



THE Bradford Bridge

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Election Issue

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

March is a busy, transitional month in Bradford. Town elections on **Tuesday, March 13** will determine who our elected officials will be in many departments. And, of course, **Wednesday, March 14** is Town Meeting Night when we will come together and vote on a proposed budget for the next year. Please attend elections and town meetings so that you can have a say in the future of Bradford. The second important transition is the leap from winter to spring, long awaited and much appreciated. Don't miss the Candidates' Forum and the Off the Rax fashion show on Saturday, March 10.

In reading over the responses to the candidate questionnaires, a few common themes resonate repeatedly. People are largely concerned with maintaining community services, civic pride and reasonable taxes. There is a repeated interest in attracting businesses to our community to improve our tax base and in encouraging more pride in our community. Several people spoke about the importance of working together towards common goals. We have a wonderful community of caring people and an impetus for moving forward together.

Thanks to all the volunteers and officials who have served Bradford this past year and also to the people who have stepped forward to run for office this year. The town could not survive without the support and involvement of all the good residents of Bradford who serve our community so selflessly.

Voters of the Town of Bradford NH

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Saturday, March 3rd from 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m for the purpose of updating the checklist and accepting new registrations. If you are registering or re-registering to vote, please bring a picture ID and proof of residency (utility bill, etc.) Thank you.

Supervisors of the checklist,

Judy Marshall

Ruth Marden

Jackie Welsh

**TOWN ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012
AT THE BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

THE TOWN MEETING WILL BE THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AT

7:00 PM AT THE BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

This month our interview is with "Bindy." Yes, it is Bindy Glennie but we all know her as "Bindy" which is synonymous with her chosen profession "nature and growing things". We only need to open our eyes and we see her artistic growing shrubs, flowers and all things thoughtful and harmonious with the natural world. I look out of my kitchen window and admire an oak leaf hydrangea that she gave me some years back, which even in the chill of February has some vestige of last summer's bloom. Another entry to her life is to order lunch or breakfast at the "Bradford Junction" and see her wedding picture and mug on the wall. She brings an unusual aspect to our tiny town of Bradford. We can always count on her to have an opinion on whatever is going on in town. We may not always agree with her but it is purely "Bindy."

Q. Bindy, you have an interesting approach to gardening which is your area of expertise and your chosen profession. Tell me about it please?

I like to think about my design in gardens as being a musical arrangement like Quincy Jones who arranged music for, among others, Ella Fitzgerald and Michael Jackson. If the plants equal notes, then each note has value fitting them together like chords and measures and finally a song which could be classical, jazz or rock. The ability to travel shows me that they're incorporated in the world.

Q. You were born and raised in Philadelphia and indicated that your strongest influence was your dad who was a radio and television

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Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - noon
Selectmen meet every Tuesday
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM
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Monday: noon-7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am
12:30 pm-5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and
12:30 pm-5:00 pm

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A CHALLENGE FOR BRADFORD

At the March 14 Town Meeting there will be an important vote on the future of Bradford's Town Hall. The town will be asked to approve a program that will put the Town Hall back into service and ensure its long-term place in the community.

Action needs to be taken quickly. The longer the building remains closed, the harder it will be to restore it to use. Although the Town Hall is now structurally sound, its condition will deteriorate if it remains closed, and it will not be long before it becomes a prominent addition to other structures on Main Street that have the appearance of being abandoned. People coming to Bradford with a view to buying a home or investing in a business may judge the community by these monuments to neglect and go elsewhere. They may think they have seen a town with a weak sense of civic pride, or where there is little interest in the past or the future.

A sustainable way ahead has been charted. Some town money is involved, but no more than has been allocated in recent years for patchwork repairs. There are opportunities for grants to help preserve an historic structure, and contributions from the community are expected. An essential element in attracting grants and donations will be a solid indication that the Bradford community stands behind putting the Town Hall back into use with modernized town offices.


Think of the energy, commitment, sacrifice and pride that were involved when the Town Hall was built almost 150 years ago. And that was during the Civil War, when conditions could not have looked much rosier than they do now. Surely Bradford's current citizens have these qualities in sufficient amounts to preserve what has been handed down to us, to come to the aid of a well-respected, sound building that has provided service for many generations.

The March Town Meeting is an opportunity for Bradford to prove itself worthy of its heritage, for its citizens to show they are deserving successors of those who have passed down to us the assets that we have.

Come to the Town Meeting on March 14 and make a difference.


David Halstead
Bradford

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Area Events

New London

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The event, which is presented annually by the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce, features a smorgasbord of scrumptious chocolate desserts and handmade chocolate delights. Professional bakers and chefs as well as amateur enthusiasts will compete for top honors of best chocolate creation. Attendees get to sample with sweet gusto all the chocolate treats and then vote for their favorite. Adults, \$10, children under 5, free. Info? Call the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce at 877-526-6575, or visit www.lakesunapeeh.org.

Newbury: The Fells

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens is located on Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. For more information about programs call 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit www.thefells.org <<http://www.thefells.org>> .

Out and About for Preschoolers:

Eat your Sunshine!

Tuesday, March 13, 10-11am. Children learn how the sun grows the food that provides the energy we all need to live. Activities will include music, movement, becoming a food chain detective and creating a food

chain book. Member child free, nonmembers \$5, caregivers free. Advance registration required..

2012 Master Gardening Series Kickoff with Henry Homeyer!

Saturday, March 17, 10-noon (session 1 of 6).

A six-part series of hands-on gardening workshops being presented by the Sullivan County Master Gardeners in conjunction with the UNH Extension Service. Attend one, all six, or something in between. Henry Homeyer, renowned garden expert, newspaper columnist, author and Vermont Public Radio commentator, demonstrates a sampling of his favorite garden tools and discusses how they can be used to make the most of your gardening practices. Following Homeyer's talk, The Fells landscape assistant will lead a workshop and on-site demonstration of proper pruning techniques and rejuvenation of neglected gardens. Requested donation \$10 per person each session, or \$50 for the entire series, to benefit The Fells. Registrations required.

Out and About for Preschoolers: Marvelous Mice

Tuesday, April 10, 10-11am

Through a variety of games and activities, children learn about how mice behave, and what mice eat. Each participant takes home a mouse of her or his creation. Member child free, nonmembers \$5, caregivers free. Advance registration required.

Warner

Friday, March 23, 2012, Book Discussion: Food Matters by Mark Bittman. 7 pm @ Pillsbury Free Library, 18 E. Main Street/ Depot St.

Sponsored by Kearsarge Area Eat Local (KAEL), BookEnds Book Group & Pillsbury Free Library.

Bittman offers a no-nonsense run-down on how government policy, big business marketing, and global economics influence what we choose to put on the table All welcome. Free. Contact Linda Burdick at "lburdick@mcttelecom.com"

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Kearsarge Regional School District

by Andrew Pinard

I spoke to the position on January 7th and appreciate the opportunity to expand on that explanation and answer some points raised at that meeting.

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a sworn officer assigned to a school on an on-going long-term basis. They are trained to perform three major roles

- 1: law-related education,
- 2) law-related counselor, and
- 3) law enforcement officer. In addition, the officer works in collaboration with the school and the community as a resource for safety and security issues.

SROs serve as a resource for educators by sharing their experience and expertise as a law-related educator when invited into the classroom as a guest speaker. SRO classroom presentations complement schools curriculum and provide an opportunity for the SRO to interact with students and discuss law-related issues. As a police officer, the SRO offers students real-life examples of how the criminal justice system operates. SROs also support school-wide efforts to educate students on the consequences of unacceptable behavior both in school and in the community. The SRO will also provide other education services to the entire school community, such as crisis and emergency training to the faculty and staff. The SRO will work closely with the emergency management coordinator to the KRSD to review safety procedures, emergency operations and be a district-wide resource for the district emergency team. Other examples of potential oppor-

tunities include conducting informational presentations to parent groups concerning emerging drug trends that children may be exposed to, outreach in cooperation with the local DARE program and other topics that dovetail with district curriculum. In the role of law-related counselor, the SRO will provide street-level law-related counseling on a regular basis. Many times students may just want someone to talk with about problems that they are experiencing, and the SRO can serve as another caring adult in the school building who works to find positive solutions for young people. Parents may also seek information from the SRO if they suspect their child may be experimenting with drugs or alcohol. As a law enforcement officer, the SRO assists the school administration in maintaining a safe and secure environment.

