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Cornerstones Updated



One of Bradford's lovely vistas



Progress on Main Street begins
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10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

The February issue of the Bridge reminds us that Valentine's Day is approaching. We decided to make this month's issue uplifting and cheerful in spite of the world around us. This month we interviewed two happy couples. Dick and Marcia Keller have celebrated 60 years as a couple. Marge and George Cilley are nearly at the 60 year anniversary. What better way to make this a celebratory issue than to ask the four individuals how they did it. A researcher at a university in Amsterdam, Caryl Rusbut, spoke of the "Michelangelo effect", defined as close partners who sculpt each other in ways that help them each attain their goals. Shall we find out?

Q. You have been couples for many years. What do you think is the most important factor in the longevity of your marriages?

Dick: Mutual admiration, which started the relationship and keeps growing as the years pass.

Marcia: From the first days, we wanted to be together and still do.

George: The day we married and said the vows for the lifetime are words that I have never forgotten.

Marge: We moved a lot and wherever we moved we always made it a home within 24 hours.

Q. How important is a sense of humor in a relationship?

Dick: It is a natural feature of what is between us. We have known each other since high school. We understand one another and can laugh at things.

Marcia: A sense of humor is vitally important. We would rather laugh

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A Brief History of St. Peters Masonic Lodge, No. 31, Bradford, New Hampshire

by Paul Gross and Audrey V. Sylvester

Masons (also known as Freemasons) are men who belong to a worldwide fraternal organization devoted to making good men better. A man becomes a Freemason through his own volition. An essential requirement for members is a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. It is an organization formed on the broad basis of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—whose goals are to make the world a better place for all.

Some notable Masons in history include: L. von Beethoven, Irving Berlin, Gerald R. Ford, James Monroe, Eddie Rickenbacker, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John Wayne, the Marquis de Lafayette, Al Jolson, Douglas MacArthur, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin.

Records dating back as early as 1799 show that Masons lived in Bradford and Henniker, New Hampshire. They met regularly and held degree work. In 1818 these Bradford and Henniker Masons petitioned the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire that a charter be granted and named St. Peters Lodge after one of the twelve apostles and one of the original disciples. The petition was granted with the first worshipful master being Brother Ebenezer Cressy. Since 1818 St. Peters Lodge has had 80 masters, 33 secretaries and 24 treasurers.

The Lodge first met in Presby Hall at Bradford Center. In June 1823, the Lodge moved to the home of Brother William Cressy in Henniker. At that time, there were 59 members. By 1825, membership had declined to 28 when Aurora Lodge No. 43 received its charter. St. Peters Lodge moved back to Bradford. Meetings were held at a tavern (known as the Raymond House) at Bradford junction. On June 27, 1825, public grand honors were given for the Marquis de Lafayette (General) who sat in lodge and signed the records. Today a commemorative boulder and bronze plaque marks Lafayette's Bradford visit at the former site of the Raymond House (near the junction of Route 114 and East Main Street).

A checkered history of Lodge relocations unfolded. The Lodge moved in the early 1850's to "The Mills," a hotel in Bradford Mill Village. In the late 1860's when Bradford became popular as the railroad terminal at Brad-

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Letter from the Editor

This issue of the Bridge reports on the status of the Community Cornerstones twenty years after they were chosen by town residents as "essential to our quality of life" in Bradford. Overall, the condition of most of them is positive. Only one, the soda fountain, is no longer a feature of Bradford. Several others have been protected by conservation easements, have had major repairs or renovation, or construction is currently being planned. Others, such as the Town Hall and Bement Bridge continue to have needs that must be addressed. Let your voice be heard on where Bradford should focus future planning to keep our town moving forward and these essentials well cared for.

Positive news for 2011 so far is found in the improvement in real estate sales noted elsewhere in this Bridge, the imminent selection of an engineering firm to proceed with phase one of sidewalk construction on East Main Street, the improved appearance of Main Street with removal of an unsightly building next to the Dodge building and expectation of a new tenant in that historic structure.

West Main Street has begun taking its part in upgrading the appearance of the town with the installation of the first historic marker. Who were the early families who lived along West Main Street in the section of town known as Bradford Mills and do the houses still exist in 2011? Take a trip into the past. Walk down West Main Street from the Town Hall. The first house sign will be the Frederick S. Morse Place. Keep an eye out for more to come.

By the time this issue of the Bridge hits the streets, the filing period for candidates for town offices will have ended and it will be known who has stepped forward to volunteer as town leaders for the coming year. As it appears there will not be a candidates' night this season, take time to meet the candidates, ask your vital questions, then choose wisely among those whose function it is to carry out the decisions made at Town Meeting.

In the meantime, stay warm, safe on icy roads, and don't forget Valentine's Day as a time to express your feelings for those you love.

Marcia Keller

February Editor

Remember the Budget Committee Meeting at 7
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Proposed Zoning Amendments Explained

Five amendments to the Zoning Ordinance will be on the ballot for Town Meeting on March 8, 2011. Ballot language is set by law, not clarity, and discussion of zoning amendments does not occur on the floor of Town Meeting. This provides an explanation of the amendments in plain language.

Amendment No. 1 would add a Workforce Housing section to the Ordinance in response to a new state mandate (RSA 674:58-61). This law requires all towns to provide "reasonable and realistic opportunities" for the development of affordable housing to enable families to live in the towns where they work. The proposed ordinance would allow the Planning Board to approve one or more incentives (smaller lot sizes, reduced setbacks and/or reduced road frontage) only if the applicant demonstrates that current regulations would make the cost of a project prohibitive for sale or rent to families who meet the guidelines. Income and purchase price are set by state law; currently a family earning less than \$74,000 would qualify for a home with a purchase price up to \$215,000. An assurance of continued affordability would be required for any approved project.

Workforce housing would be allowed in all zoning districts except conservation. Property owners are not "forced" to do anything and lose no rights. All underlying zoning regulations and environmental protections remain in place. A local Workforce Housing ordinance is necessary for Bradford to maintain some control over where and how such development occurs. Without the ordinance in place, a builder could ask a judge to approve the application as presented, taking any town guidance out of the picture.

Amendment No. 2 would change the definition from Buildable

Land to Buildable Acre and decrease the buildable acreage required from two acres (or in the case of the conservation district, from five acres) to one acre. "Each lot shall have a minimum of one (1) contiguous acre of buildable land" would be added to the wording for each district. The lot size requirements in each district would not change. Wetlands, steep slopes and floodplains would continue to be excluded from the area calculation, and would ensure that the acre of land to be built upon would be contiguous.

