area Preschool Fundraising Comm, BACC              7-9 pm NAC Sub-Comm, BACC              8:45 am Strong Living Exercises, MVSC</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3-5 pm Brownies, BACC              5 pm Selectmen's mtg., TH              7:30 pm Conservation Commission, TH              9am-12 Noon, Fuel Assistance, BACC (call 456-2077 for appt.)              6-7:30 pm Yoga, BACC (call 456-3099)              10 am Quilters &amp; Crafters, MVSC</p>	<p>3-5 pm Brussor mtg., BA              3:15-5 pm D              Scouts, BAC</p>
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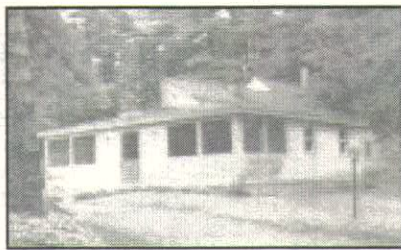
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## Bradford News In Brief

### Conservation Topic at Sr. Center Brunch

Mountain View Senior Center's "First Friday Brunch," held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, featured speaker Deborah Stanley, Executive Director of the Ausbon Sargent Preservation Land Trust. More than 40 seniors from throughout the area enjoyed brunch while Ms. Stanley explained how individual seniors can help to preserve land from future development and keep land in its natural state with assistance from the Trust. Ms. Stanley spoke of the seniors' contemporaries in Bradford, Newbury, Sutton, and Warner who have donated land to the Trust. Following her presentation, both she and Ann Eldridge from the Bradford Conservation Commission answered questions. The Center's brunch program is held on the first Friday of each month and is open to all area seniors.

### Holiday Open House

The New London Historical Society will hold its Holiday Open House on the grounds of the Historical Society on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 11 am to 3 pm. Hearthside cooking, a silent auction, sleigh rides, children's crafts, home baked goodies, and music will all take place in the decorated 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings. For info, call 526-6564 or check online at: [www.newlondonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newlondonhistoricalsociety.org).

### "Old Man of the Mountains" Program

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present a program on the "Old Man

of the Mountains" Friday, December 8, 7:30 pm, at the Tracy Memorial Library, Main Street, New London. In May, 2003, the Old Man of the Mountains collapsed into Franconia Notch ending a nearly 200-year relationship between the people of New England and the profile. Brian Fowler, the engineering geologist and mountaineer who supervised more than 25 years of stability studies on the profile for the state, will present a uniquely illustrated remembrance that describes the profile's formation, the structure and mechanisms of its delicate stability and collapse, and some of the human attempts made to save it. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 763-5320.

### Lake Massasecum 2007 Calendars

Lake Massasecum, full color, 2007 calendars make great Christmas Gifts for relatives and friends around the state and country. This is the third year of the fundraiser for the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association's efforts to contain mill-foil and educate citizens on its effects. Each month features a photograph taken by amateur photographers depicting various scenes from around the lake. Calendars are on sale at the Lumber Barn or by calling David Currier at 938-2488. An order form and thumbnail copies of this year's selected photographs are on the web at [www.lakemassasecum.org](http://www.lakemassasecum.org).

### Bradford Women's Club Festivities

The BWC Annual Visit with Santa and the Annual Tree Lighting will be



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held on Saturday, December 9, from 3:30 to 5 pm at Brown Memorial Library. Immediately following, their Annual Ham and Bean Supper will be held at the Bradford Baptist Church. The BWC extends special thanks to all who volunteered for and supported their Annual Craft/Antique Fair. It was a wonderful success with over 30 consigners participating.

## Service Notes

Two sons of Kathy and Horace (Bud) Whitcher, Old Warner Road, are stationed in the Middle East. David, 20, is in Afganistan as a combat engineer. His wife, Victoria, is also in the service, stationed at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. David does basic carpentry in his spare time. Matthew, 22, is in Iraq. He is an M.P. but wants to work in mechanics and truck driving. Matthew is in the hot, dry area, but David has seen snow in the mountains. Both were home-schooled for much of their educational years, and both contact their parents weekly by land line or by whatever means they can. Both are scheduled to return home in the Spring.

