

THE Bradford Bridge

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Town Election Results March 10, 2009

Selectman:

Original Vote:
Harold Liberty 175
John "Jack" Meaney 173
Donald Stumph 26

In a recount vote, Harold Liberty and John, "Jack" Meaney had a tie vote. A coin was tossed and Mr. Meaney won the race for selectman.

Town Clerk:

(uncontested) Susan Pehrson 375

Treasurer :

(uncontested) Marilyn Gordon 363

Trustee of the Trust Funds

(3 yrs). (uncontested)
George Morse Jr. 359

Trustee of Brown Mem. Library

(3 years-pick 2) Erica Gross 338
Bea Howe 325

Trustee of Brown Mem. Library

(2 yrs.)(write-in) Patricia Furness 26

Scholarship Committee:

(3 yrs, pick one) Jill Pinard 228
Denise Renk 123

Budget Committee:

(3 yrs., vote two) Gary Wall 305
Bob Stewart 53 (write-in)

Planning Board:

(3 yrs., vote 2) Barbara Vanatta 295
Barry Wheeler 287

Zoning Board

(3 yrs., vote 2) Richard Dionne 270
Harold Wright, 288

Cemetery Commission

(3 yrs., vote one) Janet Riley 363

There were a total of 394 ballots taken by voters.

A Thought About Voting

Voting is a privilege for all
Including those who don't---
They shout down everyone's ideas---
(Could offer better ones---
But don't)

Complain, complain, and
rave and rant
Could vote the right man in---
But then---they can't
They can't because they
never vote

"Voting is for idiots - you know?!"
And that's the way this town
will go!!

Well, please don't come and
squawk to me
When things are not as they
should be
For talk is cheap and cheaper
still
When you think that talk can
bend your will.

So move over, Pal, let this "voter" in
And maybe this year you'll begin
Be part of it and vote your choice
Speak out and let them hear
your voice
Who knows, one day when the
candidates are cast
You could be on the list at last!!

Marge Ginepra
March 5, 2009

10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation in a series of interviews with people in Bradford who make a difference. This month, in recognition of Earth Day, we interviewed the keepers of the transfer station, Kenny Anderson and Lois Kilnapp. In this age of ecological awareness the transfer station and its recycling program are of the utmost importance in the scheme of things. Have you ever wondered what we would do with all our trash if we didn't have the transfer facility? In addition, how would we live with our conscience if we didn't recycle our trash in a world that is becoming overwhelmed with the things that we accumulate and then wonder what to do with?

Q. For the past ten years you have lived and worked together. Is this a lot of togetherness? How do you manage to make it work?

Kenny: We get along just fine. I spend most of my day out working.

Lois: We both have a lot of energy and don't have time to argue. We have separate things and things we do together. We both enjoy going out to lunch at local restaurants, The Anchorage, The Four Corners Grill, Brickers in Claremont, and of course, The Bradford Junction.

Q. I have heard that not everyone is a fan of recycling but both of you believe that it's worthwhile, saves taxpayer money and helps the planet. Explain please.

Lois: When you recycle something you're keeping it out of the waste

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

From The Editor

Congratulations to all the involved and committed volunteers of our town who ran for public office this year. And thanks to the people who took time from their busy days to come to the polls and Town Meeting. We hope even more of Bradford's young families and singles will show a greater participation in town matters next year.

The financial woes of our country's current recession made a big dent in the town's proposed budget and while appropriations were cut in key areas (Police Department, School and Conservation for example), other budgets, like the fireworks (\$15,000) were left untouched. This left many of us scratching our heads in wonder. Our sad little Main Street, with its lost businesses and blighted properties begs "take care of me, fix me up, make this your priority". It falls on largely deaf ears.

Our police department suffered significant cuts that compromise public safety while fireworks displays, attracting people to a town with no businesses to benefit, remain intact. In conversations with local policemen this past year, we have heard about increasing drug problems in our state, the threat of rising crime in our communities and the elevated use of drug and alcohol abuse among our youth. These things are not happening someplace else; these issues are occurring right here in Bradford. The Bradford Police Department could better serve this town by communicating information about societal risks and problems to us so that when Town Meeting rolls around next year, citizens will have a better understanding of how important their budget needs are in keeping us safe. With that in mind, we once again invite the Bradford PD to keep us informed by writing a column for the Bridge on a regular basis. During the past year, we have had only one summary of police calls submitted for publication (February '08 submitted for the April '08 issue), and that did not describe trends and issues that inform and help us sort out our collective judgment about priorities.

Perhaps we shouldn't be so incredulous about the fireworks budget. Perhaps those who voted to choose that as a priority are projecting a brighter future for our town, a time when businesses will again thrive, historic preservation will attract visitors, blight and ruin will be cleaned up and the charming beauty of our potentially vibrant downtown will be the norm. Then, having fireworks will make some sense.

This is as good a time as any in our town's history to sit back, ruminate about our decline and think about how we want our town to look in five or ten years. Working together, we can create a vision to be proud of for our children and the citizens who love this town, filled as it is with vestiges of past (and perhaps future) history and glory. It's time to join forces. If you have any thoughts about this or any other matter, get in touch. We want to hear from you.

Beth Rodd, April Editor

Selectmen's Office Hours 938- 5900

Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 12 noon
1 pm - 5 pm

Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

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Bradford Happenings

Easter Sunrise Service April 12th 6:30 AM, French's Park, Lake Massasecum, Bradford NH. Easter breakfast to follow service at the First Baptist Church of Bradford, 88 W. Main / Free will offering appreciated. Service is being co-sponsored by the following churches: First Baptist Church of Bradford, United Church of Warner and First Free Will Baptist Church of Sutton.

Dog Training Classes - The BACC will be offering dog training, socialization classes at the Center beginning April 4, 2009. The sessions lasts from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

There will be two classes. The class for small breeds (not puppies) is designed to allow play/socialization for the dogs as well as instruction on issues common to small breeds.

Examples would be housetraining, excessive barking, fear issues and exercise during inclement weather.

The Puppy Class (all breeds) includes play/socialization, handling, and restraint, grooming and the beginning of basic obedience skills.

Each class is about 1 hour long, meeting once a week. Classes will be arranged as a five week program or a specific drop in lesson.

