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BRADFORD MARCH 2012 ELECTION RESULTS

Selectman for Three Years (1 opening)

John "Jack" Meaney – 86 Delbert "Sonny" Harris III – 369 *

Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Three Years (1 opening)

Susan Pehrson – 184 Erica Gross – 268 *

Treasurer for Three Years (1 opening)

Marilyn Gordon - 410 *

Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years (1 opening)

Judith Marshall - 423 *

Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years (1 opening)

Thomas "Tim" Rodd - 392 *

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for Three Years (2 Openings)

Mary Chris Duncan – 263 * Beatrice Howe - 298 * Garry Kalajian - 181

Scholarship Committee for Three Years (1 opening)

Gilberte "Jill" Pinard - 262 * Mary Chris Duncan - 148

Budget Committee for Three Years (2 openings)

Marlene Freyler – 187 G. Richard Keller – 255 *

Will Hurley – 193 * (write-in)

Planning Board for Three Years (2 openings)

Philip LaMoreaux - 384 * Don Jackson – 44 * (write-in)

Zoning Board for Three Years (2 Openings)

Andrew Pinard – 365 * Denise Renk – 25 * (write-in)

Cemetery Commission for Three Years (1 opening)

Diane Whalley – 411*

* = Elected

RECOUNT FOR TOWN OF BRADFORD BUDGET COMMITTEE

A recount was requested by Marlene Freyler on March 14, 2012.

The recount for one of the openings for the Budget Committee position was conducted on March 21, 2012 at 4:30 pm at the Bradford Town Office in the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street.

The board of recount consisted of the Moderator Brackett Scheffy, Assistant Moderator Fred Hubley, Town Clerk Erica Gross, Bob Toppi and Selectman Harold Wright. Selectemen Sonny Harris and Barry Wheeler were present.

The results of the hand recount were:

Marlene Freyler	186
William Hurley	296

Erica Gross,
Bradford Town Clerk

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

No. 1	Workforce Housing		
Yes	229	No	223
			Passed

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

Our interview this month is with Helen Lyman. I met Helen recently at the Transfer Station Fashion Show/ Candidates Presentation at the Bradford Area Community Center. Helen was one of the presenters with examples of the clothing for adults and children, pocket books, quilts, and other items that she makes with her finds from the transfer station. Helen goes each week and collects material, donated clothing, wool, and anything else that she can use to complete her mittens, sweaters, and whatever else she can concoct from the donated treasures at the dump. Helen is amazingly talented and her donations go to people who are needy. Whether it is a long term need or short, Helen is ready to help. When I asked how she found the people in need, she smiled, and said, "I just know."

Q. Helen, You were born in Bradford and spent your early years here. Tell me about that period of your life.

I was born in a house on West Road; actually it was the corner of Deer Valley and West Road. We were poor but happy. We moved there in the height of the depression in 1929. The family consisted of five children at the time. The Eaton family owned all the property which was named Bradford Center Road and then East Washington Road. It was all dirt roads.

Q Tell me about your school days. Was it a one room school house with one teacher for everyone?

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Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am
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Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and
12:30 pm-5:00 pm

Circuit Rider
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call 938-2253 for appointment

Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC

Letter from the Editor

Two Bradford houses have been struck by fires within the past few weeks. The Bradford Fire Department, with assistance from surrounding towns through mutual aid, was able to contain the fires and limit damage. Fortunately, there were no injuries and hopefully, the homes can be rebuilt. The local community will rally around, as it always does, to help as needed as these families work to restore their homes and regain their lives.

Town Meeting 2012 brought many changes or the prospect of changes to Bradford - the third new selectman in the past three years, a change in the town clerk/tax collectors office after 25 years, three write-in candidates elected, and several people not previously involved on town boards. Much learning will take place over the next few months about new positions and responsibilities.

There were also changes at Town Meeting itself with the Budget Committee involved in the explanation of its budget in response to questions from the voters. Some budgets were decreased and adjustments will need to be made, but the voters have spoken; elected and appointed officials now must respond in kind.

The candidates for office were presented in a new format this year – in conjunction with a fashion show – Off the Rax that featured treasures from the Transfer Station. This added color and humor to the occasion and brought out a standing room only crowd. A new tradition?

Town Meeting week coincided with some of the most unusual weather for the season with high temperatures breaking records and ice out of Lake Massasecum on March 19 – a new record in the thirty years that I have been keeping track.

Now that more seasonal conditions have returned so we can predict that New Hampshire weather will stay unpredictable.

Think spring!

Marcia Keller
April Editor



Planning Board Organization

Following the town elections, Sonny Harris was appointed as the Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board leaving his seat on the Planning Board vacant. Jim Bibbo was approved to fill that position. Marcia Keller was re-elected to serve as chair and Phil LaMoreaux as vice-chair for the next year.

Candidates Forum & Off the Rax



A standing room only crowd gathered at the Community Center on the Saturday before the election to meet the candidates and to enjoy a fashion show of items harvested from the Bradford Transfer Station. Bindy Glennie introduced the fashions and Andrew Pinard ably m.c.'d the presentations and responses from the candidates.

Each candidate had chance to talk about the position they hoped to hold and the voters had a chance to ask questions.

A good time was had by all seeing the treasures given by some and taken by others from the Transfer Station. Helen Lyman's creations brought special joy. She finds ways to reuse many items, altering or mending garments and re-making items into socks, mittens, bags and other designs that are then given to those who need them.



Harry Wright & Bindy



Bindy



Helen Lyman & Bindy



(Left)
Attentive
Crowd

Bradford News

Planning Board - The Board accepted the request from Dependable Dumpsters to cancel its application for a Site Plan Review for Map 17, Lot 34 at 2090 Route 114.

Sidewalks - Latest word from Town Administrator Cheryl Behr is that the sidewalk plans are at the state for review - waiting for final approval. This could take another month before the project is put to bid.

Lake Massasecum Grant Efforts over the past few years by Lake Massasecum Improvement Association President and former State Rep. Barbara French are moving forward. NEC Professor Mark Miche suggested that a study of the entire Lake Massasecum watershed was necessary to address the many variables contributing to the flooding problem.

