

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## Bond Hearing Held on Valley Transportation Proposal



**W**hat follows is a press release from the Board of Selectmen given to attendees of the January 14th Public Bond Hearing for Valley Transportation. It included a list of questions and answers too numerous to print. A copy of the full report is available at the Selectmen's Office. There will be a second Public Hearing on Saturday, February 11th at KRES at 10:15 a.m. after a hosted walk-thru of the

The Town of Bradford faces a major challenge. The buildings housing three of the town's major functions, Town Offices, Police and Highway, need to be addressed. The choices are to renovate the historic but inadequate building that currently houses the Town Offices and Police Station, address extensive repairs on the Highway department facilities at Brown-Shattuck Field, construct new facilities on Town owned property, or purchase and renovate existing available private property.

The Bradford Board of Selectmen established a Needs Assessment Committee as voted by 2005 Town Meeting,

(“to conduct a needs assessment”). The Committee report will be available for inspection at the Town Hall.

A study conducted by the MacMillan Corporation estimates the cost to renovate the Town Hall for Town offices and Police Department in the \$830,000-\$1,000,000 range and would result in the loss of the upstairs great room and stage as well as the tin ceilings on both floors. All town business would need to be conducted upstairs to allow for the Police department downstairs. The police would not have vehicle storage and the highway garage would still be

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## Citizens Meet to “Keep the *Main* in Main Street”

**A** group of Bradford citizens met on January 21st in response to a public bond hearing held January 14th organized by the Bradford selectmen in which the outline of a plan to purchase Valley Transportation as a site for the town offices was presented to an overflowing audience of interested residents.

This group's intentions are not necessarily to halt the town's proposal but rather to open up discussion and review other options in this matter. The participants at this meeting had many questions on a proposal that would abandon our historical town hall and move the town's administration to another location ie: Valley Transportation on Route 114. The main goal of this group was to remove the urgency surrounding the “push to take advantage of a “limited

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## Mandatory Recycling Really Pays

**I**n the January issue of the *Bradford Bridge* the Board of Selectmen congratulated me and my attendant, Lois, for “another successful recycling year.”

While we appreciate being recognized in this way, truthfully, the residents of the Town of Bradford are the ones who have made mandatory recycling such a successful endeavor for our town. We are pleased that the Board of Selectmen extended congratulations to the residents also.

As we've said before, we are dedicated to recycling everything that comes to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center, because recycling pays. So many of you

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# Free Medicare Prescription Drug Counseling for Seniors

Local resident, Bill Hatt, now offers Medicare Part D counseling as a volunteer with Merrimack County Service Link. He meets on Fridays at the Bradford Area Senior Center in the computer room with people already on Medicare and/or Medicaid and helps them make wise choices among the 41 prescription drug plans available in NH.

He uses the government's official Medicare computer to choose optimal premiums, deductibles, copays, and formularies. And he tries to make some sense of the baffling Medicare rules!

Although enrollment in Medicare Part D is technically voluntary, most seniors should sign up unless they have received a letter from their current prescription drug program (Veterans Administration, the military, a company) explaining explicitly that their coverage is "comparable." It is to the advantage of all seniors on Medicaid and most seniors on Medicare to sign up before May 15, 2006. After that time, there will be a permanent lifetime penalty of 1%

per month for late signups.

Some seniors have been getting free or discounted drugs directly from the pharmaceutical companies through special "bridge" programs from their doctor or through a local hospital. With the advent of Medicare Part D most of those programs are expected to end. Thus the need for Medicare Part D enrollment.

Bill can also help with enrollment of seniors who live in other parts of the US. Make a list of all medications with dosages—correctly spelled, please, that the senior is taking. Those already on Medicaid and wishing to qualify for extra financial help, should bring copies of all streams of income including social security, pensions, bank accounts, etc. Include a list of other assets, not including a home or car.

Call Merrimack County Service Link toll free at 1-866-634-9412 for an appointment.

—Bill Hatt

## Senior Council News

The Senior Council of the Bradford Area Community Center will hold no meetings in February or March. However, Bradford resident Kathleen Bigford will speak at our next meeting on Saturday April 8th. She will show a video of her experiences in Japan last year. Mrs. Bigford was honored to represent the US as an educator-participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Program.

Be sure to save April 8, from 1-3 p.m. to come and enjoy an arm-chair trip that is exciting and informative.

All area residents from teenagers to octogenarians and up are welcome. Discussion and refreshments will follow Kathleen's presentation.

—Edythe Craig, Administrative Assistant

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## Needs Assessment

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an issue.

The second floor of the Town Hall has been deemed unusable for the public unless sprinklers are installed. A cistern and pumps would be needed and the water supply is inadequate. If it were renovated for public gatherings, an elevator would be needed to meet accessibility requirements. The building has inadequate and potentially dangerous wiring. There is no burglar alarm system and the fire alarm is subject to false alarms, causing inconvenience to the fire department and citizens.

Moved to its current site in 1863, the Town hall is an historic treasure. Unfortunately, the building suffers from dust, mold and rodent problems. The offices of the Selectmen, Administrator, Town Clerk and Tax Collector lack proper entry and safety outlets for employees and citizens. More and safe storage space is needed for records for all town business. Other town boards must schedule meetings as space is available. There is major heat loss, inadequate insulation, outdated single pane windows, a water source high in iron and undrinkable and water damage exists throughout the building. The yearly heating bill is excessive, and the heating system inadequate. The Town Clerk's office and the meeting room have supplemental small propane and electric heaters. There is not enough parking available at the Town Hall, no land for expansion, and safety concerns about the Police facility adjoining the Town offices.

The Code deficiencies at the Police Department are numerous. They include privacy, security, and safety issues for detainees, juveniles, police officers, and the public. At the minimum, the cruisers need a sally port to provide privacy and ready access.

The Bradford Highway department garage was constructed in 1985. The department is faced with many of the same deficiencies and additional ones under OSHA and EPA rules. The town urgently needs a Highway garage meeting all codes and providing a safe working environment. The Town has over \$532,000 of equipment stored with inadequate security or provision for maintenance. The building needs

a new roof and properly ventilated working space for employees repairing town machinery. These in-house repairs save the town many dollars in repair costs.

In 2005 the laws governing the handling of salt and sand mixtures changed making our current storage illegal. This relocation plan includes the building of a salt shed to meet the EPA requirements. This building added \$250,000 to the project.

To come on the market within a year will be Valley Transportation, Inc., located on Rt. 114. Owner Fred Brunnhoelzl has generously offered to sell the facility to the Town for the current (2005) assessed value.

After analysis of Town Hall renovation costs, and new construction costs, the Board unanimously directed the Committee to focus its energies on the purchase of the Brunnhoelzl property, with Highway, Police, and Town offices relocating there. The purchase and renovation of the Valley Transportation facility will solve the shortcomings of the current Town Hall facilities and highway garage.

The facility on Rt 114 will provide easy access to a state road for large trucks and equipment used by the Highway department as well as access directly to Jones Road and Bradford Center through the Town owned sand pit, and it will take the heavy traffic off Main Street. The Valley Transportation property is energy efficient and has over 40 acres for future development. It has a large paved parking area and plenty of room for expansion. It abuts town property and the Ayer and Goss fuel facility, eliminating the need for Town owned fuel storage tanks. It has a more than adequate water supply and already has three-phase power on site. The new facility will also address the insurance issues and many safety issues facing the current Town Hall and

Police facility.

The Master Plan public session held on November 12th, 2005, highlighted the public's interest in providing recreation spaces for the youth and adults in Bradford. At this time, there are no large buildings suitable for indoor recreation facilities.

The Rt. 114 site can provide the Parks and Recreation department and other departments with the space they need.