This program is being offered by Lynn A King, a Certified Pet Dog Trainer who has worked locally with Woodlawn Kennels and the Upper Valley Humane Society. For more information, registration and fees please call Lynn at 603-938-5329.

Archery Program - On Wednesday, April 15th, there will be a Family Archery Clinic from 4-5 pm at the Brown-Shattuck Park for individuals who have never shot a bow or who have and want to improve their accuracy. It is for ages 7 to senior citizens. The program includes safety procedures and learning the 9 steps of shooting form. There will also be a variety of fun archery games. Equipment is provided or you can bring your own. Cost for this clinic is \$10 per person. Call 938-6228 to register and get further information. The instructor is Marcia E. Wyman, director and founder of the New England School of Archery, Inc. She has been an archer since childhood and received recognition on the regional and national levels.

The Family Archery Program is planned for the Wednesday afternoons in May. There will be an introduction to Jr. Olympics archery for children new to archery and competition for ages 7-17. At the same time there will be a family program teaching self-discipline and eye-hand coordination. All ages and abilities welcome for this group. Equipment can be provided and cost for each class is \$10. Call 938-6228 for more information.

Italian Buffet :First Baptist Church of Bradford, 88 West Main St, Bradford, April 18. Two seatings at 5 and 6, Adults \$8, children under 12 \$5 and children under 3 free. Featuring a variety of Italian dishes and a salad bar, Mac & Cheese available for children. Proceeds to benefit the Church Building Fund. Event is being sponsored by Rainbow Garage

The Bradford Country Squares will be dancing Saturday evening, April 18 at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, Old Warner Road, Bradford. Rounds will be exclusively danced from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and a regular Mainstream and Plus program from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Norm Poisson will call Mainstream and Plus tips and Marilyn Rivenberg will be the cuer. Admission for the whole dance is \$7 per person. Spectators are free and always welcome. For more information call 603-863-6394.



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Bradford Art Group Features Sasha Wolfe



The Bradford Art Group announces a new exhibit opening March 30, 2009, *The Creative Endeavors of Sasha Wolfe: Original Charcoal Landscape Drawings, Photographs, Photo/Poetry/Cards* in Bradford's Brown Memorial Library. Sasha Wolfe will be one of eight Bradford authors featured during the evening program, *What to Know About Self Publishing: An Evening with Self-published Bradford Authors*, on April 22 at 7 pm in the library.

Sasha is a multi-media artist who explores the world of color, texture and patterns. She works in oil paint, charcoal and through photographs. She teaches Tai Chi, writes poetry and articles, and plays Native American flute. She has recently published, *My Life Isn't Flowers*.

The exhibit will continue through June. Brown Memorial Library, located at 75 W. Main St., Bradford, NH, is handicapped accessible. Library hours are: M: 10 – 8; W: 10 – 7; Sat: 10 – 3; & Sun. 11 - 3. For more information, call 938-5562.

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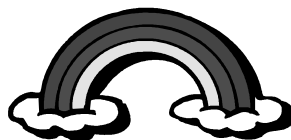
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Bradford Women's Club

We are back! Our Winter break is over and it is time to think of Spring. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21 at 4:00 pm at the Newbury Town Hall. This is another way we are trying to show our Newbury members how important they are to us and our programs. There will be a guest speaker from the Extension Service to discuss "Herbs and how to plant them". We are asking our members to bring a friend or two. Of course, any woman who is interested the The Bradford Women's Club can also join us.

During this month, we will be raffling off a beautiful Mother's Day Basket. It has everything a gal could want to celebrate her day and several gift certificates to make her feel special. We will be at the local Post Offices on three Saturdays. April 18 - Bradford, April 25 - South Sutton and May 2 - Newbury. The drawing will be held on May 4. Please look for us and take a chance.

During this economic slowdown, our monies are stretching so we can help as much as possible. Thank you for your support.

Town Of Bradford School Scholarship 2009

To apply high school students should meet the following requirements:

- Live in Bradford.
- Must be furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing or technical institute.
- Submit a typewritten application telling the committee about their academic goals, extracurricular and community activities and how living in Bradford has help promote these goals.

Your high school guidance department will have the information available about this scholarship. Please send your written application to Dawn Rich, P.O. Box 225, Bradford, NH 03221 no later than **April 30, 2009.**

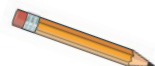
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Area Happenings

Warner

Friday, April 17 The Bradford Bog People with caller Lausanne Allen, from VT, are scheduled to play at the Warner Barn Dance, Warner Town Hall 7:30pm. 456-3098

Sunapee

Swing Dance with the East Bay Jazz Ensemble - Saturday, April 25th 6:30-10:00 pm at Mount Royal Academy, Sunapee NH. Dance to the sounds of the East Bay Jazz Ensemble, enjoy appetizers, desserts and non-alcoholic beverages. Expanded dance floor this year and a reduced admission price! \$15.00 per person. Reservations recommended. Contact Lynn Solomon 526-9289 or lbsolomon@comcast.net for tickets and more information.

Henniker

LINEC's spring classes begin April 2nd.

LINEC, the Learning Institute at New England College in Henniker, NH, offers nine courses in its spring term to begin on April 2 and run through May 14: European Art, April 2-May 7; Financial Workshop for Individual Investors, April 6-May 4; Current Issues, April 7-May 5; Great Music, April 8-May 6; Movies: International Films, April

10-May 1; The Constitution and the Supreme Court, April 20-May 11; A Brief History of the World, April 21-May 12; Hamlet in Performance, April 22-May 13; Literature: Anton Chekhov, April 23-May 14. For membership questions please visit www.nec.edu, click on "Academics" and follow the LINEC links or call the Registrar at 746-6212.

Challenge yourself, it's rewarding and fun! LINEC is a program to educate and entertain both retired and younger adults through a variety of classes. The courses are non-credit, peer-led, and peer-taught. Membership is affordable and open to all. Look for the free LINEC catalog at your local library.