School administrators benefit from the SRO's training, knowledge and experience in handling situations involving school-aged children/young adults (i.e. bullying, cyber-bullying, or in the identification of controlled substances).

SROs are responsible for investigating violations of criminal law. They are not school disciplinarians and are not involved in investigations of school rule violations (i.e. a student cheating on a test). Violations of school rules are the responsibility of the school administration and faculty. If a violation of a school rule is also a criminal offense, the SRO may conduct a concurrent investigation and take the appropriate action under the policies and procedures set forth by their police agency. This position would include the responsibilities of Truant Officer for the district and would reduce the budget by that amount. The SRO position would not replace the police

details required at sporting events or after-school activities. The district would contract out with local law enforcement, but the contract provider would be responsible for associated costs (uniforms, outside certification, training, etc.). The SRO would be supervised jointly by the provider and district administration with specific responsibilities established in the contract. The specific time-frame established in the contract would limit this to a part-time position; therefore all compensation would be limited to the contracted amount (no overtime). While the School Board could have placed this amount directly in the budget, members thought it important considering the history to have it appear on the warrant. MBC member Leigh Calloway from Springfield spoke to this important distinction as an effort by the board to be transparent in its budget preparations. He spoke in favor of the article as being in the best interest of the students as well as a financially-sound decision. At the Deliberative Session, several teachers from other districts commented on the positive impact on their communities once SROs were installed (in the interest of full-disclosure, one of them was my wife who teaches at John Stark Regional High School).

If the program is approved and administration deems it successful, the line item will be considered as part of the 2013/2014 budget. 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.

Voting is on Tuesday, March 13.
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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor,

I am challenging all Bradford residents to come to the polls on March 13th and vote for Delbert L. "Sonny" Harris for selectman.

He has the knowledge and experience needed to return our town to the thriving community it has been in the past.

Let's all get together for this goal.

Harriet Douglass, Bradford

To the voters of the Town of Bradford:

It is a rare occasion that we speak publicly regarding our choice for elective office, but it is even more rare when we get the opportunity to vote for a candidate as competent as Erica Gross.

We have known Erica and her family for ten years, and truly believe that she will be a remarkable Town Clerk/Tax Collector. For over two years, she has been training under the current office holder, and has become quite knowledgeable in required procedures. During even the busiest days of the year, the citizens and taxpayers of Bradford have been served rapidly with a smile. Her past experience as a licensed real estate agent, bookkeeper and office manager has been a tremendous benefit to the department, and if we know Erica at all, we are sure she can make an efficient office even more so. With all of the required State and Town training already under her belt, and the Tax Collector's Certification Program planned for this summer, Erica is armed with the latest information regarding the offices she will hold.

A Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, past President of the Bradford Women's Club, former Parks and Recreation Board member and a seven year Trustee to the Brown Memorial Library. She is up to the task. She loves living in and serving the Town of Bradford. She is Erica Gross, and we ask you to join us in supporting her for the office of Town Clerk/ Tax Collector.

Thank you,
Steven and Renee Patten, Bradford



To the Editor

While chairing the recent Budget Hearings, Feb. 9 and 16, it was disturbing to note that most of the questions and participation came from the non-residents in attendance. The purpose of these hearings is to give voters background on the proposed budget for the coming year, give them an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions for increases or decreases in the proposals. Two hearings were scheduled this year to allow for any changes that were indicated.

The basic concern of the Budget Committee this year, in cutting the budget proposed by the Selectmen by \$423,321 or 18.5%, has been to address the needs of the town while keeping the tax rate within reason.

The Committee trusts that the voters will turn out for Town Meeting to provide the best path forward for Bradford.

Dick Keller, Bradford Budget Committee

To the Editor:

At the February 9 Budget Hearing the difference between the selectmen's proposed budget and the Budget Committee's was on the order of 20%, a difference amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The discrepancy, of course, will have to be resolved at the Town Meeting in March. The order of magnitude, however, relates not just to numbers but also to perceptions of the Town's future. It may be that the Town must invest more

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heavily in services and infrastructure, lest it bestow upon the future some not-so-hidden time bombs. On the other hand, it may be that the Town needs to minimize tax increases, lest they jeopardize stability and growth.

As a veteran of nonprofit budget wrangles elsewhere, I only want to note that: A) there are no monopolies of virtue in all this--they don't exist; B) that budgeting at whatever level is generally a thankless task, or should I say a "pick your poison" opportunity for self-punishment and pain infliction; and C) that the process can best be judged, not in the heat of battle, but from a perspective informed by time as well as by larger, big picture issues.

One of my worst budgeting experiences required the outright reduction of a school's operating budget by 10%, almost a million dollars. However, it also turned out to be one of my happiest experiences because, rather than stew and harrumph, everyone affected, having first taken a deep breath, collectively responded with a fully professional "we can handle this," and did.

Thomas Rodd, Jr.
Bradford

The Pizza Chef ad in February's Bridge calling the \$1 off a family size pizza their "super BOWEL special" gave me quite a laugh! Thanks.

Mary Derry

Ed. Note - we received multiple emails from amused readers on our blooper. Apologies to Pizza Chez

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Town Warrant of town Meeting March 13, 2012

The Polls will open at 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 13, 2012

To the inhabitants of the town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in said State qualified to vote in town affairs; You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Elementary School on Old Warner Road in said Bradford, NH on Tuesday, the thirteenth of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

Article One. To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

Article Two. The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add a Workforce Housing section to the Zoning Ordinance as required by RSA 674:58-61? The proposed ordinance would allow workforce housing in the Residential Business and Residential Rural zoning districts. The Planning Board could approve one or more incentives: smaller lot sizes, reduced setbacks and/ or reduced road frontage only if the applicant demonstrates that the current regulations would make the cost of a project prohibitive for sale or rent to families who meet the guidelines. An assurance of continued affordability would be required for any approved project.

Article Three. To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 14th, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Article Four. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Ten, Six Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Thirty Four Cents (\$1,910,645.34) for the general municipal operation. This article DOES NOT include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

	Selectmen	Budget Committee
Executive	128,612.00	127,623.28
Elections and Vital Records	9,689.00	9,689.00
Financial Administration	92,968.30	91,261.00
Revaluations	25,555.00	25,555.00
Legal	16,000.00	16,000.00
Employee Benefits	298,975.00	286,775.00
Planning	8,050.00	8,050.00
General Government	68,463.33	54,097.00
Cemetery	25,141.00	25,141.00
Insurances	76,700.00	76,700.00
Other General Gov	8,800.00	8,800.00
Police Department	316,746.69	315,163.00
Fire Department	59,250.00	59,250.00
Rescue Squad	70,860.00	70,860.00
Building Code Dept	30,125.00	29,951.52
Emergency Management	250.00	250.00
Highway Department	507,131.50	425,684.00
Bridge Account	500.00	500.00
Street Lighting	4,700.00	4,700.00
Solid Waste Collection	49,470.00	48,615.00
Solid Waste Disposal	39,500.00	39,500.00
Inoculations	250.00	250.00
Welfare Administration	4,054.90	4,054.90
Welfare Payments	35,554.64	35,554.64
Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00
Library	63,360.00	63,360.00
Patriotic Purposes	14,500.00	14,500.00
Community Center	31,300.00	31,300.00
Other Conservation	590.00	590.00
Long Term Notes	31,880.00	31,880.00
Interest on Tan Notes	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total	\$2,023,966.36	\$1,910,645.34

Article Five. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) to obtain architectural services to evaluate the Bradford Town Hall and complete design recommendations to restore the building to code compliance, safety and utility for the town.

Article Six. Town Hall Restoration Resolution: In anticipation of Bradford's 225th anniversary, to see if the town will vote to support renovation of its Town Hall – with origins dating to 1797 – to revitalize the community and serve future generation, thereby furnishing the key ingredient of community support to win outside grants and matching funds for this project.