Peter Tennant, of Tennant and Wallace Architects and the local Bruss Construction are working

with the Needs Committee to prepare conceptual drawings and costs to be available to the public. Cheryl Behr, Administrator, is preparing question and answer sheets addressing public concerns for the proposed plan. The Needs Committee is preparing information packets to distribute to the Library and other town locations.

The cost to purchase the property is \$905,000 with projected renovation costs and the addition of the salt shed, another \$1,895,000 will be needed, for a total 20 year bond of \$2.8 million dollars. The article will appear on the town warrant before the operating budget at the 2006 town meeting. It will be the first item voted on at the meeting. The estimate is that the bond will add \$.91 to the tax rate.

*Please contact Cheryl Behr at the Selectmen's office for additional information and meeting schedules. 603-938-5900, bradfordnb@srnet.com*

The pictures from the slide show from last Saturday's Public hearing and the proposed plans for the Valley transportation facility and the question and answer guide that was made up by the selectman's office can be found online at <http://www.bradfordnh.com/news>.



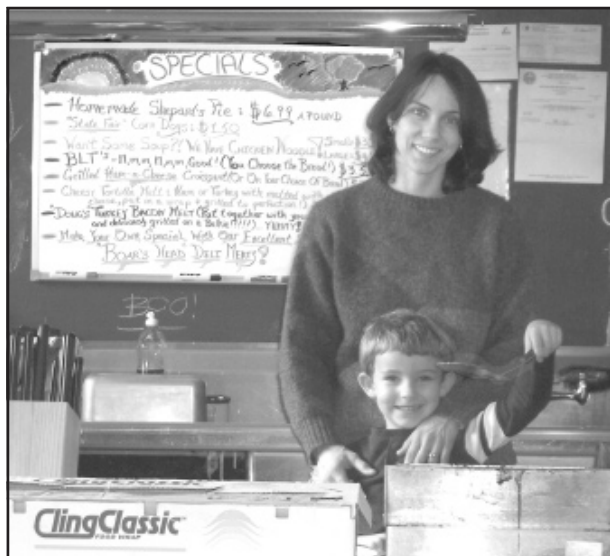
## Dodge's Store—New Owner, New Name

Deb Dimond didn't wake up one morning and think, "I want to own a store." In fact, that was the farthest thing from her mind. This hard-working mother of two has lived in NH all her life and only recently moved to the area. She likes to work and has many practical talents, from cooking to carpentry.

Deb came to Bradford in 2001 and worked with Steve Manley on the Thistle and Shamrock renovation. She also delivered the *Union Leader* for a short time before meeting Mike Pugliese, the then current owner of Dodge's General Store.

Mike knew a worker when he saw one and Deb was off! Customers may have noticed a certain spit-shine look start to emerge at the store. Walls were painted and wallpapered before you could pick up your paper the next day. I certainly noticed the menu change and grow. The place started to smell like, well, lunch!

As some of you may know, Mike had the store up for sale shortly before Bowie's devastating fire last year. After Bowie's burned down, Mike continued the store for the sake of the community. But his heart wasn't in it. This past December Mike moved to be with his two children and Deb bought



the store.

Deb renamed the store because she says, "It was time for a change." She chose the name, "Masters Country Store," as a memorial to a long-time friend who passed away last April.

Today, on an average day at the store you could see Deb building a display, cooking, painting, computer work, ordering—the list goes on.

What I can tell you about the "New Dodge's" as I like to call it? It is how at home I feel there. Whoever's cooking—Carey, Deb, the other Deb...fixes me a great sandwich or sometimes an omelet as I go about the store to get chips and iced tea. I feel special. Customers come and go and everyone knows each others name, clearly a friendly place.

Deb continues Mike's tradition of carrying only Boar's Head products and the best kept secret is that the steak and ground sirloin come from Francis our local butcher (can anyone say, IGA?). Deb promises that, "The customer will always come first because without them the store wouldn't be possible."

—by Susie Janicki

### Good Old Days

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erty passed out of his hands in 1824.(p. 266) By 1850 he was a town pauper.

Even being a recognized war hero wasn't enough to keep you from becoming a town charge. Colonel Abel Blood headed the welcoming committee greeting General Lafayette when he visited Bradford on his triumphal tour of the United States in 1825. By 1832 Bradford considered offering the old veteran support for the rest of his life if he turned his war pension over to the town. In 1840 Col. Blood was living in the household of Robert Fulton, a fact noted in the only census collected of Revolutionary War pensioners.(p.45) He died in Goshen in 1852.

Jail was the ultimate punishment for those who couldn't pay their debts. Rev-

olutionary War veteran Jonathan Dustin Cheney had debt problems and in 1821, at the age of 62, he was committed to the Hopkinton Jail.

Young males learned their trade through apprenticeships that were serious commitments to a master. Jesse Young, apprenticed to Deacon William Presbury, ran away. On July 23, 1797 Deacon Presbury posted a notice which read: "Ran away from subscriber on the 22nd inst. an apprentice boy named Jesse Young in his 19th year. I forbid all persons harboring, trusting, trading with or employing him. Whoever will take him up return him to me, his Master, shall have One Mohawk Potatoc(sic) reward but no charges." (p. 317)

Sally Withington was an unmarried

woman who died at the age of 58 of cancer. She had worked as a domestic in Bradford and Henniker until failing health sent her to the town farm in Henniker in July 1850 where she stayed until her death. (p.459)

To quote from *Two Hundred Plus* (p.62) "The old nightmare of "going over the hill to the poorhouse" is now past.

Copies of *Two Hundred Plus and Early Families of Bradford, New Hampshire* are available through the Bradford Historical Society, through archivist Milly Kittredge, 603-938-5386.

Next month: Town Meetings in Bradford

—Ruth-Ann Harris

**Recycling** cont. from front page

have readily and cheerfully responded to our call for recycling new materials, especially kitty litter. We were extremely surprised that so many residents participate in this not-so-pleasant recycling task.

While some residents continue to resist recycling or act irritated when we insist that they recycle, many more have taken recycling seriously. These people begin their recycling efforts at home or at their business. It is these continued and persistent recycling efforts that make our mandatory recycling program more successful each year.

Our transfer station consistently receives an excellent report from Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA), because so many of you faithfully recycle. Bradford is a member of the NRR Co-op which uses a "multi-vendor" approach to marketing recyclables.

If any of you have not yet joined in our town's mandatory recycling effort, please give it a try. Lois and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have and can also offer suggestions on how to get started. We thank you for your continuing efforts as a contributing member of Bradford's profitable and successful recycling endeavor.

—Ken Anderson, Manager, Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center

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**"Main Street" meeting**

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time offer."

Sarah Chaffee who is involved with the Concord Main Street Renewal said that "A strong Main Street is integral to the health of a town and once you lose the Main Street it takes a long time to bring it back as is the case in Concord."

Andrew Pinard would like to see studies done on the impact of taking Valley Transportation off the tax rolls. Valley is one of the three biggest employers in Bradford. He added that Bradford is unique in the fact that it is a town that doesn't have a major highway going through the Main Street and the move to Route 114 would take the "Main out of Main Street."

Corey Noble questioned the wisdom of putting all the town's facilities under one roof. He thought it might involve more liability for the town. His view and the view of others at the meeting was that it was not a propitious time to spend \$905,000 to purchase the Valley building and add the renovation costs of \$1,495,000 for a total 15-year bond of \$2.4 million dollars when Bradford and surrounding towns are faced with the cost of the new middle school.

The group came up with these premises:

- Police should stay on Main Street.
- Focus of the town should stay on Main Street.
- Existing town-owned properties need the first focus-not abandonment.
- The flavor of the town will be forever altered.
- Bad timing on warrant articles-School and town building estimates were horrendously expensive.