## Masons Donate to Food Pantries

The St. Peter's Masonic Lodge of Bradford recently presented donations from the Lodge and the NH Masonic Charitable Foundation to the Bradford Food Pantry and to the South Newbury Food Pantry. The Food Pantries are an outreach program of the First Baptist Church of Bradford and of the South Newbury Union Church in coordination with Newbury Family Services. They provide year-round assistance to families and individuals in the area who are in need. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, as well as children's gifts, are distributed to help brighten the holidays. If you know of a family who would benefit from the program, or if you wish to make a donation, contact Addie Stewart of the Bradford Food Pantry at 938-2133 or Gail Bostic of the South Newbury Food Pantry at 938-2064.

## Needs Assessment Committee Rolls On

The design process is underway for alterations to the Town Hall and for a new police station and highway garage; the latter two to be located on town-owned property adjacent to the transfer station.

The Town Hall renovation is under the guiding hand of R. Wendell Phillips, an architect sensitive both to the needs of the office requirements and the historic nature of the building. Provan & Lorber is handling the design features for the police and highway facilities.

As the Committee proceeds through the design phase, the budget remains a guide. The layout of the police station will be based on the level of service anticipated. With the selectmen's request that processing be done in town, certain features must be included that would otherwise be excluded at this time. The

highway garage is less problematic since the use is fairly straight forward.

Within the next two weeks, a resolution on each of the three facilities is expected, and the project will move ahead on designs that will provide costs for each.

The Committee organized on Election Day and took the opportunity to pass out an update on activities. Copies are available at the Library for anyone who did not receive one. Comments and concerns are always welcome and the Needs Assessment Committee meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month are open to the public.

*Minutes of Needs Assessment Committee meetings are available at the Town Hall.*



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Finally, a glance at the December calendar on the last page reveals Bradford's plans to observe and celebrate the holidays. The 14<sup>th</sup> of that month featured a Christmas story hour at the library, a visit from Santa in the church vestry, and a tree lighting ceremony with carols at 5 pm. The 22<sup>nd</sup> brought "Caroling Through Bradford," sponsored by the First Baptist Church; and the 24<sup>th</sup>, a Christmas pageant at the Old Bradford Center Church and a Christmas Eve service at the First Baptist Church.

Fifteen years ago, a town, its people, and a little paper looked forward to a new year—same as we do today. There are challenges that lie ahead for Bradford, but gaze at a snow-covered field on a moonlit night, and you'll see that all is calm, all is bright.



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# KRSD School News

## Bradford KRES News Mary Keegan-Dayton

Have you ever been in a **Talking Forest**? One cool, sunny day, the trees behind the elementary school came alive. Carl was a Quaking Aspen, Daniel was a Pine and Morgan was an Elm. The second graders in Mrs. Corbyn's and Mrs. Bewersdorf's classes were studying trees using the outdoors as their classroom. Weeks of learning about the trees on our Nature Trail had paid off. Parents, students, and teachers were invited to walk through the Talking Forest to hear what the second graders had learned in their study of trees. There were about 30 live trees and over 200 visitors.

"How do you make learning fun, enjoying, and energizing?" asked James Spadaro, Principal. The answer is the Talking Forest. Walking on the Nature Trail with the first grade, "Hello Tree!" was the appropriate greeting. Andrew Sheperd, a second

grader was standing next to his tree wearing a homemade vest made out of a brown paper bag which he painted to look like his tree bark. Inside the vest, he read notes on tree parts and wore a hat with the leaf rubbing he had done. Andrew read aloud information he had gathered on his tree to the many visitors who walked his way that morning.

"Having the kids put themselves in the role of the tree helped them to remember the information better," stated Jen Bewersdorf. The second grade teachers, Corbyn and Bewersdorf, plan curriculum units together, and this science lesson combined math and reading. Student Teacher, Kristin Burgess assisted in the effort.

Each second grader had a part in the Talking Forest. Tyler Valovic liked the costume he painted. Carl Betz liked going outside. Daniel Beaulieu was a pine tree. "I liked the tree and wanted to keep it," he said. Gunnar Andersson said, "I liked my mom seeing me as an

Elm Tree."

