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## Memorial Day Observance in Bradford

In observance of Memorial Day, like many cities and towns across our great nation, the town of Bradford pays respect to those who served in the military dating back to the Indian War in 1754. Each May a new flag is placed at the graves of veterans buried in Bradford cemeteries.

Over 275 veterans are buried in Bradford cemeteries. There is a list that has been compiled and some veterans have a designated war they served in. From this information at least 1 served in the Indian War, 28 served in the American Revolution, 9 in the War of 1812, 37 in the Civil War, 40 in World War I, 70 in World War II, 10 in Korea, and 5 in Vietnam.

There is a Civil War soldier monument at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery erected in 1906 with the names of 12 soldiers who were buried elsewhere. The cannonballs on this monument are from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Some last names of the veterans are very familiar within the town: Cheney, Marshall, Brown, West, Rowe, Jones, Shattuck, Tappan, Cressey, French and Pierce.

Being English subjects prior to the Revolution, American Revolution veterans: James Presbury, Daniel Cressey, Isaac Davis, Abram Smith and Capt Asa Brockway signed the

petition for incorporation for Bradford in 1787. There are also many other family names on the veterans list who signed the petitions as well.

Some of the veterans: Offin French (Am. Rev.) was a veteran of the Battle of Bennington. Ralph Elcock was killed in action with the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Town Clerk and Treasurer, Lieut. Stephen Hoyt. (Am. Rev.) was the father of Gen. Stephen Hoyt (Civil War). General Hoyt was said to be Bradford's first school teacher. Colonel Mason Tappan (Civil War) was Attorney General and spoke on the floor of the US House to



plead for abolition. Andrew Aiken served at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Two veterans from Bradford who served in WWII were killed in action: Capt Kenneth Brown (buried in Sunny Plain) and Amos Shattuck.

NH's only President, Franklin Pierce has a relative, Benjamin Franklin Pierce (Civil War) buried with his family at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Pierce and his wife's letters from the Civil War were found years after their death. A book was published in 1995 "An Enduring Love" that gives a snapshot of this time in our history. This book is available at Brown Memorial Library.

## 10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This is a continuation in a series of interviews with people in Bradford. This month we welcome May and the beginning of the growing season in New Hampshire. Although May is usually a lovely month it also brings the dreaded black flies. We have to take the good with the bad and decide that May is for flowers, potted plants, shrubs and perennials and in Bradford we are fortunate to have Rock Maple Nursery which helps to promote new growth and flowers for our gardens thanks to Debbie and Charlie Spaulding.*

*Deborah Meredith Spaulding was born in Evansville, Indiana to parents who weren't farmers but enjoyed growing gardens and roses. She studied Retail Management at school and followed that career for some years in St. Louis, Missouri until she moved to Merrimack, New Hampshire where she met and married Charlie Spaulding. Charlie Spaulding was born and grew up on his family's farm in Hollis, New Hampshire. The Spaulding family worked the farm which had an orchard, produced poultry and eggs and had the Purina Feed dealership.*

**Q. Rock Maple Nursery is the name of your business. When did you start and how did you decide on the name?**

Debbie: We arrived at the name by default. We originally wanted to name it Rock Maple Farm but someone in the state already had

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## From The Editor

The calendar marks spring as March 21, but all of us here in New Hampshire know that cannot be true. As this is written, the sun is shining, the air is mild, ice is out, the daffodils are in bloom and perhaps spring is on its uneven course.

We need sunshine and warmth to help us cope with the economic problems that we either face directly or through friends and family. It is sad to see businesses close in Bradford – some have been fixtures in the town for many years in one form or another. Can some of the stimulus money being passed out be used constructively to help revive our town?

Perhaps this is a good time to think about whether Bradford is just the place where we live or if it is our “community” where we participate and help to make it better. There are abundant opportunities to be involved in Bradford. Apologies for any group not listed – contact the Bridge to add your group or organization.

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| Bradford Art Group                      | Mountain View Senior Center      |
| Bradford Women’s Club                   | Masons and Eastern Star          |
| Fish & Game Club                        | Baptist Church                   |
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| (for existing or potential businesses)  | Bradford Improvement Association |
| Friends of the Library                  | Rural Heritage Connection        |
| Independence Day Committee              | BNSYS                            |
| Bradford Barter                         | Lake Todd Association            |
| Bradford Improvement Association        | Bradford Area Community Center   |
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and more including several Town Boards and Committees that can always use more volunteers – Fire and Rescue Squads, Parks & Recreation Committee, Planning and Zoning Boards. Which one serves your needs, matches your interests? Share your talents and ideas, become involved and be part of this community. Remember that all of these groups together form the fabric of our town and should work together to bring a brighter future to Bradford.

Another area where we can all help is through supporting our local businesses, especially those who advertise in the Bridge – their ads keep this newspaper on track and available to bring you the local news each month.

Let the Bridge serve, as it was designed to do, as a local source for information, news, and events. We, too, are volunteers and cover local meetings primarily through the posted minutes. Any help in this respect would be a good contribution to this community effort. Please send your news items and schedule of events for inclusion in the Bridge. Comments and opinions are welcome as letters to the editor (signed and with a 250 word limit).

Let the renewal of spring and summer usher in the beginnings of Bradford’s renewal as not only a comfortable place to live, but as a community of people and groups working together.

Marcia Keller

May Editor

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## Bradford Happenings

### Bradford Women's Club

Bradford Women's Club has been busy this month. Our Mother's Day Basket Raffle is in full swing and many raffle tickets were sold at the Bradford, Newbury and Sutton Post Offices. The drawing will be May 4th at the BACC. Good luck to all who bought raffle tickets. May 20 is the annual BWC Dinner for our members. If you did not get a post card, please contact Sandy Eller, 938-5564.

Our BWC Scholarship is open to all women continuing their education from Bradford, Newbury, and Sutton. This also applies to a woman who has lost her job and wants to retrain. Applications can be obtained at the Kearsage High School Guidance Dept or call Jackye Pehrson, 938-5951. The last day to submit an application is May 22.

### Bradford Historical Society

Wednesday, May 27th, visit to a private Bradford collection, 7:30 p.m. For directions, please call 938-5386 or 938-2634.

Wednesday, June 3rd, program by the Kearsarge Music Department, Bradford Baptist Church, 7:30p.m.

Smithy - presently the raising is scheduled for early June. Materials will be transported to the front Marshall lot site during the end of May. We send an exceedingly large thank you to Tom and Judy Marshall (no relation) for winter storage.