- The encouragement of participation in the process by town residents.
- The encouragement of a more holistic approach to the problem of what to do about the town hall and its deteriorating condition.

At least three bids are usually required for proper evaluation. Only one bid from Bruss construction was presented at the hearing.

In addition, several people said that other towns have renovated seriously damaged town hall structures. Although the selectmen insisted that our historic town hall would not be left to abandoned, the group questioned whether any group had sufficient monies to do anything with the building once it was vacated.

There will be a second public hearing on the purchase of the Valley Transportation building on Saturday, February 11th at 9 a.m. There will also be a walk thru of the Valley facilities. The group suggests that townspeople attend this next meeting to hear more on the subject.

—by Phyllis Wilcox

**Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter**

Please join popular speaker, Hal Swartz, on his return to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, Friday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., at Tracy Memorial Library, Main Street, New London, to present a slide program, "Madagascar."

This island is famous for its endemic species, particularly birds and lemurs. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information please call Peter Newbern at 763-4308.

On Saturday, February 11, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a birding trip to Cape Ann, Gloucester-Rockport, Mass., to look for over-wintering water and shore birds. Please meet leader Peter Newbern at Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89, at 8:00 a.m. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars and a scope if you have one. Inclement weather cancels the trip. For details call Peter at 763-4308.

—Submitted by Myra La Pierre

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Photo by Susan A. Janicki

*Ann Austin, at an artist's reception in her honor held at the Brown Memorial Library on January 14th. Nearly 40 people enjoyed a display of her work and helped Ann celebrate her 90th birthday.*

## Melodramatic? You are Needed.

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players" - even the folks in Bradford Center!

Join us in preparing for a rip-roaring melodrama production scheduled for early August 2006 in the Bradford Center Meeting House.

We need people to act, direct, sew costumes, build sets, string lights, sell tickets, sing songs, boo villains, cheer heroes.... you name it! We are hoping to put together a fun, fund-raising, community event, much like the melodramas performed there in years past.

We need your help! If you are interested contact Laurie Buchar at 938-5372 lbuchar@kearsarge.k12.nh.us

—Laurie Buchar

## Bradford Police Department

Thanks to Heather Turner we have our web page up and running. You will find it at [bradfordnh.com/police](http://bradfordnh.com/police). Heather did a very nice job on the web page and there are a number of links that you may find interesting and useful. Because the department is small it also describes how to make arrangements to meet with an officer at the station.

The other item, I wanted to briefly mention is the number of accidents with the recent bad weather. In most cases, speed seems to be the determining factor when investigating car crashes. As a reminder when following another vehicle use the two second rule. If you find that difficult then estimate one car length for every ten miles an hour.

Remember to consider the weather conditions, the vehicle and road conditions, and for those of us older drivers consider that our reaction time is getting longer. For the younger operators remember that while you have quicker reaction times, you have limited experience to take advantage of the time. We can all make the roads a safer place if we would just slow it down a little. Lastly, remember seatbelts are required for all passengers eighteen years of age or younger and recommended for all occupants. Air bags are a secondary restraint and the belts actually can prevent injury from the bags if used properly.

—Jim Valiquet, Chief of Police

## IMMEDIATE OPENING: Preschool Teacher's

The Kearsarge Area Preschool is seeking loving, qualified staff for our morning programs for three and four year olds. Three-year-old class hours: Monday and Tuesday 8:30 to 12 noon. Four-year-old class hours: Wednesday through Friday 8:30 to 12 noon. Will consider hiring one person for both positions or splitting the positions for remainder of the school year. May become a permanent position. Duties include supporting Director/Lead Teacher in the delivery of a developmentally appropriate preschool curriculum. Pay commensurate with education and experience. Candidates for teacher's assistant should have a high school diploma and at least three ECE college credits. Related teaching experience and CPR and first aid certified individual preferred.

Please submit a resume and three letters of recommendation to Fred Hubble, President, Kearsarge Area Preschool, P.O. Box 514, Bradford, NH 03221. Deadline for submissions is February 10, 2006.

Kearsarge Area Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of color, race, or national or ethnic origin in the hiring or administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid programs and other

## Welcome Maryann Plass!



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# Selectmen's Activity Report - December 05—January 06

To begin this month's article, we wish to remind everyone that the deadline for annual reports of Committees and Departments has been extended and are due in the Selectmen's Office on February 6th. Please email us your reports and any pictures you may wish to have included in the town report to [bradfordnh@srnet.com](mailto:bradfordnh@srnet.com).

The Board of Selectmen has approved the purchase of new software for the Accounting Department from budget surpluses. This will allow the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's receipts to be electronically posted from her software to the town's general ledger, eliminate posting errors and assure the town books are current to end of day receipts. The office was closed while the software was installed during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. We thank everyone for their patience during that week.

The Selectmen's office has again rearranged the furniture in an attempt to increase the confidentiality of office operations. We have installed a buzzer system on the door to inform us of visitors for afternoons when our receptionist is not working and invite everyone in to see our new arrangement.

The Road Agent and the Selectmen have submitted reimbursement requests to FEMA for \$37,000 of flood related damage for the October floods. This figure does not include the costs associated with the replacement of the West

Meadow Road Bridge which we anticipate to be around \$500,000. We hope to receive about 75% or \$26,000 back in flood relief for the town. The Road Agent was integral in assigning the costs to each road and itemizing the labor assignments. We wish to thank him for his help on the project.

The Board has been working through the remaining budget requests. We have received one petition warrant article to date, and remind everyone of the last date to submit a petition warrant article is February 7th, 2006. The opportunity to register to run for office will begin on January 23rd, and remain open until February 2nd. We encourage interested individuals to check with the Town Clerk regarding the openings on the ballot.

The Needs Assessment Committee, Peter Tennant Architects, Jim Bruss, Chip Meany, building inspector and Mark Goldberg, Fire Chief, have met with the committee to discuss the Valley Transportation Property. Phase one environmental evaluations have been completed as well as some structural investigations. Heather Turner of Forfeng Designs has agreed to help the town with its publicity for the project. We encourage anyone with questions regarding the project to either call the office, or attend one of our meetings. Information is also available on the town's website [www.bradfordnh.com](http://www.bradfordnh.com). The meetings are generally held on Wednesdays, at 9:00am but are posted in advance at the Town hall and the Post Office. Please call the Selectmen's office for details.


The fire department has brought the importance of a house numbering ordinance to the selectmen for implementation. The ordinance was heard in a public meeting on January 3, 2006 during the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting and the 911 Office has notified us they intend to begin the work in mid February. The Rescue and Fire Departments cannot help you if they cannot locate you. Dispatch tones out

the departments with only a street name and house number. If the number is not prominently displayed, precious minutes may be lost in getting help to you in an emergency. We urge you to attend the hearing and comply with the ordinance at your own homes.

On Saturday January 14th, the Board of Selectmen held a hearing on the proposed bond to purchase and renovate the Valley Transportation property and to erect a salt shed on the property. More than sixty people attended the meeting that lasted until 11:30 am., and reviewed a slide show of the current problems and challenges facing the town. Citizens voiced their concerns that the move might fracture the already minimal Main Street, and that the removal of commercial land from the tax roll was not in the town's best interest. Others acknowledged the value of the location, but were concerned that the site did not provide the highway department with the necessary space it needed for now and for the future life of the bond. The Committee and the Selectmen answered some questions and are going over other concerns and suggestions made by the public.