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has advised that the project has been approved under the 100% federally funded Flood Risk Management Program. A preliminary meeting to put together a scope of work for the project has been scheduled to be followed by a site visit in Bradford at the end of March. Stay tuned.

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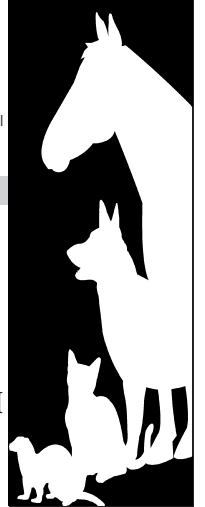
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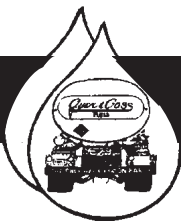
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BRADFORD TOWN MEETING 2012



Moderator Brackett Scheffy swearing in Tim Rodd, Trustee of Trust Funds



Moderator Brackett Scheffy swearing in Beatrice Howe, Library Trustee



Selectmen and Budget Committee at front table



New Town Clerk, Erica Gross counting ballots



Garrett Bauer, Senior at UNH sitting with his Dad, Mike Bauer



Jane Johnsen and Dawn Rich listening to debate



John Pfeifle, Preston Starr, Mark Goldberg, Chris Frey



Town Admin. Asst. Cheryl Behr and Bradford Town Clerk for 25 years, Sue Pehrson



New Budget Committee Member, Will Hurley with Moderator Brackett Scheffy



Budget Committee Member George Cilley at the podium

Lake Sunapee Bank Employees Turn Lunchtime into Opportunity for Giving

Once each month, many employees of Lake Sunapee Bank's headquarters in Newport get a little extra enjoyment from their lunch because they know they are helping a worthy local agency. On the special luncheon days, members of the bank's Charitable Action Team (CAT) offer soup, sandwiches or other tasty treats for sale in the company lunchroom with all proceeds going to an organization nominated by a staff member.

Last year, the CAT Luncheon Program raised just under \$2400, which went to nine different non-profit organizations in New Hampshire and Vermont. CAT team members prepare all the food themselves. The luncheons are so popular among employees that the food traditionally sells out, and nominations for recipient organizations are made months in advance.

Maryanne Petrin of the Bank's Accounting Department has helped organize the luncheon program. She says "Since 2009, more than \$7300 has been donated to a total of 27 organizations supporting education, health and community activities." Lake Sunapee Bank and its employees have a long tradition of volunteering in the communities the bank serves.

The Bank's Charitable Action Team encourages employee and corporate involvement by providing volunteer opportunities and recognizing colleagues for their contributions. Bank employees volunteer more than 3000 hours of their time annually for organizations ranging from local schools and sports teams to national non-profit organizations such as the American Cancer Society and March of Dimes. Through collection boxes in the bank's branches, more than 600 bags of food have been donated to local food banks.

Lake Sunapee Bank, which is headquartered in Newport, currently operates 30 offices located throughout West-Central New Hampshire and Central Vermont.

Fishing Derby



Wow, Lake Todd is growing some BIG Fish!! A 23 inch pickerel was caught by Dan Fisher of Warner during the Bradford Fish and Game Club's annual Ice Fishing Derby winning him a trophy for the biggest fish of the day. 79 children and teens participated in this year's event, with trophies and gift certificates distributed as prizes.

The next largest pickerel at 22' 3/8" was caught by Brandon Cayer of Contoocook. Luke Grendall and Jacob Ulrich took the next 2 prizes in that category with fish over 20 inches each. The longest perch was caught by David Audet of Bow at 12' 11/16", with Gabe Benedict and Garrett Asanowicz taking 2nd and 3rd place. Jared Choiniere of Charlton, MA pulled in the longest crappie at 11' 3/4", with Zachary Choiniere only 5/8 of an inch behind and Tessa Stuart third in that category.

It was windy but a little snow that had fallen a few days earlier made getting around on the ice a little safer and easier. Anyone who drove by that day could see that families were having a great time together. Breakfast, lunch and beverages supplied by the Fish and Game Club were welcomed sustenance!

Gift certificates were donated by Morse's Sporting Goods of Hillsboro. Please plan on joining us next year and follow other sponsored events on our website at BFandG.com.



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Bradford Art Group

Did you Know????? April is Occupational Therapy Month...

What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational therapy is skilled treatment that helps individuals achieve independence in all facets of their lives. Occupational therapy assists people in developing the "skills for the job of living" necessary for independent and satisfying lives.

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
- Vision or cognitive problems that threaten the ability to drive

The Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice
603-526-4077 www.lakesunapeevna.org

A new exhibit arranged by the Bradford Art Group is open at Brown Memorial Library. One Photo, Two Artists, is a selection of charcoal drawings, acrylic paintings, and photographs by Sasha Wolfe of Bradford and Nan McCarthy of Hillsborough.

As both artists love the natural landscape and both work from photographs, Sasha and Nan decided to create a novel format for display. Choosing one photograph at a time, (alternating between one of Sasha's and one of Nan's), the two women created their pieces using two different mediums, styles, and techniques. Nan pays close attention to detail in her realistic acrylic painting style, and Sasha works with a looseness allowing her charcoal drawings to take on their own personality. A drawing and a painting hang, side by side, next to the original photograph that allows the viewer to compare differences in style, technique, media and focus of the artists' perspectives.


One Photo, Two Artists will remain on display thru June, 2012. The universally barrier-free Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main St., Bradford is open: M: 10 – 8; Wed: 10 – 7; Sat: 10 – 3; & Sun: 11-3. For more information, visit: www.nanmccarthy.com & www.sashawolfe.net. To volunteer to help the Bradford Art Group, contact Sasha Wolfe at 938-2115.

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Cellular Banking: Mitigating the Risks

by James Thompson

February's column outlined some of the risks in using your smart phone for banking. This month we look at some of the ways both banks and users can help to make this more secure. Because the weakest link in security is the human element some banks have been developing biometric applications to recognize a voice or fingerprint as a password. This would better secure a phone if it was lost or stolen and would prevent a user from being able to store their password for easy retrieval later either by them or a criminal.