### Nature's Circle Summer Day Camp

Registration is now open. Nature's Circle Summer Camp will provide fun outdoor activities that encourage Community and create nature-based skills in youngsters ages 6~12. Register your child NOW for one or all of the following weeks: July 13 ~ July 20 ~ July 27 ~ August 3 ~ August 10 ~ Aug 17  
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### Engagement



Hansen – Mills

Elliot and Susan Hansen of New London and Bradford announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan, to Jonathan Mills, son of Brian and Donna Mills of Franklin.

Megan graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School in 2003. She earned a bachelors degree in Marketing from Plymouth State University and recently earned her license in Real Estate in NH. She currently works for The Common Man Inn in Plymouth as an Event Coordinator and Salesperson for Elliot Hansen Associates, A Real Estate Company located in the Lake Sunapee region.

John graduated Franklin High School in 2001 and earned a degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson & Wales University. He currently manages the Pizza Chef Restaurant of Grantham and will be furthering his career in the culinary arts.

A June 13<sup>th</sup> wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in New London.

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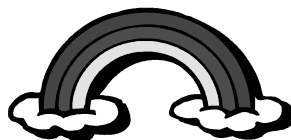
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The work of America's 2.9 million registered nurses (RNs) to save lives and to maintain the health of millions of individuals is the focus of this year's National Nurses Week, celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States. This year, the American Nurses Association (ANA) has selected "Nurses: Making a Difference Every Day" as the theme for 2008. Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, registered nurses all over the country will be honored.

Traditionally, National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest healthcare profession, are working to improve healthcare. From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding healthcare needs of American society.

**Did you know...?**

There are nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States. And 2.4 million of them are actively employed.

RNs top the list of the 10 occupations with the largest projected job growth in the years 2002-2012.

Schools of nursing were forced to reject more than 147,000 qualified applications to nursing programs at all levels in 2005. Meanwhile, nursing colleges and universities denied 32,617 qualified applicants in 2005, resulting primarily from a shortage of nurse educators.

There are over 240,400 advanced practice nurses in the United States. Of these, approximately 144,200 are nurse practitioners, 69,000 are clinical nurse specialists, 14,600 are both nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists, 13,700 are nurse midwives, and 32,500 are nurse anesthetists. Research indicates that advanced practice registered nurses can provide 60 to 80 percent of primary care services as well as or better than physicians and at a lesser cost.

The nation's nurses rank first for their honesty and integrity, with 82 percent of Americans rating them "high" or "very high," according to a 2005 Gallup Poll.

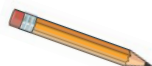
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A Veteran of WWI, Police Chief S. Jay George placed the flags on the graves for years until his death in 1977, when Harold Bullock (WWII & Korea) continued the tradition. After Harold's death his step-daughter Jarna and her husband Gary Perkins continued in Harold's footsteps. When Jarna and Gary gave up the cold North for the warmer South, I felt honored to continue this with the help of family members, who also feel humbled to show our respect to those who served our great country.

As Jarna told me it is rewarding to walk through Sunny Plain and place the flags and know you are quietly volunteering on a personal

level and paying respect at the same time. This year will be the first year my own Father William Lucas Sr. (Korean War) will have his grave marked with a flag. His youngest Great-Grandson Gunnar Benedict will bestow this honor to his Papa.

If anyone is missing a flag or marker please notify Tom Riley 938-5539. Or if you are interested in more Bradford History you can visit the Bradford Historical Society on Saturdays 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

Many thanks to Milly Kittredge and her volumes of information, Jarna and Gary Perkins and Tom Riley for help with this article.

Jane M. Lucas, Bradford, NH

## Bradford Barter



What's Bradford Barter up to these days? Let's hear what a couple of members have to say...

"I had two yards full of large branches and some medium downed trees from the December ice storm. I also have a cottage on the lake! I offered that for a long weekend in exchange for cleanup of the grounds. I now have my yards looking great and a Bradford Barter member has a cottage on the lake for his daughter and her family, and a needy family was the recipient of the burnable wood for next winter! Thanks to Bradford Barter members and the philosophy of sharing."

"I needed someone to rototille a small plot outside my kitchen, so as a Bradford Barter member, I called the facilitators and in a few days I got a call from another member who came over to look at what needed to be done. He decided he could do the job...He went home, got his tiller running and when the ground was dry enough to work, he came to complete the job. It took him an hour and a half to finish and I thought that was a miracle. Now I can plant my summer garden and it cost me no money. This is what bartering is all about. Now it will be my turn to do something for someone else." For information about Bradford Barter, contact Bob or Sandy at 938-2777 or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/bradfordbarter/>



*Pierce Family monument in Pleasant Hill Cemetery*

Deadline for Bridge submissions is May 15. Items submitted later may not be printed. Please submit to [bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com](mailto:bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com).

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## Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Karen Hambleton

April was an exciting month during which the children continued their exploration of spring. The class learned about all the baby animals that are born at that time of year. In celebration of Earth Day, they discussed the actions they can take to help the earth. Since April is a showery month, children naturally explored rain. The highlight of the month was the Bunny Brunch sponsored by the Preschool. Preschoolers had a delightful time with the Easter Bunny and thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful community event.



*The Easter Bunny and some of his friends.*

In May, children will learn about mothers, flowers and patriotism. As Mother's Day approaches, we will discuss why we love our mothers and why mothers of all kinds are important to their children. The class will also make Mother's Day gifts for their moms. As the flowers begin blooming outside, we will begin our study of flowers in the classroom. We will talk about sunflowers, daisies, tulips, roses, daffodils and many other flowers. As we learn about them, we will make them using a wide variety of craft materials – from coffee filters to tissue paper to paint. Children will plant real flowers as well. The week before Memorial Day, we will talk about patriotism and discuss why America recognizes this special day. Students will make American flags to commemorate the holiday.

Applications for the 2009-2010 school year are currently being accepted. We offer flexible schedules in our Early Morning, Preschool and Afternoon sessions. A few spaces are still available this spring. For more information, please call 938-5787.



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## Area Events

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The **Warner Head Start** is taking applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Children need to be 3 or 4 years old by September 30, 2009. The program is free to income eligible families who live within the towns of Warner, Bradford, Sutton, Newbury, Springfield, New London, Contoocook, Webster, Henniker and Wilmot. Application or info? Call 456-2208 or 225-3295 if after June.