Newbury

Sunday, April 5th. South Newbury Union Church will be having an Easter egg hunt at Newbury town hall from 1-3 PM. Please bring your own basket, meet the Easter Bunny, and have your picture taken for \$2 - face painting, cookies and juice free. For info call 938-5369

Saturday, April 18th: rabies clinic for dogs and cats with Dr. Claire Timbas, rain or shine, sponsored by the South Newbury Union Church. For more info, call 938-2064

April 25th from 5-7 pm the South Newbury Union Church is hosting a turkey dinner "with all the fixins" and home made desserts.

Friendship House (corner of Village and Sutton roads). Adults \$10, Ages 6-11 \$5, five and under free. Take out available - great raffle items. Handicap accessible. For more info, call 938-2064 Hooray...winter is over...Spring is here....come on out and talk with old friends and meet new ones.

Deadline for Bridge submissions is April 15. Items submitted later may not be printed. Please submit to bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com.

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Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Karen Hambleton

In March, the preschoolers kept their eyes and ears open for signs of spring. Children listened for birdsongs and looked for changes in nature that signaled the end of winter. One sign of spring that entertained them enormously was a mud puddle on the playground! In the classroom, the preschool visited the magical world of Dr. Seuss in celebration of his birthday. Parents joined the class to read stories by Dr. Seuss. On Saint Patrick's Day, a leprechaun paid a surprise visit leaving treats for the children. The class also read "Green Eggs and Ham," then made and tried green eggs and ham. Some liked them, others did not. Preschoolers also explored the life cycle of frogs learning how they hatch from eggs into tadpoles and then turn into frogs. By mid-month the sidewalks were clear enough for us to resume our walks to the Brown Memorial Library for Story Time. How we had missed our friends there! At the end of the month, preschoolers began a unit on butterflies discovering how caterpillars build cocoons around themselves then emerge later as butterflies.



Tasting Green Eggs and Ham.

At the beginning of April, the class will finish the unit on caterpillars and butterflies. As Easter approaches, children will make Easter cards for their parents and color eggs. We will learn about the Easter Bunny and sponge paint our own Easter Bunnies. Students will also learn about the baby animals that are born in the springtime. The class will talk about bunnies, cows, lambs, deer, horses, frogs and many more animals learning what each baby animal is called. For example, a baby cow is called a calf; a baby sheep is called a lamb, etc. For Earth Day, the children will explore ways they can help the earth, including recycling and using trash bins instead of littering. We will discuss what recycling is, how it works and how it helps our environment. April is also the perfect time to talk about rain. The class will learn why rain is important and how it affects plants, trees and grass in the spring. We will discover first hand how rain makes mud and make mud of our own to play in! Preschoolers will discuss the many ways to enjoy rain – splashing in puddles and watching raindrops spatter. We will also talk about the different ways animals and people stay dry when it rains.

In celebration of Easter, the Preschool will be hosting a Bunny Brunch on Saturday April 11th from 8:30 – 11:00 am at the Bradford Area Community Center. Children will have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny and receive a small gift. The Easter fun concludes with the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Brown Memorial Library at 11:00 am. We hope you'll join us!!

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



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About OT Practitioners

Occupational therapy practitioners are skilled professionals whose education includes the study of human growth and development with specific emphasis on the social, emotional, and physiological effects of illness and injury. The occupational therapist enters the field with a master’s or doctoral degree. The occupational therapy assistant generally earns an associate degree. Practitioners must complete supervised clinical internships in a variety of health care settings, and pass a national examination. Most states also regulate occupational therapy practice.

OT Services: How Occupational Therapy Benefits You

Services typically include

- * Customized treatment programs to improve one’s ability to perform daily activities
- * Comprehensive home and job site evaluations with adaptation recommendations
- * Performance skills assessments and treatment
- * Adaptive equipment recommendations and usage training
- * Guidance to family members and caregivers

Some of the health conditions that benefit from occupational therapy include

- * Work-related injuries including lower back problems or repetitive stress injuries
- * Limitations following a stroke or heart attack
- * Arthritis, multiple sclerosis, or other serious chronic conditions
- * Birth injuries, learning problems, or developmental disabilities
- * Mental health or behavioral problems including Alzheimer’s
- * Burns, spinal cord injuries, or amputations
- * Broken bones or other injuries from falls, sports injuries, or accidents
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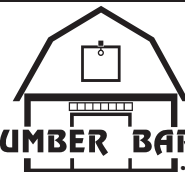
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Bradford Business Association Update

The Board met on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the Candlelite Inn. The following was discussed:

Membership: As the economic times are still impacting small businesses, the BBA will extend renewals of membership until June 30th. Membership fee is still \$30. So watch your mailboxes. For any business—new or forgotten—please get in touch with me at candlelite@conknet.com and I will mail an application to you.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be May 17th, 1 PM at the Candlelite Inn. We will be mailing postcards when it gets closer to the date. So mark your calendars.

Slate of Officers: We are currently putting together a slate of officers for the 2009/ 2010. If you have a couple of hours to spare, we hope that you will be a part of the board, or even a member helping out when needed.

Brochure & Website: The website www.bradfordnh.com is continuously kept up to date. However, if someone on the site sees a misprint or outdated information, please contact me at candlelite@conknet.com. The brochure will be printed this fall. We are going to try and have the same format but it will also be determined the number of members the have renewed or joined.

The purpose of the Bradford Business Association (BBA) is to make the residents of Bradford and the surrounding towns aware of the services that are available. If you

would like more information, contact anyone on the Board. The current Board members are President, Marilyn Gordon, Vice President, Laura Hallahan, Treasurer, Bob Stewart. Other members are Steve Pitman, Lumber Barn, Kendra Messer West, Meadow Stables & Marlene Fryler, Marlene's Floral Shoppe.

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stream or compactor. Dollars are saved when you consider \$45.90 a ton which is the tipping fee. We have some residents who recycle everything. Every two weeks they have only one grocery bag to throw into the compactor and that's a family of three people. People will ask us for items that have been recycled like lawn mowers, hot water heaters, pipes and stoves.

Q. Your backgrounds are somewhat similar but in many ways different. How did you meet and decide to be together?

Kenny: We met at the transfer station.

Lois: I liked Kenny's sense of humor.

Kenny: She was a lot of fun to be with-intelligent, craft-minded and conservative. I remember having to buy her a pot of flowers instead of a bouquet because she said that the bouquet wouldn't last and the flowers in a pot would.