The Board announced its intentions to request permission of the town at the March meeting to sell many of the town owned properties not currently under conservation stewardship, and apply the proceeds to the building project. The public questioned the Selectmen and Jim Bruss, of Bruss Construction, on the costs that were presented and asked if other sites and approaches had been considered. Mr. Bruss indicated there had been in excess of 16 different plans evaluated by the committee. Some of those in attendance supported the plan and others did not. The Board will continue to research all questions, and will hold another bond hearing prior to town meeting. We hope to mail a booklet on the project to all residents prior to that hearing. Please call the office with your questions and concerns. If you missed the meeting, the slide show and question booklet are on the town web site at [www.bradfordnh.com](http://www.bradfordnh.com)

—Cheryl Behr, Town Administrator



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## Planning Board Notes

Highlights of a very busy January 10, 2006 Planning Board meeting included the following actions:

**Mapleview Development/Ledgewood Pines**—The Board conditionally approved the application for this 24 lot “over 55” subdivision located on a private road off Old Warner Road. A 65 day time limit was agreed upon to meet all conditions except permits to be issued by NHDES. These will be filed as the permits are issued. Owner Mark Brunelle was advised that no building permits would be issued until the required cistern is in place and in operation. Set back distances have been amended to reflect fire department concerns and a one-way, counter clockwise traffic pattern will be established for the road. With agreement from Provan and Lorber a construction bond of \$390,000 was set.

**DP Times Two** — At the continuation of the Site Plan Review hearing for a fitness center on Route 103, Tom French, representing the owners Dawn and Daniel Pettiglio, presented changes made to the proposal. The two story building will be 40’ x 80’, parking has been reduced, and a natural buffer of spruce trees will be planted to shield the property. In response to concerns expressed by the Board last month, the building design has been changed to a gable roof structure that will follow the lines of a barn. The application was accepted as complete and the public hearing continued until February 14th.

**Laurendeau Subdivision** — Bob Stewart, Jr. of RCS Designs presented plans for a two lot subdivision with a 13 acre lot with frontage on Rowe Mountain Road and the remaining 51+ acres with frontage on the Class V seasonal section of

Forest Street. The Forest Street portion would not be considered buildable until such time as the road classification is changed. The application was accepted as complete and the hearing continued until February 14th.

**Allen Subdivision**—The Board voted to accept as complete and to give conditional approval to a two lot subdivision on Deer Valley Road.

**Duren Subdivision** - As part of this two lot subdivision on Cheney Hill and Center Roads, owner David Duren offered to donate 200 feet of lot 93B to help the Town relocate the intersection of the two roads. The application was accepted as complete and the hearing continued until February 14th.

—Marcia Keller, Planning Board

## The Bradford Women’s Club

For those of you who couldn’t make it to the last meeting, you missed a delicious Chinese Buffet and bingo games. Thanks to Tracy Foor for placing the order and picking everything up.

Our next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, at 1 p.m. This will be held at the First Baptist Church and will include a discussion on arthritis and information on electrolysis.

All Executive Board Members —please take note—our February Board meeting will be held at my home on Monday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. We ask that all directors and officers attend this evening meeting. We will not be having a morning meeting this month.

## SRK Greenway February Hikes

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition’s winter hike schedule continues in February. For the full winter schedule and other SRK information go to [www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com). The schedule includes a monthly hike with the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway (MSG). For MSG hike details, see [www.msgtc.org](http://www.msgtc.org).

For regular SRK hikes, please call the hike leader at least the night before to learn starting location and time. Snowshoes are the presumed mode of transport, but anything can happen here in New Hampshire.

- **February 3 and every Friday:** For ambitious hikers, Dan Allen and Natalie Davis (763-5320) are offering a Winter Walkabout of all 14 SRK Greenway segments, but hikers can opt in or out any week. Please call a couple of days ahead.
- **February 11 (Sat)** Brian Faughnan (526-7838): In Wilmot, a section of the Round-the-Mountain Trail on Mount Kearsarge.
- **February 25 (Sat)** Mt. Monadnock. Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway hike. See [www.msgtc.org](http://www.msgtc.org).

- **February 26 (Sun)** Ralph Spofford (526-6568): A 3-4 hour easy hike northwest of Pleasant Lake following the footsteps of New London’s first commuters.

Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores. The SRK Greenway Coalition, incorporated in 1993, is a ten-town all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond.



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## Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

Join us at Brown Memorial Library for our next book-to-movie discussion of *Almost a Woman* by Esmeralda Santiago on Friday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available at the library.

The library will be open on Presidents' Day, Monday February 20 our usual hours (10-8).

Did you know we have music CDs at the library? We have recently received some high quality classical and jazz titles. You may borrow them for two weeks.

Children's story time continues on Wednesdays at 10:30. Please bring your suggestions for activities, or perhaps a time that would be more convenient. We are always willing to adjust to meet the needs of our patrons, big and small!

Check out some of the new titles added to your library in January:

FOR ADULTS:

*Gentlemen & Players* by Joanne Harris  
*Shalimar the Clown* by Salman Rushdie

*On the Run* by Iris Johansen

*The Constant Princess* by Philippa Gregory

*She Got Up Off the Couch* by Haven Kimmel

*The People's Act of Love* by James Meek

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*Operation Red Jericho* by Joshua Mowll

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## KAP's "Little Hearts" Concert with Kathy Lowe is Fun for All



Photo by Russell Smith

*"All Aboard the Rainbow Train" with Kathy Lowe and Bradford community children*

Kearsarge Area Preschool's "Entertainment and Arts For Little Hearts" presented Kathy Lowe in Concert at the KRES at Bradford on Saturday, January 21st. Kathy performed an interactive musical experience for the young and young at heart. Children danced, sang and played various percussive instruments as they boarded the "Rainbow Train" led by Kathy Lowe.

Kathy has been teaching, performing, and recording children's music for over fifteen years and has traveled throughout the Northeast delighting audiences with her special form of musical entertainment.

Our thanks to Kathy for sharing her talents with us and also to Principal Spadaro and KRES at Bradford who helped KAP host the event.

—Fred Hubley, KAP President



Photo submitted by Lyn Betz

*Students at the Kearsarge Area Preschool read by flashlight on Dark Day. After exploring light and dark in the previous weeks, children came to school in P.J.s on the Winter Solstice to find their normally bright and sunny classroom lit only by two small lamps and some strands of mini lights. Parents joined them for a celebration with songs, a story, and special snacks to cap off a most memorable morning.*

## KRSD Middle School Facilities Update

The Kearsarge Regional School Board, in response to information gathered at a May 2005 Public Forum, has hired The H. L. Turner Group of Concord to objectively reassess our options regarding the Middle School Building Project.

This comprehensive report was presented to the Facilities Committee on Wednesday, November 2nd. The full report is available for viewing at the S.A.U. Office or online at [www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us](http://www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us). This will bring you to the school district Homepage. At the Choose icon, drop down to the Facilities Information Center section. The H. L. Turner Group Report is located at the top of the page. In addition, you will find a complete archive of our 2005-2006

community updates.

Based upon findings from that report, the Kearsarge Regional School Board has subsequently hired The H.L. Turner Group to provide a more intensive survey relative to the current structural conditions at the existing middle school building. Information will be made available as soon as the report is received.