Article Seven. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000) to retrofit the downstairs of the Community Center for the Town Offices. This will be a non lapsing appropriation to continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2013. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Eight. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (next recertification to be in 2015). Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Nine. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the Gravestone Repair Expendable Trust. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Ten. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$35,240.00) to purchase and outfit with equipment a new all wheel drive police cruiser.

Article Eleven. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Twelve. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) to purchase replacement communications equipment to accommodate new federal regulations for the Fire and Highway Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Town Communications Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to raise Thirty Two thousand dollars (\$32,000) by taxation.

Article Thirteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Fourteen. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$106,000.00) for the ambulance service for the town and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$106,000 from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2011. This will be a non lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2017. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (No effect on the tax rate)

Article Fifteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Sixteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Salt and Fuel Emergency Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Seventeen. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a Five Year lease/purchase agreement for a new grader. The total cost of the grader is \$297,705.00 less \$25,000 trade allowance for a price of Two Hundred and Seventy Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$272,700.00) and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the first year's payment for this purpose. This expenditure will be funded in part by a Sixty Eight Thousand Dollar (\$68,000) grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. The balance of Thirty Two thousand dollars (\$32,000) will come from the fund balance as of December 31, 2011. The Thirty Two Thousand Dollars in fund balance is the closeout amount of the 2011 non lapsing Warrant Article 16 – grader repairs. The estimated annual lease payment is \$38,000 per year. This lease agreement contains an escape (fiscal funding) clause.

Article Eighteen. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) for the Clean Air initiative in the amount of Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000.00) to be applied to the first year's payment of a five year lease/purchase agreement to purchase a new Highway Department Grader. This article is contingent upon the passage of Article Seventeen (Grader Lease/Purchase).

Article Nineteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000.00) for bridge design. This will be a non lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2017. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously does not recommend.

Article Twenty. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) for road reconstruction of East Main Street, Old Warner Road, Howlett Road and Greenhouse Lane.

Article Twenty One. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) for the paving of East Main Street following the installation of sidewalks and bike lanes. This will be a non lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2017. This article will be passed over with the passage of Article Twenty. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Twenty Two. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for asphalt road repairs and shimming. This will be non lapsing and continue until the project is complete or December 31, 2017. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously does not recommend.

Article Twenty Three. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Town Building Emergency Repair Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Twenty Four. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Town Building and Facility Renovation Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend and the Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article Twenty Five. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to fund the Boat Launch.

Article Twenty Six. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750) to support the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports.

Article Twenty Seven. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Main Street Improvement Capital Reserve.

Article Twenty Eight. To see if the Town will vote to designate 3.6 acres of town property (Map 17, Lot 12) with frontage on East Main Street as a historic village area. Voted by the town in 2005 to serve as "a cultural center for the town," this portion of the former Marshall property includes the seventy-five (75) foot right of way along the west side of the lot from East Main Street to the rear north-west corner, assuring the Town of Bradford's continued access to the rear 18 acre Marshall property. By Petition.



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Article Twenty Nine. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a to grant the selectmen the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided that they first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies and hold 2 public hearings on the proposed acquisition or sale and provided that upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the selectmen prior to their vote, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the town meeting. This authority shall not extend to Town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the conservation commission, any part of a town forest, or any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes except as provided in RSA 498:4-a or RSA 547:3-d.

Article Thirty. To see if the town will vote to authorize the board of selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years without further vote or ratification of the town. Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by town meeting.

Article Thirty One. To see if the town will vote to extend winter maintenance on Blaisdell Lake Road (which was declared a highway to summer cottages) to the end of Map 3 Lot 48). By Petition.

Article Thirty Two. To see if the Town of Bradford, New Hampshire will vote to adopt the following resolution and upon adoption shall have our Select Board Members notify in writing the members of our Congressional delegation of said resolution and to support its contents.

Resolution: Whereas the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution makes it clear that no person may be owned by another person;

Whereas corporations are often owned by peoples and other corporations and are therefore not people;

Whereas the First Amendment of the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations;

Whereas, The U.S. Supreme Court's 5:4 ruling in Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission constitutes a serious and direct threat to our democracy by removing the last remaining legal limits on corporate spending in the electoral process;

Whereas, the people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and self-government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford, New Hampshire calls for amending the United States and New Hampshire Constitutions to declare that corporations are not entitled to the protections or "rights" of human beings and to declare that the expenditures of corporate money is not a form of constitutionally protected speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bradford, New Hampshire calls on other communities and jurisdictions to join this effort by passing similar Resolutions, applauds actions being taken elsewhere and stands in solidarity with other individuals and communities across the nation currently engaged in this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bradford, New Hampshire does not recognize corporations as being entitled to the protections or "rights" of human beings. By Petition.

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CANDIDATES RESPONSES TO BRIDGE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidates for Town office were asked to respond to four brief questions regarding the positions they were seeking. These were:

1. For what position are you running?
2. What are your qualifications for this office?
3. What are the most important issues facing Bradford?
4. How would you address these issues in the position you are seeking?

Selectman (1 opening) Three years

Delbert "Sonny" Harris

John "Jack" Meany

Sonny Harris

I have lived in Bradford for 55 years. Those who know me, are aware that I have no tolerance whatsoever for dishonesty, carelessness, apathy, lack of participation or lack of courage.

Issue: A very negative public image in the region along with excessive taxes.

Solutions:

* Employees should remain professional, courteous, honest, fair, respectful and responsible at all times.

* Massive reduction in spending reflective of a prioritized, intelligent, responsible long-term "need" list vs. a reckless, selfish "want" list. Far too many employees and they should all be residents of the town so that their activities and decisions directly effect their property taxes as well as enhancing other temporal and economic issues.

* Wasteful spending can be greatly reduced by participation of the many fine experts we have in our town.

* The bidding process must be improved to reflect the best interest of the town

Litigation is a costly and wasteful process which should be avoided with an implementation of wiser decisions, greater clarity and improved contracts..

* A program of enhanced personal responsibility and self-accountability will greatly reduce unnecessary expenditures.

* An integral part of life in a small town is participation and support.

* We must implement procedures which encourage business in town. Business expansion cannot only improve the tax base, it can also provide jobs for people that will likely purchase homes and live here and likely spend money here in other local businesses, so everybody wins!

* Bradford is fortunate to contain a tremendous resource of qualified people who could actively participate on established boards in a consulting/advisory capacity for each department which would ultimately induce typically, proactive rather than generally costly reactive measures.

4. We are at a critical point in the direction of Bradford's future and, we are all part of the same team, so you are either part of the problem or part of the solution-no middle ground here. The time for half measures and talk is over. Show our town the respect she deserves so that our children will inherit a precious legacy of freedom, responsibility and wisdom for which they can be proud and continue to build from, with the power of your vote and participation.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (1 opening) Three years

Erica Lynne Gross

Susan Pehrson

Erica Lynne Gross

For almost 3 years now, I have been the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Being a Deputy in this office means that I have been handling the processing and collecting of all tax bills. In summer of 2012, I had planned to sign up for Tax Collectors Certification program that the State runs. I have had the best teacher in preparing for this job and have attended all classes provided by the State and NH Town Clerks Associations and NH Tax Collectors Association concerning Elections, Tax Collection, Town Clerk duties. I am a NH Notary Public and a NH Justice of the Peace. I have 23 years' experience in bookkeeping from working in a Boston Accounting firm where I was the Office Manager for over 16 employees, Computer Manager and the Company Bookkeeper.

There are many important issues facing our town but one that affects my office the most is the question of what to do with the Town Hall offices. The offices there were spacious and had the extra storage for the records that have a mandatory retention period of anywhere from 3 years to infinity. I personally, like the new office at the Community Center because everything that I use on a daily basis is right at my fingertips. The biggest issue with this office is that half of the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors records plus all the election equipment is still stored at Town Hall. It would be nice to have all records and files in one spot.

Wherever the Selectmen put the office is where I will be happy to work. The most important thing is that the Townspeople have easy access to the office.

Susan Pehrson

My qualifications include over 25 years as town clerk and 20 years as tax collector. I have also attended numerous classes and seminars throughout the years.