Q. In your work at the transfer station do you have time to chat with people? Is this similar to the hairdressers who chat and listen to their customers?

Lois: We have a lot of people who love to come down and socialize. We try not to gossip. Some people are looking for trouble and we walk away from it.

Kenny: Sometimes we get involved in repairing people's automobiles. We jump start autos for people. That happens once in a while. I keep a carton of dog biscuits for customer's dogs.

Q. Kenny, you graduated from Simonds High School in Warner. What was life all about in those days?

Kenny: I was one of the last graduating classes. Those were the good old days. The taxes were so much less. Gas was 25 cents a gallon. It was an easier life. I was a

long distance runner and came in first in 125 competitions. I was never beaten.

Lois: He told me that after each race he would ask, "Who came in second?"

Q. Have you seen a change in the trash that comes in now during this lengthy period of economic downturn/recession? Are people bringing in fewer things and looking more at items that might be worth taking home?

Lois: People were changing their carpets more before the recession. We have a "pick" table or swap shop. Our customers have always used this. We always used to have kindling that people would take home. Carpenters don't have the business now so we don't have that anymore.



Q. Is managing the transfer station a stressful job? Does this cause sleepless nights for either of you? Do you bring the job home and discuss the day's events?

Kenny: We have a few words about it. It doesn't keep me awake at night. I let a lot of it run off. If you don't get what you want this year, try again next year.

Lois: It's just like he said. We have learned to leave it there. The place is so well organized that we're not getting stressed out.

Q. What future plans do you have? Do you see many improvements in recycling in the future?

Kenny: We have reached our peak now with 60 to 70 percent recycled and that's a high figure. Bradford sends its compactor material to Wheelabrator. They're working on a high tech incinerator that burns clean enough to use for road material. We won't need any landfills when this happens. I don't think it's too far in the future

Q. I watched a documentary on people who actually dive into the trash bin to look for worthwhile objects to wear or furnishings for their homes. This happens in larger cities and is not possible with the compactor we have. Do you see many valuable items being dumped into the compactor?

Lois: We try to stop people from throwing furniture and worthwhile items into the compactor. We have rules for that.

Kenny: I understand that people make a living doing that. Bradford is not the place for it.

Q. You've both been working the same jobs for many years. Kenny, it's been nineteen years and Lois, you've been there for ten years. What visions do you have for the future? Are you satisfied with life as it is?

Kenny: The job fits with my life style. The future for me is social security. I have no plans. There was never anything else. I have hobbies. I like to fish and hunt. I enjoy gardening and canning my own vegetables. I like to restore antiques.

Lois: I plan to continue working at the station. I'm happy where I am.

Kenny was born in Concord and Lois in Boston. They both wanted to end the interview with the following quotation.

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The events are open to the public and will take place in the handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library, 75 W. Main St., Bradford, NH.

School News KRES Bradford

Bradford Buzz Arrives at KRES Bradford

by Isabelle Steiner

The Bradford Buzz is a new school newspaper at KRES Bradford. Kids from the third, fourth and fifth grades are working on the paper. It will have stories about school and some not about school. Upcoming stories include: What's in the Lost and Found, The Secret Life of Principal Spadaro, President Obama Having to Retake the Oath, jokes, comics and lots of other stuff.

The Buzz staff meets on Thursdays after school. The advisors are Kris Lee, Robin Steiner and Tom Smith. There are almost 20 kids working on the paper. Everybody writes stories and they take turns editing and doing layout.

They are learning how to use a computer to put it together, how to write like a newspaper writer, how to take photos, the 5 W's and more. The plan is to try to do one issue a month.

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April Calendar

Wed. Apr. 1

3:15 PM – Brownies
6:00 PM – Girl Scouts
6:00-8:00 PM – Bradford Library Stitchers, BML
7:00 – 9:00 PM American Sign Language

Thurs. April 2

12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:00 PM – Yoga Class – call Fran - 456-3099 for information

Fri. April 3

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
11:30 First Friday Brunch
Music with Woody Roberts and a 50/50 raffle
7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie, Brick Lane, BML

Sat. Apr. 4

9:00-11:00 AM – Writing Group
9:30 AM -12:30 PM – Dog Training – call Lynn King - 938-5329 for registration and information
10 AM - Bradford Improvement Assoc. BCC

Mon. April 6

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:30AM -Yoga with Fran
1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. April 7

9:00 AM – Noon - Fuel Assistance, call 456-2207 for appointment
10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Community Dining - Wayne Blanchard from ServiceLink explains services from Resource Center
6:00 PM - Yoga Class, call Fran - 456-3099 for information
6:30 PM - Cub Scouts

Wed. April 8

9AM to Noon - Hearing Clinic with Hearing Specialist Kevin Howard.
4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center – committee meeting
5:45 PM - Parks & Recreation –committee meeting
7:00 - 9:00 PM -American Sign Language

Thurs. April 9

12 Noon - Senior Community Dining

Fri. April 10

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

Sat. Apr 11

7:00 AM -12:00 Noon - Bunny Brunch – Kearsarge Area Preschool Activity
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Dog training

11:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt, BML

Sun. Apr. 12

1:00 - 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts

Mon. April 13

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class with Doris begins today
10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran
12:00 Noon - Sudoku with Bag Lunch
1:00 PM - Bridge Group
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. April 14

10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Community Dining
April birthday celebration of cake and ice cream
6:00 PM - Yoga Class – call Fran - 456-3099 for information
6:30 PM - Cub Scouts

Wed. Apr. 15

3:00 PM - Brownies
4:00 - 5:00 PM - Archery Clinic – call 938-6228 for registration and information
6:00 PM - Girl Scouts
6:00-8:00 PM - Bradford Library Stitchers, BML

Thurs. April 16

11:00 AM - 1:00PM Blood Pressure Clinic - Lake Sunapee Region VNA
12 Noon - Senior Community Dining
Marilyn Sullivan - Cooperative Extension Service - “Organizing Your Valuable Papers”

Fri. April 17

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:30 AM - Friday at the Movies - The Secret Life of Bees
7:00PM - International Movie (Quebec), BML

Sat. Apr. 18

9:00-11:00 AM - Writing Group
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Dog Training