—KRSD Communications Committee

*The District Communications Committee is committed to providing you accurate information regarding the middle school building project. Look for us on the web at [www.Kearsarge.k12.nh.us](http://www.Kearsarge.k12.nh.us).*

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## BRADFORD BRIDGE ABBREVIATION MAP

BACC-Bradford Area Community Ctr.  
 BML-Brown Memorial Library  
 BWC-Bradford Womens' Club  
 KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool  
 KRES-Bradford Elementary School  
 S. Ctr. -Senior Center at the BACC  
 TH-Bradford Town Hall  
 ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustments

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## BACC PROGRAM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	<b>Ongoing Events</b>		
	CHILDREN'S STORYTIME Memorial Library, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. <span style="float: right;">Brown</span>		
	BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY <span style="float: right;">Old</span> Post Office Bldg, open most Sats. 1:30-3 p.m. or call 938-5386 for appt.		
	"CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST CAFÉ" <span style="float: right;">Se-</span> nior Center, Fridays, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Fresh fruit, pastry, cereal, juice & coffee.		
<b>5</b>	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga of the Heart, S. Ctr. 12:30 pm, Sudoku, Free, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 3-5 pm, Junior Girl Scouts, BACC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
		S. Ctr. 10 am, Quilting Bees, BACC 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7 pm, Line Dancing, KRES 7 pm, KAP Board Mtg., BACC 7 pm, Budget Committee, TH 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, ZBA, Public Hearing, TH	NEW—7 Con
<b>12</b>	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga of the Heart, S. Ctr.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
		9:30 am, BWC Board Meeting, BACC 10 am - Knit Wits, S. Ctr. 6-7 pm, Line Dancing, KRES 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Budget Committee, TH 7 pm, Planning Board, TH	6:30 pm, Pa Matinée M 2104 fo  Bradford Call 93
<b>19</b>	1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC  Senior Center is Closed for President's Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
		10 am, Quilting Bees, S. Ctr. 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7:30 pm, Conservation Committee, TH	
<b>26</b>	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga of the Heart, S. Ctr.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
		6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Planning Board, TH	

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am, Go Red! Celebration w/ LSVNA for Women, Free, S. Ctr 11 am, "♥ Healthy Brunch", call 938-2104 to reserve, S. Ctr. 7 pm, Book-to-Movie Discussion, BML	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	11am-1pm, Writing Group, BACC
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am-12 pm, Card Sharks, S. Ctr 10-11:30 am, "Continental	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10-11:30 am, "Continental Breakfast Café", S. Ctr.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	11am-1pm, Writing Group, BACC
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am-12 pm, Card Sharks, S. Ctr 10-11:30 am, "Continental	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	10-11am, KAP Active Game Program, BACC

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## TOWN CLERK

There are no VITAL RECORDS to report for the month of January.

February 3, 2006 is the last day to sign up for candidacy of office for the available openings within the town positions. There are also many openings within the various boards and commissions that are looking for willing volunteers to assist them with their duties. You can sign up to have your name put on the ballot at the Town Clerk's office, or you contact the group that particularly interests you.

You may now renew your dog license at your convenience between now and the end of April.

Automobile renewal registrations can be renewed by mail. Boat renewal registrations can be done by mail through this office or in person. Two checks will be required. One made out for the town and the other made out for the state. When boat registrations are renewed through the state, all of the revenue remains with the state. Part of the charge is supposed to be set aside for the towns, but the state does not forward those fees to us.

Snowmobile, fishing, and ATV registrations are available through this office. We are now accepting applications for snowmobile club membership for the Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club. This membership is \$30.00 for individual or family and includes membership in the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association.

## TAX COLLECTOR

Tax lien notices and deed notices will be mailed by the end of the month.

## TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

The office will be closed on February 20, 2006 for President's Day.

### REGULAR HOURS:

MONDAY—Noon to 7 p.m.  
TUESDAY 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
& 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
FRIDAY 8 a.m. to Noon &  
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

—Sue Pebrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector



## Food for Thought: A National Disgrace

by Mike Quinn

In November, my employer announced health insurance premiums would increase 50% in 2006. The shock was soon followed by the reality of paychecks smaller than they were just two months ago.

My wife's company is larger and her premiums lower, so she covers herself and our son. Five years ago, I'd be part of family coverage. No more: her company would hit us with a \$150 monthly surcharge on top of already elevated premiums simply because my employer offers (prohibitively expensive) insurance.

Like millions of American families, we're holding our breath until November, waiting to be told that premiums are taking another double-digit jump and benefits will be reduced again.

Hence our national disgrace. While elected officials at federal level bluster and posture about accessibility to affordable healthcare, they're doing nothing meaningful to alleviate the stress and suffering of Americans with overpriced or nonexistent health insurance.

Why should they? Federal employees receive relatively low-cost health insurance, having upwards of 80% of their premiums paid by the government. Sheer numbers insulate

them from dramatic premium increases from year to year, and provide plentiful coverage and care options. From their perspective there is no problem.

The rhetoric about their vision for a healthier America sounds a little hollow, doesn't it?

If officials had a shred of compassion for working Americans, they'd begin a process of opening the Federal employee health insurance program to U.S. citizens. We'd pay lower premiums even if the government covered none of the cost because of the massive size of the insured pool.

Costs for programs assisting the uninsured or under insured would drop because more working families would be able to get the care they need and be able to afford it themselves. Small businesses, no longer saddled with healthcare costs, would be able to retain employees, grow their businesses, and energize local economies.

In 2006, no American working family should have to choose between health insurance coverage and putting food on the table. Some families have reached that point already. We should be deeply ashamed.

*Comments or suggestions for Mike? E-mail michaeljquinn@tds.net*

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## KRSD News from Jon Steiner

The Deliberative Session held on January 7th attracted over 200 voters and discussion centered mostly around two major issues: The proposal for a new middle school and the budget.

The budget discussion included presentations by the Board and the Municipal Budget Committee, with each explaining how they arrived at a number. The difference of \$50,000 between the two budgets shows how carefully each group did their work to arrive at a responsible number for both the taxpayers and the kids of the District.

A petitioned amendment to change the charter was also discussed. It would change the way we vote for the school budget, providing voters with a third choice as a default budget, based on the previous year's budget. While I'm all for choice, let me explain why this is a bad idea.

The school budget begins with administrators creating a list of all the anticipated costs needed to run the district. Administration then starts removing items to lower the budget. The School

Board then looks at the budget and makes its own recommendations of items that can be cut or put off for another year. Following this, the Budget Committee painstakingly evaluates the budget looking for any other "fat" to trim. These budgets are then presented to the voters at the deliberative session and citizens may make motions to raise or lower the amounts as they see fit. As you can see, this is a thoughtful process with lots of hands-on examination and plenty of input throughout the process.

Any voter can ask questions or propose changes. On the other hand, a default budget is based on old information ignoring all the hard work done by many people over many months and the broad base of knowledge that went into creating the number. A default budget could create widespread cuts—it could mean the elimination of teams, advanced classes, or other important programs that make this District so special. Through my professional work, I've seen the devastation caused by default budgets in

other communities. I urge you to vote no on the charter change.

The middle school site debate was informative, but I don't think it changed many minds, as most people at the meeting seemed to be strongly in the New London or Sutton camp already. KARMA has now announced that they can shoehorn a similarly designed school as proposed for Sutton on the New London site, albeit with some

changes and wetlands issues. They claim the costs are marginally lower, but with so much research missing on the New London site, no one honestly knows what the costs could climb to—the truth is it could be more!

I could continue with facts about traffic, athletic fields, improved bus service, but what the entire debate boils down to is this: Do we want to be progressive and think about the future, or lock ourselves in the past with yet another bad decision?

Selecting New London means we are limited from any further expansion on the site for both the middle school and the New London Elementary School.

Choosing Sutton gives us room to grow New London Elementary, expand the Sutton Middle School in pods, collaborate with the high school, improve busing times for all kids and think broadly about the future of the District. Sutton is the right choice. Enough said.

In other news, I will be working on a new subcommittee with other Board members and citizens to look at long-range planning for the district as a whole. It is hoped we can put together and manage a strategic plan for growth as we continue seeing so many people move into our towns.

