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## BRADFORD TOWN FORUM

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

On Saturday, January 14 a Forum on the future of the Town Hall was attended by 90 Bradford residents. It was convened by Selectmen Chair Harry Wright and facilitated by Community Planning Consultant Jeff Taylor who described it as an educational meeting with the education going from both the presenters and the audience. Presentations were made by the Town Hall Restoration Committee (THRC) and the Town Office Relocation Committee (TORC).



Eileen Kelly read the THRC Mission Statement. "To restore the Town Hall to a functional building for municipal services and community use. The best investment for the town is to modernize the building to provide for the town's present needs, as cost effectively as possible, so that it continues to serve Bradford for many years to come, consistent with its historical character."



At this time the town hall has been evacuated because of mold issues and temporary measures are in place - the police department relocated in the building next to the Post Office and the other town offices are in the Community Room on the lower floor of the Bradford Area Community Center (BACC). What is needed is a long term solution.



Although the town hall was not originally built for office space, this is what the town's current and future needs are and with a well designed space, the Town Hall will be a functional and economic asset once again. THRC member John Greenwood said the Committee is trying to divide the restoration into multiple phases, to keep the cost feasible. The possibility of putting a full foundation under the building was suggested, which would add another 4,000 sq. ft. of usable space.



Questions from the audience included the need to discuss a location for the Police Department and the adequacy of parking.



Marlene Freyler, Chair of the Town Office Relocation Committee, said people are concerned about costs. The TORC was formed so the town offices could move to the lower floor of the Community Center with the first floor retained for community activities. Town Meeting will be asked for \$25,000 to rehab downstairs and put in



*This month we interview Sandy Luckury, who creates magical braided rugs in all sizes and shapes and colors. Sandy is a native of New Hampshire. She spent her early years in Newport where her father was a third generation owner of the "Ben Franklin" store which later became the "Five and Dime." Sandy has been braiding rugs for twenty five years. She worked at Lake Sunapee Bank in the computer department, but braiding was her other occupation. When the bank offered early retirement she accepted, and began training in her second career of rug braiding.*

**Q. Sandy, you were born in Newport and worked in the family store during your high school years. Then you went for further education. Tell me about that.**

I went to school at the "Ward School of Business" in Worcester, Massachusetts. It was a comprehensive one year course. Afterwards I worked for a computer company in Worcester.

**Q. You had decided to leave New Hampshire and find work elsewhere. You did come back. What made you change plans?**

My roommates and I decided to move to Pensacola, Florida to find careers. There were four of us. Unfortunately, I did not find work and my father suggested that I return home and work at the family store "Ben Franklin." I worked at the store for a while and then went to Lake Sunapee Savings Bank to work in the loan servicing department. I eventually went into computer work and

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February and March are the months for many decisions. By February 3, anyone who wishes to be on the ballot for a town office for the coming term must sign up with the Town Clerk. Moving on to the 9th the Budget Committee holds its first hearing on the proposed budget for 2012. This is your time to see what is proposed, ask questions, and offer comments. February 14 and 21 are the dates set by the Selectmen for bond hearings to address the needs of the Town Hall.

Major issues and many differing opinions on how to address them. Each budget item and each proposal for the town hall has merit and should be carefully considered. Bradford can only move forward if we look at the town as a whole – not as my section of town, my job, my department, my interests, or even my tax bill.

We may not return to the description from a realtor in 1946, extolling the virtues of Bradford as ... "the busy village ... where there is good rail and bus service from Boston, New York and other cities." But by setting aside differences of opinion and working together we can develop a common approach that will keep the town functioning, our buildings in repair, and begin to restore not only our historic town hall, but improve the appearance and the atmosphere of downtown Bradford – new sidewalks on East Main Street and an active Town Hall on West Main.

I prefer to look positively at the possibilities for our small town to work together to find needed solutions and end with a quote from an observer at the Town Hall Forum: "If anyone questions the ability of townspeople working together, they should have seen how quickly the 100 chairs were put away at the KRES, as well as how fast the food table was cleaned up. A great performance..."

Along with the lengthy discussions, difficult decision making, and concern for the economy and the weather, take time this month to enjoy the longer daylight, the outdoor adventures of this season, and especially to Celebrate Valentine's Day with those you love.



Marcia Keller  
February Editor

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## Area Events

### Newbury

**Tuesday Feb. 14, 10 – 11 AM:**

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**Sunday February 26, 1-2 PM:**

**Family Snowshoe Walk:** Animals in Winter Bring your snowshoes and join Kathleen Stowell, Education Director of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, as she leads a winter walk to discover what animals do to cope with winter's snow and cold. Can you imagine spending the whole winter outside??? Our animal neighbors do!. Members free, nonmembers pay \$5 per family. No reservations required, appropriate for beginners. Meet at the Fells Gatehouse. The Fells . 456 Route 103A,

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### Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Hikes in February

**Feb 4 (Sat):** Brian Faughnan (526-7838) Snowshoe over winter trails in Wilmot's Patterson Road area. Refreshments afterward at the Faughnans. 3 miles. (M)

**Feb 7, 8 or 9 (Wed, Thu or Sat):** 2012 Midnight Madness Snowshoe Hike Dave Cook (526-4570) or dcook@tds.net. See S-R-K website www.srk for details.

**Feb 11 (Sat):** Lee Carvalho (735-5719) Exploring Tucker Mountain in East Andover. This hike is better described as a walk in the woods. We expect to be out for about 4 hours; bring a lunch, snacks and water. Most likely we'll be on snowshoes. Email for details, including start time and location: leecarvalho6@gmail.com (or 735-5719) (M)

**Feb 18 (Sat):** Nick Baer (526-8233) We will be hiking from 4A to Wilmot Center (SRK trail 7) which takes us over Bog Mountain. We will spend some time on the hike looking for

animal tracks and talk about adaptations animals have to survive our NH winters. The total hike distance is 4.6 miles. Hikers should plan for winter hiking and bring warm layers, snowshoes, lunch/snacks and water. The hike is rated moderate due to the distance and winter conditions. Meet at the North Wilmot Library at 9:00am, and we will shuttle hikers to the hike start. If interested please call Nick Baer at 603-526-8233. (M)

**Feb 25 (Sat):** No hike scheduled

**Mar 3 (Sat):** Gerry Gold (526-2857) Journey along Sunapee Ridge to Lucia's Lookout to appreciate the unique view seen only by dedicated trekkers. 10 miles (D)

**Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum Announces Three New Trustees:** The board of the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum welcomed three new trustees at its annual meeting on Saturday January 21: Douglas Deihl is Director of American Indian & Ethnographic Art at Skinner, Inc., of Boston and Marlborough, Massachusetts where he has worked since 1996. Deihl has a degree in cultural anthropology from Wayne State University and is currently a member of ATADA (Antique Tribal Art Dealers of America). He brings an in-depth knowledge of Native American arts to the board.