In 2009 The National Australia Bank became Australia's first bank to replace pins with voice biometric authentication. They claim this has created an alternative to memorizing passwords and provided a less confusing and less frustrating method of authentication.

In the almost three years since this technology was introduced I have not seen this technology catch on with American banks or at least it is not an option offered by the banks I do service with in New England. Why? Do we as customers distrust this technology or find it too complicated? What if we had a cold and voice recognition didn't work? What if we burned our finger on a stove and our fingerprint authentication didn't work? Would we still have an alphanumeric password as a backup and thus have a way to circumvent these new biometric safety measures? If we had this 'safety measure' doesn't that negate the security of biometrics?

I do use my phone for banking. I do not save my password to my phone but take the cumbersome steps to enter it in each time I access my account. I also have an application for GPS tracking on my phone installed in case my phone is lost or stolen. Many of these GPS applications can send out a text message or link to your home computer to provide you with location information. Many are also free.

To complete my 'security' application suite in the future I would like to see an application developed that could remotely 'poison pill' my phone if I could not recover it. This application would securely wipe the phone upon a remote command. We have this technology for laptops so porting it to cell phones can't be far away.

In summary, our smart phones are carrying more and more private information about us and it is up to us to educate ourselves as to the risks involved should one lose a phone containing private messages, banking information and or passwords etc. At that point one can make an informed decision concerning the risk associated with believing information on their smart phones is secure.

Letters to the Editor



I would like to thank the rescue squads from Bradford and Henniker for their assistance on the night of March 13th. Their courtesy and professionalism on the way to the hospital was greatly appreciated.

How fortunate to live in a town where everyone cares, even in the middle of an election! Thanks, also, to the kind friends who called them. I am fine!

Sincerely,
Susan E. Smith

Thank you to everyone who participated in town meeting and for your overwhelming support for the Town Hall restoration project. According to "Two Hundred Plus: Bradford, New Hampshire in Retrospect", at the time the town hall was reconstructed in its current location, two barrels of rum were used, part as "stimulus for participants to put forth their very best efforts to bring the enterprise to a successful conclusion" and to provide a celebration for an "event of such great importance to the town." However, by four o'clock in the afternoon, the barrels of rum were gone. In order for the celebration to continue, another half barrel of rum was procured.

Let's keep the momentum going!

Eileen Kelly, Chair, and the Town Hall Restoration Committee

To Bradford Voters

Thanks to all who voted for the proposed Zoning Amendment on the March ballot. Bradford now has the means to ensure that any application for "Work Force" housing will meet state mandated requirements while keeping in place locally approved zoning protections.

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Obituaries



John Walter Hervan, very proudly a resident of Bradford, passed away, with peace and dignity, surrounded by family, 21 February, 2012. He began his life of adventure, service, and industry the son of John Ingvar Hervan and Agnes Young Hervan on 28 November, 1922.

With the onset of WWII, John joined the United States Navy. He was assigned to the USS Shubrick (DD639) as a machinist mate 3rd class. During Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily, the USS Shubrick was hit amidships by a five hundred pound bomb. This night air raid killed nine men and wounded twenty. After extensive repair she joined Operation Overlord, the Normandy invasion, performing her duties for over a month. Transferred to the Pacific Fleet, the USS Shubrick was engaged in the invasion of Okinawa. During battle, on 29 May, 1945 the USS Shubrick was nearly lost due to a direct hit by a kamikaze aircraft. The ship lost thirty-five men killed or missing, and twenty-five wounded in the attack. For his actions during the disaster John Hervan received a letter of commendation from his Commanding Officer.

“.....your conduct under enemy fire and your performance to duty in carrying out necessary measures incident to damage control-and your determination were in large part responsible for the survival of this ship and were in keeping with the tradition of the Naval Service”.

John, honorably discharged with decorations, moved to Hicksville, New York with new wife, the lovely Mary Jayne (Dorsey) to raise five children. He applied his skills and love of precision, learned and nurtured in the

Navy, to over thirty years of employment at Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation, later Grumman Aerospace. While at Grumman he worked on a great variety of sophisticated projects. These include (certainly not limited to) the Apollo Lunar Module and the ground breaking fighter aircraft, the F-14 Tomcat.

He and Mary retired to their “dream come true” in Bradford in 1985. Over several previous years, keeping with the attitude and abilities of John, their house was designed and almost entirely hand built by him and Mary. Retired? John never stopped working. Designing, building, inventing, re-inventing, tinkering, researching, improving, John remained a student. He studied engineering, mechanics, technology, the arts, cooking and almost anything else that stimulated his intellect and stirred his emotions. John would ask the why and dream the why not.

He became prolific with the World Wide Web. This fueled his attention to current events, as well as a love of history, an understanding of the big picture and a fascination with the minutia. John comprehended the joy of understanding the four words “I do not know” and all of the subsequent gratifications. Two nights before he became ill he was told that, if they want to, elephants can walk as silently as cats. Picture him, late that night, on the internet, establishing (first) the veracity of this information and (next) the physiological circumstances making it possible.

Much to their delight, John spent the past twelve winters with his daughter Jayne and son-in-law Sean in Tampa Florida. This time was well spent with countless excursions and adventure. However, John, in all ways, looked so forward to his return to the beautiful mountains and the good denizens of Bradford. He most certainly “Lived Free”.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jayne Hervan and his daughter Laura Anne O'Neill. He is survived by his children Mary Jayne Eikman (Sean), John Noel Hervan (Diane), Mark Thomas Hervan (Maureen), Holly Margaret Coffey (Richard), his grandchildren,

Christopher, Colin, Emily, Matthew, Tom, Andrew, Jennifer and Martin. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. Memories of him shall be kept forever within their hearts. The memorial service, with Military Honors, will be held at the home of Holly and Richard Coffey, 14 Boblee Lane, Hicksville, NY at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7th, 2012.

Scholarship Committee by Jill Pinard

The Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee would like to announce its application process for 2012. Originated in 1964, the Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund has provided financial support over the years to Bradford students who are pursuing post-secondary education.