—Jon Steiner, KRSD Board Member



### Breakdown of the KRSD January 7th Deliberative Session ... in a Nutshell

There will be seven warrant articles on the school ballot;

- Article 1 is to construct and equip a new Middle School, about \$25 million; tax impact to Bradford estimated 31¢.
- Article 2 asks if Article 1 is adopted, should it be constructed in New London or Sutton.
- Article 3 asks for over \$27 million to be raised for the school budget 2006/2007; municipal budget committee recommends +/- \$50,000 less; tax impact \$8.83-\$8.85.
- Article 4 is to add \$100,000 for Special Ed expendable trust, tax impact 4¢
- Article 5 to raise \$25,000 capital reserve fund, to be funded from unencumbered surplus; no tax impact.
- Article 6 asks for \$75,000 to be added to capital reserve for roof repair or replacement. Tax impact 4¢.

There will be a petitioned warrant article to amend the charter to allow a default budget.

Check list supervisors checked in twenty two Bradford residents.

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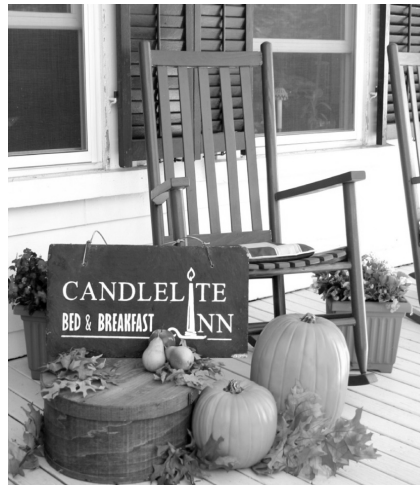


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—submitted by Heather Turner

## Disabled Vet Takes to the Slopes at Mount Sunapee



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NEHSA, which teaches adaptive skiing and riding to disabled children and adults, depends on its fund-raisers to support its programs, which includes a dedicated corps of nearly 200 volunteers, a well-stocked equipment room and its own lodge. NEHSA's weekday program includes teaching students who participate in winter activities at our own Bradford school.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Join NEHSA for a free BBQ lunch. After lunch, ski or ride for the rest of the day. To help NEHSA cover costs, which includes the lift ticket, each person needs to bring at least \$75 in pledges. For those who raise more, there are sweatshirts and also gift certificates donated by Bob Skinner's Ski and Sports.

For more information and pledge sheets contact: Debbie Bruss at 938-2979 or NEHSA at 1-800-628-4484, or go to [www.NEHSA.org](http://www.NEHSA.org).

—submitted by Deb Bruss

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## Real Estate Hints:

### Don't Forget the Garage!

by Laura Hallaban



While this column has tackled home improvement and landscaping issues on more than one occasion, the sacred space known as the garage has been overlooked. This month's *Realtor Magazine* has a timely review of a book entitled, *Organize Your Garage in No Time*, that puts forth the idea that your garage does not have to be a dumping ground and is, in fact, an essential space. A house with a garage has a better chance of selling than one without, especially if there is little or no cost differential. The problem with most garages is clutter.

Homeowners have a tough time finding space for their car(s) in a garage full of sports equipment, lawn mowers, tools and "toys" (such as boats, snowmobiles, etc.), along with piles of junk that have accumulated over the years. It seems the only time people clean their garage is when they move!

In a balanced market like we are experiencing these days, every advantage is important if you are selling. Organizing this space — just like organizing the house, can turn your garage into an asset that will allow potential buyers to see what they are buying and they may be willing to pay more if they like what they see. This book helps home owners analyze their storage needs, decide what to keep and what to throw away, and eliminate any safety hazards. It is filled with checklists, photos, storage solutions and practical tips, such as the following:

**EMPTY THE GARAGE.** This may not be a great winter project, but it is most effective to remove everything from the garage at one time so you can see the entire space and assess what you have accu-

mulated. Once outside the garage, sort through everything and group similar items together. If you know beforehand that your time is limited, only take out sections of the garage at a time so you can finish the job and aren't just moving things in and out.

**KEEP, DONATE OR THROW AWAY.** The next step is to separate the items into these three categories by asking some simple but important questions. Do I use this item? How often? Is it in good working order and safe to keep? Is it still a useful item? Do I have a place to keep it? What would be the worst thing that would happen if I got rid of it?

**USE WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE.** Before rushing out to buy organizing shelves and storage bins, look around the garage and house to see if you have existing storage solutions. An old dresser could be the answer for organizing tools. Bookcases and filing cabinets are also good choices, as well as sturdy cardboard boxes. If you still need more storage ideas, there are many products for sale that can help you put things in their place once and for all.

Even if you aren't thinking about selling your house, imagine what it would be like to never scrape ice off your windshield again! Critters, too, love cluttered spaces. Finally, think about how nice it will feel to give unused items away to others in need.

#### RECENT SALES IN BRADFORD

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## The Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream/Plus Square Dance in honor of St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 18th at the Kearsage Regional Elementary School in Bradford from 8-10:30 p.m. Lenny Stratton will call, and Bernie Porter will cue. Price of admission is \$6 per person, and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Arlo or Norma Burns at 927-4454. Spectators are free, and always made welcome.

—Submitted by Shirley Trombley

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

The deliberative session held on January 7th clearly showed the need for a new middle school in our growing district. The questions and arguments raised with regard to the actual location of this school only reinforces the voters are finally unanimous in their thoughts that the problems of the present middle school will not disappear overnight. Inasmuch as the KARMA group has professed that their idea of rebuilding in New London is the focal point of the district, where the school should remain. It is not. It is one if seven other towns in one district. This only demonstrates the biased and self-centered character of this group. It is NOT about New London; and by all means, this is not the north versus the south. It is about *our children and the future of the school district.*

The time is now for all of us to similarly think of the younger generations and the opportunities that should be passed on to them, that of becoming educated in an environment that makes all of our towns exactly what they are—rural communities, surrounded by beautiful land and pure air. Let us not be bogged down with what a certain few think. What makes a town is its people—not a school being present. We need to envision what is best for the children of tomorrow.

It is time to support the School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee who have spent countless hours solidifying their ideas over the past few years. These members are clearly on board with the reality of the situation: The Sutton site is the best choice! Vote for Sutton today and you will help the towns, educators and *most importantly*, the students of tomorrow.

—Maryse Conway

To the Editor:

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the tall yellow “Planet Aid” boxes at Bradford’s transfer station seemed to be overflowing more than in the past. Maybe that was just coincidence or “charity

as usual.” Or did some of those bulging plastic bags represent our compassion for the hurricane’s neediest survivors? Surely those people deserved some help from “Planet Aid!”

In any event, I contributed my mite—a winter coat, a pair of rubber boots, shoes, and a few other things. It was no great sacrifice on my part, and I hoped those items would keep someone warm and dry.

Now I realize how appropriate those yellow boxes are, lined up not far from the compactors for cardboard and paper. It’s all about recycling things that people can use—clothing, footwear, carpeting, cardboard, paper, glass, steel, aluminum, and more. It makes sense: a good jacket or shirt doesn’t belong in the dumpster, along with chicken bones, soiled diapers, and old mattresses. Some food scraps can be composted and returned to the soil. Some metals can be reclaimed and reused—instead of being burned, reduced to toxic ash, and buried somewhere. (But where?)

In the long run, our recycled items create jobs—the laundering and dry-cleaning of wearable things, and the reprocessing of materials that can be used in manufacturing or road construction. In the short term, Bradford saves money by avoiding the costs of hauling and incinerating some items while selling others, such as aluminum, paper, and cardboard.

So—we can recycle in the name of charity, or thrift, or jobs and a cleaner environment. Or we may be just cleaning out our closets. But let’s keep it up!