One of the Bradford school goals is to develop a learning community that embraces academic excellence, traditions, and fun. The Talking Forest does all that and more. Parents and families will be invited back for the Dinosaur Museum and Fairy Tale Court later in the school year.

## School District Report Jon Steiner

Did you know that Bradford has a new school board rep? No, I've not resigned; nor has Bradford grown so big that we have two reps as New London and Warner do. Bradford's new rep is Elizabeth Marr, a senior at Kearsarge Regional High School, and the high school student rep to the Board. As student rep, she attends Board meetings and brings the students' perspective to the table.

Elizabeth has lived her whole life in Bradford and decided to accept the position of student rep because of an interest in local law and in the decision-making process with regard to schools. "I'm impressed with how formally everything is dealt with," she said "It's been a really good experience."

Marr's interests in government and the law have also led her to create a student-faculty senate at the high school, which she is currently implementing. She also enjoys her Spanish studies and is planning on studying language and law next year at the University of Massachusetts' Dartmouth Campus. In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys reading novels and also works at Live Wire Daycare, a job she has held since sophomore year.

When asked about her time at Kearsarge High, she responded, "I've only had good experiences. We're a tight-knit class, and I like Kearsarge a lot."



KRES at Bradford Second Graders Morgan Emery and Gunnar Andersson dressed up as Elm Trees in the Talking Forest.

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## Bradford Resident to Participate in Statewide Leadership Training

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Farnsworth is a psychologist specializing in child, adolescent, and family therapy and trauma treatment. She is an adjunct professor at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, and she also works as a consultant utilizing psychological principles to make organizations more successful. In addition, Farnsworth serves as chair of the NH Women's Lobby. She holds a master's degree in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard University and a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Vermont. She lives with her husband and five-year old daughter.



## First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

**Children's Christmas Craft Day:** On Saturday, December 2, from 10:00 - 11:30 am, children of all ages are welcome to come to the church and make a variety of crafts to take home. Refreshments will be served.

**New Members' Gathering:** There will be a gathering of people who wish to join the church on Sunday, December 3, right after coffee hour.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries:** ABWM will meet on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 pm for a program "Dealing with Stress during the Holidays." Refreshments will be served.

**Ham & Bean Supper:** On Saturday, December 9, at 5:00 pm, the House Committee will hold their traditional ham-and-bean supper, complete with ham, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls and homemade desserts. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults \$4.00 for children ages 4-12; children 3 and under can eat for free. The supper is immediately following the tree lighting ceremony at the library.

**Godspell Meeting:** Another meeting to discuss "Godspell" will be held on Sunday, December 10, immediately following coffee hour. This is the musical that our church will perform in Spring of 2007. Church membership is not a requirement for participation.

**Toys for Tots:** Our Missions Committee is helping coordinate the "Toys for Tots" Program with our Christmas food baskets. A Christmas tree in the narthex of the church is covered with tags containing the wish lists of children whose families receive a food basket. We kindly ask that the items be brand-new, wrapped, and brought back to the church by Monday, December 11.

**Christmas Food Baskets:** Our baskets (along with the Christmas gifts for children) will be distributed on Saturday, December 16, from 9:00 - 10:00 am from the Food Pantry.

**Baptism:** On Sunday, December 17, at 10:00 am, there will be a Baptism during the Worship Service. Our Sunday School children will take part in this service.

**Christmas Caroling:** Our church will go Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 17, at 6:30 pm. We will come back to Fisk House afterwards and enjoy some hot cider and Christmas cookies.

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:** On Sunday, December 24, at 7:00 pm, we will gather to worship at our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In a recent campaign stop, George Bush flip-flopped on the reason for the attack against Iraq and the continued occupation there: oil. Despite assertions to the contrary prior to the invasion, the president recently said at a Colorado rally that oil could be used for economic blackmail. "Imagine," he said "if extremists and radicals got control of energy resources."