**The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS)** will host a model rocket launch in Warner, NH on May 16th from 1PM to 4PM. The event is free and open to the public. You may bring your model rockets to launch or just come to spectate. For directions to the field and

further information, please visit [www.KARSNH.org](http://www.KARSNH.org) or call Mike Bellino at 938-5129

#### New Hampshire Adopt-a-Trail Program

The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails announces a new Adopt-a-Trail Program. The program was created to assist in the maintenance of over 5,000 non motorized multi-use trails in select state parks and state forests throughout New Hampshire. The Adopt-a-Trail Program gives trail users an excellent opportunity to volunteer with friends and family, as well as fill a much needed void in the maintenance of the trails. For this pilot program, trails that are available for adoption are located in Bear Brook State Park, Rollins State Park, and Winslow State Park (Mount Kearsarge State Forest). The program will consist of a training for those that are approved for trail adoption. The Bureau of Trails has teamed up with the Appalachian Mountain

Club to aid in training and outreach efforts.

“This is a long overdue step in the maintenance and care of valuable trail resources in state parks and state forests,” stated Chris Gamache, Bureau of Trails Chief. “The Bureau is glad to have the opportunity to work cooperatively with volunteer trail maintainers, as well as the Appalachian Mountain Club.”

Organizations and groups looking to adopt a trail should visit [nhtrails.org](http://nhtrails.org) for more information. The Bureau of Trails is a part of the NH Division of Parks & Recreation. The Division manages over 73 state parks, campgrounds, historic sites, waysides, natural areas, and thousands of miles of trails. The division is part of the Department of Resources and Economic Development. For more information about the Bureau of Trails, call 603-271-3254 or visit [www.nhtrails.org](http://www.nhtrails.org). Thank you for your continued support!

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### Bradford Fire & Rescue goes to Career Day

Bradford Fire & Rescue EMTs Elliott Brown and Laurie Brown attended Career Day at Kearsarge Regional Middle School on April 11. Each year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and School-to-Work hosts a career exploration day at the middle school to give the students a taste of some of the many careers available.

The Bradford EMTs set up a simulation to let the students experience some of the things that happen at an accident scene. Our “patient” was out of the car, wandering around dazed when help arrived. The student “EMTs” had to protect the “patient’s” cervical spine by holding his head in place and applying a rigid collar to support his neck. They then used a “standing take down” maneuver to lower the patient to the ground so they could examine him carefully and package him for transport. In the “ambulance”, the “EMTs” provided oxygen for the “patient”, checked his vital signs, re-assessed his injuries, and started an “IV” to replace fluid lost in the crash and prevent shock from setting in. Another “EMT” served as scribe to record all the vital information. After the simulation, the students had some very good questions for the Bradford EMTs.



*EMT Laurie directs as Carolyn and Julie watch as 2 student “EMTs” do a standing take down on our “patient” Cote with Elliott’s help*



*The student “EMTs” all work on the “patient” in the back of the “ambulance.”*



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that name so we decided on Rock Maple Nursery.

**Charlie:** The name sounded good to me. There was no contest because we both liked it and there are a number of maple trees on the property.

**Q. Debbie was born in Indiana, you in Hollis, New Hampshire and you met in Merrimack. Was it an instant romance since your backgrounds are quite different?**

**Charlie:** We didn't fall in love instantly. We got along and here we are. We both had a desire to farm and lots of other shared interests.

**Debbie:** I think that I did fall in love immediately. He was a logger and I thought that was interesting and exciting. He was good looking and I liked his personality.

**Q. You both have worn a lot of work hats over the years.**

**Debbie, I know that you drive the school bus in addition to the nursery operation. Charlie, you're a logger and a number of other things. Would you like to tell me about it?**

**Debbie:** I worked in retail management in St. Louis, Missouri for ten or twelve years. I drove the Concord Trailways and Concord Area Transit (CAT). I started with the Kearsarge school buses after that and decided that the schedule with the school district buses worked better for me when we began to think about the greenhouse and Rock Maple Nursery.

**Q. Was the idea of the nursery a lifelong dream? Debbie, you mentioned that you both wanted to give back to the community that you lived in. Was the move to Bradford the reason for the beginning of a new phase in your lives?**

**Charlie:** When I was younger I worked in factories but being indoors never was my thing. I

enjoy working in the woods, landscaping, plowing snow but I also like to do specialty stuff like landscaping or tree cutting. It's more rewarding to help people make their surroundings beautiful than to cut down the forest and make a mess in the woods.

**Debbie:** Charlie and I always talked about providing a service to our community. The nursery is the way we can sell plants, shrubs and perennials to help our neighbors live surrounded by growing things and produce for the table.

**Charlie:** We talked about doing a nursery or farm stand from the day we moved to Bradford but it took us fifteen years to actually do it.



**Q. This part of the world has such a short summer and growing season. I understand that you are open all year but what kinds of things do you offer year round? Does the limited growth season interfere with your operation?**

**Charlie:** We don't have things in the greenhouse all the time. Once the flower season with the annuals and perennials is over, we switch to pumpkins and mums. Then Andy Anderson who had been selling corn and vegetables at the farm stand across the road suggested that we start to sell corn and vegetables because he was ending his operation.

**Debbie:** We took his advice and now we sell corn and vegetables and it's all local produce and farm fresh.

**Q. Which season would you consider to be the busiest at the nursery? You have so many items and services to offer to the public. Are there particular products that are more profitable and in more demand than others?**

**Charlie:** It depends on the weather. The greenhouse is really busy when the weather is fine. The time period between pumpkins and the Christmas tree season is probably our slowest period. As far as the money, the operation is not a gold mine but we like what we're doing. It's a passion and pride thing

**Debbie:** We are so fortunate to have a business that we enjoy and it is nice to be busy and make people happy with our inventory but as Charlie said, It's not a gold mine.

**Q. You live and work together much of the time. Would you say that you share equally in the running of the business? Which one of you is the better salesperson?**

**Charlie:** We share the work. We have five acres and work about three acres and maybe more. Our busiest season is from April through November. People really love the corn and that's a constant demand. Debbie is the better salesperson. She understands the flowers and can explain things to the customers. I'm more the person who knows the woods and trees.

**Debbie:** I have my school bus route and even drive summer school in July. I do the watering before I take the bus out and it keeps me busy.

**Q. Are there times when you feel tied down to a home business and wish that you could close the shop and take a long break?**

**Debbie and Charlie:** No. We love what we're doing and we do have some stretches of time when we can relax. So, the answer is no and this is what we always wanted to do. How many people achieve a dream?

**Q. I guess we should touch on the present economy and how it has affected business. Have you experienced signs of weakness over the last months with your snow plowing and firewood business?**

**Charlie:** The snow plowing and wood business hasn't slowed but getting paid has slowed down. I know the economy is bad and I try to work with people when they need more time to pay the bill. People are having a hard time but we're a local business and we understand.

**Debbie:** I was raised by parents who always patronized local business. We work with the clients. We're not a big business and there is a little slowdown. We don't even try to compete with the Home Depots but we offer quality and stand behind our merchandise.