Robert J. Dietel is an attorney with Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell of Concord where he specializes in financial services and environmental law. He is a history and arts enthusiast with a degree from Colgate University where he graduated with a major in history and a minor in studio art.

Dr. Robert G. Goodby is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge. He teaches museum studies, archaeology and anthropology courses and conducts archaeological excavations in the Monadnock Region. Goodby has a close working relationship with Native communities in New Hampshire and serves on the New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs.

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## Kearsarge Regional School District

by Andrew Pinard

**Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot Initiatives** for March 2012 The Deliberative Session on January 7th was very well attended. Thanks to the Kearsarge Regional Municipal Budget Committee, School Board, Administration, Staff and Citizens for taking part in the process. Your dedication, commitment to a constructive, civil and thoughtful debate speaks volumes about our community!

The 2012/2013 KRSD budget preparation began in the late spring of 2011. In late summer, a joint meeting of the School Board and Municipal Budget Committee was held for presentation of the initial budget. This collaborative effort set a positive working tone, and input was sought from public citizens and local officials at the levels of Select Boards, Budget Committees and Joint Selectmen Meetings. The budget approved at the Deliberative Session will provide a quality education for district students while recognizing the current economic challenges faced by residents.

The 2012/2013 budget numbers proposed in Article 1 reflects a 1.9% reduction from the 2011/2012 budget. In addition to the operating budget, voters will have four other items for consideration.

Article 2 covers the costs of a one-year contract with the Kearsarge Regional Educators Association. Uncertainties associated with federal healthcare reform led to the responsible approach of a single year contract. Teachers in the district have not received a pay increase since July 1, 2010. The proposed agreement calls for teachers on the salary schedule to advance one step and receive a 1% raise after that advancement. Teachers at the top of the salary track would receive a 1.5% increase.

Article 3 would raise \$25,000 to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred

by the District. This trust was established in 2008 in an attempt to self-insure against the potential wild swings in expenditures associated with unanticipated increased service requirements.

Article 4 seeks to raise and appropriate up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining school buildings and equipment. This would be funded from surplus funds remaining on hand (if any) as of June 30, 2012. There would be no additional tax impact from this article.

Article 5 The final article addresses the district's need for a School Resource Officer (SRO) and would raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$35,000 for the purpose of contracting the part time services of an SRO. Unlike previous articles which appeared by petition, this article has been placed on the warrant by the School Board. The position was thoroughly considered and reworked with specific district needs in mind. If approved, this will allow the district to contract a part-time SRO who will primarily serve the high school and middle school during the school year, but who will also be available throughout the district. This is a part-time position at 34 hours per week for 195 days (this allows for 15 additional days beyond the school year for court appearances and to attend training specific to the role of the SRO). Next month I will focus on the proposed SRO position.

If all five articles pass, the total amount appropriated for 2012/2013 would still be a net reduction of almost half a percent from 2011/2012. Please contact your School Board or Municipal Budget Committee representatives with any questions. We saw increased participation by the public in this year's process and would love to have even more. Your input is vitally important as we consider policies, priorities, projects and the next budget.

## Cemetery Commission

Thanks to the efforts of numerous individuals, especially the data collection by Tom and Jan Riley, all of the gravesites from Bradford's 17 cemeteries have now been entered into *FindAGrave.com*, an international website which lists memorials throughout the world. Each memorial has space for an obituary, photos and links to other family members' memorials. The site is free and anyone can add to it by signing up as a contributor. Right now most of the Bradford memorials are administered by one of the cemetery trustees but administration can easily be transferred to family members or descendants as long as they are registered on the site. Just contact the administrator and follow the instructions.

As would be expected in such a venture, there are bound to be mistakes, duplicates and omissions. Corrections are appreciated and can be acted on by contacting the administrator of the memorial. Our goal will be a complete and accurate list of all Bradford gravesites in years to come.

Carey Rodd, Cemetery Commissioner


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a basement shower. This would help out the town offices and the Emergency Management Center. Possible long term plans could use the town owned land in back of the Community Center for parking, town offices, recreation activities or senior housing. If town offices were put there, the whole Community Center could return to community use. "We could work together to do something with the town hall, such as an art center, activity center or whatever the town wants to do with it."

Harriet Douglas said she wants people to think hard about the town hall. She has lived in town for sixty seven years and has seen enough historical sacrifice, having lost one covered bridge and the Railroad Station. She doesn't want to lose the town hall.

Laurie Buchar Archivist for the Historical Society showed a photograph of a door handle that been in the original meeting house (now the second floor of the Town Hall) that is inscribed: "While truth and benevolence reign within, the Angels keep the door". She said, "... despite all our hardships and our different views, I think the truth is we can cooperate with the historic benevolence and restore."

Facilitator Jeff Taylor heard the group saying: Thank you to all the committees for all the ideas and all the work and we have more questions and a need for more information: Costs, Plans, What is going to happen within the building, Concerns about site development. Please go do more work, we've had the Angels on our side. He thanked everyone for being such a cooperative audience and Caryl Walker for her cooking.

Selectman Chair Wright said the purpose of the meeting was to share and gain input into plans. "Much groundwork has been done over the past several years and there is a lot more that can and will need to be presented."

A final note was added by an observer: "If anyone questions the ability of townspeople working together, they should have seen how quickly the 100 chairs were put away at the KRES, as well as how fast the food table was cleaned up. A great performance..."



## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

It would be a shame to get rid of our historic Town Hall -- the one thing that has represented this town since 1797. Bradford would surely become a ghost town. It is the last building that has any historic meaning, built 10 years after the town was founded.

I realize that improvements cost money and many of us have to think about that. But a town falling apart depreciates property values and we have to think about that also.

Years ago, the Town Hall was used for dances, and plays, with a minimal fee. It was popular and attracted many people. All the small fees added up and helped support the building. This might be a thought.