Amendment No. 3 adds a definition at the request of the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Enlarge – to increase in any dimension – length, width, height, overall area or occupied floor area.

Amendment No. 4 adds a new section to provide a legal process for the issuance of building permits – new construction or repair – for specific lots that have no road frontage. It would apply only to the specified lots served exclusively by the East Shore Footpath and the three island lots in Lake Massasecum. State law prohibits any building permit to be granted where there is no frontage on a town maintained road. These lots do not - and never will - have such frontage.

Under the proposed ordinance, the lots will be governed by the Zoning Ordinance and the Shoreland Protection Act. An acknowledgment of the limits of municipal liability will be recorded in the county registry of deeds before a building permit is issued.

Amendment No. 5 would allow wireless telecommunications facilities in forested areas to project 20 feet above the average tree canopy height in a one hundred and fifty (150) foot radius of the mount. It would exempt antennas that are free standing and 35 feet or less

in height from the zoning ordinance and allow new towers in all districts by special exception, subject to all applicable local, state and federal regulations and Site Plan Review approval by the Planning Board.

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ford Mill Village, the Lodge had to move from "The Mills" hotel to the Presby House, another hotel built by a brother Mason, William Presby. Presby built the new hotel with a hall on the third floor for St. Peters. Unfortunately, the hotel burned to the ground on October 23, 1873. St. Peters Lodge lost all of its records; only the charter and dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge were saved.

The Lodge moved again and had its first meeting on the third floor of Brother Joseph Buswell's tailor shop on September 24, 1874 and subsequently met there for 52 years before that building burned on April 6, 1926.

Funds were raised to purchase the Butman House (next to the current Bradford Fire Station) in July 1926. Remodeling was completed in time for the March 17, 1927 Annual Meeting. Brothers continue to meet at this West Main Street location in 2011.

Distinguished St. Peters Lodge members include three elected Grand Masters: Artemas Rogers in 1832-33; Weare Tappan in 1836-37; and Cyrus Cressy in 1845-46 (the younger brother of St. Peters first Master Ebenezer Cressy). Almon Cilley, Master of St. Peters Lodge in 1908 later became the first and only member of St. Peter's to receive the 33rd degree. Another prominent member was Civil War commander Brigadier General Walter Harriman, NH Governor in 1867 and 1868.

St. Peters lodge, now 188 years old has always been and still is a "Moon Lodge," when the brethren needed the light of a full moon to travel home from the Lodge by horse and wagon—a tradition carried on today as meetings are held on a Thursday (on or before the full of the moon). St. Peters celebrated its 100-year anniversary on June 11, 1918 and its 150th anniversary, October 26, 1968.



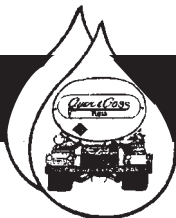
On December 12, 2010, St. Peter's Lodge recognized the Masonic Veterans, Past Masters, and Special Ladies of St. Peter's Lodge. Congratulations to Dick MacLeod for receiving his 50-year service award (Photo by Phyllis Wilcox)



Seen here is Paul Gross (l.) from St. Peter's Lodge giving Don Jackson (r.) the Lodge's "Community Builders Award" for Don's outstanding contributions to the Bradford Community at ceremonies honoring Masonic Veterans, Past Masters, and Special Ladies of St. Peter's Lodge.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
We would like to wish all of the members of your community a happy and healthy New Year, and to thank so many of you who rose to respond to an emergency at the close of 2010.

As you know there was a fire at our bus yard in Bradford early Christmas morning, resulting in the complete loss of nine school buses and significant damage to six others owned and insured by our company, Student Transportation, Inc. The prompt and effective response early Christmas morning by the Bradford Police Department and Volunteer Fire Departments from Bradford, Sutton, Newbury, Warner, Hillsborough, and Henniker was instrumental in mitigating the damage and property loss. We commend these courageous individuals for their efforts and we are thankful that no one was hurt.

Happily, the students in your community were transported safely to and from school on Monday, January 3rd, because of the contributions of many people who worked long hours over the holidays. It has been gratifying to see the community pull together and rise to the occasion. We have a long term contract with Kearsarge Regional School District, and everyone's contributions to date make us proud to be part of this community. We look forward to deepening our roots as we have in many other communities we serve. Our staff and drivers live here and are part of this community.

Temporary replacement buses have been brought in from our other terminals throughout New England allowing for uninterrupted bus service for your children. These vehicles have all been inspected and passed by the NH State authorities prior to being placed in service for the Kearsarge District. The two-year-old buses that were destroyed by the fire will be replaced quickly with brand new vehicles already

on order from the factory. We would also like to thank Kearsarge Regional School District Superintendent Jerry Frew and his staff, along with our Manager, Gary Snair and his team who worked tirelessly over the holidays to ensure the smooth start up.

Many others within the community contributed generously including Dan Barton, Jamie White, Wendy Knowlen, Steve Smith, Scott and Ashley Miller, Tom Chivers and Holly Barton just to name a few. You helped your community and we thank you. We appreciate your help and support as we worked through this challenging time. We wish you all a healthy, safe 2011.

Michael Kennedy
President, Goffstown Truck Center & Regional Chief Operating Officer, Student Transportation, Inc.

Letter to editor

For those of you who have heard a story going around town that I'm about to retire from the Transfer Station, I want you to know that it is not true. I do not want to retire. I am very happy with the progress and organization of the transfer station and look forward to continue in my position as Manager. Thank you to all of you have made our recycling project such a success.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Anderson

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Bradford Barter

Happy New Year from the entire Bradford Barter group!!! We are now almost 40 members strong. If you don't know the Barters, let me explain:

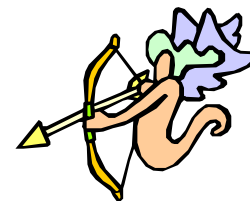
We are a group of people who share our skills, services, and individual talents with each other. In the last 2 years we have shared: small home repairs, yard work, stacking wood, moving items, hobbies, painting, computer help, driving, meal preparation, planting...

I could go on, but you can see that these kinds of items are things that many of us can share. There is no fee to join Bradford Barter and money is never exchanged. We exchange points for services. We earn points by providing service and we use points to receive service.

At our January meeting we discussed outreach to the Mountain View Senior Center. Phil Stockwell, Director, graciously agreed to place information on Bradford Barter in the Mountain View Newsletter. We look forward to the knowledge and skills that this valued part of our community can share.

We all have something we can share, and we all have times we could use a little help.