—Melanie Simo Muchow

Dear Friends of the Bradford Business Association:

On behalf of the Town of Bradford Scholarship committee thank you for your continued support of our Bradford students with your generous donations each year to our town scholarship. We appreciated that your fund raisers these past years have been for our scholarship.

To our community, please support the members of the Bradford Business Association as they are always there for the youth of our town and others.

—Dawn Rich

Letter to the Editor,

My daughter and I enjoyed an interactive concert with Kathy Lowe yesterday afternoon (1/21) at the Kearsarge Elementary School at Bradford. Kathy Lowe enchanted her audience and kept us moving, dancing, and even trying out a few new instruments.

Thank you to Kathy Lowe, the Kearsarge Area Preschool, and KRES Bradford for providing this opportunity to area residents.

—Jill Pinard

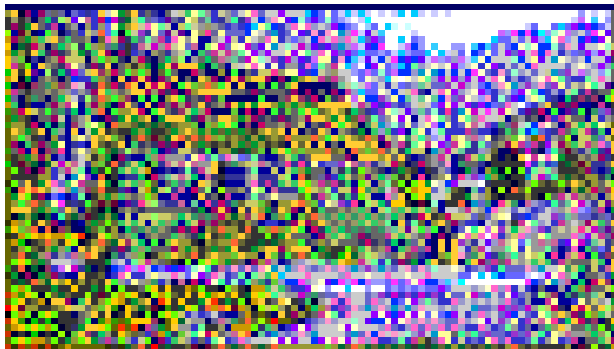
To the Editor,

A good man has left us. Howard Klein died on Christmas Day, 2005, leaving all of us who knew him deprived of a good friend. Men often think that if they have to go it might as well be doing something they enjoy. He did. Howard delighted in skiing, and in having won the Mount Sunapee Over-70 races last year at the age of 77.

The day before he died, he proudly showed off his 70-Plus pin which was his Sunapee pass. His dying on the slopes was probably the way he would have wanted to exit. But it was much too soon for him to leave us. Howard had a zest for life and was always ready to relish the delights of new experiences.

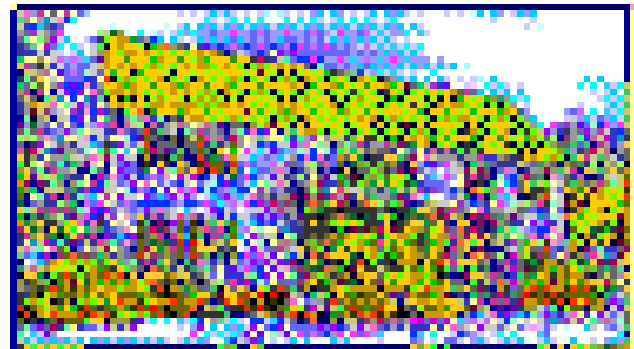
Howard and Marion and their children “discovered” Bradford in the 1960s, converting a series of historic buildings until they settled on County Road. They loved the sunsets, the views, fishing and swimming in their pond, their garden, the food at the Junction, and the quirky historic features of their house such as the beehive oven. Most of all they enjoyed the character and craftsmanship of people who helped them

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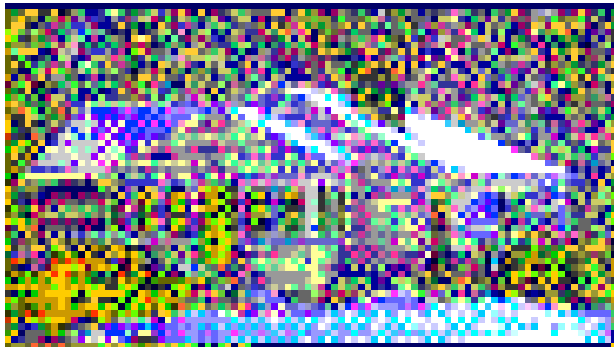
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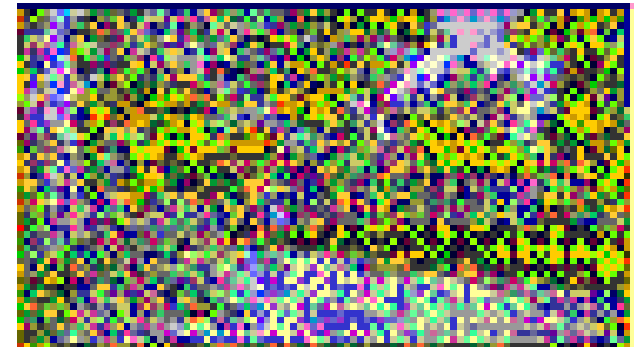
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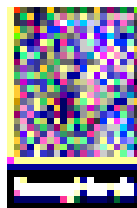
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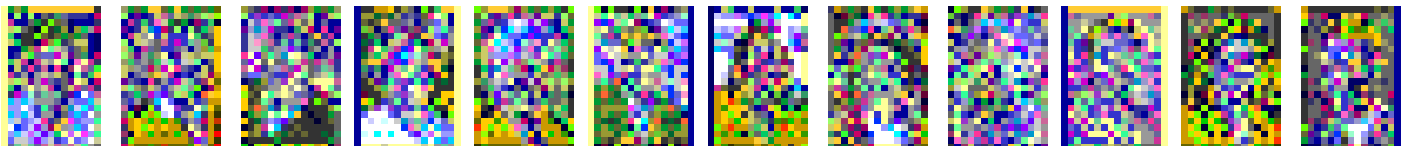
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# Obituaries



## RAYMOND A. GARNEAU

Bradford, NH-Raymond A. Garneau, 81, of High Street, died Wed., Jan. 11, 2006 at Hanover Terrace Healthcare, Hanover, NH. He was born in Woonsocket, RI on March 4, 1924 the son of Albert and Lydia (St. Jean) Garneau. He spent his early years in N. Providence, RI. He lived in Seekonk, MA for 45 years and had been self employed selling Wonder Chair Baby Furniture. He was a sales manager for Singer for many years and then for Sofro when they merged. Mr. Garneau moved to Bristol, NH and then last year to Bradford, NH to be with his daughter and son-in-law. He enjoyed swing music, dancing, and collecting coins and stamps. He loved his family and particularly being a grandfather. Mr. Garneau liked planes and one year for their anniversary he and his wife took a glider ride. One of his fondest memories was sitting next to Ted Williams in the dugout talking about fishing. He was predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Arline (Sullivan) Garneau, in 2005 and a sister, Rita Charbonneau. Members of his family surviving include two daughters, Ann C. Paine of Bradford, NH and Ellen N. DePasquale of Queens Village, NY; six grandchildren, Katherine, Rebecca, Robert, Michael, Amanda, and Marisa; nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Jan. 20, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. at The First Baptist Church of Bradford with The Rev. Lynne Hubleby, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford, NH in the spring. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257. Chadwick Funeral Service of New London, NH is in charge of ar-

rangements.

## HOWARD B. KLEIN

Howard Klein died December 27th, 2005 at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon, after a skiing accident at Mt. Sunapee on Christmas day. He is survived by his devoted wife Marion, the artist, their children Amanda, Mathew and Josh, his sister Lila and 8 grandchildren.

After visiting friends who lived on Deer Valley Road the Kleins fell in love with Bradford.

In 1965 they bought their first house in Bradford on Marshall Hill Road. They came to New Hampshire whenever they could get away from school and work in NYC. Later they bought the Lincoln Weld house on County Road and remodeled the interior to make room for their expanding family.

Howard was an active outdoors man. He loved skiing, gardening and sailing on Lake Todd. He was also an avid reader, but most of all he loved people.

Howard served as Chairman of the Union Congregational Society, the group that works to preserve the Center Meeting House.

The funeral was private.