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To the Editor,

On Jan. 10th, I attended the most recent public hearing on a petition that will appear on the ballot to be voted on March 13th. The petition wishes to revert 22 years of clarifications and progressive changes to our Zoning ordinance. The stated intent of the petition is to make Bradford more business friendly. However, when asked which parts of the zoning ordinance were perceived to be inhibiting such business development, it became clear that it's not the ordinance at all but rather the approval process that is at issue. Apparently some people have come before the planning board and found that they had not fully complied with all parts of the ordinance that is on the books. This has led to some frustration on their part.

The amendments approved by voters since 1989 have generally functioned to clarify language already in existence, protect wetlands, allow for home business to exist throughout the Town, and to meet floodplain requirements from FEMA in order for the Town to be eligible for federal funding, which we are currently receiving.

The planning board voted to not recommend (the official language is "not approve") the petition, which will be stated on the ballot.

Please defeat this petition. If the approval process is the real issue then there is a better way to address that fact other than eliminating 22 years of good and thoughtful Town voter's decisions on how to retain Bradford's environment and rural character and still be business friendly.

Thank you.  
Sue McKevitt

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## Cellular Banking: Private and Secure?

This month my topic concerns the risks of using smart phones for banking. Watch for the second part in April that will address how these risks might be mitigated.

In recent years we have seen more and more people begin to use their cell phones for banking. Some people would rather risk using their phone for banking than risk being a victim of card skimming at an ATM or self-checkout. The recent wave of arrests due to these types of crimes has driven more people to attempt to take control of their banking by using cellular applications.



Are people flocking to their cell phones with a false sense of security? Earlier this year it was determined that many cellular phone manufacturers cache the credentials of user logons on the phones themselves. One application from a well known bank even went so far as to store sensitive information in plain text on Android phones. This is not only unacceptable coming from an industry that should be on top of their game for securing customer data but shocking from a basic security standpoint. This would imply that if your phone were lost or stolen a thief would have easy access to your banking info. They wouldn't even need to decrypt the password data but could read it off the phone's screen.

For as many advances in technology there are as many problems with the adoption that still allow the human element to weaken security. In the last few weeks we have read startling revelations concerning a company known as Carrier IQ. As it appears, but is yet unproven, this company installs software for not only tracking a phone's location also but for recording user input including keystrokes and conversations thus giving them access to passwords and pins. A revelation such as this only makes phone users feel more helpless in terms of their privacy and security. This software has large ramifications on our feeling of security and privacy

going into the future.

If passwords and pins are treated so recklessly by applications what can we do to secure our phones? People store their passwords on their phones or write them down in unsafe locations. Banks have recognized that there are inherent flaws with using traditional password authentication systems and are beginning to develop alternatives.

See part two in April for methods and suggestions to mitigate the risks.

- - - James Thompson

## Budget Committee

The Budget Committee continues to meet each Thursday 6:30 PM at the BACC to review the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen. Department heads are asked to discuss individual budgets when the Committee has questions.

Selectmen were invited to attend a meeting when it was apparent that the total proposed by the Selectmen is about \$274,000.00 over what the Budget Committee would like to see as a total. Several areas were pointed out where there could be some downward adjustment. Selectmen will consider these.

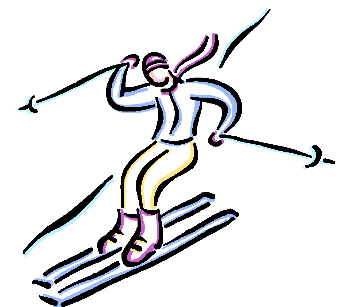
Selectman Harry Wright questioned whether the totals should be what people will agree to or what the town requires? Committee member Jon Marden commented that the town looks for guidance from the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee discussed the need to provide funding for additional help in the selectman's office to insure the continuity of the functions of the office.

The list of Warrant Articles was reviewed individually and will be compared with the CIP for 2012 to see how it all ties together.

The Public Hearing on the Budget has been posted for 6:30 PM on February 9 at the BACC with a continuation date of February 16, also at 6:30 PM to allow time to consider public comments and make any necessary adjustments.

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## Planning Board Notes

### Public Hearing on Petition Amend Zoning Regulation

The Planning Board held a required public hearing on a petition article: "This article is to see if the town would vote to repeal the current zoning ordinance and replace it with the zoning ordinance of 1989 as approved by the voters at the town meeting in March of 1989."

Sue McKeVitt asked what parts of the ordinance are objectionable to which Marlene Freyler, one of the petitioners, responded how long it takes and many different things in the ordinance. Brooks McCandlish said most of the amendments voted on since 1989 have made it easier for people that wish to subdivide; it clarified some of the language.

At the close of the hearing, the Planning Board voted to disapprove the petition and this will be stated on the ballot.

**3 Lot Subdivision** was approved for Sylvia Hasey on East Washington Road. Three administrative conditions were met and the mylar has been filed.

**Site Plan Review** At the request of the applicant, the site plan review for an automotive recycling facility at the Breezy Hill Road property of O E Trucking is continued until February 14, 2012. A review of this application has been completed by CNHRPC.

Public Hearing was held for a site plan submitted by Dependable Dumpster, LLC to place 7 dumpsters on property owned by Harriet Hobbs at 2190 Star Route 114. The company was represented by Amy Greenhalgh, Office Manager.

Two abutters expressed concern for the contents of the dumpsters, possible run-off and the impact on the neighborhood. Comments from town departments included concern from the Building Dept. about the small lot -.66 Acre - and entering/exiting on Route 114 and the Road Agent said it is a poor location for storage of dumpsters as it is on a dangerous curve in the road which has a high volume of traffic.

The Board voted to request a review of this application by CNHRPC. The Public Hearing will be continued at the next meeting, scheduled for February 14, 2012.

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managed the computer department. I worked at the bank for thirty one years and when they offered early retirement, I accepted because I knew what I wanted to do next.

**Q. You spent thirty one years in banking and computer work. You appear to have another career in mind when you accepted retirement early?**

All the years that I worked at the bank I was also braiding rugs for my own home. I always thought about the rugs as a business. My husband was ready for retirement. He was an engineer. Sadly, he passed away one year after we retired. If he had lived, I don't think that I would have thrown myself so completely into the world of rug braiding.



**Q. You and your husband bought an old farmhouse in 1979 while you worked in Newport and he worked in Concord. In 1985 lightning struck your home while you were both at work and it was completely destroyed, everything but the garage went up in smoke. What influenced you to re-build?**

We both loved the house and Silver Hill where it was located. This was where we wanted to live. We moved into my parent's home in Newport, and then to Bliss Dayton's parent's home until the work was completed.