The main issue I see is a lack of funds for the projects and necessities for our small town. It appears there is nowhere to turn that doesn't cost the taxpayers a considerable increase in their property taxes.

For my small part I am again applying for a \$10,000 Moose Plate Grant. This would be applied to the preservation of record books destroyed in a flood in the Warner bank more than 30 years ago. There would be no cost to the taxpayer.

Trustee of the Trust Funds (1 opening)

Thomas “Tim” Rodd

As a former Headmaster, I am familiar with budgets, trust funds and the fiduciary responsibility of trustees to make the best informed decisions regarding the accounts entrusted to their care.

The most serious issues facing Bradford are no different than in other small towns. People are concerned about taxes, preservation of the community, education and the smooth functioning of town government. Bradford is a small town on the brink of a renaissance and there are many involved, creative, generous citizens interested in its future.

Treasurer (1 opening)

Marilyn Gordon

Marilyn Gordon

I have been the Town Treasurer for the past 12 years. Having a business in town, I am able to accommodate the Selectmen’s Office within that day.

The economy has hit not only town, but every town. And there is a question of high taxes, what needs to be maintained, what needs to be replaced, what needs to be updated. No one wants their taxes to be raised, but some issues need to be addressed and if they are put off again and again, it will not only cost the town either a higher rate of interest or the product, or the service will end up costing the town more than the previous year.

The town residents need to come together and work together. We all need to respect each other’s ideas or opinions, may we agree or disagree. Other ways to address the issues Bradford faces is by volunteering for a committee or running for public office. We need to bring in more small businesses that will help the tax rate. We need to talk one on one with department heads and listen to what they have to say. If we can’t do this, then Bradford is going nowhere.

Supervisors of The Checklist (1 opening) Three Years

Judith Marshall

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library (2 openings) Three Years

Mary Chris Duncan
Beatrice Howe
Gary Kalajian ,

Mary-Chris Duncan, Trustee, BML

*Experienced educator with 28+ years of experience in secondary ed social studies and guidance counseling combined.

I have served as an alumni admissions volunteer for Regis College for a number of years. As a Guidance Counselor, I am familiar with the college application and

scholarship processes. I have informally assisted seven students and families with navigating the same. In the 1970’s I was the first person in my family to attend a four year college (largely due to the fact that I had acquired and been awarded scholarships, work-study grants and student loans.

*The current economic climate has hit Bradford families hard and made a college education less affordable. Bradford’s rising taxes and lack of a business base to offset taxes is a big problem.

* I have the skills, energy role. I’d love to assist students in expert goals of a college education.

Bea Howe, Trustee BML

I am running for Trustee of Brown Memorial Library for a three-year term.

I have been a library trustee for six years and have been treasurer for those six years. I am devoted to our library and would like to continue serving it.

One of the most important issues facing Bradford is providing adequately for town services without overburdening taxpayers. Maintaining funding for the library is crucial, and I believe that it’s important to do so as frugally as possible while still providing the services that so many people rely on. In hard economic times, the library is more important than ever and it is vital that all citizens, regardless of their financial circumstances, have access to its services. Support for a library says a great deal about a town and its people, and I am grateful that the citizens of Bradford have traditionally shown such support.

As a trustee and treasurer, I would continue to work in conjunction with the librarian and other trustees to present fair budgets for the town’s consideration, while making sure the library’s needs are met. Our fundraisers (book sales, dinners, book bags, etc.) help keep our budgetary requirements from the town as low as possible, and I would continue to be involved in those efforts.

Garry Kalajian, Trustee, BML

My main qualification is my interest in a well run library and my willingness to contribute time to accomplish this. I have served on many Boards of Trustees, including the Brown Memorial Library and as the director of a non-profit organization.

The most important issues facing residents of Bradford, in my opinion, are n different than that facing all humans, which is learning how to get along with one another.

As a trustee I will do my best to work cooperatively and responsibly with others.



Scholarship Committee (1 opening) Three Years

Mary Chris Duncan
Gilberte "Jill" Pinard

Mary Chris Duncan

I am an experienced educator with 28+ years of experience in secondary ed social studies and guidance counseling combined.

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Jill Pinard

I am running for the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee. I have been a high school English teacher for the past nineteen years working primarily with high school juniors and seniors. In addition to my regular teaching responsibilities, I have spent considerable time helping my students prepare their college admission and scholarship essays. I am also President of the New Hampshire Council of Teachers of English and serve as a national judge for the National Council of Teachers of English's Achievement Awards for Writing. In my first term on the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee, I organized a scholarship information night with a guest speaker from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation. I hope to find other resources to help Bradford families plan for and finance post-secondary education. Since moving to Bradford in 1995, I have served my community as a Girl Scout leader, through participation in the Women's Club; and volunteering with special programs at Brown Memorial Library like the summer reading program. My participation on the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee enables me to combine my commitment to helping young people further their educations with my interest in serving my community.

Budget Committee (2 openings) Three Years

Marlene Freyler
G. Richard Keller
Will Hurley (Write-In)

Marlene Freyler

I feel my qualifications for the position are, I have been on the Budget Committee before and I also run two businesses.

The most important issues facing Bradford are taxes and the lack of businesses that are staying and coming into town.

I think that we as a town need to reach out to businesses to come here and be apart of our community. If we do not grow our businesses we as a town will die. We cannot afford the taxes the repairs that the town needs to have good roads, to save our historical Buildings, to pay our employees and many more things. BUSINESS BRINGS TAXES.

Richard "Dick" Keller

I have much experience in watching how companies, school districts, and communities work or fail to work effectively. I am now serving as chair of the Bradford Budget Committee.

Creating a reasonable progression of improvements to the town vs. let's get it all done now. This is particularly important with the economy as it is and a legislature that wants to push everything off on to the towns. Keying in CIP (Capital Improvements Program) that schedules major expenditures on a 6 year cycle. This contributes to a stable tax rate, at least the town's portion, that we can live with.

By balancing the needs of the departments with the town's population and its willingness and ability to pay for the services provided.

Will Hurley Write-In

I am a resident and an experienced local business owner. I basically grew up in and around Bradford and have owned a house on Fairgrounds Road for twelve years now. Although our business is about to celebrate our 15th year, I have over 27 years of business experience to offer, all of it in the Bradford/Newbury area. I am passionate about our town's past, present and future. I am also passionate about the community it provides.



The most important issue in Bradford right now has got to be our taxes. I truly believe that we are spending far more than we can afford. I also know we can do a better job focusing our priorities for the money we do have. Getting our taxes in line and affordable needs to be our

main concern. Only then can we expect to see growth within our community.

Having gone to many meetings this year, it is clear to me that my business experience and commitment to our community can be an asset to the Budget Committee. Holding everyone within our town government more accountable for expenditures will be a huge priority; selectmen, department heads, everybody. We are obviously in tough economic times and we need to act accordingly.

I will be at the candidates' forum on March 10th from 10am 'til Noon at the Community Center. Please stop by.

Planning Board (2 openings) Three Years

Philip Lamoreaux (Write-In)
Don Jackson (Write In)

Phil Lamoreaux

I have seven years' experience as a member of the Planning Board.

I feel the most important issues facing Bradford are:

- a. Updating our zoning ordinance to reflect the data presented in our most recent Town of Bradford Master Plan
- b. Continuing to encourage the development of businesses that fit with the rural character of the town

I would address the issues the following ways:

- a. To update our zoning ordinance, I would look to the Master Plan and our updated Natural Resource Inventory to adjust our current zones and permitted uses.
- b. I would continue to support our zoning ordinance and site plan regulations to guide the development of businesses that fit the rural character of Bradford.

Zoning Board (2 openings) Three Years

Andrew Pinard
Denise Renk

Denise Renk (Write-In)

I am requesting to be added as a write-in for one of the Zoning Board positions

Several years ago when my husband and I lived in Goffstown I volunteered for the Zoning Board. I worked hard as a member learning what I could and seeing each property before it came before a meeting. In Goffstown our home was less than the required 35 feet from the road so each time we wanted to improve anything we needed a special exception. Being part of that process sparked an interest in helping my town hold to their standards, while working with residents. My best qualification is my willingness to learn and serve.