**Q. This may sound like a foolish question but what kinds of activities do you enjoy in your leisure time?**

**Debbie:** We don't have time for much leisure activity but we do enjoy eating dinner out occasionally and sometimes a movie. I enjoy going to Boston for a change of scene.

**Charlie:** I'm a Red Sox fan. I like to ski and fish. We have snow mobiles but seldom use them. We do enjoy fishing and try to do that sometimes.

## Mercy Hathaway White NSDAR



*This picture was taken at the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter NSDAR meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Train Depot, Contoocook; Abigail Franklin, right, a senior at Kearsarge Regional High School, Sutton and left Phyllis Whall, Bradford, Good Citizen chairman for Kearsarge. Abby was chosen the Good Citizen of the school by the staff and her peers and Phyllis presented her with a Good Citizen pin, certificate and wallet card. She will be the guest of the chapter at the State NHSODAR Good Citizen luncheon on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, Concord. In the fall she will attend Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, where she is considering a degree in English Literature or Veterinary.*

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## May Calendar

### Fri. May 1

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
11:30 First Friday Brunch - Music by Kathy Lowe and  
a 50/50 raffle  
7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie, The Duchess, BML

### Sat. May 2

9:00 AM – Writing Group  
9:30 AM -12:30 PM – Dog Training - for information  
and registration call Lynn King at 938-5329  
10 AM - Bradford Improvement Assoc. BCC

### Mon. May 4

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
10:00AM - Ceramics with Doris  
10:30AM - Yoga with Fran  
1:00 - 4:00 PM - Bridge Group  
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

### Tues. May 5

10:00AM- Stitches From the Heart  
12 Noon - Senior Community Dining  
6:00 – 7:30 PM - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099  
for information

### Wed. May 6

6:30 PM – Independence Day Committee meeting

### Thurs. May 7

9:30AM - Foot Massage  
12 Noon - Senior Community Dining  
3:15 PM – Baton Class – call 938-6228 or 938-2224  
6:00 PM – Yoga Class

### Fri. May 8

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

### Sat. May 9

11:00 AM – Mother’s Day Craft Program, BML

### Sun. May 10

1:00-4:00 PM –Girl Scouts

### Mon. May 11

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris  
12 Noon - Suduko with Bag Lunch  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts  
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection (RHC)

### Tues. May 12

10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart  
12 Noon - Senior Community Dining - May birthday  
celebration with cake and ice cream  
6:00-7:30 PM - Yoga Class

### Wed. May 13

1:00 PM - “Meet Eleanor Roosevelt” Warner Town  
Hall  
3:15 PM – Brownies  
4:00-5:00 PM – Archery Class – call 938-6228 for  
information and registration. - \$10 per lesson  
4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center –  
Committee meeting  
5:45 PM - Parks & Recreation Dept. –meeting  
6:00 PM – Girl Scouts

### Thurs. May 14

12 Noon - Senior Community Dining  
3:15 PM – Baton Class  
6:00 PM – Yoga Class

### Fri. May 15

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
10:30 - Friday at the Movies–” Everything Is  
Illuminated” with Elijah Wood  
7:00 PM - Movie Night  
7:00 PM - International Movie (Israel) BML

### Sat. May 16

9:00 – AM – Writing Group  
9:00-11:00 AM - Bradford Barter  
**ALL DAY - Town-wide Road Cleanup Day - pick  
up clear blue bags at Transfer Station**

### Sun. May 17

1:00 PM - Bradford Business Association Annual  
Meeting – Candlelite Inn

### Mon. May 18

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
10:00 - Kumihimo followed by a bag lunch  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
5:30 – 8:30 PM - Computer Class – “Social Media” –  
Facebook, Twitter, & Blogging  
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts – pack # 76

### Tues. May 19

10:AM - Stitches From the Heart  
12 Noon - Senior Community Dining Service Link  
Medicare expert Anita Oelfke will speak on the SHIP  
program and other topics regarding Medicare  
5:30 — 8:30 PM – Computer Class – “Social Media”  
– Facebook, Twitter, & Blogging

### Wed. May 20

6:00 PM –Women’s Club Dinn

## May Calendar

**Thurs. May 21** 10:30AM –12 - Noon Blood Pressure Clinic provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA

12 Noon - Senior Community Dining

3:15 PM – Baton Class

6:00 PM – Yoga Class

6:00PM NHDES Public Hearing -Permit waiver for Naughton Recycling Center - TH

**Fri. May 22**

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

**Sat. May 23**

9:00 AM - French’s Park Clean-up Day

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Book & Plant Sale BML

**Mon. May 25**

**Mountain View Senior Center Closed for Memorial Day**

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

6:30 AM – Cub Scouts

**Tues. May 26**

10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Community Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

**Wed. May 27**

10:30AM – 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA at the Warner Senior Room

3:15 PM - Brwnies

6:00 PM– Girl Scouts

7:30 PM - Bradford Historical Society - visit to a private Bradford collection. For directions, please call 938-5386 or 938-2634.

**Thurs. May 28**

12 Noon - Community Dining

3:15 PM – Baton Class

6:00 PM – Yoga Class

**Fri. May 29**

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

**Sat. May 30**

9:00 AM – Writing Group

9:00 AM – Lake Todd Improvement Association Annual Meeting



Remember,

is May 10th

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted.

Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.

- BML**- Brown Memorial Library
- FGC**- Fish & Game Clubhouse -Gillingham Drive
- KAP**-Kearsarge Area Preschool
- KRES**-Bradford Elementary School
- MVSC** -Mountain View Senior Center
- TH** - Bradford Town Hall
- ZBA**-Zoning Board of Adjustment

## Ongoing Events

- CHILDREN’S STORYTIME** - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM. BML
- CEMETERY COMMISSION** - 2ND THURSDAY AT 6 PM - CALL 938-5539 FOR INFORMATION
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** - 3RD TUESDAY 7:00 PM - TOWN HALL OR BML
- FISH & GAME CLUB** - 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7 PM FGC
- FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH** - 11:30 AM MVSC - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, CALL 938-2104
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY**-OLD P.O BUILDING, OPEN MOST SATS. 1:30-3 PM OR CALL 938-5386
- LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING** - 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM - BML
- PLANNING BOARD** - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM - TOWN HALL
- RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION** - 2ND MONDAY 7 PM - BACC
- SELECTMEN’S MEETING** - 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY 5:30 PM - TOWN HALL
- ZONING BOARD** - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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## Planning Board Notes

### Conceptual Consultations

Ray Critch, representing 1500 West Road Development, discussed possible use for the Master's Store property. The two lots would be consolidated, buildings removed, and a single building constructed. The proposed building would be multi-use with the main function a grocery store.