Mon. April 20

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:00 - Ceramics with Doris
10:00 - Kumihimo Demonstration followed by a bag lunch
1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. April 21

9:00 AM - Noon - Fuel Assistance –call 456-9200 for appointment

April Calendar

10:AM - Stitches From the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Community Dining
 Volunteer Appreciation Celebration!
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. April 22

10:30AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic
 Lake Sunapee Region VNA at the Warner Senior Room
 7:00 PM - *What to Know About Self-publishing: An Evening with Eight Self-published Bradford Authors* BML

Thurs. April 23

12 Noon - Senior Community Dining
 8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
 10:30 - Friday at the Movies

Fri. April 24

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

Sat. Apr. 25

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Dog Training

Mon. April 27

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:00 - Ceramics with Doris
 10:30AM - Yoga with Fran
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. April 28

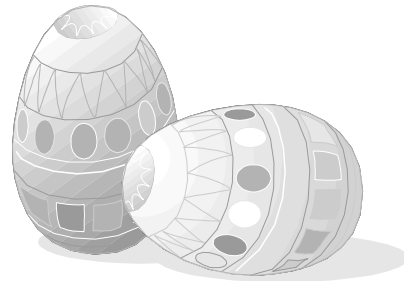
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 6:00 PM - Yoga Class
 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Wed. Apr. 29

3:00 PM – Brownies
 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts

Thurs. April 30

12 Noon Senior Community Dining



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 PM. 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 6 PM - TOWN HALL
- ZONING BOARD** - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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Planning Board Notes

Officers: At the organizational meeting following Town Meeting, Phil LaMoreaux was re-elected as Chair and Marcia Keller as Vice-Chair. Selectmen's Representative to the Board is Jack Meaney.

Circuit Rider: The Central New Hampshire Planning Commission's circuit rider is on an "on-call" basis. Anyone wishing to consult him is requested to call Secretary Marge Cilley, 938-2253, to make an appointment. The Planning board agreed to a request from the Board of Selectmen to transfer \$5,000 from the circuit rider budget to help fill the gap in the town budget.

Master Plan: The Board discussed several items included in the implementation chapter of the Master Plan and decided looking at re-zoning should be the next goal.

Ongoing Issues: The Board is considering comments regarding a building permit for a lot on the back side of Lake Massasecum that has no road access. Updating information on gravel pits and permitting of kennels are also under discussion.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

All of us at the library appreciate the town's vote of support at this year's Town Meeting. Thank you! This is your library. Please come to us with any suggestions or concerns.

Our first book sale of the season was successful thanks to all the great book donations we received. Thank you also to our two new volunteers, Tracey Quigley and Nancy Roberts. The next sale will be on Saturday, May 23 and will include seedlings and plants. Donations are always welcomed.

The April book-to-movie discussion of *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali is on Friday, April 3 at 7pm. Next month, we will read *Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire* by Amanda Foreman and compare it to the movie *The Duchess*. The April international movie is from Quebec and May's movie is Israeli.

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library offer two fun events in April. First, on April 11 at 11 am is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt here, 78 West Main Street. Second, on April 22 at 7pm, the Friends host an evening with our local self-published authors.

New books added to your library in March:

For Adults:

- Resistance* by Owen Sheers
- Handle With Care* by Jodi Picoult
- My Brave Boys* by Mike Pride and Mark Travis
- The Death of a Witch* by M.C. Beaton
- They Remember Sutton*



For Children:

- Lucky Breaks* by Susan Patron
- The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- That Book Woman* by Heather Henson
- 3 Willows* by Ann Brashares

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Obituaries

Edna Herbert

Edna Ellen (Walker) Herbert, 95, died on March 23, 2009 in Damariscotta, ME. Edna was born the daughter of Henry W. Walker and Augusta C. (Mulligan) Walker, Sept. 23, 1913, in Hinsdale, on her grandfather's farm along the banks of the Connecticut River.

In 1936 she married Clayton Herbert in Boston. The couple lost their first child, Barbara Anne, at birth, but later celebrated the births of Clayton, Jr. and Gregory.

Edna became a Cub Scout den mother, president of the Patrick Lyndon Elementary School's Home & School Association, and served on the board of Citizens for Boston Schools. She marched in support of civil rights with Martin Luther King, Jr. She became the director of volunteer services at Faulkner and at St. Elizabeth's Hospitals.

Her son Greg died in 1970; her husband Clayton died in 1973. After her husband died, Edna sold the family home in Chestnut Hill and built a Yankee Barn on land in Bradford, NH. She continued to work in Boston hospitals until she was 70. Soon after retiring, she organized the Mediation Program in Newport. Later she became the first woman in the 200-year history of her adopted town, Bradford, to serve as selectwoman.

Edna moved to Damariscotta, Maine, to be near her family. She is survived by her son Clayton Herbert and his wife, Jane Herbert of Damariscotta; grandsons David Herbert of Bremen, ME and Erik Herbert of Knoxville, TN; granddaughter Melissa Herbert of Portland, ME; four great-grandchildren; her brother, Henry Walker, of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

Edna Herbert will be laid to rest with her husband at the Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford, NH.

Donations may be made to Macular Degeneration Research. Checks should be made payable to Tufts Medical Center with a memo for Dr. J. Seddon's Research and mailed to

Dr. Johanna Seddon, New England Eye Center, Tufts Medical Center, 800 Washington St., #450, Boston, MA 02111.

For a more personal and full obit of Edna's interesting life, please refer to the Concord Monitor March 28th Obituary section.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

Lenten/Easter Craft Event for Children: Children of all ages are invited to come to the church on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and make and take a variety of crafts including painted glass, candles, cookie decorating and wooden crosses. The event is free and refreshments will be served.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service: On Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m., we will hold a Maundy Thursday Service. Included in the service will be a Baptism by immersion, the Last Supper, special music with sacred dance and a reading of "The last Words of Christ".

Good Friday: On Friday, April 10 the sanctuary will be open from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. for meditation and prayer.

Easter Sunrise Service: On Sunday, April 12 at 6:30 a.m. there will be an Easter Sunrise Service at French's Park on Lake Massasecum in Bradford. The service will be lead by First Baptist Church, Bradford, United Church of Warner and the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sutton. An Easter breakfast will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bradford immediately following the service. A free-will offering will be taken.