The important issues facing Bradford seem to be all over the place depending on who you are speaking to. I moved to Bradford because of the "rural" area, though I know businesses, roads and updates are what make a commu-

nity survive.

4. As a Zoning Board member I would look at the request before me (as part of the group) see how it relates to the zoning regulations, and determine a fair, impartial vote for both the town and the person or business.

Cemetery Commission (1 opening) Three Years

Diane Whalley

Diane Whalley

I have the willingness to donate my time and contribute to the needs of the committee.

The most important "issue" for me is to see the citizens of Bradford come together for the benefit of our town so that it can thrive.

I will try to do the best job that I can within the scope of that office.

Town Elections are on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the KRES Bradford, 8:00am to 7:00pm

Town Meeting is on Wednesday, March 14, at Kres Bradford, 7:00pm

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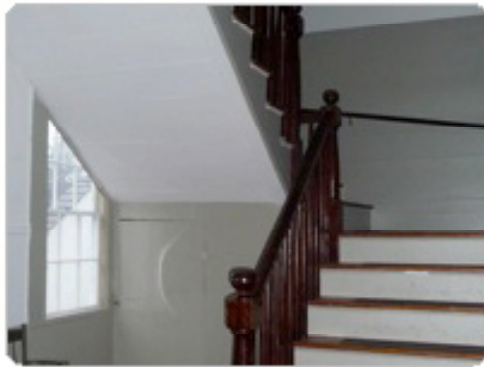
Town Hall Speaks...



What happened?



Where did everyone go?



When are all my friends coming back?



...and someone responds on Valentine's Day



Town Hall Restoration Committee met with interested residents and historic restoration professionals to discuss options for restoring the building. L-R Carl Rubchinuk, Bob Lincoln, Eileen Kelly, Caryl Walker, Michele Halstead, Rick Monahan, Peter Michaud, Mike Bauer.
photo: Beth Rodd

OFF THE RAX

Have you benefited by the burgeoning clothing racks at the transfer station? Have you found a sweater? A coat? Shoes? A dress perfect to wear to the wedding? A warm jacket for your child or grandchild? I have. All of the above categories. Lois has spent some time sorting and hanging it for us. We'd like to show off our local resourcefulness in an Off the Rax Fashion Show. Please come and wear your find. Models needed! Children included! We will provide some alternative entertainment at the Meet and Greet the Candidates morning on Saturday March 10th. (Special prize for the person who claims it came from their closet!) What are you wearing? Call me and tell me. Bindy 938-2681 P.S. We need more clothing racks!



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Selectmen's Highlights

Town Hall/Town Offices: Selectmen voted to recommend three warrant articles: 1) \$13,000 for architectural services to evaluate the Bradford Town Hall 2) support for restoration of the Town Hall and 3) \$25,000 to retrofit the downstairs of the Community Center for town offices.

Budget: The Budget Committee presented its recommendations on the 2012 Warrant Articles to the selectmen. They requested clarification of the warrant articles relating to the purchase of the road grader, the proposed road construction, and asphalt for road repair and shimming. Budget Committee Chair Dick Keller said the major issue between the two budgets is the warrant article total, which is more than 20% over last year's. The Committee is using the CIP as the basis for spreading these out over a period of years.

Police Department: Selectmen recommended out right purchase of the new cruiser rather than a lease/purchase.

The NH Department of Labor inspected the new police facility and required installation of an Eye Wash Faucet at a cost of \$1,300.

Chief Valiquet reported return of \$56,000 to the town in the past year through grants and fines. He also expressed concern for town employ-

ees, stating, "... there is absolutely no regard for rewarding employees in this community. There is no friendliness, no cooperation, no open dialog." Fire Chief Goldberg concurred.

Intents to Cut: Dana Stockman, Map 1 Lot 48 and Preston Starr Map 3 Lots 55 & 56.

Conservation Commission: Selectmen appointed George Beaton and Patty Furness as members of the Commission, replacing Andrea LaMoreaux and Carol Meise who will remain as alternate members.

Highways: John Belanger, West Road, informed selectmen that the ongoing driveway issue has not been resolved and his garage is flooded.

Laura Woo-Sam inquired if Sunset Hill Road will be paved soon. The condition of the road is a problem as she is trying to sell her home.

Selectmen approved two requests from Road Agent Jeff Remillard: to rent an excavator to screen sand to have it available if it snows and to be ready for next winter and to post the weight limits on town roads as conditions are deteriorating with the warm weather.

He clarified that sand being brought into the Transfer Station is coming from Mt. Williams in Weare and is for a FEMA project from last year.

BACC: A new copier, which is shared with the CAP programs, was purchased for the Community Center. Account numbers will be assigned each department for its use.

Bement Bridge: The new green roof has been installed on the historic structure !

Griggs/Sanborn House: Contract for removal was awarded to NH Demolition for \$18,800 and the work has been completed.

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

Budget Hearing

The Bradford Budget Committee held two Public Hearings to gather input from town residents and make any changes that might be indicated.

Chair Dick Keller opened the first hearing by stating that the Committee has been greatly aided by the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) that projects major expenditures over a six year time period to keep the tax impact level from year to year.

Handouts were provided showing the comparative budgets proposed by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee for both the Operating Budget and the Warrant Articles. The difference between the Selectmen's proposed operating budget and the committee's is \$123,333 or 6.5%, based on a 3.6% increase in wages and benefits and 22% increase in the highway budget recommended by the selectmen.

The Operating Budget and the Warrant Articles were presented and discussed by those in attendance. Areas of greatest concern include employee benefits, the police department and the highway department. Road Agent Remillard said that NHDOT surveyed every road in town and has prepared a report, which is available on the Highway Department computer.

At the close of the first hearing, Keller said that some numbers need to be changed, but the Committee's proposed budget shows between a .05% and 1% increase over last year's total.

There were no public comments offered at the second hearing held a week later. At the close of that session, the Committee voted to adjust the Police Department budget with a \$10,000 increase.

Minutes of all Budget Committee meetings and hearings are on file at the town office and online at bradfordnh.org.

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First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

Focus Factor (a/k/a youth group): Youth in grades 6-12 will meet on Sunday, March 4, 11 and 18 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. for their regular gatherings. On Saturday, March 24, they will meet in the church office building from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for a Rocker-a-thon to raise money for World Vision. The youth will rock for 8 hours while playing games and doing some activities to help raise their awareness of world hunger.

Irish Buffet Dinner: On Saturday, March 17, we will have an Irish Buffet Dinner (to include many Irish dishes, including corn beef). The dinner will be from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 4-12. Children 3 and under eat free.

Women's Fellowship: The women will gather on Saturday, March 17 at 2:00 for a time of fellowship.

Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open on Wednesday, March 21, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Men's Sunday: The men in our church will lead our Worship Service on Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. and will include Faith Testimonies.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. for prayer, pool and fellowship.

Cruise Night: The church vestry will be transformed into a "cruise ship" for Friday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy a dessert buffet, Bible Bingo and a talent show.

Easter/Lenten Craft Day: On Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 am - 11:30 am, children of all ages are welcome to come to the church and make a variety of crafts and take them home. Snacks will be provided.



Deb Bruss, local author, read her new book "Big Box for Ben" at Brown Memorial Library this week and encouraged children to use their imaginations. Juliana and Lulu joined their friends at Brown Memorial Library inventing new uses for their basic cardboard boxes. What a lot of fun!

Obituaries

Elsie Bailey

Elsie (Regan) Bailey, 86, of Blaisdell Lake, died Feb. 3, 2012, at her daughter's home. She was born in Boston on Aug. 23, 1925, the daughter of John E. and Elsie (Goudey) Regan. She graduated from Weymouth, MA High School in 1944 and from Colby Junior College in New London in 1946. Elsie lived in Weymouth and Holbrook, MA before moving to South Sutton in 1979. She and her late husband owned and operated Bailey Cottages on Blaisdell Lake since 1951.

Family was everything to Elsie. She always enjoyed time spent with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nothing made her happier than to be in the company of her family. She had many hobbies, including crafts, sewing, painting and cooking, and always felt better in the company of her cats.