Contributions may be made in memory of Howard to the Union Congregational Society; c/o Don Jackson, treasurer; P. O. Box 450, Bradford, NH, 03221



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restore their houses. They also spent many summer hours at their boathouse on Lake Todd where Howard continued to be an avid wind-surfer.

He and Marion thoroughly enjoyed the comforts and pleasures they had earned but never forgot where they came from. They were — and Marion will continue to be — champions of social justice.

On the Friday night before Howard died he was talking with great pleasure of having been asked to chair the Christmas Eve program at the Old Meeting House in Bradford Center. He treasured the many activities at the Meeting House that he had been involved in, including the Lettvin concerts and the pig roasts. As he was thinking about what he wanted to say at the program, he enthused about the inclusive and ecumenical nature of the Bradford community. The Christmas pageant also comes at a time of the celebration of Hanukkah and he wanted to check on the dates of Kwanza so as to include it in his comments.

It's with a great lump in our throats that we say goodbye to Howard. We'll miss his enthusiasm, good cheer, and many acts of kindness. Those of us who knew and loved him know how much Marion and their daughter, sons and grandchildren will miss him.

—John and Ruth-Ann Harris



# First Baptist Church News

*From Lynne E. Hubley*

**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD:** On Friday, February 3rd at 11:30 a.m., the Women's Christian Guild will meet at the church for a potluck luncheon and a program called "Mind Games".

**PURPOSE DRIVEN MINISTRY FAIR:** Immediately following the worship service on Sunday, February 12th there will be a Purpose Driven Ministry Fair in the church vestry. This is a follow-up to the "Forty Days of Purpose Spiritual Campaign" we did in the fall. The vestry will have displays from the various boards and committees of the church showing different ministry opportunities that people can plug into. The vestry will be transformed into a "fair" atmosphere with lots of good food.

**VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER:** On Tuesday, February 14th at 6 p.m. the church will serve a lemon chicken dinner with rice pilaf, 2 vegetables, rolls and

some Valentine's desserts. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children who are 12 and under. Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the Heifer Project International Mission. Snow date for the dinner will be February 15th.

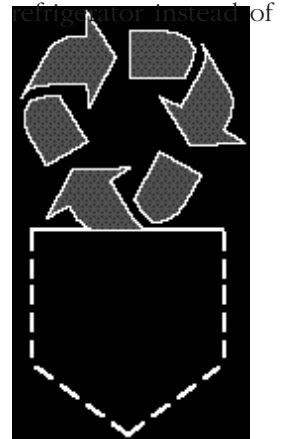
**FOOD PANTRY:** The February distribution date is Wednesday, February 15 from 6 to 7 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY:** On Sunday, February 26th, at 1 p.m., folks from the church will go to the home of Judy and Tom Marshall on Lake Massasecum and enjoy a Winter Wonderland Party. Depending on the weather, we will go sledding, skating, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and/or enjoy some board games inside.

*from the Transfer Station...*

## Kenny's Recycling Tidbits

- Use reusable containers to store food in your habitually wrapping food in aluminum foil or plastic wrap.
- Keep rags in the kitchen to wipe up spills instead of using paper towels every time. Then wash and reuse the rags.
- Children do listen to their parents. Teaching children about recycling will create an environmentally conscious adult.
- How we treat our resources eventually affects the foods we eat. Support environmentally responsible companys, like Stoneyfield Farm, who promote recycling and do not use synthetic ingredients in their products.



—references: Natural Resources & Recovery Association

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# Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

I went to the Pearl Town Forest at dawn to look for a story. The trunks of trees and the faded banners of summer's vegetation seem dormant to my eye and were not offering any leads. I was hoping for animals. The 'Butman' road that morning was skateable. The meager crusted snow in the former log yard was more inviting. It was here, some years ago, on a wet March night that a friend and I watched frogs and toads carousing in the tiny temporary ponds. Evil-looking water tigers, larvae of predaceous diving beetles, were busy eating tadpoles. Now the hard snow was pocked with little impact craters of the weird winter rains we've been having. The wind was loud, frozen trees rubbing each other with the sound of a dozen swing sets. My footsteps were loud too, but there was a chance that, walking upwind, I might interrupt something else roaming about before the half moon had left and the sun was full up.

The northern two thirds of the Pearl is mostly pine and level. Small rocks piled on big rocks indicate that this land was once used for hay or cultivation - such effort would not have been expended for the grazing comfort of livestock. As if to prove this, the rust-orange frame of a one-horse spring tooth harrow is propped unnaturally upright on a tree.

A stream, intent on joining the Hoyt Brook, divides the parcel. The southern third, beyond the stream, is raised by glacial whim in its center and bounded by wetlands. The unchecked growth of vegetation has been left to the imagination of the forest. The unnamed stream this morning is too free and

too full to cross dry and with decorum. I crunched back to the Butman Road to span it and followed the stonewall back in. This wall may have once kept sheep or other domestic animals from muddying the waters and heading for the field that once was beyond.

The wetlands are over full and leaking to the brook in the unseasonable warmth. This morning they are the colors we associate with sickness. Alders moving in the wind cause the ice

to sound and crack. Pink and orange flagging adorn the trees here, remnants of a trail laid out in the mid-eighties. An elementary school class working on this project once overturned a log exposing the rare sight of a blue-spotted mole salamander. Overlying the old flagging are the brighter markers of someone else's plans, a ski trail perhaps, if snow ever comes to stay this winter. It would be hard to get lost in the Pearl now, its boundaries are marked by stonewalls and the hard forestry of abutters.

The sun was seriously up by the time I'd meandered

to the southern end. Boulders studding the central hump have been used by coyote and fox to scan for stream-running mink, squirrels, and the ubiquitous vole. Deer tracks and the depressions of their afternoon naps are clustered at the edge of an open finger of water. Chickadees, a nuthatch, and the pounding sounds of pileated woodpeckers at breakfast are the only warmblooded company I find this morning.

For nearly two decades in the early 1800s, this land was worked by the Jackman family. Their cellar hole still exists, a neighbor to the Butman cellar hole at the far end of this now-private driveway. For generations of the West family

who lived on the north side of West road, across from this land. It was, perhaps, West's harrow that languishes out there. The Pearl's most important function now is as a small refugia for wildlife.

John and Lena Pearl, who until recently owned the home on West road across the street, gave the thirty-seven acre Pearl Town Forest to the town in 1980. It was their hope and dedeed intent for this land to continue forever after as conser-



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## Busy as Bees



Photo by Heather Turner

Bradford Area Senior Center Quilting Bees giving the queen sized, hand appliquéd "A Summer Garden" quilt to Mrs. Francis Sevene of South Newbury, she won the raffle that the Quilting Bees held to benefit the Bradford Area Senior Center.

## Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford has New Meeting Time and Space

The Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. (RHC) has moved the date and location of its meetings to the second Wednesday of every month at the Brown Memorial Library. The change of date will make it easier for members to attend and the library has reference materials that will be available to the group.

The RHC is a non-profit organization that coalesced in 2003. The group's mission is to promote the preservation of properties that have historic, recreational or environmental significance in town.

In 2004, the RHC, the Conservation Commission, the NH Charitable Trust, and many donors joined forces and resources to add the remaining and best part of the Atlantic white cedar swamp to the already conserved Bog conservation area. The RHC has also researched grants for the town, fielded inquiries about easements, helped with the Master Plan process, and is currently working with the Historical Society to improve housing for Bradford's treasures.

The RHC is made up of residents and landowners and anyone can join at any time. Meetings are brief and are held at 7 p.m. The next meeting will be on February 8th, at the Brown Memorial Library. For more information, contact Miranda Levin at 938-6095 or Ann Eldridge at 938-5266.

—J. Ann Eldridge, RHC Secretary

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