**Q. I understand that you apprenticed to a master braider prior to your more professional career in braiding. Did you learn the method of early colonists or a new way to braid? How long does it take for you to complete an 8 by 12 rug?**

I apprenticed to Barbara Fisher, master braider, for two years. She developed the method that I use and teach. I worked with her during her classes. She allowed me to work with her students. We received a grant from the "New Hampshire Council on the Arts." Classes were one or two times a week and weekend getaways. Barbara taught herself to braid and continually improved her method. Her method is more detailed and precise and takes longer to learn than other methods. An eight by twelve rug would take nine months to complete, I work three to five hours a day. I don't work in any specific part of my home but there is always a rug on my dining room table and I have a cedar closet where I store my 100 percent wool which is the only material that I use. I never use a blend of materials for my work.

**Q. Can you teach anyone to braid or are there certain skills that are needed?**

The most important requisite is patience. I have taught teenagers and up. Both men and women and sometimes couples will learn and work together. Some people catch on faster than others. It's like any other skill where interest and aptitude play a role in learning.

**Q. Do you consult with your clients prior to beginning a rug project? Do you visit their homes to research the color scheme and the placement of the rug?**

I will do that. I have gone to homes and work with clients. In the past, I would work on rugs without a specific request but now I wait for the client to order. I color plan the entire rug and sometimes I work with the client in person or on the phone or e mail. People come from everywhere. I am a member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and go to the annual Craftsman's Fair where I demonstrate rug braiding.

**Q. I know that quilters and knitters have groups that meet on a regular basis. Is this the same with rug braiders?**

There are groups that meet but there is nothing in New Hampshire. Get-aways are becoming more popular.



**Q. I understand that you are an Ambassador for Mt. Sunapee. What does this involve?**

I am Ambassador for Mt. Sunapee. There are about thirty people in this group. We meet and greet people during ski season. We get assigned to different parts of the mountain. We do surveys and are the contacts with the public. The group includes both men and women. It is a volunteer position but we ski free and it is an honor to be chosen for this. We also get together for other activities so it is social and very enjoyable.

**Q. How do you find the time for other activities?**

I am a person with high energy. I love to be busy and enjoy the outdoors. I love to downhill ski, enjoy gardening, hiking, kayaking and traveling. I teach braiding at the Dorr Mill Store. My first love is braiding. When I don't sell a rug it will wind up in my home and I can continue to enjoy the color, warmth and feel pride in my work.





## First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

**Bereavement Group:** A Bereavement group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one meets every Thursday evening in February at 6:30 p.m.

**Focus Factor:** Youth in grades 6-12 meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. On February 5, the youth will have their final get together with Andy and Michelle Gosnell who will be embarking on a new ministry. On February 12, the theme will be "Time Flies". We will have some fun with a "Time Machine" and talk about times in our lives we wish we could change. We will make our own pizzas on this day. On February 19, the theme will be "Walking in My Enemies Shoes". Ice Cream Sundaes will be enjoyed. We will play board games on February 26.

**Food Pantry:** The food pantry will be open Wednesday, February 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**Leader's Gathering:** The leaders of the church will meet on Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for envisioning and planning.

**Women's Fellowship:** Women will meet on Saturday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Our Ash Wednesday Service will be February 22 at 7:00 p.m. It will include a skit called "Rose's Costume Shop". Communion will be served.

**Potluck and Movie Night:** On Saturday, February 25, we will have a pot luck dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by showing the movie "Courageous". There is no fee for the movie. We will show the movie again on Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m.

**Men's Fellowship:** The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, February 29 at 6:30 p.m. for prayer, pool and refreshments.



## Obituaries



**Marjorie Brewster**, 82, of Bradford, NH, formerly of Salisbury, MA and Kensington, NH passed away on December 25, 2011. Christmas was Marge's favorite holiday. She loved giving and watching others open their presents. She often said that was her Christmas.

Marge was born in Newburyport, MA on April 18, 1929, the daughter of the late Arthur W. and Gertrude (Chapman) Flanders.

She leaves behind a daughter, Sasha Wolfe of Bradford, son and daughter-in-law, Don and Carol Brewster of Dunbarton, and grandsons, Eric Fowler of Wilton and Adam Fowler of Sandown and their families. Marge was proud to have 11 great grandchildren. Wife of the late George Brewster of Kensington, she is predeceased by brother, Raymond Flanders of Salisbury, MA. and twin sister, Margaret Flanders.

## Deborah Bruss Wins Book Award

Three months ago, Deborah Bruss, who still keeps one foot in Bradford after moving to Concord, traveled to Palm Beach County, Florida, where her popular children's book was honored during their county-wide literacy program. About 4,000 copies of *Book! Book! Book!* were distributed to libraries, schools and daycare centers.

Deborah (better known in Bradford as Deb) read her book at the National Family Literacy Day Celebration to a crowd of 300, including 40 preschoolers. Many of the attendees were parents who were students or graduates of the literacy program. She also read *Book! Book! Book!* at several libraries, where she found that most of the preschoolers had never seen a live farm animal. "It's easy to forget that many children have no connection to the land, animals or their source of food," said Deb. For these children, even petting her puppets was a treat.

At the South Florida Science Museum, families took the *Book! Book! Book!* Storybook Stroll. At the end, about 100 children were thrilled to meet the author and receive a free, signed copy of the book.

It has been shown that the most important thing parents can do to help their children achieve academic success is to read to them. Deb was impressed by the county's adult literacy program, which educates hundred of parents each year so that they are able to participate in their children's education.

*Book! Book! Book!* and *Big Box for Ben*, Deb's latest book, can be found at Brown Memorial library. Come to the Library for the 10am Monday morning story time on February 13th when Deb will read *Big Box for Ben* for babies to pre-schoolers and the parents, too.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

**Wed. Feb. 1st**

7:00 PM – Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Thurs. Feb. 2nd**

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
6:00 PM - Budget Committee

**Fri. Feb. 3rd**

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
11:30 AM -First Friday Brunch raffle, door prizes and music - North Country Chordsmen Barbershop Quartet!  
7:00pm - Book-to-Movie Discussion, The Prestige, BML

**Sun. Feb. 5th**

1:30 PM – Special Party

**Mon. Feb. 6th**

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class  
1 PM - Art Class, Candlelite Inn  
1-4 PM Bridge Group  
6:00 PM – Bible Study

**Tues. Feb. 7th**

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon - Fuel Assistance – 456-2207 for app't  
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class -BACC  
5:30 PM – Selectmen's meeting  
6:00 - 7:30 - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099