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Obituaries

Dorothy McAdams

Dorothy M. McAdams, 91, of Franklin, died at Merrimack County Nursing Home on Dec. 17, 2010.

She was born in Mexico, ME, on Feb. 20, 1919, the daughter of Charles and Josephine (McIver) Proctor. She moved to Franklin at age 6 and attended local schools. While at Franklin High School, Dot was a member of the basketball team.

Several years ago, she worked at Sulloway Hosiery Co. and later at Merrimack County Nursing Home. Lastly, she worked for 25 years at Tilton Dress Co. prior to retiring. Dot volunteered to read and assist elementary students with reading in Franklin. She was a longtime Red Sox and Celtics fan.

A communicant of St. Paul's Church, she was a member of the former Court Annie Nesmith of Catholic Daughters of America. She was a member of the Apollo Club. Dot belonged to VFW Post 1698 Ladies Auxiliary, the Grange, and was a longtime member of TOPS.

She was the widow of Maurice A. McAdams, who died in 1977. Two sons, Charles J. McAdams who died in 2001 and James McAdams who died in 1992, predeceased her. Family members include her daughter, Marlene Freyler and husband, George, of Bradford; daughter-in-law, Ann McAdams of Franklin; three grandchildren, Stephanie Laurendeau and husband, Robert, of Bradford, Jennifer Richard and husband, Scott, of Bradford, William Freyler and wife, Amy-Lyn, of Manchester; Katherine McAdams of Maryland; and several great grandchildren. Donations in Dot's memory may be made to the Edna McKenna Fund, Merrimack County Nursing Home, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen 03303.

Lilla James

Lilla Maud Calderwood James, 99, passed away on December 26, 2010 at her home in Brunswick, Maine. She was born April 28, 1911 in Saugus, Massachusetts, daughter of Henry H. and Maud Hoitt Calderwood. Lilla graduated from Saugus High School in 1928 and received a BA from Boston University in 1932 after which she worked in the Dean's office of the BU School of Law for 9 years.

In 1937 she married Raymond W. James. He was deceased in 1994. They lived for many years in Lexington, Massachusetts where Lilla was active in the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Garden Club. They moved to East Greenwich, Rhode Island in 1960, where she was a member of the General Nathaniel Greene Chapter of the DAR and then to Fitchburg, Massachusetts in 1966. After Ray's retirement in 1971 they lived in Port Charlotte, Florida, Sandwich, Massachusetts and Yarmouth, Maine before she moved to Brunswick in 1999. She was active in the Episcopal Church all of her life.

From the time she was a young girl until her death, she spent her summers at Lake Massasecum, at Pleasant View Cottage from 1918 to 1948 and then at the cottage she and Ray built in 1949 just a short walk down the beach.

Lilla traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. She loved swimming, canoeing, hiking, tennis, and golf and in her later years was a devout Patriots' fan. She was an avid reader, loved handiwork (especially needlework and rug hooking), painting and writing poetry. Lilla had an insatiable love for nature that she passed on to her children, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed watching and feeding the birds. She loved animals and had a variety of pets throughout her life. She was kind and caring and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her three children: Robert H. James and wife Lois of Gaithersburg, Maryland, Carolyn James Carlson and husband Gordon of Hillsborough, North Carolina, and Richard W. James and wife Ada of Racine, Wisconsin, 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick, Maine on May 13, 2011. There will be a graveside service at New Pond Cemetery in Bradford in July. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Salvation Army of Northern New England, 11 North Pearl St., Augusta, ME 04330



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Selectmen's Highlights

Budget:

Selectmen scheduled several extra meetings during January to continue review and discussion of the 2011 budget and warrant articles to be proposed. Changes are still being made. The Budget Committee public hearing is set for Wednesday, March 9, 7 PM. Plan to attend and add your voice to the discussion. Also see the March Bridge for the complete warrant to be presented at Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 7 PM at KRES Bradford.

Chair Peter Fenton went over the budget communication that was received from Dick Keller via e-mail to the Secretary who had forwarded them to the Budget Committee. Administrator Cheryl Behr will check with the Town Attorney or Local Government Center for legality of the Budget Committee member forwarding information while out of State.

Police Department:

By a vote of 2 – 1, the selectmen decided not to purchase a new police cruiser out of surplus 2010 funds. A warrant article for the purchase will be presented at Town Meeting. This is in accord with the recommendation of the Capital Improvements Program. Chief Jim Valiquet discussed two options for a new cruiser – a standard version for \$24,000 or a 4 wheel drive vehicle for \$31,000. He noted that the more expensive cruiser would cost more for maintenance, but would have an expected life in service of seven years.

BACC:

Selectmen set the hours for the part-time director as 1:00 – 5:00 PM, closed the post office box so all mail will come to the selectmen's office, and stated that a monthly report should be presented to the Selectmen by the Community Center Director.

Selectmen held a discussion with Bruce Edwards regarding cleaning of the BACC building. Edwards is at the building Monday through Friday and is responsible for all rooms except the kitchen, pre-school, and MVSC office. Floors are re-finished once a year and carpets cleaned twice a year.

Three applications were received for the use of the pre-school/day care facility at the Community Center - Kearsarge Pre-School, Children's Center and Live Wire. Interviews with the selectmen will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 9:00 am, 9:45 am and 10:30am.

Highway Department:

Selectmen approved \$3,600.00 from the 2011 equipment line to purchase a used 9 ton trailer to haul town equipment – backhoe, skid steer, and truck, if necessary. Road Agent Remillard has been using his own trailer this past year, but feels the town should have its own.

Traffic Enhancement:

Sidewalks: A pre-bid meeting was held for engineering firms interested in qualifying to proceed with phase one of the four phase sidewalk project to construct 1650 feet of sidewalk on East Main Street. Background information was presented and questions from the thirteen firms in attendance were answered.

The bids were tallied and the top three - SEA/Kleinfelder, Manchester; DuBois and King, Inc, Bedford; and Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Bedford - will be interviewed. The selectmen will then send out a letter with their decisions. NH DOT will be involved in each step of the process.

Rescue Squad:

It was announced that Rich Branch has resigned from the Squad and that Laurie Brown is the interim Captain.

Ways of Improving Employee Morale and Team Development:

William Cote and Wynette DeGroot from NH Local Government Center came to the Selectmen's meeting to discuss ways of improving employee morale and effective team development. Unsigned letters were handed out and discussed. Lawsuits, documentation and policy setting, and up-grading the Personnel Manual were some of the highlights discussed.

Minutes of all selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall and online at bradfordnh.org.