In order for high school students to apply, they should meet the following requirements:

Live in Bradford.
Be furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing or technical institute.
Submit a typed, written application telling the committee about their academic goals, extracurricular and community activities, and how living in Bradford has helped promote these goals.

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Dawn Rich is a person who has clocked many miles as a volunteer in Bradford from Scholarship Committee to years on the Board of the Bradford Community Center and continues to give her time to the community. She recently clocked 3,350 miles at the Hogan Center pool in New London. She has been lap swimming since she was a child, but this last milestone began in 1991 when the pool opened at Hogan. The other amazing thing is that she has continued between operations and challenging problems. Swimming and walking are her two ways to exercise now. Kudos to Dawn for remaining active and engaged, and fit despite the challenges of aging and physical problems.



First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

Focus Factor Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for the following gatherings in April: Sunday April 1 (4:00 - 5:30 p.m.) Games and activities surrounding the theme of "Worry"; Saturday April 7 @ 6:00 p.m. to watch the movie "The Passion". Sunday, April 15 (4:00 - 5:30 p.m.) -- games and activities surrounding the theme of "judging" and Sunday April 22 (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.) --games --either at the church or someone's home. There will be no Focus Factor on April 8 and April 29.

Bible Studies: There will be a study of the Book of Romans the following Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. (April 3, 10 and 17). There will be a study of the Book of Ephesians the following Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (April 4, 11, 18 and 25).

Maundy Thursday Service: Our Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: On Friday, April 6, the sanctuary will be open for meditation between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service: There will be an Easter Sunrise Service on Keyzer Lake in North Sutton on April 8 at 6:30 a.m. A breakfast will follow at the First Free Will Baptist Church in North Sutton. A free will offering will be taken.

Easter Worship Service: Our Easter Service will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Food Pantry: The community food pantry will be open on Wednesday, April 18 between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Compassion Sunday: On Sunday, April 15, we will be including in our Worship Service a DVD and testimony about Compassion International (an organization whose goal is to release children from poverty). There will be brochures for anyone who would like to sponsor a child. Compassion sponsors 1.2 million children in 26 countries.

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Sun. April 1st

1:30 PM – Special Party #12579

Mon. April 2nd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
 1-4 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. April 3rd

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon - Fuel Assistance Call 456-2207 for appointment
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00 PM - Watercolor Class
 5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting
 6 - 7:30 PM - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099

Wed. April 4th

6:00 PM – Special Party #10015
 7:00 PM – Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thurs. April 5th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. April 6th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 11:30 First Friday Brunch raffle, door prizes, and music
 7:00 PM - Book to Movie The Heiress, BML

Sat. April 7th

11:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt, BML

Mon. April 9th

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

Tues. April 10th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 4:30 PM - BACC – Committee meeting
 5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting
 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Yoga Class call Fran at 456-3099
 7:00 PM – Planning Board

Wed. April 11th

7:00 PM - Library Book Group, BML
 6:30 PM – Bible Study – with Denise Renk

Thurs. April 12th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. April 13th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sat. April 14th

9:00 AM – Writing Group
 9:00 AM – 4- H Robotics
 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Book Sale, BML

Sun. April 15th

1:30 PM – Special Party #12579

Mon. April 16th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM -Ceramics Class
 1-4 PM - Bridge Group
 5:30 PM – 4 - H

Tues. April 17th

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel Assistance Call 456-2207 for appointment
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Volunteer Celebration!!
 Guest Speaker Russell Armstrong, Chair, State Committee on Aging
 1:30 PM - Watercolor Class
 5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. April 18th

6:00 PM – Special Party #10015
 6:30 PM - Bible Study – with Denise Renk

Thurs. April 19th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic - MVSC by LSVNA
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic LSVNA Call 526-4077 for appt.
 4:30 PM – Parks & Recreation
 6:00 - PM – Budget Committee

Fri. April 20th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic LSVNA at North Ridge Apt’s - Call 526-4077
 7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie, BML

Sat. April 21st

9:00 AM – 4 –H – Robotics
 10:00 AM – Town Hall Restoration

Mon. April 23rd

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM -Ceramics Class
 1-4 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. April 24th

9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care clinic Warner Pharmacy. Call 526-4077
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 4:30 PM - BACC – Committee meeting
 5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting
 6:00 - 7:30 - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099 for information
 7:00 PM – Planning Board

Wed. April 25th

9:30 AM -Trip to NH History Museum and McAuliffe Planetarium
 10:30 AM –12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic Warner Senior Room by LS-VNA
 6:30 PM - Bible Study – with Denise Renk

Thurs. April 26th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. April 27th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM -Friday at the Movies: Academy Award Winner: Hugo
 12:00 noon - Café Bienvenue

Sat. April 28th

9:00 AM – Writing Group

Mon. April 30th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
 1-4 PM – Bridge Group

For scheduling activities at the BACC, please call 938-6228 or 938-2522.

Monday and Tuesday -
 Art Lessons For information,
 contact Becky Darling -
rdarling@mcttelecom.com

 **Abbreviation Key**

BACC-Bradford Area Community Center
 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



Bradford Parks and Recreation Upcoming Programs



Welcome to Spring! Parks and Rec events and programs coming up are listed below.

Baton begins May 1 - Contact Joni Lucas at 938-6089 for more information.

French's Park Annual Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th 9 am – 12 pm. Please bring your rakes etc. and join us for our annual clean up. P&R would like to provide drinks and refreshments. In order to plan on what to provide we'd like to get an idea of how much we need. PLEASE RSVP to margaretraymond@yahoo.com or call 938-6228 and leave a message for Parks & Rec.

Beef Roast and 4th of July activities – July 6 and 7 - look for information around town and in local papers

Swim Lessons – July 16-20 and July 23-27. More information and registration forms will be available around Memorial Day.

If you are interested in finding out more about these events and programs or want more specific information, please feel free to leave messages at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or email Margaretraymond@yahoo.com.