**Wed. February 8th**

7:00pm - Library Book Group, The Senator's Wife, BML

**Thurs. Feb. 9th**

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
6:00 PM - Budget Committee  
6:30 PM - 2012 Budget Hearing

**Fri. Feb. 10th**

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
9:00-11:00 AM - Hazard Mitigation

**Sat. Feb. 11th**

9:00 AM – Writing Group

**Mon. Feb. 13th**

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
10:00 AM - Special Toddler Story Time with Deborah Bruss, BML  
1:00 - 4:00 PM - Bridge Group  
1 PM - Art Class, Candlelite Inn  
6:00 PM – Bible Study  
7:00 –PM – Rural Heritage

**Tues. Feb. 14th**

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
Valentines Day Celebration! Surprise Entertainment  
1:00 PM – Watercolor Class - BACC  
4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center – Committee meeting  
5:30 PM – Selectmen's meeting  
6:00 PM - Yoga Class  
6:30 PM – Bond Hearing for Town Hall Renovation  
7:00 PM – Planning Board

**Thurs. Feb. 16th**

10:30 AM – 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic 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  
6:30 PM Budget Hearing continued, if necessary

**Fri. Feb. 17th**

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
10:00 AM -Friday at the Movies: Woody Allen's Midnight in Paris  
9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic by LSVNA at North Ridge Ap'ts Call 526-4077  
12:00 noon - Café Bienvenue  
7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie, gospel documentary, BML

**Sat. Feb. 18th**

10:00 – Bradford Improvement Assoc

**Sun. Feb. 19th**

1:30 PM – Special Party

**Mon. Feb. 20th**

Senior Center Closed for Presidents Day  
No Meals on Wheels  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
1 PM - Art Class, Candlelite Inn  
5:30 PM – 4 – H  
6:00 PM – Bible Study

**Tues. Feb. 21st**

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon - Fuel Assistance – 456-2207 for app't  
9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care clinic Warner Pharmacy. Call 526-4077  
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
12 Noon - Senior Dining - Medicare Expert Anita Oelfke  
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class - BACC  
5:30 PM – Selectmen's meeting  
6:00 - 7:30 - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099  
6:30 PM – Bond Hearing for Town Hall Renovation

**Wed. Feb. 22nd**

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

**Thurs. Feb. 23rd**

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
6:00 PM Budget Committee

**Fri. Feb. 24th**

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

**Sat. Feb. 25th**

9:00AM – Writing Group

**Mon. Feb. 27th**

8:45 Mt. AM -View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
10:00 AM -Ceramics Class  
1-4 PM – Bridge Group  
1 PM - Art Class, Candlelite Inn  
6:00 PM – Bible Study

**Tues. Feb. 28th**

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class - BACC  
4:30 PM - BACC – Committee meeting  
5:30 PM – Selectmen's meeting  
6:00 PM - Yoga  
7:00 PM – Planning Board

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For the MVSC call 938- 2104

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[rdarling@mcttelecom.com](mailto: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



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.

## Meetings of all Town Boards and Committees

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## Ongoing Events

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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

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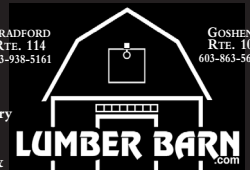
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# Kearsarge Area Preschool



Happy New Year everyone! Prospero Año! KAP students are jubilant to report the very anxiously awaited visit from Santa Claus. While counting down the days to his arrival, we occupied ourselves with singing endless renditions of Jingle Bells and Santa Claus is Coming to Town, decorating our room, learning about Hannukah, making presents for our families and putting on a holiday concert. Phew! After which, we enjoyed a much deserved break from school.

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Back to school and back to work! We practiced our piratical skills by making and following treasure maps to help us find the buried treasure on our playground. Not only did we dig up goodies, but we practiced imagining a bird's eye perspective and attributing meaning to map symbols. Then we were onto Numbers week. We read numbers, wrote numbers, counted by ones AND tens, and even started putting numbers together into number sentences (aka: equations). No longer will we be counting just one group of numbers at circle time. Now we will count TWO groups and add them together in one BIG group. Pretty soon we will be taking things away from big groups and writing subtraction equations. Just like Kindergarteners! Most recently, we have been strengthening our word skills by learning about Opposites. We brainstormed opposite pairs, played opposite matching games and (more fun) every day was Opposite Day! Yes was no, up was down, sad things made us happy... you get the picture. It was "awful."

Looking for more information about Kearsarge Area Preschool contact Carrie Guerrette 938-6398

## Ice Safety & Wood Stoves



This is the season that wood stoves are in full use to help us stay warm, and that time of year we venture out on the ice to skate, fish and snowmobile.

Here are a few things you need to remember to keep your family safe this winter season.

### Wood Stoves

- Make sure your wood stove is installed properly, according to manufacturer instructions.
- Check for cracks and irregularities and inspect stove regularly
- Use only seasoned wood for fuel
- Keep all objects as well as combustible objects at least 3 feet away from stove
- **Never place anything on top of the woodstove**

### Ice Safety

- Always go outside with a buddy
- Look for bluish ice that is at least 4"- 6" inches thick
- Check the ice in many places to be sure it is safe. Never guess about the thickness and its safety.
- Avoid areas with currents, strong winds and areas around bridges.

### If you or someone falls through the ice

- Don't try to climb out using your whole body- this may break the ice even more.
- Lay both arms on surrounding unbroken ice, and kick hard with your legs, then roll to safety.
- To help someone who has fallen in, (call 911) lie down flat, and reach with something long, i.e branch, rope, etc.
- Never stand. Lying down distributes your weight on the ice.
- Once you have secured them, call 911, they most likely will need medical attention.



- - - - from the Bradford Fire and Rescue Squads



## Bradford Primary Day

Thanks to the mandatory training for ballot clerks, designed and presented by Town Clerk Susan Pehrson, Primary Day in Bradford ran very smoothly. 522 votes, 29 of them absentee were cast by Bradford residents. There were 14 names on the Democrat ballot – 6 of these received 1 vote each, there were 8 write-ins and Barack Obama received 96. On the Republican ballot, of the 30 listed candidates, 6 received less than 5 each, there were 2 write-ins. Ron Paul topped the list with 125; Mitt Romney next with 121; followed by Jon Huntsman 69; Newt Gingrich 44; and Rick Santorum 41.