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at things than argue. We can say some outrageous things and still laugh.

Marge: We try to keep life light and when possible we turn an argument into a joke.

George: I never consider myself humorous and I do not carry grudges.

Q. Do you believe that interests in common are vital in a marriage? If not, what do you feel makes for contentment?

Dick: Separate interests create interest in both parties and they mutually merge.

Marcia: At this point we do everything together. It has always been that way. We support one another.

Marge: I think doing things together is important but we each need our space.

George: I agree. We do things together but we do need time apart.

Q. You have lived in other places, but after many years in Bradford, how would you describe your years here?

Marcia: Bradford is home. I like to make a difference where I live. I could not imagine living elsewhere.

Dick: We live on the lake. I enjoy the view. I enjoy being involved in the workings of the town and always have.

George: Life here is interesting. Town politics are the impossible dream. I came home to take care of my parents

Marge: The first time I made a salad for a church supper some man after meeting me, said, "I have to see someone who can live with Betty Cilley (my mother-in-law)." Actually we were good friends.

Q. Times have changed and today many couples opt for living together without the marriage certificate. Some question the

necessity of a formal document to cement a marriage. What do you think?

Dick: It is none of my business

Marcia: We did what society dictated at the time.

Both: People have the right to live the way that they want to live.

George: I think the commitment is necessary. Without this, I do not think it works. I could not wait to get married and start our life together.

Marge: We live and let live. I am against commitment without marriage but some members of our family have chosen otherwise and divorced.



George and Marge Cilley

Q. What is the most important thing you have learned over the years about living together?

Dick: We avoid secrets. Everything is on the table.

Marcia: We have always shared everything and bounced things off one another.

George: We trust one another. We have never argued over money.

Marge: I think that we trust one another. That is probably the most important thing there is in a relationship.

Q. Is Valentine's Day one that you celebrate?

Dick: We do celebrate with flowers.

Marcia: Romance continues and we share it every day.

Marge: We frequently go out to

dinner. We used to square dance or go ballroom dancing with another couple or on our own.

George: We are aware of the day.

Q. How do you handle differences of opinion? Do you try to solve it before the next day dawns?

Marcia: I am certain we have gone to sleep angry but not often.

Dick: We have a big hug and clear the air. Afterwards, we wonder what we argued about.

Marge: We express our opinions. We speak our piece.

George: We do not hold a grudge.



Dick and Marcia Keller

Q. Is your marriage what you expected after a lifetime together?

Marcia: I did not have any idea what marriage would entail. I would not change any of it.

Dick: Each day is a bit of anticipation. We have not been separated too many times.

Marge: It was a long time ago. I think it is what I expected it to be.

George: I always wanted to marry and it is just as I expected it to be.

Q. Do you have words of advice for young couples embarking on a life together?

Marcia: I would not jump into it blindly. Think it through and get to know one another. Learn to grow together. I think that marrying early is better than waiting too long as some people do today.

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Dick: Not everyone should be married. Most important is that you are good friends.

Marge: I would say that marriage is not for everyone but get to know one another before you take the step.

George: I agree with that. Marriage is not for everyone but it has been good for us. My advice would be to marry someone that you like as well as love.

The Couples Back Then



*George and Marge Cilley
Wedding day*



Marcia and Dick Keller

Community Cornerstones – Update

The Bradford Bridge has revisited starting January 2009 the 21 Cornerstones chosen by Bradford residents in 1991. Residents were asked to list what they would like to see unchanged if they returned to Bradford after an absence of twenty years and to recommend ways to ensure their preservation. The twenty years is now past – time to see how effectively these Cornerstones have been preserved.

Bradford Center – Designated by voters as a Bradford Historic District in 2005. The Meetinghouse, owned and maintained by the Union Congregation Society, has undergone extension repairs and renovations, uncovering and restoring original stencils. The Bradford Historical Society maintains the Old Schoolhouse. Both buildings are used for many community events.

Bement Bridge, first built in 1818, Discussion at recent Town Meetings on the need for a new roof. No decision made to date.

Primeval Pines, originally 12 large white pines, are owned by the State of New Hampshire. The number of trees remaining and the condition of the lightening rods that protect them is an ongoing subject of discussion and concern.

Brick Mill – The historic old mill building was lovingly updated and restored by owners John and Ruth-Ann Harris. It is currently on the market. Bradford will watch with great concern when new owners take residence.

Brown Memorial Library – The original 1931 building was enlarged in 1999 and is under the supervision of the Trustees.

Bradford Bog – Conservation Easement placed on the 177acre

Bog and Bradford Hotel and Mineral Spring site in 2009- under supervision of the Conservation Commission.

Town Hall – built in 1798, moved to Main Street in 1863, placed on National Register of Historic Places in 1980. An energy audit has been completed and the Town Hall Restoration Committee is leading efforts to renovate and update to ensure that the building continues to serve the needs of the town.

Lafayette Square – Plaque placed at the east end of Main Street in 1913 to commemorate the visit to Bradford of the Marquis de Lafayette to Bradford in 1825. Location of the boulder will be addressed as sidewalk construction takes place.

French's Park – six acre park given to the Town by John French in 1928. This popular beach area continues to serve town residents and has recently been improved and erosion controls installed to protect the water quality of the lake. Parks & Rec. Committee and many volunteers have helped in this effort.

Lake Massasecum – the 400 acre warm-water lake is the focus of many recreational activities - summer homes, boating, fishing. In recent years the town, Lake Massasecum Improvement Assoc. and NH DES have cooperated to control invasive milfoil and protect the water quality.

Bradford Spring - Conservation Easement placed on the 177acre Bog and Bradford Hotel and Mineral Spring site in 2009- under supervision of the Conservation Commission.

Bradford Baptist Church - Continues as a Bradford landmark. The clock in the tower has recently been overhauled and put back in good

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Tues. Feb. 1st

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon - Fuel Assistance Call 456-2207 for app't
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00 – 3:00 PM - Watercolor Class
 6 - 7:30 PM - Yoga Class - call Fran at 456-3099

Wed. Feb. 2

3:30 PM – Kids Yoga
 6:00 PM – Special Party

Thurs. Feb. 3rd

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. Feb. 4th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch raffle, music, door prizes. Call for reservations please.
 7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie Discussion *Stagecoach*, BML

Mon. Feb. 7th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
 1:00- 4:00 PM - Bridge Group
 3:30 PM – Watercolor Painting Class
 7:00 PM – Library Book Group, *A Summons to Memphis*, BML

Tues. Feb. 8th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00 PM - Watercolor Class
 5:00 PM - BACC Committee meeting
 6:00 - 7:30 - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099

Wed. Feb. 9

3:30 PM – Kids Yoga
 7:00 PM Budget Committee TH

Thurs. Feb. 10th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. Feb. 11th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 12 noon - Café Bienvenue

Sat. Feb 12

10:00 AM – Bradford Barter

Mon. Feb. 14th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
 1:00 -4:00 PM - Bridge Group
 3:30 PM – Watercolor Painting Class
 7:00 –PM – Rural Heritage

Tues. Feb. 15th

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel Assistance
 Call 456-2207 for app't
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1 PM - Watercolor Class
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Thurs. Feb 17th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic by LSVNA
 11 AM – 1 PM - Free Spinal Screenings
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic - LSVNA
 Call 526-4077 for appt.