Her husband of 56 years, Richard C. Bailey Sr., died in 2003. She is survived by a daughter and her husband, Gail and Carl Olson of South Sutton, a son and his wife, Richard C. Jr. and Kate Bailey of Bow, four grandchildren; Sheri and her husband, Stephen Valiquet; Ken and his wife, Tobyn Olson; Richard C. Bailey III and Sarah Bailey; and three great-grandchildren, Zachary, Stephen and Paige.

Burial will be in Pond Cemetery, Bradford, in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blaisdell Lake Protective Association, P.O. Box 453, South Sutton, 03273.

William Hawkins

William Henry Hawkins, 74, of Bradford, passed away January 31, 2012 at Concord Hospital. "Bill" was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, February 8, 1937 to the late Wiley Milton Hawkins and May Bishop Hawkins. He is pre-deceased by his wife of 30 years MaryEllen Pierson Hawkins.

He is survived by his niece Eloise Everhart of North Carolina; step-daughters, Dawn Whitman of South Carolina, Heather Hock, son-in-law James Hock and a grandson Damien Hock of New Hampshire. Visit: www.holtwoodburyfh.com.

MARCH CALENDAR

Thurs. March 1st

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. March 2nd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 11:30 First Friday Brunch- 50/50 raffle, door prizes, vocals by students of Michelle Gosnell!
 7:00 PM - Book-to-Movie *The Day of the Jackal*, BML

Sat. March 3rd

7:00 PM Concert by UNH Gentlemen and Smith College Smiffenpoofs. Center Meetinghouse.

Mon. March 5th

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

Tues. March 6th

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
 5:30 PM - Selectmen meeting
 6:00 - 7:30 - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099

Wed. Mar. 7th

6:00 PM – Special Party - 10015
 7:00 PM - Zoning Bd of Adjustment

Thurs. March 8th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 6:30 – PM - Budget Committee
 7:00 PM – Town Hall Restoration Committee

Fri. March 9th

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

Sat. Mar 10th

9:00 AM – Writing Group
 10:00 AM – Noon – Meet the Candidates – All encouraged to come
 Off the Rax – see what you can find in Bradford

Mon. March 12th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM – Bridge Group
 6:00 PM – Bible Study
 7:00 PM– Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. March 13th

8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Town Meeting -Voting Day – KRES
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining -Medicare expert Anita Oelfke.
 4:30 PM - BACC – Committee meeting

6:00 - 7:30 - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099

7:00 PM - Planning Board

Wed. Mar. 14th

7:00 PM - Town Meeting - Business Session - KRES

Thurs. March 15th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic - LSVNA
 12 Noon - St. Patrick's Day Party with music
 1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic LSVNA Call 526-4077 for appt.
 4:30 PM - Friends of BACC
 7:00 PM – Town Hall Restoration Committee

Fri. March 16th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:30–11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic North Ridge Apartments Call for appt. at 526-4077
 10:00 AM - Friday at the Movies: Dolphin Tale 12:00 noon Café Bienvenue
 7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie – documentary - Appalachian fiddler. Live performance - Bradford Bog People, BML

Sat. Mar. 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day 
 10:00 AM – Bradford Improvement Assn.

Sun. Mar. 18th

1:30 PM – Special Party-12579

Mon. March 19th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM – Bridge Group
 5:30 PM – 4 – H
 6:00 PM – Bible Study

Tues. March 20th

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel Assistance – Call 456-2207 for appointment
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1 PM - Watercolor Class
 5:30 PM – Selectmen's meeting
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. March 21st

7:00 PM - Library Book Group The Nobodies Album by C. Parkhurst, BML

Thurs. March 22nd

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 6:30 PM – Budget Committee
 7:00 PM Town Hall Restoration Comm.

Fri. March 23rd

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

Sat. Mar. 24th

9:00 AM – Writing Group

Sun. Mar. 25th

2:00 PM – Special Party

Mon. March 26th

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

Tues. March 27th

9:30-11:30 - Foot Care clinic - Warner Pharmacy. 526-4077 for appt.
 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. March 28th

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

Thurs. March 29th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration Committee

Fri. March 30th

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

For scheduling activities at the BACC, please call 938-6228 or 938-5900

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



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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. We have duplicates of old issues that will be available at town meeting. Take a look at our town's past history and reminisce.

Town Clerk Notices

A friendly reminder: Dog Licensing due by April 1, 2012

Tax Liens will be due on March 30, 2012 and Deeds will be due on April 1, 2012.

Boat Registration Forms are now available at our office. Contact the Clerk's Office for further information, 938-2094

(Town Clerk and Selectmen's Offices are temporarily located at the Community Center, Police 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.

personality. Can you enlarge on that please?

My dad was a radio generalist. He had the ability to cover anything from a news interview to the Master of Ceremonies of a beauty pageant. He worked for WCAU television after his radio career. It was the early 40's and although he wanted to serve his country in World War II, he was much too tall at 6 feet 9 inches. The armed forces couldn't find him uniforms or beds large enough for his height. He tried many times to join the war effort but failed each time consequently he had his pick of civilian jobs.

Q. You mentioned that you were one of six siblings and the shortest at 5 ft. 10inches tall.

Yes, that is correct. We were all quite tall. I often went with my dad to his workplace and was quite familiar with the world of radio and television. In spite of that I raised three kids without a television in the home and even today, Bill and I do not own a television. We do love films, however, and watch those on the computer. I felt that television was a wasteland and didn't want my kids subjected to it. In my growing years I got to meet radio and TV personalities but I didn't want my kids subjected to television programs.

Q How did you meet Bill Glennie? Was it love at first sight or a more gradual event for both of you?

I met Bill when I was working at a nursery in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. I sold him a redbud tree for his mother on Mother's Day. He was tall, handsome, kind, a gentleman and had a dynamic smile. I don't know if it was love at first sight but we clicked and married in 1991.

Q. You are quite a legend at the Bradford Junction. Your wedding picture is on the wall. Were you he first couple to have a wedding reception at the Junction?

Yes, that was the first such event. The people there treated us like family. The actual wedding was at a tiny chapel in Bennington, New Hampshire. The day that I received my mug at the Junction felt like the Academy Awards. I recall that our wedding

cake at the reception .was a huge pile of sticky buns and the fifteen guests each had a bun. They were also serving lunch at the time. The reception was set for 7 in the morning. All the invited guests were staying at our home and I had to wake them to attend the event. Everyone wore T shirts with "Bill and Bindy" printed on their shirts. At our wedding the background music was Mario Lanza singing "Be My Love" and Bill pantomiming as Mario sang.

**Q. "Bindy Gardening Services" or "Bindy" as you prefer to be named began in 1998 and has flourished over the years. Tell me about your approach to clients?**

I had worked for some years at perennial estate gardens and studied at Longwood Gardens and the Barnes Foundation in Pennsylvania. My gardening work is 90 percent referral. My goal and philosophy is to bring the client into connection with their garden and as I explained, to treat the garden like a musical score with arrangements, chords and notes making up the whole.

Q. You have traveled quite a lot with Bill over the years. I know that he works for Auto Desk and they have some interesting policies for their employees. Can you explain please?

They have some wonderful advantages. One of them is a six week paid leave for employees every four years and we used that to advantage. I traveled on my own before I married Bill and saw quite a lot of the world with visits to Amsterdam, Switzerland, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, China, and the United Kingdom.

Q. What motivated you to move to Bradford? I know that Auto Desk was located in Henniker and Bill enjoyed a short bike ride to work. But, they moved and are now in Manchester.

I have always had a deep affection for New Hampshire. Every time we came here my heart was here. When I met Bill we started looking for a place that was within biking distance for his commute to work and it was only a seven mile trip to Henniker but now it is thirty seven miles in a car to Manchester.

Q. Is it an advantage to be tall or have you ever wished that you were not as tall? Has it been a problem finding love since more people are short rather than tall?

It's helpful at parades but no one has ever referred to me as "cute." I outgrew my first boyfriend and only realized it when I had to bend over to hear what he was saying. I guess it is okay to be tall but at five foot ten, one does tend to tower over people. It was difficult to find romance but there was a club for tall people so we could meet people. Times have changed and there are many more tall women and girls now than there were when I was growing up. I guess it's the better diets that are making this difference.