The mandatory training began 6 years ago when Town Clerk Pehrson realized that many errors were being made during the voting process. Town Clerks, Moderators, and Supervisors of the Checklist are provided training on a state level, but the ballot clerks, who check in the voters, hand out the ballots and count them at the end of the voting do not have any training provided. Over the years, Sue has designed the training material and offers two sessions – morning and evening the day before any election. Ballot clerks are required to attend one of the sessions, the moderator and supervisors are encouraged to join in.

The training is mandatory before each election because the laws are continually changing and it is necessary to be up-to-date with the state requirements. The result of this training has been to drop the error rate in Bradford from 80 – 100 per election to 0. An occasional technical error has been found, but corrected before it got into the system.

Commenting on the alleged voter fraud in the southern part of NH on Primary Day when ballots were ostensibly given to people on the checklist who had died, Sue said this should never happen. She does, and all town clerks can, go online on election day before the polls open and check the State's Vital Records website. Names of any recently deceased voters are then given to

the Supervisors of the Checklist and removed before the polls open.

Thank you Sue Pehrson for keeping voting in Bradford error-free.

## Bradford News

Two Bradford residents are among the 72 photographers featured in the NH Society of Photographic Artists Exhibit at the Exeter Town Hall, Exeter, NH: Sasha Wolfe and Audrey V. Sylvester. The exhibit in Exeter's historic and barrier-free Town Hall (the gallery is similar to the auditorium in Bradford's historic Town Hall) continues thru Feb. 11. Gallery hours: Saturdays & Sundays 12-4 pm. Gallery talks on a variety of subjects are scheduled on Saturdays. See [www.nhspa.org](http://www.nhspa.org) for the talk schedule and [www.Facebook.com/nhspa](http://www.Facebook.com/nhspa) for the latest updates.

A new exhibit, "Time and Tide," opens with a welcome-to-the-public reception at the NH Art Association's Robert Lincoln Levy East Gallery in Portsmouth on Friday, Feb. 3 from 5 – 7 pm. Featured photographers, Audrey V. Sylvester of Bradford, Richard Moore of Deerfield, and sculptor/potter Kathy Hanson of Deerfield, are exhibiting photographs and sculptures shaped by the sea. All are welcome. The exhibition at 136 State Street, Portsmouth, continues until Feb. 26, 2012. Gallery hours are: Wed. – Sat, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday 12 pm – 4 pm. See: [www.nhartassociation.org](http://www.nhartassociation.org), or call 603-431-4230.

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January 17, 2012 marked 100 years since the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter NSDAR was founded in Bradford, NH through the efforts of Miss Mary Isabel Greeley with 16 charter members. On the 18th of January 17 of the 57 total members are pictured as they celebrated the occasion with a luncheon held at the Bradford Baptist Church Vestry. State Vice Regent Phyllis Gagnon, Molly Stark Chapter, Manchester was the honored guest along with members from three other chapters.

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## Northern New England Repertory Theatre Company

The Northern New England Repertory Theatre Company (NNE Rep.) is the new name for the NorthEast Shakespeare Ensemble with the goal of expanding its classical repertoire. The region's only classical theatre company is making plans for a dynamic production of Eugene O'Neill's Pulitzer Prize winning drama Anna Christie to be staged in June at Colby-Sawyer College in New London.

NNE Rep continues to offer unparalleled educational outreach in New Hampshire and Vermont. The program began in 2006 and provides access to excellence in the theatre arts to underserved populations in both New Hampshire and Vermont. The outreach program involves schools, libraries and, whenever possible, partnering with youth-oriented charitable organizations. Charities benefiting from opening night performances have included CHaD (Children's Hospital at Dartmouth), CLiF (Children's Literacy Foundation), and The Montshire Museum.

In 2012 the Rep will once again offer free workshops in Shakespeare and the Acting of Shakespeare. This year, for the first time, alternative theatre workshops in puppetry and circus arts (tumbling, clowning and mime) will also be offered.

To learn more about NNE Rep, please visit the Company's website: [www.NNERTC.org](http://www.NNERTC.org) or email NNE Rep at [info@NNERTC.org](mailto:info@NNERTC.org)



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## Kid's Ice Fishing Derby

The Bradford Fish and Game Club will host its annual Kid's Ice Fishing Derby on Lake Todd, in late February or early March this year. It will be on a Sunday but due to ice conditions, we do not have a definite date yet. Children under 15 years old are invited to compete, but we encourage the entire family to come out for a great day of fun on the ice.

Free registration begins at 7 AM at the clubhouse on Gillingham Drive, across 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 fishing holes is available. Please see our website, [bfandg.com](http://bfandg.com) for updated information as it occurs.

Watch for flyers on local bulletin boards that will announce the date when decided. We hope to see you there!

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## Selectmen's Highlights

Chair Harry Wright expressed the condolences of the Board of Selectmen to Joe Conway and his family for the untimely death of his wife.

During January, the Selectmen met each Tuesday at 5:30 PM with the exception of the 10th when two members of the Board were required to be at the polls throughout the day and until the counting of the ballots was completed.

Many hours have been devoted to discussing the budgets submitted by department heads and the warrant articles that have been submitted to date. See the town's official website [www.bradfordnh.org](http://www.bradfordnh.org) for the details of these discussions.

Budget Committee Chair Dick Keller mentioned some of the committee's concerns as they attempt to come up with a zero increase in the 2012 budget over 2011. The difference at this time between the Selectmen's and Committee's total is roughly \$274,000.00 in the overall budget for the Operating Budget and Warrant Articles. He suggested that with such a difference the Selectmen and Budget Committee should get together to try to resolve some of the differences, which the Selectmen agreed to. At that meeting warrant articles were reviewed and possible adjustments in the totals were discussed.

The Budget Committee will hold the first public hearing on the Budget at 6:30 PM February 9th in the Senior Room at the BACC to receive comments and input from town residents. A continuation is scheduled for February 16th, in the event any changes are necessary.

The Selectmen approved several changes to the personnel manual to reflect altered circumstances. Currently the Personnel Manual states the town will pay 85% health insurance. The Selectmen have voted to move to 20% or an HMO. One change allows the Board to determine the amount the employee will contribute to the health cost on an annual basis or as conditions require. A second change

allows the Board to award increases based on the cost of living, merit and/or a combination of the two. Selectmen then reaffirmed an earlier vote for pay raises for the town employees at 3.6% in line with Social Security increases and consumer price index.

**Intents to Cut** were signed for Christopher Payson, West Road, Map 4, Lot 5 and Map 4, Lot 24; for State Forest Land, Map 10, Lot 47; and Michael Gagnon, Massasecum Ave. Map 11, Lot 28.