Easter Worship Service: Our Easter Worship Service will be held on April 12 at 10:00 a.m. Our children and youth will be participating in the service.

Food Pantry: Food will be distributed on Wednesday, April 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Church Dinner: Our church will hold an Italian Buffet on Saturday, April 18. There will be 2 seatings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. There will be a variety of Italian dishes as well as a salad bar. Macaroni and Cheese will be available for children. This dinner is sponsored by the Rainbow Garage. Proceeds will be benefit our building fund.

Men's Fellowship: Our men will meet on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Fred Hubley for devotions, pool and refreshments.

A Culinarian's Column

by Caryl Walker

The tease of warmer weather gets me thinking about the earth renewing itself, crocuses and snow drops popping up in sunny locations and Easter, not only traditional Easter, but also Greek Easter. My Greek mother-in-law introduced me to many wonderful Greek dishes. One of my favorites is Avgolemeno, an eggy-lemony soup. A young pair of hands to help whip makes this soup effortless!

Avgolemeno

6 cups + chicken broth
Juice of 2 lemons

1 cup orzo, vermicelli or small pasta
3 eggs, separated

1. In a large sauce pan, bring the chicken broth to a boil; add orzo, and cook until tender, about 8 minutes. Turn off heat.
2. In a medium bowl, whip egg whites until they form soft peaks.
3. In a small bowl, beat egg yolks until well blended.
4. Add egg yolks to egg whites slowly, beating continuously until evenly incorporated.
5. Gradually add the lemon juice to the egg mixture.
6. Temper the egg mixture with the chicken broth.
7. Slowly pour the tempered egg mixture back into the chicken broth pan, stirring constantly until all is thoroughly mixed and the soup has thickened.
8. Season with salt. Serve immediately. If desired, garnish with thinly sliced lemon.

Tips on making Avgolemeno:

1. To temper the egg mixture, add some broth slowly to the egg mixture, beating constantly. Add at least 2 cups of broth, using this method. (At school, I tell the students that this is to prepare the eggs for what is going to happen and not scare the eggs that they could get scrambled !)
2. Caution: If the tempering process is not done correctly, the soup WILL curdle!!
3. Reheat leftover soup in a double boiler.

Planning for Winterfest 2010

We (Bradford Parks and Recreation Committee) are in the very early stages of planning a Community-Wide Event. Our hope is to collectively involve all the community organizations in putting on a "Winter Festival of Fun" that involves all ages and may become an annual event.

We are looking for ideas, direction, and participation from your business or organization so please help us brainstorm. If you are interested in participating in this community project, contact us at bacc@mcttelecom.com or Call Kate at 938-6228

Initial Rough Outline of event:

Bradford's Winter Community Festival/Carnival

Goal/Mission: To hold a winter festival/event that supports the many community organizations in our area and to create awareness, volunteerism, community support, social involvement and promote the programs in our town.

Time frame: A weekend in early February, 2010

Who: Involve all community organizations, such as: Girl/Boy scouts, Church, BCC, Fish and Game, BNSYS, Parks and Rec, Women's Club, Historical Society, Masons,

Snowmobile clubs, Bradford Business Association, KRES-Bradford CHiPS, Kearsarge Area Pre-School, Mt. View Senior Center, Brown Memorial Library, Town Departments (Transfer Station/Highway Dept/Selectmen/Historical Society, MORE? etc!

Activity Ideas:

Skating, bonfire, BBQ, snowshoe walk/hike, cross country ski, street activities, hot cocoa run, sledding, ice fishing derby, sleigh/carriage rides, chocolate/cookies/soup/chili/chowder/something judging, baked goods, fastest snowball contest, Scavenger hunt, Poker run/bridge run, Progressive Dinner, Winter dance, snow/ice sculpture contest....the list is endless!!!!

Selectmen's Highlights

Selectmen: Andrew Pinard was thanked for his efforts as a member of the Board for the past three years. In reply, Pinard said it has been an interesting experience and was gratified by the support of the Board. Jack Meaney was welcomed as the new member of the Board. Charles Meany is the new Chair of the Board and will be the selectmen's representative to the Road Committee; Peter Fenton will represent the selectmen on the Budget Committee and Jack Meaney on the Planning Board and at the first winter carnival meeting.

Welfare: Office personnel were asked to look into providing housing for the welfare office in the selectmen's Office. Privacy wall dividers could be set up.

Kennels: Police Chief James Valiquet was present regarding complaints of dogs on Pleasant View Road. After discussion of pertinent state and local regulations, the selectmen agreed to send a letter to the property owner advising him that because of the number of animals involved he is not in compliance with the zoning ordinance and must file a site plan with the Planning Board within 30 days. He was also advised that the town has a leash law.

Budget: Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Susan Pehrson and Police Chief, James Valiquet met with the selectmen to discuss budget cuts. The town clerk's budget was reduced by \$8,000; the police by \$20,000. The possibility of personnel cutbacks and other service reductions were reviewed. The Board requested the two department heads restrict spending where possible while the Board investigates cost cutting measures in all departments. Peter Fenton and Chip Meany both indicated layoffs were the

last resort in handling the budget cuts voted at town meeting.

Selectmen voted to regularly (weekly if possible) submit information to area newspapers to keep residents aware of the challenges being faced with the budget and successes accomplished in using funds sparingly. Cheryl Behr will draft press releases for selectmen's comment and contributions before emailing the updates.

Town Hall hours will be cut to a four day week May 1st due to budgetary constraints. The hours will be extended each day so that personnel will work the same number of hours.

Highway Department Selectmen approved purchase of gravel from Mt. William at the same cost as last year (\$12.95/ton). Road Agent Steve Lucier reported that a king pin has broken on the grader. Some parts can be made locally, others will have to be ordered. Selectmen will decide later in the year how much of the FEMA money will be returned to the Highway Department. Selectmen discussed requests for additional funds for the highway garage submitted by contractor Mike Sailer. They approved \$3,000.00.

Copies of minutes of all Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall.