Fri. Feb. 18th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic - LSVNA North Ridge Apts Call for appt. at 526-4077
 10:00 AM - Friday at the Movies: Andre Rieu in Wonderland
 12:30 PM - Café Bienvenue
 7:00 PM – International Movie (Canada), BML

Sat. Feb. 19

10:00 AM – Bradford Improvement Assoc.
 1:00 PM - Snowshoe/Ski Tour
 Battles Farm Sun. Feb 20
 2:00 PM – Special Party

Mon. Feb. 21st

Presidents Day - Mt. View Senior Ctr. Closed
 No Meals on Wheels today
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group
 3:30 PM - Watercolor Painting Class
 5:30 PM – 4 - H

Tues. Feb. 22nd

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining - Tina Blythe on Identity Theft
 6:00 - 7:30 AM - Yoga Class call Fran at 456-3099

Wed. Feb. 23th

10:30 AM –12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic by LSVNA
 Warner Senior Room

Thurs. Feb 24th

9:30-11:30 AM - LSVNA Footcare at Warner Pharmacy

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. Feb. 25th

12 noon - Café Bienvenue

Sun. Feb 27

7:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Kid's Fishing Derby F & G house Gillingham Drive

Mon. Feb. 28th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
 1:00 PM – Bridge Group
 3:30 PM - Watercolor Class

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.



Abbreviation Key

BBC-Bradford Baptist Church
 BML-Brown Memorial Library
 FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse
 Gillingham Drive
 KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
 KRES-Bradford Elemen. School
 MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr
 TH-Bradford Town Hall
 ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.

Area Events

The Fells, Newbury– February Events

Tuesday, February 8, 10-11am

Out and About Preschool Program: Something Wild, Something Tame
Children explore the meanings of the words “wild” and “tame,” create a flannel board story with felt animals and participate in a scavenger hunt. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities. Members free, nonmembers \$5 per child. Private classes for preschools/groups available for scheduling. Classes fill fast. Advance reservations required, to reserve call 603-763-4789 x5. For more information visit www.thefells.org or call 603-763-4789 x3. Made possible by support from the Lincoln Financial Foundation.

Saturdays; February 12, 19, 26 and March 5: noon-3:45pm

Residential Landscape Design (A New England Wildflower Society Course)

Learn different aspects of the landscape design process with emphasis on native plants in this multi-session course. Work on a project of your own choosing--appropriate for beginners. A list of required materials supplied at the first class. NEWFS and Fells members \$175, nonmembers \$210. Reservations required, to register call NEWFS Registrar at 508-877-7630. For more information visit www.thefells.org <<http://www.thefells.org>> or call 603-763-4789 x3.

Saturday, February 20, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Family Snowshoe Adventure: join a guided family snowshoe hike through the woodlands and meadows of The Fells. Bring your own snowshoes. Fells and LSPA members free, nonmembers \$5 per family. Advance registration not required. Meets at The Fells Welcome Kiosk, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. For more information visit www.thefells.org <<http://www.thefells.org>> or call 603-763-4789 x3.

Thursday, February 24, 4-5pm

New Hampshire's Wild History: 350 Years of New Hampshire
Slide presentation - virtual journey through New Hampshire's past and focuses on how wildlife populations have responded over time to changes in the land. Free. Advance registration not required. At The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. For more information visit www.thefells.org <<http://www.thefells.org>> or call 603-763-4789 x3. Sponsored by The Fells and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension.

Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter-2nd Saturday at 10AM at BACC/call 938-2777 for info

Children's Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30AM at BML

Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-5539 for info

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, Town Hall or BML

Fish and Game Club -1st Monday 7PM at Fish and Game Club

First Friday Bunch -11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/
call 938-2104 for info

Historical Society - open by appointment, call 938-5372

Library Trustees -1st Wednesday at 6:00PM @ BML

Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, Town Hall

Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC

Selectmen's Meeting - 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5:30PM, Town Hall

Zoning Board - 1st Tuesday, 7:30PM, Town Hall

Battles Farm Snowshoe/Ski Tour



Come and enjoy the Battles Farm property! There will be a snowshoe / cross country ski tour, open to everyone, of all abilities, on February 19th, at 1 pm.

If you've driven down Center Road lately, you may have noticed that the view of the fields, Hoyt Brook, and the hills beyond has been revived by a group of volunteers. Roadside brush and saplings were cut and assembled into piles, and a few have already been reduced to ashes. Once the easement is in place, maintaining the view will be the responsibility of the landowners.

The Battles Farm easement project was recognized with another successful grant application in January from the Bafflin Foundation for \$10,000. Look for more information mailed to Bradford residents and landowners in February.

For more information, contact Nathaniel Bruss at 748-2831 or bcc@bradfordnh.org

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4-H Club News



At the December meeting of Bradford's High Spirits 4-H Club the kids collected canned goods to donate to the Bradford First Baptist Church food pantry. This was a community service project.

*submitted by Karl Max Salathe V
- club reporter*

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First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

Discipleship Courses: We are offering discipleship courses (Using the Bible to explore such topics such as Eternal Life, Salvation by Grace, Nature of God, Repentance, Commitment and Water Baptism.) These courses are offered during February every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the church office building.

Bible Studies: We offer 2 Bible Studies every week. One is held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church office building. The study is of 1 Peter. The second one is held every Thursday morning at 10:00 am. in the church office building and the study is of Acts.

Focus Factor: Youth who are in grades 6-12 are welcome to come to Focus Factor. The gatherings in February are: February 6 (4-5:30 p.m.) "Do Hard Things" is the topic and the youth will be encouraged to begin their fundraising for Haiti with the "30 Hour Famine"; February 13 (4-5:30 p.m.) Valentines Day Party -- games, food and fun. Theme: "Who was St. Valentine?" (Ice Cream Sundaes will be served); February 20 (4-5:30 p.m.) Bring a Friend -- prize for bringing a friend; February 25-26 --- "30 Hour Famine" to raise money for Haiti).