No architectural plans were submitted, but the plan is to keep it in the rural character of the neighborhood.

Skip McKean, for Ayer & Goss, discussed putting another 30,000 gallon propane tank next to the existing one on the Route 114 property. He was advised that State and Bradford Fire Department input would be required along with a modified site plan for the town.

### Gravel Pits

Peter Isham reported some confusion regarding discussion of his application with the Circuit Rider. He was advised that it is necessary to schedule an appointment in advance in order to obtain the services. Isham stated that they are still working on the application for a new permit.

### Subdivision

Scott Bussiere, representing LedgeWood Pines on Old Warner Road, discussed the increase in road bond requested for the subdivision and said that some other towns have put in place a reclamation bond. Barry Wheeler moved that the conditions of approval be modified to state a reclamation bond be posted, with the stipulation that no lots be sold or transferred until either the road is complete or a construction bond is in place. This condition will be accepted only with the approval of the Bradford Town Attorney. The motion carried.

Bussiere was advised of other documents that are still needed before approval can be finalized.

**Circuit Rider** Until further notice, an appointment must be made to access assistance from the CNHRPC Circuit Rider. Call Secretary Marge Cilley, 938-2253.

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## Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Come to the Library on Saturday, May 9 at 11am for a Mother's Day Craft program. Trustee Penny Ulrich will help children make a card and simple gift for Mom's special day.

Mark your calendar for the annual Memorial Day Book and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 23 from 9am until 2pm. If you are like me you count on the wonderful selection of seedlings to enhance your garden. We have received lots of new book donations and the inventory is always changing.

On May 1 at 7pm we will compare the movie *The Duchess* with the book *Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire* by Amanda Foreman. Next month, on Friday, June 5 at 7pm we will contrast the book *Our Man in Havana* by Graham Greene with the 1959 movie version. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

The International Movie series continues on Friday, May 15 with an Israeli film. In June, we will watch a movie from the Czech Republic. The Friends of Brown Memorial Library hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, May 27 at 5pm. Come learn about how you can support your library.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

We are planning the summer reading program. This year's theme is *Summertime and the Reading is Easy*. The program will take place at 11am on four Saturdays: July 11, 18, 25 and August 1. Each week we will read stories, eat a summery snack and have a fun activity. Stay tuned for more details.

New books added to your library in April:

### For adults

- First Family* by David Baldacci
- Summer World* by Bernd Heinrich
- The Color of Lightning* by Paulette Jiles
- Brush Cat* by Jack McEnany
- The Song is You* by Arthur Phillips
- Execution Dock* by Anne Perry

### For children and young adults

- Honk! Honk! Goose!* by April Pulley Sayre
- Blueberry Girl* by Neil Gaiman
- A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk* by Deborah Ruddell
- Necropolis* by Anthony Horowitz
- Little Chick* by Amy Hest



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Daffodils and day lilies sprout  
Mud clings to our feet and wheels  
Winter hides in the woods.

The windows of the house are dark  
We shrug off gloom as we go by,  
Who will hear our stories now,  
How will we get along?

What better tribute can a neighbor say  
Than "What will we do without her?"  
She knew where the wild berries were,  
She kept our secrets and our keys.

On Silver Hill we walk the roads,  
Remembering our lovely friend.  
Weren't we in luck to have her here  
to watch over us; and still she does.

Judy Carr Johnson  
Silver Hill, Bradford

*In loving memory of Frances Ward  
(1923-2008), much missed by her  
family, friends and her neighbors on  
Silver Hill.*



## First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

**Focus Factor** (a/k/a youth group) Youth in the community are invited to come to youth group (grades 5 and up). They will meet on Friday, May 8 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) for an ice cream sundae; Friday, May 15 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) for a Fun Night; Friday, May 22 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) for "invite a friend" night. The person who brings the most friends gets a prize; Friday, May 29 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) for a Bible Book night. Prizes to be awarded for those who have memorized the Books of the Bible. Games and activities will be provided to help youth learn the books.

**Children's Sunday:** All of our children will lead the Worship Service on Sunday May 17 at 10:00 a.m. The theme will be: "The Parable of the Banquet".

**Crop Hunger Walk:** We will hold our Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Keyser Lake in Sutton. We will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sutton. This event is sponsored by First Free Will Baptist Church, United church of Warner and First Baptist Church of Bradford. If you would like to walk and get sponsors, please call 938-5313.

**Food Pantry:** The Pantry will be open on Wednesday, May 20 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**Leaders Gathering:** Members of the Board of Trustees, Christian Education and Deacons will meet for a Leaders Gathering on Saturday, May 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for leadership development and sharing.

**Men's Fellowship:** Men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, pool and refreshments.

**Church Cleaning and Project Day:** On Saturday, May 30, beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will be cleaning the entire church and Fisk House as well as undergoing a number of projects.

**Children's Variety Show:** On Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m., we will have a Children's Variety Show. Children of all ages are invited to participate and share their talent. Rehearsals will be Sundays, May 3, 17 and 24 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The cost for the show is \$5.00 person. Refreshments will be served.

### Graveside Service for Edna Herbert

A graveside celebration of the life of Edna Herbert will take place at 11:30 at the Sunny Plain Cemetery on Old Warner Road in Bradford, N.H. on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Herbert was born September 23, 1913 and died March 23, 2009. She is remembered as the first woman to serve as selectman for Bradford.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Macular Degeneration Research. Checks made payable to Tufts Medical Center with memo for Dr. J. Seddon's Research and mailed to Dr. Johanna Seddon, New England Eye Center, Tufts Medical Center, 800 Washington Street # 450, Boston, MA 02111.



## Kearsarge School News

The welcome mat has been laid out at the Bradford Elementary School for the return of the nighthawk. Once a common bird in NH, it has been listed since 1987 as a state Threatened Species. The nighthawk is not a hawk at all but its falcon-like shape swooping through the night sky gave it its name. The misnamed nighthawks are in the Goatsucker family of birds which includes our native and also declining Whip-Poor-Wills. The name 'goatsucker' came from the unusually large mouths of these birds and other wild rumors.

Nighthawks once raised their young on gravel beaches, open ground, burned-over areas and cultivated fields. The nesting birds remaining have found urban gravel roofs to be similar to their diminished historic nesting grounds and have adapted. Another reason for the decline of night birds is a decline in large moths and other insects due to outdoor lighting and insecticide use.