I bite my tongue not to say that they already have - Exxon, Mobil, Conoco, Shell, Chevron and their obscene profits and unpaid fines. I can imagine that the so-called extremists and radicals might not feel

compelled to resort to terror if they had the economic power that would come from controlling *their own* natural resources. We might be compelled to develop an independent energy strategy, one that looked seriously at alternatives to oil. Instead of spending over \$2 billion a week on a war in Iraq in order to protect oil interests, we could put that money into developing energy independence that would create jobs, rekindle interest in new technologies, and help slow the environmental degradation that comes with oil exploration, refining, transport and consumption. Portugal and Finland

meet about a fourth of their energy needs through hydro and renewable energy, Sweden, nearly half, Austria, three fourths, and Norway nearly all. We can too, if we decide to.

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## Obituary

**ANDRENA M. SMITH**

**Bradford:** The Rev. Andrena M. "Anne" Smith, 66, of Gillingham Drive, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at her home.

She was born in Lawrence, MA, on April 9, 1940, the daughter of Joseph and Andrena (Rennie) Hicks. She grew up in Lawrence, MA, and moved to New Hampshire to raise her family in the early 1960s. The Rev. Smith lived in the area for the past 22 years. She was a self-employed horticulturist, and gardening was her passion. She worked on a crisis hotline, loved helping people, was a Reiki master, and helped to make the world a better place. She loved The Top of the Mountain.

Surviving members of her family include her mother, Andrena McCoubry of Bradford, and three daughters: Lynn Calvino of Bradford; Cheryl Edson of Charlestown, NH; and Hope Thompson of Raymond, NH. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, PO Box 381, Bradford, NH, 03221.



### Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

The library expects a visitor from the North Pole on Saturday, December 9! Come to the library at 4:30 pm for holiday stories, followed by Santa's arrival.

There will be no book-to-movie discussion in December. The January selection will be *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark. Copies of the book are available at the library. We will show the movie on Friday, January 5, at 7:00 pm.

The International Film Series continues on Friday, December 15, at 7 pm, with a selection from Brazil. All movie nights are free and open to the public. Refreshments are always served.

The library will be closed on Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25. Remember, there is no limit to the number of items you can check out of the library.

Grab a stack of books and movies the week before our holiday closures.

Some of the books added to your library in November are:

#### For adults -

*Dear John* by Nicholas Sparks

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*Restless* by William Boyd

*The Innocent Man* by John Grisham

*Blood and Thunder* by Hampton Sides

#### For children -

*TTFN* by Lauren Myracle

*Winter is the Warmest Season* by Lauren Stringer

*River Secrets* by Shannon Hale

*The End* by Lemony Snicket

## Please Support Bradford— Bring Us Your Recyclables

By Kenneth Anderson, Manager

With their recyclable items withheld from their regular trash and ready to distribute to the various recycling bins and containers, Bradford residents are bringing their trash to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center in increasing numbers. This is a tremendous boon to the economy of the town, all of its residents, and for the environment.

Lois and I would like to encourage all residents who now use a dumpster, especially landlords who provide them for their tenants, to dump their dumpsters (and the associated costs) in exchange for bringing their trash and recyclables to the Transfer and Recycling Center. This will require residents to think about disposing their household trash in a different manner, and for landlords to educate, encourage, and guide their tenants in their recycling endeavors. Residents and landlords can begin with recycling one item (for example, aluminum cans, which earns about \$3,000 in revenue

annually for the town). After this process is established and functional, they can add another recyclable item (for example, mixed paper and cardboard, which earns about \$6,000 in revenue annually for the town).

We have literature on recycling available at the Transfer Station, and Lois and I are always happy to answer questions and give suggestions. In addition, we are willing to help transfer and distribute the large loads that landlords bring in.

With dumpster rentals averaging about \$40 per month, think of the money that could be saved. With \$480 per year, one could purchase a flat-screen TV, a round-trip airline ticket to Florida, or quite a few restaurant dinners, among other things. Residents and landlords might find bringing their household trash and recyclables to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center easier and more rewarding than they thought possible!

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### Bradford Bridge January 2007 Deadlines

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Present at the Mountain View Senior Center "First Friday" Brunch: L to R, Amy Blitzer, Blitzer Conservation Land, Bradford; Deborah Stanley, Exec. Director, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust; Jean Kennedy and Marcia Keller, Nelson Conservation Land in Bradford; Sandi Bandieri, Senior Center Director; and Ann Eldridge, Bradford Conservation Commission, holding a map of Bradford's conservation areas.