Kearsarge Area Preschool



Hello from KAP! We have had a busy month learning lots of new things. Unfortunately, we have NOT been busy playing in the snow. We dragged each other around the playground on our sled for a while, but now there is more sand than snow. We can't wait for some big, old snowbanks to really break our sled out.

Indoors, we have continued our weekly alphabet themes. We explored Patterns for P, Rhyme for R and Science for S. And...exciting news! We have a special project to share! For Q week we talked about Queens, Kings, Princesses, Unicorns, Dragons and other fantasy elements. Together we brainstormed some good fantasy story ideas and crafted an outline for a multiple chapter book! Ready for your reading pleasure is chapter one of our story, accompanied by a couple of our illustrations. Enjoy!

The Bike Chapter 1

Once upon a time there was a boy named Justin. He was 8 years old. He was playing outside in the sandbox at school until the end of recess. He was walking into the school when he saw a door with a question mark on it. He opened it and he saw a bike with skulls on it. When he touched the bike the skulls said in a low, growly voice, "I am a time machine. Get on me and speak through the microphone where you want to go."

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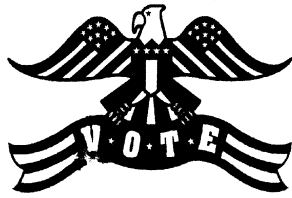
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Police Department News

Carolyn DunnValiquet has lived in the Bradford/Newbury area since 1975. She is a 1980 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School and a 1984 graduate of the University of New Hampshire earning a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. She is a graduate of the 197th Part-Time Police Academy and has been a certified part-time police officer for the last 15 years. Officer Valiquet began her law enforcement career with the Newbury Police Department from July 1996 until December of 2004 as the Administrative Assistant, the Evidence Officer and a Patrolman. From December 2004 to the present, she has been with the Bradford Police Department as the Evidence Officer, Death Scene Investigator, Keeper of the Official Record, and Administrative Assistant. Her duties include but are not limited to: preparation of all trial folders, securing all juvenile records, processing of all pistol permit applications, processing and securing all evidence from intake, to analysis at the NHSP Forensic Lab, to court disposition, preparation of weekly payroll and invoices for payment, and processing of all grant monies notably the COPS and the NH Highway Safety Agency Grants. She has two sons, US Air Force Staff Sgt. Ryan P. Cassidy currently serving overseas and Timothy L. Cassidy, a sophomore at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Glen Drewniak joined the United States Army in 1993, serving seven years on active duty as an Indirect

Fire Infantryman and Paratrooper. Highlights include graduating from the United States Army Airborne School, Ranger School and Jumpmaster School as well as participating in the 50th Anniversary Parachute re-enactment of D-day in France. Upon being Honorably Discharged from the Army he joined the New Hampshire National Guard and was hired as a Full-time Police Officer for the Town of Newbury. In 2003 he was deployed to Afghanistan as an Embedded Tactical Trainer with the Afghan National Army in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

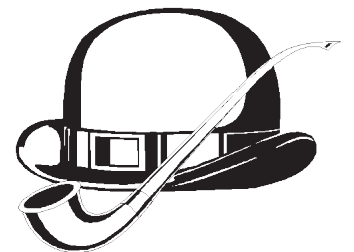
He returned from that deployment in 2004 and returned to the Newbury Police Department where he worked until 2005. He joined the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office as a Full-time Deputy Sheriff. While serving with the Sheriff's Office he tested for and was accepted as a member of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit on the Entry team and later as a Police Sniper. In 2009 he was again deployed to Afghanistan this time as a First Sergeant of an Infantry Rifle Company.

Upon return from this deployment Glen was hired full-time by the New Hampshire National Guard as the First Sergeant of the 12th Civil Support Team (WMD). Other qualifications and training are an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Hesser College, full-time certified Police Officer, Police SWAT (I and II) and Sniper certifications, Commercial Vessel Boarding Training, Background Investigation training,

multiple Incident Command System and National Incident Management System certifications, HAZMAT Technician certification, Army Mountain Warfare School Summer and Winter Phase graduate, Infantry Mortar Leaders Course graduate, Combat Life Saver certification and numerous awards and decorations.

Glen Drewniak was appointed as a part-time officer for the Bradford Police Department in March of 2011. As with all part-timers, his hours are subject to availability and rotation.

In 2011 the department returned over \$56,000.00 to the town either off setting costs or offsetting this year's taxes. The last portion of this was the COPS Grant, which we received in September of 2010. Based on the grant we reduced part time hours over 40% while increasing coverage to 20 hours a day seven days a week. All associated costs for this position are currently being covered by the COPS Grant. Other revenue sources are the highway safety grants and emergency response fees levied by the courts. Additionally certain violations and offenses are returned to the town along with witness fees.



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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

March kicks off with our Book-to-Movie discussion of *The Day of the Jackal* by Frederick Forsyth on Friday, March 2 at 7pm. Pick up your copy of our next book *Washington Square* by Henry James. On Friday, April 6 at 7pm we will compare the book with the classic 1949 film adaptation *The Heiress*.

I am thrilled about our Third Friday Movie event this month. We will meet on Friday, March 16 at 7pm to watch a short documentary *Sprout Wings and Fly*. "This touching tribute to Appalachian culture profiles legendary, old-time fiddler Tommy Jarrell. His unpretentious folk wisdom is interlaced with family scenes and reminiscences, plus plenty of old-time music." After the film, the Bradford Bog People will perform some choice Appalachian tunes. Wear your best toe-tapping shoes!

The Library Book Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday evening each month. On March 21 at 7pm we will discuss *The Nobodies Album* by Carolyn Parkhurst.

Don't forget our two weekly story times with Laurie Buchar (Monday at 10am and Wednesday at 10:30am).

Some of the new books added to your library in February:

For adults:

- The Snow Child* / Eowyn Ivey
- Rain Falls Like Mercy* / Jack Todd
- The Silent Girl* / Tess Gerritsen
- Left For Dead* / J.A. Jance
- The Rope: An Anna Pigeon Novel* / Nevada Barr
- Home Front* / Kristin Hannah
- Pasta By Design* / George L. Legendre
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For Children And Young Adults:

- From Tree To Tree House* / Michael Miller
- The Crowfield Demon* / Pat Walsh
- Friends With Boys* / Faith Erin Hicks
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Road Agent Report

To the Residents of Bradford:

As budgets are finalized and residents turn out for Bradford's annual Town Meeting, we'd like to provide you with some facts about important warrant articles for the Highway Department. We feel strongly that with accurate facts, you will be able to make a more informed decision when you vote.

The first article concerns the purchase of a new grader. We support this warrant article for the following reasons. Our current grader, a 1986 Dresser, has been in need of repair for nearly two years, but unfortunately, parts are no longer available for it. Dresser graders have not been produced since the 1990's. Road Agent Jeff Remillard consulted with the company that purchased Dresser in November of 2010, and was told a new motor and transmission would cost upwards of \$30,000. By the time funds were approved at Town Meeting the following March, the parts had been completely phased out, which is not unheard of in a 26-year-old machine.

The list price of the new grader was \$401,000. The trade-in value of \$25,000, plus additional municipal discounts, put the final price at \$272,700. To further offset that cost, a grant has been awarded to the town in the amount of \$68,000, and will be put toward the first year of repayment on the machine. Combined with the funds already approved by voters for the repair, which have not been spent, the estimated impact to the town will be a total of \$175,000. There will be no tax impact this year, which we feel will give residents another year to recover from the recent economic slump. Next year's expected tax impact will be about 14 cents per

thousand, and will continue for the next four years.

With so many gravel roads in town requiring year-round maintenance, we feel this is well worth the investment in our infrastructure. Since the grader is equipped with a snowplow and wing, we will get the benefit of being able to use it during snow removal operations, as well as for spring and fall grading.