The idea for this interactive conservation project came from Michele Halsted who brought it, along with several other potential wildlife restoration projects, to the attention of the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc (RHC). The RHC is a local non-profit begun in 2003 with the mission statement to "promote the preservation of properties that have historic, recreational or environmental significance." Elementary school principal James Spadaro and Henniker Sand and Gravel supported the

redesign of a small part of the roof to simulate a nighthawk



mansion. Site Manager Rob Hearne deserves special praise for making this project a reality.

It is hoped that some passing pair of nighthawks will take notice this month and enliven the evening with the distinctive 'peenting' song and aerial displays as they scour the air for night-flying insects. Elementary students will be watching as part of their science studies. They will join New Hampshire Audubon's Project Nighthawk and field monitoring. By the end of 2008, 34 gravel patches were installed statewide.

The RHC meets most months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at the Bradford Community Center at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information, call Ann Eldridge at 938-5266.



On April 7, KRES at Bradford held its third quarter "Writers' Spotlight Assembly." Students were asked to write a response to the following persuasive prompt: ***Write to convince someone in your family to allow you to do something that you really want to do! Give reasons why you think you should be allowed to do this.***

Grade level teams of teachers reviewed all the writing prompts and selected the following students to share their persuasive writing at a special, school-wide assembly: Mathew Ulrich, kindergarten; Trevor McConnell, grade 1; Patrick Lewis, grade 2; Alanna O'Keefe, grade 3; Jennifer Merriam, grade 4; and Jakob Ulrich, grade 5.

## Selectmen's Highlights

**Highway Department:** A completion date of June has been given for the new highway garage. The Building Code Inspector is writing a list of do's and don't for the new facility. Town Administrator Cheryl Behr requested information regarding the new highway garage: what other materials and equipment need to be budgeted for the project, the estimated costs for these items, and where the money will come from for specific items not in the current budget.

Discussion ensued concerning the repair of bridges on West Meadow Road. The completion date of June 1, 2009 will be a month late because PSNH was held up in relocating wires by the amount of repair work from the ice storm. Steel plates will be installed as a temporary deck on the other bridge in order to facilitate the repairs.

**Police Department:** Police Chief James Valiquet advised of some incidences that required the State Police to be called to Bradford when no local coverage was available due to cutbacks. Chair Charles Meany requested that a letter be written by the Police Department to NFI advising that the Bradford department will respond to an emergency if someone is available, with any investigations referred to the State Police. Notice was received from the NH Retirement System that handles police retirement that Bradford's contribution will increase from the previous 65% to 70% this year and 75% next year.

**Dog Complaint:** Robert Manchester asked if there had been any response to the selectmen's letter to Mr. Arkadi Nikiforow regarding the dog issue. He was advised that there has been further communication sent.

**Independence Day:** selectmen approved a request from Marlene Freyler to spend \$1,400 from the Patriotic Purposes Account to purchase a 10' x 20' tent.

Robert Wright, who has been involved with the Independence Day Road Race for 21 years, requested information regarding police assistance and insurance. He was told that the fee for a police officer is \$35/hour and \$15/hour for the cruiser. Marlene Freyler offered to cover some of the insurance cost from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July budget and Barry Wheeler offered a contribution as well.

**Community Center:** Robert Stewart Sr. discussed the newly negotiated contract for the kindergarten space. The tentative rental agreement was accepted with a change stating that the lease agreement may be renegotiated on or around December 31.

Stewart advised that another problem is the various groups using the space at the Community Center. The State of NH says outside groups now need to carry insurance. Administrator Behr was directed to prepare a form to be signed by users stating that any damage will be covered or paid for by the recipient. Motion was carried to offer a waiver of insurance for any non-profit groups that meet at the Community Center.

**Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP)** Selectmen adopted the plan that was prepared last year as required before any conservation grants for the Town Hall may be applied for.

*Minutes of all selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall*

## Community Cornerstones

As announced in December's Bridge, it is time to revisit the 21 Community Cornerstones selected by Bradford residents in 1991. This was part of a program developed by the Governor's Commission on New Hampshire in the 21st Century to identify and protect important features of the town as the new century approached. The "21 Cornerstones" were tallied and the top choices photographed, documented and displayed. The Bradford Historical Society has the completed display as well as all the documentation on the selections. Thanks to Milly Kittredge for her assistance with this project. This month's Cornerstone is Brown Memorial Library on page 22.

Note that the hours for the Selectmen's office and Town Clerk's office have been changed. See page 2 for the new schedule.

## Budget Committee

Jack Meany resigned from the Budget Committee based on his election to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee then appointed George Morse to fill that vacancy. Robert Stewart, Sr. was elected as Chair of the Committee, with George Morse to serve as second chair in Stewart's absence.

The Committee then reviewed the expense reports of the town of Bradford for the first three months of this year, which indicate the funds remaining in each of the accounts.

*Complete minutes of this and all Budget Committee meetings are on file at the*

**Bradford Area Community Center May Special Programs**

**Newest Trend: Social Media Class:**

Wonder what all the twitter is about? **Social Media** is the new way to communicate for both businesses and individuals. Come learn about **Facebook, Twitter, & Blogging** – why you should do it and when you shouldn't. This class is taught by an advanced novice, Sarah Chaffee, so do not worry about too much jargon or overwhelming information. Come Monday, May 18 & Tuesday, May 19 from 5:30-8:30 PM to the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 Main St., Bradford - phone 938-6228 for further information. Cost of class is \$40.00.

Total cost for the lessons is \$50.00 for one child, another child in the family pays \$25.00  
For information and registration call Joni at 938-2224 or BACC at 938-6228

**French's Park Clean-up Saturday May 23 at 9 am** is time scheduled to clean up French's Park on the shore of Lake Massasacum. Please join Parks and Recreation for a morning of chores to get the beach and surrounding area ready for warm weather usage. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Call for directions or more information.

**Family Archery Program:**

Wednesday afternoons in May from 4:00 – 5:00 PM, Marsha Wyman will instruct persons of all ages in this sport. Meet at the Community Center on Main St. There will be a class for children new to the sport as well as those training for competition. There will also be a group of adults with children learning together. Equipment will be provided – or bring your own. Cost for each class is \$10. Call for times and to register: 938-6228.

**Baton Twirling Classes:**

Donna Acker will instruct baton twirling classes this year on Thursdays in May and June at 3:15 PM in the Bradford Area Community Center beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>. The goal is discipline and training of young people and preparation for the Fourth of July Parade.