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Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter-2nd Saturday at 10AM at First Baptist Church/call 938-2777 for info

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

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

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, /BACC 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 - Saturdays, 10 am-noon, or by appointment, call 938-5372

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

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

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

Selectmen's Meeting - Every Tuesday, 5:30PM, BACC

Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

Getting There

We are finally entering old issues of the Bridge onto the website Bradfordbridge.com.

There are only a few years missing but they should be in soon. Some of the earlier issues are not that clear so if there is a specific issue that you would like re-entered, just let us know and we will re-scan it. We have hard copies of almost all the old issues. Take a look at our town's past history and reminisce.

Please let us know if you want a particular issue.

Town Clerk Notices

A friendly reminder: Dog Licensing due by April 30, 2012

Boat Registration Forms are now available at our office.

Contact the Clerk's Office for further information, 938-2288.

Town Clerk and Selectmen's Offices are temporarily located at the Community Center. Police station is adjacent to the Post Office.

Meetings of all Town Boards and Committees

will be held at the Bradford Area Community Center until further notice.

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.

10 Questions from pg 1

I went to the little school house next to the Bradford Center Meeting House which was then the church. We had one teacher for all of the eight grades. I was there until 6th grade and then attended the school that is now the Bradford Area Community Center.

Q. You attended Henniker High School. Why didn't you go to the Warner High School?

When I was three years old a neighbor boy was helping us harvest butternuts from our trees. The boy used an ax to chop the nuts and he accidentally chopped off the ends of two of my fingers. This was a problem for me. I couldn't take the clerical courses at Warner and Henniker had home economics classes that I could handle with the tips of my fingers missing. My father felt that home economics classes were more appropriate for a girl since we were only going to get married and didn't need careers. Life was very different in those days.



Q. You said that you began working at age eleven during the summer vacations for Dr. Maxwell. What type of work were you doing?

I worked for Dr. Mirzie Maxfield. They lived near the old Bradford Inn. I helped to clean the house, care for the children and did some cooking.

Q. Life was not easy for you. You told me that you had to board with families while you went to school in Henniker and then at age 17 you and a girlfriend went to New Bedford, Massachusetts to find work. Can you tell me about that period of your life?

We earned 50 cents an hour working for Cornell Divilier. It was war time and we helped with the manufacture of capacitors for the government. It was 1942. Soon after that I met and married my husband George and we raised five children. He was working in the Veteran's Home in New Bedford installing sprinklers systems. I continued to work in factories and hired baby sitters for my children.

Q. Where did you learn how to make clothing and use all the different types of machines that you use for your present work with castoffs from the transfer station?

I worked at factories and was factory supervisor for 35 years at two different factories. At one of my jobs, I had about 200 people I was in charge of. We manufactured ladies suits. They were high quality garments. We supplied "Villager," and "Cliftex ". About twenty years ago all the factory work went overseas. I learned how to sew at the age of six. My grandmother taught me. I made my first quilt by hand when I was nine years old. When I moved back to New Hampshire I had a shop in my home and prior to that a shop in New Bedford. I made wedding gowns and suits and did all kinds of sewing for customers. I was really busy.

Q. You visit the transfer station at least once a week. Do you always find things to work with? How did you realize that there was a need for someone to help supply usable clothing to families?

About a year ago when Lois started putting clothing out at the dump, I began by finding baby items for newborns and older children. I'd alter and wash things. I'd make dresses for dolls that were in need of rehabbing at the dump. I also began to make gloves and handbags and socks.

Q. In what ways has life altered here since you moved back? Why did you return to Bradford?

I moved back to take care of my mother who was ill about 25 years ago. This was after 43 years in New Bedford. I couldn't take care of my mother and also keep up my home in New Bedford. An empty house

invites people to destroy belongings. It was too difficult.

Q. If you had one wish for something what would it be?

I would love to have a "Gammel" machine. It quilts automatically. I have all kinds of machines. I own an industrial sewing machine and a knitting machine. I love quilting and having the "Gammel" would be lovely. Other than that, there is nothing that I want.

Q. Recently at town meeting there was a question about restoring town hall. How do you feel about that since you have lived here a long time? Do you think it is worthwhile to keep the historical building?

I certainly do feel that it is worthwhile to restore town hall. The school used to put on plays there when I was a child. There were all types of school activities then. I think it is important to have a Main Street and the town hall where it is presently located on Main Street opposite the church and the library. I hope that it happens.

Easter Egg Hunt



The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring the Annual Storytime and Easter Egg Hunt on Sat. April 7, 11 am, at Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main St., Bradford. Many thanks to the KRES 4th Graders for stuffing 800 eggs.

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Area Events

Concord

New Works by Bradford artist Sandy Wadlington will be on display at the McGowan Fine Art Gallery, 10 Hills Ave. Concord, until April 27, 2012. Call 225-2515 for open hours.

Henniker

LINEC – The Learning Institute at New England College is a program to educate, entertain, and enhance life, offering non-credit, peer-led, peer-taught courses, totally volunteer, for the sheer pleasure of learning, and is open to both retired and younger adults.

Spring courses begin in April. For full information, visit the website www.linecatnec.org. You can direct questions by email to jhm3nh@comcast.net, by phone at 603-746-6212, or mail to LINEC, NEC Box 75, New England College, Henniker, NH 03242.

Newbury Public Library

Monday April 5 7:00 PM Book discussion – The Old American by Ernest Hebert.

Monday April 23 7:00 PM Poetry – Special Guest: New Hampshire Poet Laureate Walter Butts

Warner

Saturday April 14, 7pm – 10 pm Warner Town Hall – Warner Men's Club presents Swing Fling Dance. 16 piece Windham Swing Band – come to dance or just to listen. Tickets at the door or in advance at MainStreet BookEnds. Net proceeds go to Warner Food Pantry and community projects.

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum
Wednesday April 25 at 11 am Local author and illustrator Lisa Tremblay will read from her children's book "How Coyote Created the Milky Way" on at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. This is a free event offered during school vacation week for families to enjoy together.

Celebrate the Earth at Annual Festival Provides Day of Family Activities Sundays from April through October at 10 a.m. Classes offered in bead and quillwork techniques taught by Native American artists. Eight classes for adults of all skill levels and last two to three hours. The cost for each class, which includes materials, is \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members. Take one or take them all!