Change of Hours

At their March 24th meeting, the Bradford Board of Selectmen voted to close the Town hall on Fridays to reduce costs and address budget shortfalls. The Board made the decision to implement this change effective May 1st, 2009.

The Selectmen's office will remain open until 7:00 pm on Tuesdays to serve the public and hope to encourage attendance at the selectmen's meetings. The meetings begin at 5:30pm and are scheduled the first and third Tuesday of each month. Should you wish to be placed on the agenda, please call the Selectmen's Office at 938-5900 ext 1. Planning and Zoning meetings will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at their regularly scheduled dates and times.





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Candlelite Wins Honors

The Candlelite Inn B&B has been recognized by StartupNation (<http://www.startupnation.com>) as one of the top businesses in its annual Home Based 100 competition under the category of "Boomers Back in Business".

Many of the Startup Nation's Home-Based 100 submissions revealed that business owners are bucking the current economic downturn and finding business success in these tight times. Historically, some of today's most well known businesses started in a downturn, including Microsoft and General Electric.

"I am very proud to have this honor bestowed upon us, especially now when there is so much uncertainty going on in our country. Even though we have been in business for 16 years, it's still essential to keep a positive attitude," states Marilyn Gordon, owner and innkeeper of the Candlelite Inn B&B. "You need to enjoy what you are doing and for us it's been the people we have met and the friends we have made."

The Candlelite Inn Bed & Breakfast is a turn of the century, country Victorian Bed & Breakfast and offers guests 6 well appointed guest rooms, a scrumptious 3 course breakfast, afternoon refreshments and a relaxed atmosphere. For more information on the Candlelite Inn, contact Marilyn Gordon at 603-938-5571 or email candlelite@conknet.com. Be sure to visit their website at www.candleliteinn.com



It's that time again - time to bring in the bird feeders to avoid furry visitors

photo: Charlene Harris



by Laura
Hallahan

Using Color Effectively

It's that time of year again, spring! Time for buyers to check out all of the new listings coming on the market and for sellers to ponder what to do to prepare for selling this year. Time, too, to take a break from stimulus packages, bank rates, credit scores and so forth. Last year at this time I shared some design tips from REALTOR® magazine and this year the topic is color. Most home stagers and real estate professionals tell you to keep it neutral to appeal to most buyers. But a touch of color may be just what is needed, especially for a listing that has been on the market and now must compete against new listings. There are 4 steps to selecting a color:

Coordinate with the room's use. Kitchen areas painted in "food colors" - such as celery green or red - can increase appetite, whereas blues evoke tranquility and are best used in bedrooms.

Paint for the season. Bring in warm colors such as reds, oranges, and yellows in the fall and winter months and cooler colors such as greens, blues and purples during the spring and summer. You can also paint just one wall in a room and use accessories to match the colors of the season.

Use a directional approach. North-facing rooms may not feel as warm and inviting to buyers because they don't get as much sunlight, so you may want to paint them a warm color. A very warm room can be cooled down using hues of green or blue.

Harmonize. Rather than painting every room a different color, create a sense of flow from one room to another by using variations of the same color throughout the house. While color preferences vary from person to person, commonalities occur:

Red – increases energy and heart rate, creates excitement, stimulates the appetite. Best for dining rooms.

Orange – adds comfort, warmth and cheerfulness, but too much can bring out cautiousness. Best for living rooms and family rooms.

Yellow – brightens mood and promotes welcoming and joyful feelings; increases positive thinking. Best for poorly lit foyers and dark hallways; buttery shades of yellow for living rooms.

Green – most restful color. Reduces nervous system activity and muscular tension, calms and relaxes and reminds one of nature. Best for living rooms (light greens), accent for kitchens and dining rooms (mid-tones).

Blue – promotes feelings of calmness, security, tranquility and cleanliness; lowers blood pressure, cools a room and serves as an appetite suppressant. Best for bedrooms or any restful, peaceful area in a home.

Purple – boosts creativity, imagination and meditation, but can have unpleasant subconscious responses; many adults dislike purple on walls and consider light purple especially as more youthful. Best for children's bedrooms and play areas.

Recent Sales in Bradford

* No sales in any category since my last article.

There are 26 active and 1 pending residential listings, 17 active and 0 pending land listings, 2 active and 1 pending commercial listings and 0 active and 1 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor

Here at Bradford Fish & Game we were delighted with the turnout for the Kids Ice Fishing Derby on 2/15/09. We hope you all had a great time, had plenty to eat, caught a few fish, and perhaps won a trophy and prize. This year there were 52 registered participants who split three fishing categories as follows:

| Perch | Pickerel | Crappie |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Shane Wilson 13 1/8 | Haley Lacombe 22 5/16 | Brie von Beren 14 9/16 |
| 2nd Kendel Mattyce 13 | Kelsea Davis 21 15/12 | Owen Conway 13 5/8 |
| 3rd Garrett Sprenger 12 1/16 | Stone Phillip 21 13/16 | Colton Wilhelmey 11 5/16 |

The overall champion was Haley Lacombe with her 22 5/16 inch pickerel.

Special thanks must given to Dennis Hissler for supplying beautiful trophies and having bait available at the clubhouse. More special thanks to Morse Sporting Goods in Hillsboro NH. for helping with the prizes. Remember Morse's for all your hunting and fishing needs. Last but not least we thank Dick Wright for donating the ice fishing shelter which was raffled off and taken home by Tim Penney of Hillsboro NH.

I would again like to thank all of our members who helped with this event along with all of you who came out and participated.

Thank you,

Fritz von Beren, President BF&G

PS: Don't miss our next event, the Annual Kids Trout Fishing Derby on Sun., 5/17/09

Dear Editors,

At the 2007 Town Meeting an article was passed called the "Climate Change Resolution". This article called for the town to form local energy committees comprised of groups of citizens charged with assessing and improving community action on climate change and energy use.

The Board of Selectmen is requesting individuals interested to contact the town offices to form an independent group to prepare a municipal inventory with the help of the Clean Air -Cool Planet Local Energy Committee Working Group. They plan to hold their first annual conference on June 20th, 2009. You may find out more about this group by visiting their web site www.carboncoalition.org. Emails may be addressed to Julia Dundorf, LEC Field Organizer at jdundorf@cleanair-coolplanet.org.