**BACC** The Selectmen agreed to a change in the lease for the Kearsarge Area Pre-School to \$500 per month and will include a 60 day opt out time for either party.

A letter was received from the Community Development Loan Fund regarding the use of the Community Center for Town Offices. The letter stated, in part, "As long as the activities being relocated to the Community Center do not hinder the services that are being provided to low and moderate income persons, it would not violate the provisions of the CDBG Grant . . . as the town develops a plan to address the town hall situation."

**Town Office Relocation Committee (TORC)** Marlene Freyler stated that the only money they would be asking the town for would be to install a bathroom in the lower level of the Community Center.

## Town Hall Restoration Committee

The many members of the THRC have met weekly, sometimes twice a week, over the past month, reviewing possibilities, talking with contractors, lenders, and researching grant possibilities as they work to find the best options for the town and the town budget.

The suggestions, comments, and questions from the Town Forum are being addressed and input is sought from Bradford's Fire Chief regarding the need for a fire suppression system if the building is placed on a full foundation as part of the project.

The time available has been very tight following the closing of Town Hall in October and many questions remain unanswered. The Committee plans to have a proposal, with cost figures, available for presentation at Town Meeting.

Minutes of all meetings of the THRC are on file at the Town Office and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).

**Town Hall Restoration Committee (THRC)** Eileen Kelly gave the Selectmen a copy of the Town Forum report from Facilitator Jeff Taylor and discussed progress being made in putting together figures for the proposed work proposed. She requested the Selectmen to set dates for a Bond Hearing in order to meet the notice requirements in the state law. Selectmen agreed, setting two dates in case they are needed:

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center

Tuesday, February 21, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.

**Class V Seasonal Road** Mark Fournier, Blaisdell Lake Rd. requested the town plow and sand an additional 100 feet of the seasonal section of the road to include access to his driveway since they now live there full time. Selectman Meaney said under state law there must be a vote of the town to change the status and suggested that Mr. Fournier prepare a petition to present to the voters.

**Demolition of Griggs Sanborn House** at 149 East Main Street. The Selectmen approved a letter to be sent to the previous bidders with two additional conditions that must be met.

*Minutes of all Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*



# Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

At our usual 10am Monday morning story time on February 13th we will have a special guest! Local author Deborah Bruss will read her new book Big Box for Ben. This story is great for babies to pre-schoolers. If you haven't joined us for story time yet, this is a great excuse to try it out. Story times are every Monday at 10am and every Wednesday at 10:30.

The Library Book Group discusses *The Senator's Wife* by Sue Miller on Wednesday, February 8 at 7pm. Copies of the book are available at the library. This month's Book-to-Movie discussion on Friday, February 3 is of *The Prestige* by Christopher Priest. Next month we will read and watch the suspense classic *The Day of the Jackal* by Frederick Forsyth.

On Friday, February 17 the Third Friday Movie Series continues with a music documentary about the roots of African American gospel music. In March we are planning a special Third Friday Movie with live music! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 16. We will watch a short documentary about a legendary Appalachian fiddler and then enjoy the Appalachian-style music of our own Bradford Bog People!

Here is a list of some of the new books added to your library in January:

- For adults
- Breakdown* by Sara Paretsky
- The House At Sea's End* by Elly Griffiths
- Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D. James
- How It All Began* by Penelope Lively
- Salvage The Bones* by Jesmyn Ward
- My Song : A Memoir* by Harry Belafonte
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Did you know???

February is National Heart Month!!!

The American Heart Association has recently published some new research that may help us all to understand and better reach some simple goals related to heart health.

Just one healthy behavior cuts risk for heart failure!!

You only need to take ONE first step toward better health to dramatically lower your risk of heart failure, researchers say.

A new study says heart failure risk for women who did that dropped 47%, and men who made one change lowered their risk 32%. Every additional healthy habit cut risk even more, researchers found.

Heart failure affects about 5.7 million Americans. At age 40, a person's lifetime risk of developing heart failure is one in five.

Got a couple of hours?

Two-and-a-half hours of moderate intensity physical activity per week can lower the overall risk of heart disease by 14 percent!

That's according to the first study to measure the amount of physical activity linked to lower heart disease risk. The study also says that some physical activity is better than none and that more activity brings greater heart benefits.

So let's get moving!

For more information about heart health visit [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or speak with your physician.

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*with Jenny & Meg*

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**Dry Winter Hair?**

Are you finding your hair dry, crispy and dull this time of year? Turning up the heat in your home, car and sparking up that woodstove is very drying on your skin and hair!! Keeping up with trims will help, but you can also try a gloss treatment, with or without color added. This will add shine and deep conditioning in-between appointments or can be used to freshen up your color.

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**Bradford Historical Society**

These happy victors (circa 1920) most likely played their hockey game on Todd Pond. Carnivals were held near the dam on ice cleared by "Doodlebugs", or tractor contraptions. Hay bale-size blocks of ice were harvested to build an ice house from which the Women's Club would serve hot dogs. "Scrub" hockey was also played on the fish rearing pool near the Fire Department, during those winters when ice froze deep before the first snowfall.





## Outside

by J. Ann Eldredge

Every few autumns the black walnut tree that was inexplicably planted in a truck tire rim gathers energy and hurls huge fragrant seeds at all who dare walk below. Black walnuts insist on sun and rich earth and are more common south and west of NH. Black walnut is a close relation to the disease-plagued and rapidly disappearing butternut and is also kin to the grocery store, mild flavored 'English' walnut, which is actually from Iran.

Lingering beneath this dangerous tree were a horde of complaining red squirrels, a few timid gray squirrels, and me. We all have an irrepressible urge to gather food, though with unequal degrees of practicality and need.

The ridged walnut shell is housed in a thick, brown-staining husk. Squirrels carve a few strategic tooth handles and carry off each prize to finish the job in private. I husk with the heel of a boot and gloves. Rodents have their specialized chisel teeth to break through to the rich nut meat – I have an inefficient hammer and awl.

The rightful collectors of the walnuts should have been the arboreal grays which specialize in nuts of all kinds. The intensely territorial and more numerous reds, however, had already bivouacked in the barn, in tunnels in the foundation, and in a vacant outbuilding. Red squirrels are created largely of conifer seeds. Both squirrels will supplement their diets with fruits, bark, buds, insects, eggs and fungi.