Class schedule:

April 29 Lazy Stitch–Liz Charlebois
May 20 Brick Stitch–Rhonda Besaw
May 27 Loom Beading–Debbie Dostie
June 10 Double Needle Applique–
Debbie Dostie
June 24 Bead Weaving–Lynn Murphy
July 1 One Needle Applique–Rhoda Besaw
July 29 Peyote Stitch – Lynn Murphy
October 28 Quill Wrapping–Chris Bullock

Class descriptions and instructor biographies will be posted on our website in April. www.indianmuseum.org. Call (603)456-2600 to reserve your spot.

Turtle Island Summer Day Camp
Registration is now open for Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum's (MKIM's) Turtle Island Day Camp. The summer day camp in Warner offers boys and girls ages 6-12 outdoor activities, crafts, games, storytelling, music and art based on Native American culture, all with an environmental awareness component.

The camp runs June 25-Aug 3, Monday - Friday, 9am - 3pm. Extended care is available mornings and afternoons. Space is limited to 12 campers each week. Sign up for one week or as many as you like. Turtle Island Day Camp is completely accessible and is licensed by the State of New Hampshire. Financial aid is available. Turtle Island Day Camp accepts State of NH Childcare Assistance funds. For registration forms or more information visit www.indianmuseum.org or call 456-2600 x226.

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Kearsarge Regional School District News

by Andrew Pinard

ELECTION RESULTS

Thanks to everyone for coming out to vote on March 13. Your support of our students and participation in local affairs is vital. With one exception, the position of School Resource Officer (SRO), all of the school issues on the warrant passed.

Reviewing the election results, it is interesting to see who turned out and what they supported. Of the seven towns, Bradford had the highest percentage of voters turn out (46%). Other towns showed up, but in lesser numbers: Springfield (34%), Warner (33%), Sutton (27%), Wilmot (21%), Newbury (16%) and New London (11%).

Voter turnout can have a significant impact on what articles pass or fail. Looking at the SRO article, Bradford once again had the highest rejection rate, voting more than two to one against the article (69%). The other towns that voted against this issue include: Warner (59% voting against), Springfield (57% against) and Newbury (51 % against). The three towns that voted for it were Sutton (65% in favor), New London (59% for) and Wilmot (51% supporting). Considering the turnout and the fact that four of the towns voted against the issue, the SRO article failed to pass by a very small margin of 53% (a total of 145 votes).

Of the seven towns, Bradford was the only community in the district to vote against the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It is interesting to see the pass/fail results for all the articles town-by-town. For a more detailed listing of the actual votes by town, go to kearsarge.org and click on the "Voting Results for Kearsarge District" link in the upper right area of the screen.

We are coming up to a very busy season in our schools with outdoor sports, concerts, performances, field trips and competitions. Check out kearsarge.org for all the latest information about activities in our schools.

Selectmen's Highlights

Town Meeting Prior to Town meeting, Moderator Brackett Scheffy emphasized the importance of the Selectmen responding to questions, which can carry more weight with the voters. Chair Harry Wright said the Selectmen are planning on being more involved, with Cheryl Behr furnishing back up information.

Scheffy said questions pertaining to the Budget Committee's budget will be answered by members of that Committee according to Chair Dick Keller.

Personnel Policy: A draft of the proposed Policy was handed out to the Selectmen for review and approval at a later meeting. The need for update job descriptions was discussed.

Bridge Grant: Cheryl Behr advised the Hazard Mitigation grant for the Breezy Hill Road Bridge (Route 103 end) has been denied. No funds were granted in NH this year. It will be filed again next year.

Highway Department

Town Hall Parking Lot: Don Jackson questioned the lack of plowing at the Town Hall parking, which is used by both the Church and the Library on Sundays. The Highway Department will be requested to take care of it.

Breezy Hill Road Bridge (Route 114 end): Dick Keller asked when this would be reopened to foot traffic. Selectmen will have Highway arrange the barriers to allow foot traffic. Police Chief Jim Valiquet said an ordinance would aid in enforcement issues if the Selectmen wanted a limit to foot traffic only – no motorized vehicles.

Gravel/sand purchases: Road Agent Jeff Remillard provided a comparison of costs to send trucks to Weare to haul sand versus purchasing it delivered directly from suppliers in Henniker. This was in response to a motion made by Selectmen Wheeler to stop buying anything from Weare until costs are

provided and discussed. The motion was not seconded.

Grader Repairs: Selectmen agreed that an outside individual could inspect the machine for repairs. Carl Rupchinuk from Unity had offered his advice on what is possible/available in this regard.

Planning Board Chair Marcia Keller commented on the perception that the Planning Board was anti-business and said this is not the case. Regulations have been voted by the town. They are administered by the Planning Board and enforced by the Board of Selectmen. She suggested a joint meeting of Planning, Zoning, Selectmen, Building and Fire Department to try and streamline the process.

Town Hall: Beth Rodd thanked the town voters and the Board of Selectmen for their support of the Warrant Article to continue planning on the town hall restoration.

Budget Committee Chair Dick Keller presented a letter Jon Marden sent, on behalf of the Budget Committee, to Senators Sanborn and Odell requesting a meeting regarding revenues and other economic issues. The Selectmen agreed to attend a meeting when it is arranged.

Organization: Harold Wright was voted as Chairman and representative to the Police Dept and Selectmen's office; Barry Wheeler will serve on Budget Committee, Fire Dept and as liaison to the Highway Department; Delbert Harris will be the representative to the Planning Board and work with the BACC.

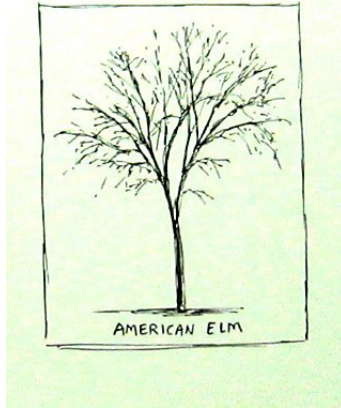
Rumors: David Camire Jr. spoke with the Board regarding the destructive effect rumors are having on the town. He stressed the need to work together and pay attention to issues including equipment damages.