Thank you,

Cheryl Behr

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Bradford Historical Society

The Brick Mill - A Bradford Cornerstone

by Ruth-Ann and John Harris with assistance from Milly Kittredge,

The Brick Mill has been an integral part of Bradford's economy since about 1805. The Town History includes a description of the firing of the bricks for the Mill in Newbury. An architectural historian from Ireland identified the style of brick as one that was developed and widely used in Ireland between 1780 and 1800.

In 1883 the Mill was advertised at sale for auction as "two-storey brick grist mill with all the machinery necessary for the manufacture of flour. The power is unsurpassed in the state. The location is especially

advantageous, being in the business part of the village, near depot, and in the center of one of the finest and most extensive grain-growing sections in New England, and depending largely on this mill for grinding as it is the only large mill within a circuit of nearly twenty miles ... the opportunity an unusually one for a live man to engage in the Mill Business, as the people of the town will give capital and enterprise such exemption and protection as will ensure the development of its

Water Power." Clearly it played an important role in the agricultural economy of Bradford.

By 1863 Bradford was a center of wholesale distribution to the region from Concord to the Connecticut River, as evidenced by the records of the Carr Store on West Main Street. For more on the history of the Carr Store, see Prof. Don Linebaugh's report, available at the Library or the Historical Society. So it is likely that the Carr merchants distributed flour ground at the Brick Mill.

In 1890 the Mill's water power was used to supply the town with electricity. Weekly dances in the Town Hall could continue only as long as the

Mill kept producing power. We've been told by town old-timers that people were deputized to engage the mill foreman in card games. As long as the card games lasted the dancers could keep waltzing on the specially-designed floating dance floor of the Town Hall's upstairs.

C.H. Hadley sold the mill to New Hampshire Power in 1924 and the Public Service Company took over in 1936. However electric lines didn't extend all over town until later. After Public Service took over the provision of electricity for the town, the Mill was



converted to producing wooden products. In the 1930s it was producing Tooky Toys, alphabet blocks for kids, distributed in Boston department stores. The factory also produced women's cuban heels.

In 1943 Carl Milner rebuilt the dam, inscribing his initials on the cap and telling his grandson that this would be his memorial.

By the 1950s Eddie Westerberg had acquired the Mill, and had contracts with Raytheon for building shipping crates for precision equipment. The Mill was sawing logs, planing boards, and gang-nailing the crate components with equipment still driven by water-power until 1969. At that time the Westerbergs

decommissioned the Mill and sold the water rights to an association of property owners on Lake Todd.

The Mill then stood empty until 1976, except for a brief occupation by a commune that found it could not survive a New Hampshire winter without water facilities and insulation.

While the Mill's thick brick walls and large timbers remained strong on its stone foundations, surviving floods and hurricanes, ownership and function was changing frequently, as the Bradford economy changed. Over the years between 1801 and 1969 the Mill changed hands approximately every seven years. Perry Teele has documented the line of ownership from John Gregg who acquired the rights of flowage in 1796, to John Hoyt, Richard Maxfield, Moses Hadley, Samuel Jones, Luciens Woods, Hollis Blood, Oliver Redington, his daughter, Sarah Redington Hadley, Carl Milner, Donald Wallis, and then Edwin Westerberg.

In 1976 the Mill underwent another major conversion of use. John and Ruth-Ann Harris purchased the derelict industrial building, and converted it to residential use. With the help and skill of a number of local craftsmen the transformation took place over a number of years. Rick Messer and Leonard Wheeler oversaw the installation of a septic system and water. Jimmy Newell installed a modern electrical service, and Dave Pickman designed and installed plumbing that allowed efficient protection for a system that would be used on weekends in winter weather. Buddie (Arthur) Westerberg, son of the former owner, tore down the dangerous shed, redid the roof, and helped design a new entrance that reflected the lines of the window openings.

John McAlevey, Mike Butler, David Masury, and Ken Martin were the primary carpenters who carefully recycled parts of the old shed to preserve even teenage graffiti from the shed on the new interior walls. The old sash was preserved, the old window frames replaced by oak and cherry, and the old rafters became stair stringers. Old pulleys, shafts and control wheels, and transmission devices were kept in place where possible, while the holes in the floor through which belts passed were patched. The old turbine continues to stand in its original space on the lower level between two great dry arches.

Over the years additional finished areas were completed, and Gary Wall installed central heating in 1998. Steve Manley and his brother-in-law, Paul Niveau insulated the north walls in 2004 and 05. In 2007 structural repairs on the roof were supervised by structural engineer, Alex Azodi of Omega Engineering.

When the penstock and operating water gate was replaced in the early 1980s a new lower deck was built. Colonial Staircase built their first exterior stair to connect the two decks over the falls.

Thus the transformation of the Mill has kept the basic character of an industrial building with the skill and vision of a number of local artisans.

After the flood of 2006 Bob Judge worked hard to restore landscaping and make the bank less vulnerable to future water surges.

Over the years the dam was controlled by the Lake Todd Association, and relied on the volunteer efforts of property owners to finance repairs and operate the gates. In 2005 a formal political organization, called the Lake Todd Village District, was created under the leadership of Gerry Gold, Carol Tonkin, Aileen Hamilton, Bill Weiler, John Warren and many others. The Village District now has taxation authority to finance equitably repairs such as the major rebuilding the dam in 2006, and to purchase insurance that protects owners from liability.

The Mill has been designated a Bradford Cornerstone, and has filled that role for over 205 years, despite changed circumstances and functions. Who knows what further changes in the future may hold? Perhaps with the need for clean renewable energy and the advancement of technology the dam could once again be a source of power to the village.

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 the Brick Mill on West Main Street.

Town of Bradford

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|---------------------|-------------------------|---|
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| Paper | 123 tons | Saved 2,083 trees! |
| Scrap Metal | 60 tons | Conserved 59,653 pounds of coal! |
| Steel Cans | 21,460 lbs. | Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 557,960 hours! |

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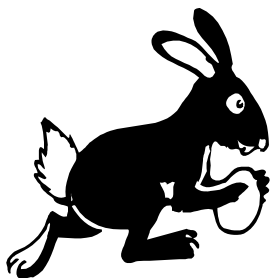


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