The reds and I are hoarders. We construct storage facilities and protect them from each other with vocal offers of violence. Red squirrels lead mostly solitary lives. They store green cones in the damp earth to prevent

them from drying, opening, and blowing the seeds away – they form middens of pine and spruce cone scales.

The grays, sleeping communally through the winter, quietly bury nuts individually in the territory below their tree houses made of leaves (dreys) and relocate their caches by smell. Their excavations pockmark the winter landscape. This works well for the walnuts whose seeds require burial and chilling to germinate – they require a few inept squirrels.



During the early to mid 1800s when sheep replaced forests, there was talk of the gray squirrel's possible extinction in this area. The fecund squirrels have been the mainstay of a large list of predators – owls, hawks, foxes, weasel, fisher, bobcat, coyote, wolf, humans, and mountain lion. In addition to their role as food source and seed distributors, they have

a role in forest health by spreading mushrooms. These they hang to dry and then store. The roots of trees and plants of all kinds benefit from symbiotic relations with specific fungi.

Black walnut, prized for its beauty and workability had become rare as early as 1800 in Central Massachusetts, where furniture and gunstocks were produced. Walnut was then imported from further and further away. Squirrels have more than recovered in the last 100 years with birdfeeder handouts and fewer predators. This Bradford walnut, however, is not yet aware that it may someday face a new and deadly threat moving in from the west in the form of 'thousand cankers disease', a fungus transported by a minute beetle.

I'll soon tire of trying to crack and eat these stolen nuts and instead I may plant some – in hopes that the beetles won't think to look for walnuts this far north in New Hampshire.

*Thank you*

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## Hopewell Farm

On Sunday morning, January 8th 2012, one of the most heartbreaking moments we have ever faced as a family took place when our barn caught fire and burned to the ground. Making matters worse was the fact that our 14-year-old son was left to deal with that tragic event while the rest of the family was away from home. Within minutes, the first units of the Newbury Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene and began a daylong effort to battle the blaze in high winds and freezing temperatures.

Over the course of the past three years since we first moved to Newbury, NH and began farming, we have been blessed repeatedly by the kindness and respect of our community, welcomed as neighbors and as a business. Until the fire, we cannot say that we experienced anything other than joy and pride in our decision to start our life over in a new vocation and in a new home.

In the aftermath of that awful day, we have been overwhelmed by the ensuing response. From the hugs and handshakes of well wishers, to the selfless and confident professionalism of the men who saved our house and risked their lives to extinguish the blaze, each day has brought another unexpected barrage of human decency and community support. What could have been one of the worst moments in our life has suddenly become one of the brightest. We have suffered an enormous loss, but have been given a gift of incalculable value by learning firsthand how much a community means to each of us.

We would like to thank each person personally but the list would be too long to print. For those who gave of themselves on our behalf, the firemen of Newbury, Sutton, Bradford, Sunapee, New London, Goshen, Newport, Warner, Springfield, Wilmot and Henniker, the neighbors who provided our meals, the farmers who brought feed for our livestock, the volunteers who gave their time to sort through the remains, the people from UNH Co-operative Extension who have offered to help plan our new barn, the local businesses that gave our requests for equipment and supplies top priority, our children's schools and their teachers and classmates, our extended family, even those people whom we have never met who sent emails of support, we offer our most sincere and profound thanks.

The Moran Family



### Joyce Teele Designated OASIS Specialist

Bradford resident Joyce Teele, LSRVNA & Hospice RN and Senior Team Member, has successfully completed the exam for the Certificate for OASIS Specialist- Clinical and may now use the designation, COS-C.

To achieve the COS-C designation, sponsored by the OASIS Certificate and Competency Board, candidates must complete a 100-item, 2 ½ hour exam. Initiated in October of 2004, this exam is the only nationally standardized, validated test that evaluates a clinician's knowledge of OASIS guidelines.

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- Steel cans, lids & caps
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Aluminum cat food cans, lids
- Aluminum foil and foil pans
- Corrugated cardboard
- Mixed paper – anything that rips
- Plastic #1 bottles & jugs, bottom bigger than the top, remove caps
- Plastic #2 bottles & jugs, bottom bigger than the top, remove caps
- Clothing, shoes
- Aerosol cans
- Packing material: Peanuts, bubble wrap, Styrofoam, even large pieces
- Any organic waste-Compost
- Vegetable oil, mineral oil, motor oil, oil filters
- Gas
- Car batteries
- Re-chargeable batteries
- Ink cartridges
- Scrap metal
- Copper, brass
- Telecommunications wire
- Insulated wire
- Books
- Windshield wiper blades
- Coffee makers and other small appliances
- Swap shop
- If in doubt about anything, please ask.

**Bond Hearing Dates Set**

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center

Tuesday, February 21, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center

Selectmen will hold one, and if needed, a second bond hearing on proposals to renovate the Bradford Town Hall.

**Budget Hearing**

The Bradford Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the 2012 Budget, February 9th at 6:30 PM in the Senior Room of the Community Center.

If the 2012 budget is not finalized on Feb. 9th a second hearing is hereby scheduled for Feb. 16th time to be announced.

Budget Committee meetings are held on Thursday evenings as posted and are open to the public.

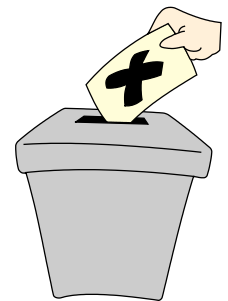


**Emergency Services for Bradford**

In the event of a power outage, flood or other emergency, Bradford has an emergency management plan that will provide town residents with food, shelter, water and other needed services. In the event of an emergency situation, food and shelter will be available at the Bradford Area Community Center with other services provided by the Bradford Fire Department. For more information call Bruce Edwards, Emergency Management Director at 938-2402 or the Bradford Police Department at 938-2522. In a severe emergency, call 911.

**LIST OF OPENINGS FOR CANDIDACY FOR THE MARCH 13, 2012 ELECTION**

SELECTMAN: For Three Years	1 OPENING
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR: For Three Year	1 OPENING
TREASURER: For Three Years	1 OPENING
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST: For Six Years	1 OPENING
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS: For Three Years	1 OPENING
TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY: For Three Years	2 OPENINGS
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: For Three Years	1 OPENING
BUDGET COMMITTEE: For Three Years	2 OPENINGS
PLANNING BOARD: For Three Years	2 OPENINGS
ZONING BOARD: For Three Years	2 OPENINGS
CEMETERY COMMISSION: For Three Years	1 OPENING



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