Food Pantry: The February distribution day is Wednesday, February 16, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313. If you are unable to pick up your food box, please call and we will be glad to deliver it to you.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, pool, refreshments and fun.

Bradford Historical Society



Pictured here is the Messer Block which was built next to the Brick Mill at the end of Main Street in 1898 to replace the original that had burned the previous year. It housed stores on the ground floor and apartments upstairs. The Sanitary Mattress Company made mattresses from old feather beds and pillows. Chairs were upholstered or caned with cattails that were purchased for 15 cents a bunch. Clothing and groceries were also sold here. This building was taken down in 1945. We believe that is Lester Hall with Peggy the horse delivering the mail in a sleigh.

Bradford Fire and Rescue News

by Melanie Steiz

We hope the New Year has found everyone well.

It's been a while since our last article, so let's recap what has been happening with the Bradford Fire Department.

We have been busy the past few months with a variety of emergency calls for our town. There have been a few motor vehicle accidents, one structure fire and I'm sure everyone has heard of the school bus fires in December. We have also been on a few mutual aid calls to other towns to assist. We have been blessed; none of our firefighters or rescue personnel has been injured while responding to any of the calls.

With the winter in full force, here are some reminders to help keep your family safe.

Remember to never leave a woodstove, chimney or other heat source unattended, they can go quickly out of control.

When the power goes out, and you use a generator, make sure it is kept away from the house as far as possible, and not inside a garage. Always make sure you have working CO detectors.

Don't forget about your animals. If taking your animals in the car, be sure not to leave them alone in the car. Vehicles can become ovens even in the winter, along with getting too cold.

Always have working smoke detectors throughout your home.

Remember to 'like us' on facebook! Just search Bradford fire & Rescue.

Bradford Fish & Game

Kid's Ice Fishing Derby

The Bradford Fish and Game Club hosts its annual Kid's Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday February 27, 2011 at Lake Todd in Bradford. Children under 15 years of age are invited to compete but we invite the entire family to come out to the lake for a great day of fun on the ice. Free registration begins at 7:00 AM at the clubhouse on Gillingham Drive across the road from the lake. Kids can start fishing anytime after they register but all fish must be back to the clubhouse by 1 PM for weigh-in. Breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge. Assistance to bore holes in the ice is available. Please see our website, bfandg.com for more information and see pictures from last year's derby. We hope to see you there!

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The January & February Line Up!

1/27..Mexican Night and Pete Merrigan...AND The "Bud Girls"

2/3...The Shrimp Buffet...and The Smooth Duo

2/6...SUPER BOWL SUNDAY...4-6pm Pre Game Party w/ "The Bud Girls" Apps...Drafts....PRIZES!!!!

2/10...Italian Night..Annie Law

2/14...VALENTINE'S DAY!!!..Come to Bubba's w/ your BFF

2/17..The Shrimp Buffet...Second Wind..(Suzi and Terry)

2/24..Mexican Night....Pete Merrigan and the Tequila Trio (???)

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Bradford Bridge February 2011

Cornerstones - cont'd from p. 9
shape for the future. Selectmen have agreed to a contract for annual maintenance.

Inns of Bradford – watch for future article on the many inns that operated in Bradford in the past.

Only two are now accepting guests – Candlelite Inn and Rosewood Inn.

Soda Fountain - Sadly this Cornerstone is no longer in Bradford – removed by the previous owner

Main Street – Then and Now – Many changes and more coming with the new owners of the Dodge property and progress on selecting an engineering firm to design the sidewalks on East Main Street.

Vistas - Many lovely vistas are still open in Bradford. As part of the Conservation Easement on the Battles Farm, the trees along County Road have been cut back to open up this vista once again.

Farms – Placing a Conservation Easement on Battles Farm ensures that this will remain an operating farm. Local regulations should be reviewed so there are no regulatory impediments for other farms to continue or begin to operate.

Cemeteries – The Cemetery Trustees and Supervisor keep the town's seventeen cemeteries in good repair. Funds are placed in a Trust each year for gravestone repairs.

The Casino – This popular spot at the south end of Lake Massasecum continues to attract families each year for swimming, sunning and good fun.

Celebrations – July 4th is the biggest celebration in Bradford and continues to receive town funds and volunteer support.

Brown Shattuck Memorial Field – This field is much used by local athletic teams and as part of local celebrations such as FunDay and the July 4th celebration.

Find Your Ancestors—At Your Local Library

How much do you know about your family history? Is your family new to New Hampshire, or have you been here for decades—or even for centuries? Where did they come from originally? When and where were they born? What did they do for a living?

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Ancestry.com's Library Edition is available only at participating libraries; you cannot log in from home. Patrons with laptops can access the information on site at libraries with wireless internet access.

The service is easy to use: to get started, all you need is a name. Ancestry.com's Library Edition then searches its databases to find everyone with that name, or even names that are similar. The more information you have—country, state, year of birth, etc.—the more Ancestry can filter its databases to help you narrow down your search.

You can learn not only about

people's birth, marriage and death dates, but also their jobs, how long they went to school, who lived with them and other interesting facts. You can even view enlistment records and, in some cases, find the streets they lived on or learn their phone numbers.

New content is always being added, so you can keep coming back to discover more about your ancestors.

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Bradford Business Association

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3rd at 5:30PM at Tall Pines Realty. Bylaws and a March 2011 activity are on the agenda.



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REAL ESTATE - 2011 Market

by *Laura Hallahan*

A new year is upon us and many are wondering if and how it will be different from last year and where New Hampshire ranks versus the rest of the nation. Nationwide foreclosures are expected to be greater in 2011 than in 2010 and we will feel that ripple effect in our state and region, too. This month I included information about how many of our active residential listings are foreclosures or short sales. Interest rates continue to be very competitive, though expectations are they will increase in 2011. One of the most exciting pieces of news is about Bradford. We saw an increase in sales in 2010 versus 2009 where several other towns did not. We had a total of 20 sales in 2010 versus 14 in 2009 and with 7 pending residential sales we are off to a strong start for 2011! Hopefully land sales will improve this year as well. The New Hampshire Association of REALTORS® trend tracker, Peter Francese, just published his indicators for spring and summer 2011 and the overall news is very positive:

If you are wondering about the recent census and where New Hampshire falls, we have about 80,700 more year-round residents than in 2000, a 6.5% increase. While this is below the national rate of 9.7%, it is by far the highest rate among the 9 states in the Northeast region.