Another article concerns road reconstruction. Currently, four roads are targeted for improvement or reconstruction: Main Street, Old Warner Road, Greenhouse Lane and Howlett Road. The decision on which roads to target was not made arbitrarily, or by one person alone – Road Maintenance software from the State of New Hampshire was used as a guide, as well as input from the Board of Selectmen and this committee. Main Street is of particular concern because the new sidewalk grant only covers a five-foot strip of pavement to be laid out on each side of the road, which will leave old, cracked pavement in the middle. In addition, Howlett Road is a concern because of drainage issues – runoff from this road leads directly to Lake Massasecum.

Last year, two contractors provided pricing for the reconstruction of Old Warner Road alone, from Route 114 to Ring Hill. One estimate came in at \$430,000 and the other at \$450,000. Because of economic conditions, Road Agent Jeff Remillard was able to secure a volume discount for asphalt for all four roads as a package, for the price of \$375,000, which includes the entire reconstruction of that particular section of Old Warner Road. This is basically equal to getting two roads – Greenhouse Lane and Howlett Road – paved at no cost. Green-

house Lane is deteriorating rapidly, and will receive a two-inch shim and overlay of asphalt, and the deteriorating asphalt at the bottom of Howlett Road will be removed and the road will be re-paved from the Route 114 intersection to the top of the hill, which is 2,000 feet. If residents amend this article and opt to pick and choose which roads should be addressed, this package pricing will go away, which will essentially jack up the price and cost residents more money. We can't imagine anyone willing to pay more for the same services in the future when we have a substantial discount at our fingertips.

The Budget Committee has recommended a separate warrant article for the repair of Main Street only, which we don't feel is in the best interest of the town. To pay \$140,000 for paving for a road that we can pave for \$97,000 is simply a waste of taxpayer dollars. Prices for material will not decrease in the future, so please think carefully before putting this off.

We believe the road plan is solid, sensible, and that our tax dollars are being managed in an efficient manner. We are taking advantage of grant money and are trying to do our best to offset taxes as much as possible, while still maintaining the infrastructure of our town. If you have any questions, any member of the Roads Committee would be happy to answer them. Road Agent Jeff Remillard can be reached at the Highway Garage at 938-5916.

Chris Aiken, Chair, Bradford Roads Committee
Jeff Remillard, Road Agent



Real Estate News

By Laura Hallahan

Do You Have A "CLUE"?

Along with a challenging real estate market and the tricky task of obtaining a mortgage today, many buyers and sellers are unaware of the how the insurance industry operates and the difficulty that may exist in attempting to insure a property.

A few years back the Purchase and Sales form for the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS® added in a contingency about obtaining homeowner's insurance to protect buyers who may discover that the property either can't be insured at all or insured at great cost. While it can be the house that is the culprit, i.e. fuses or knob & tube wiring, it may be the homeowner who is at fault.

"CLUE" is the database used widely by the insurance industry to evaluate risks, but it is not well known or understood by homeowners. It stands for Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange and is run by a private company based in Georgia, Choice Point, Inc. The CLUE database contains information on home-related claims or damage reports supplied by insurance companies. When a homeowner applies for insurance on a property, the insurance company checks the CLUE database for that property. If the CLUE file is considered negative in any way, the insurance company may charge a substantially higher premium or may turn down the request outright.


One of the most controversial issues involves what is known as "zero-payout" loss notations on a home. This occurs when an insurance company learns through an agent or an unsuspecting homeowner inquiring about coverage, that there was damage at the property that was either below the deductible or that was paid for directly by the owner without filing a claim. A zero-payout notation could be used to raise the cost of the homeowner's policy at the next renewal. CLUE reports can also stigmatize a property and make them more difficult to sell. Even homeowners' CLUE reports at a previous house can affect their ability to get new coverage on a home they want to purchase. No matter if the damage is minor it may result in stiff premium increases or render a property uninsurable.

There are legislative efforts around the country to ensure that CLUE reports cannot be used by insurers to unreasonably discriminate against properties that have never produced a paid-out insurance loss. Proactive homeowners can obtain the CLUE report on their house at www.choicetrust.com and buyers can ask sellers to disclose their CLUE report if there is any concern.

Recent Sales in Bradford

160 West Road, 1974 Camp on 4 acres for \$60,000 (foreclosure)
45 Crittenden Road, 1902 waterfront Cottage on .21 acres for \$342,000

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A Culinarian's Column *by Caryl Walker*

Spring is coming! Wake up your tastebuds with ras el hanout! Instead of couscous, make this recipe with polenta, buckwheat, or quinoa and you can take this vegan dish to any gathering and be allergen free—no eggs, no dairy, no nuts, no soy, no gluten!

Couscous Vegetable Pie

8 entrée servings
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 cup onion, thinly sliced
 2-4 tablespoons ras el hanout
 2 15-oz. cans crushed tomatoes
 4 carrots, cut into 1-inch chunks (1 cup)
 3 small turnips, cut into 1-inch chunks (1 cup)
 2 zucchini, cut into 1-inch chunks (1 cup)
 1 15-oz. can chickpeas, rinsed and drained 1
 ½ cups couscous
 1 teaspoon salt
 3 cups boiling water
 2 tablespoons olive oil



Heat olive oil in large sauté pan over medium heat. Add onions, and sauté 5 minutes. Add ras el hanout, and sauté 1 minute or until spices darken. Stir in tomatoes and 3 cups water. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer 20 minutes. Add carrots and turnips. Cook covered, 10 minutes. Add zucchini and chickpeas, and cook covered, 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, if desired. Pour vegetable mixture into 13x9-inch baking dish. Preheat oven to 350oF. In a large bowl, combine salt and couscous. Cover with 3 cups boiling water, cover, and let stand 5 minutes or until all water is absorbed. Fluff with fork; stir in 2 tablespoons olive oil. Spread couscous over vegetable mixture.

Bake 30 minutes, or until couscous begins to brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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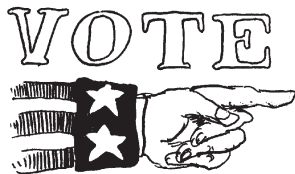
1. Ras el hanout is Moroccan spice mixture and literally means “head of shop”. There are thousands of variations. Ras el hanout is not easily found, so I’ve included mine, which is a combination of numerous recipes. Feel free to experiment!
 2. Ras el hanout: ½ teaspoon allspice, ¾ teaspoon black pepper, ½ teaspoon cayenne, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon cloves, ½ teaspoon ground coriander, 1 teaspoon cumin, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1 teaspoon turmeric.

Happy Spring!

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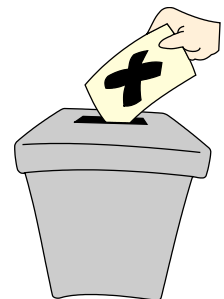
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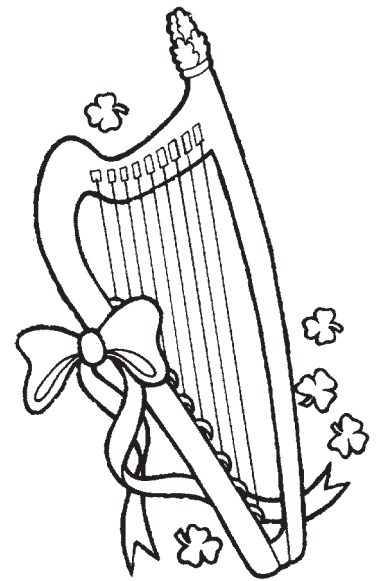
The Bement covered bridge finally has a new metal roof that will keep it maintenance free for decades



The Lake Todd dam repairs are almost finished. It has passed inspection by a State Dam Bureau engineer and now meets requirements for its "high hazard" class. All that is needed now is some site work, seeding of disturbed areas, paving and a new drain. Come check out the improvements.

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x 6"	\$48.00

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x 1" high	\$16.00
x 1.5"	\$24.00
x 2" high	\$32.00
x 2.5"	\$40.00
x 3"	\$48.00
x 8.5"	\$96.00

Other ad sizes as designed will be pro-rated

Notes: 10% discount allowed for local non-profits

10% discount for paid-in-advance 12 month ads

Political ads must be pre-paid

Ad copy should be sent in PDF format by the 15th of each month

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