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Elm Tree Project

Not many of us remember when Bradford's Main Street was lined with elm trees. By the 1930s, the imported Dutch elm disease, a fungus spread by the European elm bark beetle, began killing nearly all the large American elms in the North East, though you can still find elms scattered in the woods, usually in damp locations.

The Elm Research Institute in Keene, New Hampshire has been propagating a disease resistant elm since the 1960s. The goal is to disperse these elms, all clones of the same tree, in hopes of cross-pollination with remaining local elms. This could revitalize the floodplain forests and main streets with disease resistant elms.



The Liberty Tree Society formed to assist with this project. Their mission is to not only spread these trees, but to promote the American elm as a tribute to the birth of freedom in America. The original Liberty Elm was a large elm growing in Boston. It was a rallying point for dissidents agitating for a break from England. Thomas Paine wrote a stirring poem about this symbolic tree. The British, in their own symbolic act, cut the Liberty Tree down in 1775 prior to their evacuation.

The Liberty Tree Society has offered an elm, with brass donor plaque and framed poem, to the town via the Bradford Conservation Commission. The Bradford Historical Society was

contacted for their input on planting the tree on town property beside the Blacksmith Shop on Main Street. On June 10th there will be a dedication ceremony by the Mercy Hathaway White chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Hannah Dustin Society of the Children of the American Revolution. This chapter of the DAR has a rich local history as well. Mary Isabel Greeley, a Bradford resident, began organizing this chapter in 1912, naming it for an ancestor. This year is their centennial celebration.

We invite you to participate in this event by becoming a member of the Liberty Tree Society for \$25. At a \$50 donation you may also receive a 3' elm sapling, or a 6' tree for a \$100 donation. There are group discounts for 25 ten foot tall trees at \$99 each (normally \$300 each). Any individual donating \$1000 or more to the Liberty Tree Society will have their name listed on the bronze donor plaque. The amount of donations received will influence the size of the tree, up to 19' tall, that will be planted by the Blacksmith Shop. Donations in any amount to further the work of the Elm Research Institute and the Liberty Tree Society are accepted.

Lets re-elm Main Street! For further information, contact the Conservation Commission, Ann Eldridge, at 938-5266 or Yvonne@elmresearch.org or 1-800-367-3567.

Special Event

A coffee and cake event will be held on Friday, April 20 at noon in the youth room at the Bradford Area Community Center to thank Susan Pehrson for her service to the town.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

The librarians and trustees thank all those who supported our budget at town meeting. We appreciate your support. Please feel free to come into the library and offer any suggestions you may have for your library.

Easter Egg Hunt. The Friends of the Library sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 7 at 11:00am. The Kearsarge Area Pre-School will hold a bake sale on the library lawn during the festivities. Bring your decorated basket and hope for good weather!

Book Sale. The first book sale of the season is Saturday, April 14, 9am - 2pm. Library volunteers have worked very hard all winter clearing out books that have been in too many sales (many, many boxes going to Ghana via a Hennifer Rotary Club initiative). Lots of new and interesting items have come in.

Book-to-Movie Night. This month we compare Henry James' novella *Washington Square* with the 1949 classic movie *The Heiress* Friday, April 6 at 7pm. On May 4 we will discuss the adaptation of *The Descendants* by Kauai Hart Hemmings (this may change if not enough copies of the book are available, check our website www.brownmemoriallibrary.org for latest information).

Third Friday Movie. April's selection, a 2003 German docudrama, is about a family of nomadic shepherds in the Gobi desert. In May we will watch a documentary about Brazilian garbage pickers, called *Catadores*, and how an artist created striking portraits of a half dozen of them and transformed their lives. The film is on many 2011 "best of" lists.

Library Book Group. The book group continues to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. April's book is to be determined. Check our website for details. Copies of discussion books are available at the library.

New books added to your library in March:

For adults

- Helsinki White* by James Thompson
- Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman
- Hush Now, Don't You Cry* by Rhys Bowen
- The House I Loved* by Tatiana de Rosnay
- Lone Wolf* by Jodi Picoult
- DaVinci's Ghost* by Toby Lester
- Raylan* by Elmore Leonard

For children and young adults

- The Whisper* by Emma Clayton
- A Stick is an Excellent Thing* by Marilyn Singer
- Poindexter Makes a Friend* by Mike Twohy
- Outside Your Window* by Nicola Davies
- Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos



Baseball Through the Years

Bradford has boasted many baseball teams over the years and America's favorite pastime remains vital here today in our youth sports programs. Early games were played on Sunny Plain, the Town Green at Bradford Center and on the former railroad grounds where Pizza Chef now stands.

In 1947, Brown-Shattuck Field became a memorial to two local World War II veterans. In 1998 the fields by the current elementary school were dedicated to a popular local coach, Warren Brook. The Sam Emery Memorial Field in Bradford will be dedicated this spring to honor a former local athlete.

Be sure to get out and root for Bradford this spring!

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2012 Bradford Town Meeting

Elections The Bradford Town Meeting opened at 8 AM on Tuesday, March 13, with three separate ballots; candidates for town offices, one zoning amendment, and school district issues. Four hundred and sixty-six ballots were cast; twenty-one absentee.

Moderator Brackett Scheffy opened the adjourned session of the Town Meeting at 7 PM on March 14 at KRES with 209 voters present. Bob Selig led the pledge of allegiance.

The Budget Committee presented an operating budget that was \$113,321 lower than that proposed by the Selectmen. This was further reduced by amendments from the floor to a total of \$1,867,577.34 that was approved by the voters.

Warrant articles approved included \$13,000 for architectural services to evaluate the Bradford Town Hall and provide recommendations to restore the building; \$35,240.00 to purchase an all wheel drive police cruiser; \$37,000 (\$5,000 from capital reserve) for replacement of communication equipment for the Fire and Highway Departments, \$5,000 for the Boat Launch, and \$2,750 for the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports.