The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank's index of economic activity indicates that New Hampshire is recovering from this recession better than any other state. Its index is 189, which is at a two-year high and is now the highest among the 50 states. The national average is 150.

New Hampshire also has the fourth lowest unemployment rate in the nation at 5.4% as of November and our state is moving toward a period of economic growth.

850 homes were sold in December, 2010 a 2% increase of the year before and the median selling price was \$214,900, a 4% increase over the previous year. For the 2010 year overall, the median price was \$215,000, 1% higher than the 2009 median of \$212,000, the first annual increase in several years. Along with those other positive indicators, it shows that home prices have stabilized and are likely to continue an upward trend this year.

One decrease is in the overall number of homes sold year over year, with 10,525 sold in 2010 compared to 10,810 in 2009. Other numbers: 2,635 condos sold with a median price of \$165,000, a decrease in unit sales of 4% from 2009. The statistics for Merrimack County show a 3% decrease in unit sales year over year and a 2% decrease in median sales price.

Recent Sales in Bradford

379 Center Road, 1850 Farmhouse on 1.10 acres for \$175,000
124 Deer Valley Road, 1970 Contemporary on 2.78 acres for \$140,000

There are 32 active and 7 pending residential listings ranging from \$39,900 to \$2.8 Million, 20 active and 0 pending land listings ranging from \$29,900 to \$500,000, 4 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging from \$339,900 to \$600,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. Of the 32 active residential listings, 6 are foreclosures or short sales.

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Did You Know? February is “American Heart Month”

- Coronary Artery disease is the nation’s SINGLE leading cause of death.
- This year, more than 450,000 Americans will die from a first or recurrent heart attack. More than 1.2 million Americans will experience their first or a recurrent heart attack.
- More than 325,000 coronary heart disease deaths will occur this year out-of-hospital.
- Each year, more than 700,000 people suffer from a new or recurring stroke in the US. Over 150,000 of these people will die, making stroke the third leading cause of death.
- At least 65 percent of people with diabetes die of some form of heart or blood vessel disease.
- Although heart disease is sometimes thought of as a "man's disease," it is the leading cause of death for both women and men in the United States. Women account for 52.8% of the total heart disease deaths and is the leading cause of death among women 65 years and older.
- Major risk factors for heart disease include high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, tobacco use, diabetes, physical inactivity and poor nutrition.
- The average age of a first heart attack for men is 66 years
- Cigarette smokers are 2–4 times more likely to develop coronary heart disease than nonsmokers.

To learn more about what you can do to reduce your risk of heart disease visit: www.americanheart.org or www.cdc.gov

Donating to Project Climb

We are looking for financial support as we try to keep costs as low as possible for kids. Two funds support the program:
The Warren S. Brook/Project C.L.I.M.B. Endowment Fund helps keep the cost of the trips reasonable for all students.
The Jody Wilson Memorial Fund gives aid to students with further financial need.
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Project CLIMB by Anna Buchar



Project C.L.I.M.B. changed my approach to life. I remember one specific trip up Mount Moosilauke in horrible weather. Every step I took I fell back another two. When we emerged from the trees I was swept away with the wind. Running across the top I became ice-coated, my body ached. Everyone was happy to make it to the warm shelter, but disappointed that the top exposed no view. The next day we were scheduled to hike directly to the bus, but since the weather had cleared our teachers urged us to revisit the summit. Doubting that this steep hike would be worth it, I pushed on. Amazingly, the views were magnificent! Challenge and support made me witness to the dazzling sights of that mountaintop. I will never again second-guess an opportunity presented before me. I will now push through all obstacles and persevere to reach the very top.

C.L.I.M.B. stands for Challenging Limits in Mind and Body. Peter Keene, one of the Project CLIMB advisors, says: “We like to stress the ideas that CLIMB is open to all students at KRHS and that the program's goals are to give kids opportunities to challenge themselves physically and to challenge themselves to take on responsibility and leadership roles.”



Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

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This month's book-to-movie discussion (Friday, February 4 at 7pm) is on Stagecoach filmed in 1939 by John Ford. The movie is based on a short story "Stage to Lordsburg" by Ernest Haycox. Next month we will read a young adult novel It's Kind of a Funny Story and watch the movie version.

The international movie for February (Friday, February 18 at 7pm) is filmed in Toronto, Canada about a teenage Korean immigrant trying to find her way in life. Next month we will watch an old classic from France.

The Library Book Group continues this month (Monday, February 7 at 7pm) with a discussion of *A Summons to Memphis* by Peter Taylor. Next month we read *Native Speaker* by Chang-Rae Lee. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Some of the new books added in January:

For adults

True grit: a novel by Charles Portis

Rescue : a novel Anita Shreve

Crescent Dawn by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler

A lonely Death by Charles Todd

Strategic Moves by Stuart Woods

The Mind's Eye by Oliver Sacks

Birthright: The True Story That Inspired "Kidnapped" by A. Roger Ekirch



For children:

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Big Nate Strikes Again by Lincoln Peirce

The Crowfield Curse by Pat Walsh

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VNA | Annual Meeting

February 15, 2011 • 4:00 pm
Wilmot Community Center

Guest Speaker: **Bob Odell**

Bob Odell is a member of the New Hampshire Senate, representing the 8th District since 2002. He resides in Lempster. Bob has first-hand, personal experience receiving vital services from LSRVNA. He will join us to share those experiences and his insights about the role of home care as part of the overall health care delivery system.

Also featured at the meeting:

**Board Member Recognition
Philanthropy Award • Staff Excellence Award**

RSVP Cathy Raymond 603.526.4077 x231

Refreshments provided



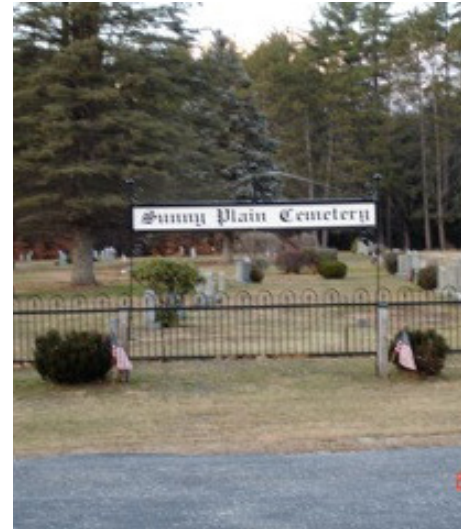
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New Cemetery Sign



The Bradford Cemetery Commission, organized by Chairman Tom Riley, has replaced the sign at the Sunny Plain Cemetery on Old Warner Road. The old delapidated wooden sign has been replaced with a sign made of AZEK and painted by a local sign painter. The new material should last for many years to come without maintenance. The metal frame was sanded down and painted. The old sign has been given to the Bradford Historical Society.