Bradford self-published authors were invited to Brown Memorial Library in Bradford to discuss the pitfalls and satisfactions of self-publishing. Featured here are: (l. to r.) Mike Bellino, *Fun Food Facts*; Perley Strout, *One Mile And Forty Years Back*; Sasha Wolfe, *My Life Isn't Flowers*; P.A. Yeaton, *Prescott & Friends*; Jan Pickman, *Making Friends*; Bill Thompson, *First Choice, Only Choice*; and Jim Bibbo, *Fiasco Farm*. A crowd of forty enjoyed the fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough bread made by Mike Bellino and the charcoal drawings and photographs by Sasha Wolfe, an exhibition arranged by the Bradford Art Group. The bread is gone, but the books are available in the library.

### A Culinarian's Column

by Caryl Walker

At school, this is the time of year when the Culinary Arts students cater numerous functions—Honor Societies, Induction Ceremonies, Underclass Awards buffet breakfast, and Senior Scholarship and Awards night, to name a few. We prepare numerous tea sandwiches, canapés, and hors d'oeuvres. I thought with graduation and other celebrations on the horizon, this might be the perfect time to share some of our festive preparations!

#### Cream Cheese and Olive Roll-Ups

Yield: 48 rolls

1 pound Cream cheese

10 oz. Stuffed Spanish olives

1 loaf "airy" Sandwich bread (26 slice size)

Wax paper

1. Drain, dry and finely chop the olives. Mix olives with the cream cheese and set aside. With a bread knife, closely trim the bottom crust, cut a scant portion off the top crust.
2. With a rolling pin, flatten each side of the bread until 1/16 to 1/8 inch thick. Spread the olive mixture evenly over the bread.
3. Roll bread "jelly roll" style from the bottom crust to top crust. In a piece of wax paper, place roll on paper diagonally and roll up and twist like a fire cracker. The next day, unroll waxed paper, line up rolls, cut off side crusts, and cut in half crosswise.

#### Poppy Seed Strawberry Canapés

3 Jiffy Poppy Seed Lemon Muffin Mix

1 container Strawberry cream cheese

Strawberries for garnish

1. Prepare Jiffy according to directions and bake in small loaf tins 2/3 full, until tooth pick comes out clean.
2. When breads are cool slice about 1/4 "thick. Spread with cream cheese and top with slices of strawberry. Slice the sandwiches in half to make more bite-sized.

#### Shrimp Canapés

3 6-7 inch zucchinis or cucumbers

1 package frozen Salad Shrimp

1 container Cream cheese and chives

Chili or Cocktail Sauce

Fresh dill sprigs, for garnish

Slice zucchinis or cucumbers into 1/4" to 1/2" slices. Spread with cream cheese and chives. Top with a shrimp. Dab a little chili sauce on top and garnish with a sprig of dill.

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## Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

At the Candidates Night Meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> the question was asked, how can we bring the town together as a cohesive group? The Bradford Bridge was started with the mission statement, community news for neighbors by neighbors. The statement is no longer valid. The paper now is one sided, articles are edited and no one can purchase space with a different opinion. Neighbors have stated that articles are being edited or not put in at all. In prior years neighbors were able to read both sides of the story. I recently submitted an article that was not a letter to the editor. I simply presented another side of a subject, I then requested to submit a 3/4 page article that I would pay for and was denied the opportunity to do so. It is sad we are not capable of presenting two sides of an issue. Only one view is presented and a sign-ificant amount of space to put forth their thoughts. You have the opportunity to bring forth the town as a cohesive group by presenting pros and cons on the same page. Let the people have all for the information so they can make their own educated decisions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Freyler

*The Board replies:  
The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles, opinion pieces, Letters to the Editor, and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions for length, clarity, grammar and good taste. The writer submitted an opinion piece that we considered a "Letter to the Editor" for the March '09*

*issue about a controversial warrant article and it was printed in its entirety. In "Letters to the Editor," pages 20-21, we printed letters on this issue side by side and allowed readers to come to their own conclusions. We have never refused to print any article of community interest sent to the paper although we will not print any unsigned letters or inflammatory or slanderous opinions that we judge to be inappropriate for a community paper. We regret any misunderstanding with our writer and encourage neighbors to express their opinions freely.*

I would like to thank the voters of Bradford for having the confidence and trust in me during this past election. Though it was decided by the drawing of names out of a box I will do my best to live up to the expectations of those who supported me. To those who didn't vote for me I'd like to say that I will do the best I can to gain your trust. Finally I just want to say thanks for allowing me to serve the community

Thanks,  
Jack Meaney

Letter to The Editor:


Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As summer approaches, we hope you will consider hosting an inner city child from New York City for two weeks. The Fresh Air Fund has been providing summer respite for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 12 years old for more than 150 years. Over 10,000 children board buses in the sweltering summer heat to travel to camps and visit families throughout the entire east coast. Children will be arriving in our location from July 14<sup>th</sup> thru July 28<sup>th</sup>. Other arrival dates are also possible throughout the summer.

Hosting a child through the Fresh Air Fund is a rewarding and exciting opportunity to give a child a great country experience. You don't have to be rich or spend money entertaining a child. Just opening your heart and your home to a child is enough. Many relationships last a lifetime. If you would like to learn more about the program, please call Beth Rodd at 938-2692 or Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

Beth Rodd

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## Bradford Cornerstone

### BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

by Meg, Maggi & Milly

In 1849, the State of New Hampshire was the first state to authorize its municipalities to establish a public library, and appropriate annual funds for support.

In 1811, a library group was incorporated in Bradford with about twenty members. Another group formed Library Association in 1873, and this group included women. It was operated in a store near the Depot. In 1892, Bradford voted to establish a free public library and appropriated \$25. It was helped by the Library Association, which disbanded in 1893 and donated their books. 1894 found a listing of 1000 books, many periodicals and references.

Among the books were Lord Byron, Scott, Hawthorne, Dickens, J. Fenimore Cooper, Horatio Alger, Louisa Alcott, Twain, A. Conan Doyle, as well as biographies heavy on American and English literature. Also Half-Hours with Greek and Latin Authors, Shipwrecks and Disasters at Sea, New Hampshire subjects and 11 volumes of English History. A wide range of reading materials for a small town, and many of these books are still on the shelves.

The first library was a room in the home of Frank and Nellie Peaslee, a house, which burned in 1970, located at what is now the entrance to the Fisherfield Apartments. The Peaslees were librarians and landlords. In 1901 the entire library board resigned, and the library was moved to a former millinery store, now Francis Page's home. At the 1931 town meeting, a committee was formed to build a new library. There was much support, but the major funding donations and land acquisition were complicated. James Brown's gift required the town to raise the same amount as the

bequest, or part of his donation would be given to Manchester to buy ice for the poor. John French's legacy said it was to be built within four years of his death or his money would revert to his trust fund. Lydia Crosby volunteered land, but it was in the wrong location, and John Flanders, apparently not wholeheartedly, sold his Main Street frontage for the building. The committee liked the Georgian type brick style, and thus it was built.