Capital Reserve appropriations were approved for Fire and Highway Departments Heavy Equipment, Revaluation, Gravestone Repair, Ambulance Fund, Town Building Emergency Repair, Town Building and Facility Renovation, and Main Street Improvement.

In response to a question, Budget Committee member Don Jackson described the Capital Reserves as

the Town's "savings account", accumulating funds for specific purposes over a period of time. The amounts to be deposited are, in turn, recommended by the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) prepared each year from department requests.

Non-lapsing appropriations were approved for ambulance services, bridge design, paving of East Main Street following installation of sidewalks and bike lanes, and asphalt for road repairs.

The voters did not approve \$15,000 to retrofit the downstairs of the Community Center for Town Offices (paper ballot yes 37, no 182); \$5,000 for emergency salt and fuel; \$297,705 for lease/purchase of a new grader; and \$375,000 for reconstruction of East Main Street, Old Warner Road, Howlett Road and Greenhouse Lane.

Voters approved designation of 3.6 acres of town owned land with frontage on East Main Street Map 17 Lot 12 (where the smithy is located) as an historic village area; extending winter maintenance of Blaisdell Lake Road to the end of Map 3 Lot 48; and a resolution declaring that the Town of Bradford, New Hampshire does not recognize corporations as being entitled to the protections or "rights" of human beings and to have the Select Board notify in writing members of our Congressional delegation of the resolution and to support its contents.

Election results and the Budget Committee recount are on page one, KRSD votes on page 14.

Complete minutes of the 2012 Town Meeting are online at bradfordnh.org

Town Hall Restoration Committee

Following the vote of support at Town Meeting for the restoration of Town Hall and approval of the \$13,000 for architectural services, the THRC has prepared a request for proposal (RFP) for this work. The Selectmen have approved the RFP. After review by town counsel, it will be sent to a list of qualified architectural firms. The anticipated return date is mid-April.



Selectmen cont'd from page 14

Highway Summer Schedule

Selectmen approved the request from Road Agent Jeff Remillard to begin a four day per week summer schedule by the end of April. The crew will work 6:30 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday. Remillard said if there is a need for someone to come in on a Friday, comp time will be used rather than charging overtime.

Daily Forestry Alert

Fire Dept. Lt. Rob Stiez informed the Selectmen and the public that he will post the daily forestry warning/alert from the National Weather Service in Gray, ME on the town website each day. The dry conditions will continue to be a problem until the trees leaf out. The warnings began earlier than usual this year.

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

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OUTSIDE
by J. Ann Eldridge

Spring in northern Europe centered on festivals honoring the vernal goddess Eoestre (a goddess of many spellings). These were held at the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Basically, a New Years celebration. The origins of the Easter bunny (actually a hare) date back to the 6th century at least.

Rabbits and hares were powerful symbols of fertility and rebirth. They have the alarming ability to consider another litter even at the arrival of their latest. The frenetic mating behavior, involving erratic leapfrogging, eventually also gave rise to the phrase 'crazy as a March hare'. This evolved prolificness supports their survival and the survival of a large number of animals for whom they are the preferred cuisine. The example of a rancher who released twenty-two European rabbits into the Australian outback in 1859 amply illustrates their reproductive ability. With virtually no predators, the bunny population grew to a plague of 600 million within a hundred years.

In Bradford, the only lagamorph that we are likely to see is the snowshoe hare. The New England cottontail, now listed as endangered in NH, may have been here during the shrubby agricultural era of the 1800s - early 1900s. The introduced Eastern cottontail - a native of states more west and south - has been overtaking some of the New England cottontail's former range. The reason for the decline of the New England cottontail probably has more to do with habitat changes than Eastern cottontail competition.



There are major differences in morphology between the cottontails and the snowshoe hare. The larger hare has fused leg bones that confer a more powerful leap. Their hind feet are broader and more densely furred to support them in snow, hence, their common name. Another name, 'varying hare', refers to their molt from brown pelage in summer to white-tipped hairs in winter that afford camouflage (in a normal winter) and added warmth. The cell space where the pigment was is now an insulating air space. By the end of March they have regained the duff color again.

The young of cottontail rabbits are born in aboveground nests in the undergrowth and are blind, naked, and helpless at birth. New-born hares, however, are precocial - furred, bright-eyed and able to hop almost immediately. Young hares spend their first month huddled by themselves, waiting for a once a day regrouping with the doe (female) for a 5-10 minute nursing before creeping off to await the next meal or to become someone else's next meal. As adults, rabbits and hares spend much of the day motionless in their discrete resting places, or 'forms'.

Cottontails and hares get by on a very rough fare of grasses, forbs, and woody vegetation. Lagamorphs must extract all possible nutrients while maintaining their lean, fast physique. They do this not by chewing cud, as deer and sheep do, but by re-ingesting their first feces - eventually leaving behind round, woody pellets.


This may be a lot more than you wanted to know about the Easter bunny.

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Brackett Scheffy Retires

Brackett Scheffy officially retired as a New Hampshire judge on Saturday March 31, 2012. He was appointed by Governor John Sununu and sworn in by him in December of 1986—26 years ago.

Brackett has described this as retirement from the judicial branch only and a move on to his third career. He will continue to serve as both Town and School District Moderator. Watch for highlights of his distinguished career in the May Bridge.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

A committee spearheaded by Emergency Management Director Bruce Edwards, assisted by Stephanie Alexander from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC), has spent many hours over the past few months, revising and updating Bradford's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is necessary every five years to comply with the requirements of FEMA and ensure that Bradford remains eligible for any FEMA grants that might be available.

The plan will be presented at a public meeting on May 16, 2012 in the Senior Room of the Bradford Area Community Center at 7 PM.



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Firefighters and first responders from several surrounding communities joined the Bradford Fire Department in responding to a fire at the home of the LeBlanc family on Water Street. An emergency fund has been set up at Lake Sunapee Bank for Al LeBanc and his family after a devastating fire destroyed their home and all their possessions. Contributions may be made to the "LeBlanc Family Fund"

at any Lake Sunapee Bank branch. Donations can also be made by mail to Lake Sunapee Bank, 115 Main Street, Bradford NH, 03221, telephone 843-