Where in Bradford can you have a delightful time sharing a delicious meal with friendly people?

At the Mountain View Senior Center!!

Located upstairs in the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at noon! (Friday's meal includes soup and salad bar!) For adults over 60 a \$2 donation is suggested. Call 938-2104 for reservations.

Bradford Bridge Advertising Rates

Ads run \$8 per column inch, e.g an ad one inch high and one column wide will cost \$8 per month; an ad 2 inches high and 2 columns wide will run \$32. Ads run for a year are discounted. Classified ads for items less than \$250 in value are free.

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Kearsarge Regional School District News *by Andrew Pinard*

The holidays are behind us and winter is in full swing. In the first couple of weeks in January KRSD experienced three snow days. Thanks to the innovative "Blizzard Bags" containing curriculum work for students to do at home and online, the district has only used up one of the planned snow days and received recognition from the Department of Education and WMUR Channel 9, which ran a feature on the program.

Winter Activities are ongoing with great responses by students, staff and volunteers. This is my last year chaperoning the skating program which meets Friday afternoons at NEC's skating rink (my daughter heads off to Middle School next year) and I will miss working with the students (and serving as disc jockey). These activities are a wonderful way for students to establish an active lifestyle and enjoy our natural resources. The programming is funded through parent contributions and the Parent/Teacher collaboratives at each school. Thanks to all of our volunteers for providing such a valuable experience for our students!

On January 21st and 22nd several dozens of fourth and fifth graders from KRES at Bradford took to the stage and presented

Disney's Beauty & The Beast Jr. at KRHS. This Shining Stars production brought together students, faculty, parents and community members who filled the KRHS auditorium on both nights to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Kudos and thanks to Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Mitchell and all the other staff members who helped this production succeed!

The Deliberative Session on January 8th was lightly attended but nevertheless saw some significant debate surrounding the budget. All the Articles will move forward as written and one article authorizing the School Board to enter into a lease with the Town of New London regarding district property to be used as a Skate Park was passed by the body. Voters will have a choice of two budgets. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends a budget of \$37,252,099 which is essentially a flat budget with the exception of "escalating legal obligations ... along with the anticipated increases to fuels and utilities". The School Board recommends \$37,561,701 - \$309,602 higher than the proposed MBC budget and includes increases that were "deferred for the second year in a row the addition of technology staff to maintain the service level of our aging fleet of computers: reduced wage increases for custodians, office personnel, and

administrations; adjustments to fuel, staffing and special projects in the schools." I have been deeply involved in the budget preparation the last couple of years and wish to express my appreciation to administration and staff for producing realistic budgets which attempt to balance a high quality of education with the ability of our communities to pay. Quality education is a high value in our district and plays a strong role in the decision of not only people looking to reside here but also for business owners looking for a strong, developing workforce. Our investment in education plays a significant part in maintaining and developing strong property values. Bradford was well-represented with Joe Conway chairing the MBC, myself on the School Board and Brackett Scheffy moderating.

One item that voters will be asked to approve is a Citizen Petition to establish a School Resource Officer in Sutton who will serve as educator, counselor and, when necessary, law enforcement officer in the schools. This is an item that has come up the last couple of years and each time has been defeated. This year it has the recommendation of both the School Board and MBC. If approved, this officer will work throughout the district coordinating emergency management and serve as the truant officer for the district while working at the High School.

The District website (<http://www.kearsarge.org>) contains a calendar of meetings and all budgetary documents as well as a brochure detailing the process as well as updates of district/school information.

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Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2010	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	4,916 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 500,252 hours!
Paper	81.19 tons	Saved 1,380 trees!
Plastics	9,649 tons	Conserved 14,473 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	44 tons	Conserved 44,152 pounds of coal!
Steel Cans	19,747 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 513,422 hours!

Composting Tips

"For every ton of food and yard waste home composted... there is one less ton to dispose of in a landfill or incinerator."

Good Advice: Disposal of coffee grounds:

1. Put grounds and filter in composter.
2. Mix with water - great house plant fertilizer.
3. Add to a worm farm.
4. Natural pest control. Ants will not cross a ring of coffee grounds on door frames, windows and window sills.
5. Touch up scratches on furniture with grounds & a Q-tip.
6. Great fertilizer for acid loving bushes - rhododendrons, roses, blueberries, hydrangea.
7. Stuff grounds inside a pin cushion - keeps pins sharp & rust free.
8. Sprinkle directly on your lawn's bald spots - after a few days you will notice grass growing.
9. Scrub away grease and grime from pots and pans.
10. Natural exfoliating skin mask. StarBucks gives away free coffee grounds to customers who garden.

PROPOSED EXEMPTION CHANGES

Exemption	eligibility	residency requirements	income levels	type of reduction	current assessment reduction	proposed assessment reduction	effect on your property taxes	effect on your property taxes
							2010	2011
Elderly	three age categories	no change	cannot exceed for all age groups					
	65-74	all ages	single \$25,000	reduces property assessment	10,000.00	25,000.00	205.90	514.75
	75-79	NH 3 years consecutive	married \$35,000	property assessment	15,000.00	35,000.00	308.85	720.65
	80 and over		assets \$50,000	assessment	20,000.00	50,000.00	411.80	1,029.50
Diability Blind	no age	five years	same as elderly	reduces property assessment	10,000.00	10,000.00	205.90	205.90
	no age	five years	no income limits	assessment	10,000.00	15,000.00	205.90	308.85

REMEMBER TO COME TO TOWN MEETING TO VOTE ON THESE CHANGES - MARCH 9TH, 2011

The disability exemption is not increasing but the eligibility limits have changed

If you currently have an exemption, you do not need to reapply

Please check with the town office for other qualification requirements and an application for this exemption

Good Deal: In celebration of Earth Day, April 22, 2011, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) will once again sponsor the ever popular "Annual Compost Bin Sale" to support nature's way of recycling! It is estimated that 25% of an average household's waste contains kitchen scraps and yard trimmings. This material can readily be composted instead of thrown into overburdened landfills or burned at an incineration facility.

Contact Paula Dow at 1-800-223-0150 or go to www.nrna.net for more information. Please consider helping your community reduce waste by coordinating a sale for your town.