After several tries and various plans, the library was expanded in 1999 and landscaping was completed soon after. The battle of the wet basement was solved with the addition and sump pumps, and is now a large shelving and storage area.

There have been 15 fine Librarians, including Effie Craigie who was chosen the State's Outstanding Librarian in 1970. There have been at least 90 citizens on the Board of Trustees.

For years the State Bookmobile came weekly, and schoolchildren walked up from the Central School for reading materials.

The circulation desk and several other furnishings are original to the 1932 building. Currently there are many varied activities for young people, a story hour, three computers, and an interlibrary exchange. (The first computer was acquired by a direct grant from the State Library in 1989.) The Friends of the Library have many programs, and the Bradford Art Group organizes quality exhibits by local crafts people.

Brown Memorial is one of the few remaining state libraries with a card catalog. All holdings are represented in the State Library's on-line public access catalog. Bradford's Library keeps a foot in the past while embracing current technology.



*Brown Memorial Library, exterior view 1932*



*Interior view 1932*

## OUTSIDE by J. Ann Eldridge

Cars make good wildlife blinds. A wheeled machine does not, by any sound, smell, or movement, resemble a predatory animal and doesn't trigger a flight reaction in inexperienced animals. This is why, dead or alive, most of our wildlife sightings are at roadside.

In the second week of April, I pulled into the driveway facing the paired sugar maples. These middle-aged trees are tapped in the spring and joined by a hammock in summer. Pausing for the finale of some radio drama, I realized I was gazing at a domestic drama. A yellow-bellied sapsucker was working his tap line. Nearly invisible when seen from behind against the Baroque bark, the red cap and throat flared when he turned his head, scouting for trouble and seeing none in a red pickup truck.

Dave had taken down his buckets a week or so earlier. These first sapsucker drills of the season were perfectly round 1/4" holes scattered among the furrows and were still productive. Spring maple sap from the xylem layer just under the bark is under pressure, sending liquid energy from the roots upward.

A sapsucker is an unusual woodpecker. It doesn't have the long insect harpooning tongue of its relations. Instead, they have a brush tipped tongue for tossing back sap from their unique dug wells. Though they are insectivores as well, they don't pound deep for tree boring insects. They do excavate nesting holes in fungus-softened poplar. Because of their seasonal fluid diet, they migrate south as far as Mexico for the winter.

The next morning I returned to my secure 'blind' to see what else might transpire. A downy woodpecker hammered its song on a dead limb. Two blue jays took front row seats. A red squirrel appeared and disappeared. Time passed. A light rain of debris cascaded. The squirrel had reappeared, grazing head first on the lichens and moss coating the bark. He/she checked the wells of the sapsucker, and finding one dripping wetly, lapped for a few minutes. The squirrel came suddenly alert. I followed its gaze with binoculars to find the sapsucker had landed just 18" above. Quiet words were likely exchanged. The bird flew, the squirrel stayed a bit longer.

Passing by the next morning, I noticed one downy woodpecker again drumming, two blue jays again listening, and one red squirrel huddled high up in the maple awaiting the sun.

By the third day the wells had run dry and healed over. The sapsucker has gone on to work on summer's well design. As summer progresses, roughly rectangular shallow wells are made in the trunks and limbs of birch, fruit, hemlock or any of 100 other species. This time sapsuckers are eating through the cambium to access the phloem cells. These transport nutrients from just opening buds down to roots. Trees have adapted to sapsucker incursions by quickly rerouting laterally around the wounds. This means

that the woodpecker must continually widen the holes or make a new line of holes left, right, or above the initial set. Some researchers further speculate that sapsuckers have a salivary anticoagulant to keep sap flowing. Trees are no doubt working on plans to outmaneuver even this.

Until they do, sapsuckers will remain a 'keystone' species. Their existence is vital for a range of other species. Consider the pre-flower arrival of the male hummingbird. Exquisite precision flyers, ruby-throated, and possibly also western rufus hummingbirds, time their arrival to coincide with the sapsuckers. Northern hummingbirds are able to sink into brief, dangerous, energy conserving torpor but they could probably not survive at this latitude deprived of early flowers without the sapsuckers. In nearly constant motion, they must feed well and often or die.



Early bats can also be dependant on the nutrients in sap. Porcupines, Baltimore orioles, and squirrels take advantage of them. Multitudes of attracted insects are simultaneously sopped up as well. The mourning cloak and other tortoise shell butterflies have been hibernating under loose bark in their adult winged form. Before the snow is even gone they are searching for winter-broken, sap-dripping twigs, stumps of recent cut saplings, and sapsucker wells for their first meal of the season.

If I can find where this year's sapsuckers have made their new excavations, I'd like to think I'll have patience to sit and watch again. With luck it will be within sight of my comfortable mobile blind.

### Bradford Town-wide Road Cleanup Day May 16

Dunkin' Donuts in Bradford has generously donated free coffee and donuts for everyone who participates in the Bradford Town-wide Road Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 16. Those who plan to clean up the roadsides should pick up the clear blue bags at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center on or before Saturday, May 16. After filling the bag(s) on May 16, bring them to the Transfer and Recycling Center. Lois and I will separate the recyclables from the trash collected.

New Hampshire the Beautiful has provided the clear blue bags at no cost to the town. The roadsides in Bradford will be clean and ready for all to enjoy, and participants in the Bradford Town-wide Road Cleanup Day can enjoy their free coffee and donuts!

Kenneth Anderson, Manager

### Classifieds

Do you have an old bike taking up space in your garage or basement? You can donate it to a worthy cause and get a tax deduction at the same time (through the Bike-Walk Alliance of NH (<http://bwanh.org>)). Contact Nik Coates to arrange for pickup – 226-6020 or e-mail [ncoates@cnhrpc.org](mailto:ncoates@cnhrpc.org). Call Bill Glennie – 938-2681 – if you'd like more information first.

**Summer Employment Opportunity available for Red Cross Certified Swim Instructor / Lifeguard** for children's swim program and beach program at Lake Massasecum. Great pay and training opportunity available for qualified candidates. Please call Kate at the Bradford Area Community Center 603-938-6228

#### Note from the Transfer station - Sorry, Something Else to Separate!

We have just been informed that aluminum foil, pans and cat food cans cannot be mixed with aluminum beverage cans due to differences in the smelting process to recycle them. Please use the correct container for these two different types of recycling. Thank you for your patience.



The annual Easter egg hunt at Brown Memorial Library was a great success with some 60 children partaking in the hunt.

