

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## Brackett Scheffy “Retires” Judgeship

*The Bradford Bridge asked Brackett Scheffy to comment on his career as a lawyer and a judge and received this reply.*

My official date of retirement was Saturday, March 31, 2012, so after midnight of that day, my judicial career was over. I was appointed by Governor Sununu and was sworn in by him in December of 1986—26 years ago! Back in those days, the greatest influence on who was appointed was from the Executive Council (Governor’s Council) member from the district in which the court was located. That person, happily, was another Bradford person, Peter Spaulding. I have been grateful to him ever since for having the confidence that I would not embarrass him if he supported my appointment.

In a sense, I was following in the footsteps of my grandfather, John G. Brackett, a summer resident of Bradford but otherwise a lifelong resident of Arlington, Massachusetts. He was a special judge in the Boston Municipal Court for decades up until his death in 1954. My uncle, Jim Eisenman, husband of my aunt, Janice Brackett Eisenman, was also a special judge in New York for many years.

It was a great privilege to serve as a judge. I always said that judges are treated the way everyone should be. I was conscious of the fact that my office required deference from those who came into the court and in return I did my best to treat everyone with respect and courtesy.

Another benefit to the job was being able to be involved in some high profile criminal cases but not take the same risks to life and limb that the police had. One example was the double murder in Warner, after which I camped out in my office next door to the Warner town hall and just waited for the Assistant Attorney Generals to come over with search warrant and arrest warrant requests. Over the years, there have been a number of high profile cases that at least started in my court; it always quickens the pulse to see the WMUR remote broadcasting vehicle outside the courthouse.

My primary obligation has been to provide a balance between the power of the state and the rights of its individual citizens and between the sometimes more subtle power of one litigant over the other. The concept of that role was my guidance every day for the twenty-six years I was a judge. I will leave it to others to say how well I have succeeded. The district courts in this state—now part of the Circuit Court system—are the face of justice and the judicial branch in New Hampshire. Well over 90% of



## 10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This month we observe Memorial Day. We wondered how to do this as a small town that will be celebrating its 225<sup>th</sup> birthday. After some thought, we decided to interview war veterans in honor of our soldiers who have joined the military to protect our country’s security. We are pleased to present an interview with Jane and Don Johnsen, who were in the Army and Navy during the Korean conflict. After 56 years of marriage they are not only together, but have never regretted their decision to say “I do.”*

Jane and Don met in Memphis, Tennessee. Don was teaching in Naval Electronic school and Jane had served in the Women’s Army Corps” (WACS) for three years. She was no longer in the service but was secretary to the Commander of the “Fire Control School.” The year was 1954. Jane had married for the first time and in those years the idea of marriage for people who were both in the service was frowned upon. It just wasn’t done. The first marriage didn’t last but then Don and Jane met and are still together after 56 years.

**Q. Jane, you mentioned that you joined the Women’s Army Corp (WACS.). Describe your life as a woman in the service.**

When I joined I was in Fort Lee, Virginia. I worked at the Pentagon as a secretary for a Colonel who was in charge of classified and unclassified messages. Women didn’t go into combat at that time. It was a restrictive life. In spite of that, I enjoyed it and it shaped me into a better person. I really wanted to go to college but at that time my dad thought that only men should go to college. I walked into the Army recruiting office. They

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## From the Editor

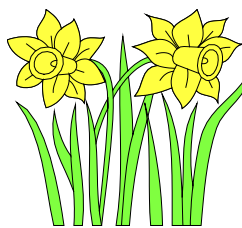
Recently, at a selectmen's meeting, a resident suggested that we don't sufficiently acknowledge or thank our neighbors for the good work they do. Affirmation is an important response and meaningful on many levels, particularly for those who receive little in the way of other compensation for their generosity. These are our friends, acquaintances and neighbors; they keep the wheels of the community rolling smoothly.

For this reason, I suggest that there are many people who have given of themselves selflessly for many years and many others who have preceded or followed in their footsteps. On Memorial Day, we thank our young men and women who have chosen to serve our country in the military. Locally, thanks to Marcia and Dick Keller, devoted citizens of Bradford, having served at one time or another on every board in town including, but not limited to, selectman, budget, zoning, planning, conservation, school board, this newspaper, numerous and sundry committees over the years and all in the spirit of civic pride and love of the town. Marge and George Cilley, born to the town with a rich history of volunteering for numerous committees, a rare first hand knowledge of the culture and history of Bradford and the sound wisdom and language of crusty New Englanders (especially George) who are not afraid to be forthright in their opinions about the issues common to all of us. There are so many others; Dawn Rich, Bob and Addie Stewart, Edythe Craige, Ev and Millie Kittridge, Perry Teele, Bill Glennie, Marlene Freyler, Laurie Buchar and many others who have given the uncommon gift of their time to make this a more cohesive community. You know who they are. Let them know they are appreciated.

Please think of someone you know who is a doer and very important to all of us and tell them and others that they are appreciated for their good work. It's a great idea. Just "thank you".

Happy May (finally). Thank you mother nature.

Beth Rodd, May Editor



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## Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum Opens Contemporary Art Gallery


Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is pleased to announce a new exhibit, "Aln8baw8zow8ganal (al-non-ba-won-zo-won-gan-al): Splendid Clothes, Splendid Traditions" in our new Contemporary Art Gallery this coming season. Aln8-baw8zow8ganal is the Abenaki word for the traditionally-made clothing we call regalia; literally translated as Indian clothes.

The exhibit will feature regalia and accessories by artists Monica Alexander, Rhonda Besaw, Natalie Holt Breen, Andy Bullock, Chris Bullock, Liz Charlebois, and Darryl Peasley. Regalia also feature in painting and photographic media through the works of Tammy Bucchino, Annie Holt and Pam Tarbell. This is the inaugural exhibit of our Contemporary Art Gallery. We created this gallery in response to a request by basketmaker Bill Gould and craftsman Darryl Peasley. They asked director Lynn Clark if MKIM could provide a place for local artists to display high quality, locally-produced art.



The museum is open daily May 1 – October 31, Monday – Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm and on weekends November through mid-December.

See our website for a complete listing of upcoming events: [www.indianmuseum.org](http://www.indianmuseum.org)



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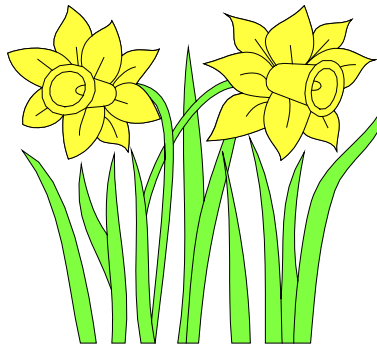
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## Bradford Historical Society



*The folks in this photo are identified as members of the Cressy family, plus Hiram Gillingham on the right. However, we have no idea where this tiny building was or what function it served....any ideas? Answers to Laurie Buchar 938-5372*

Please note that the Bradford Historical Society (located at intersection of Rte 114 and Rte 103) is now open every Saturday from April - October, from 10 am - noon or by appointment. Call 938-5372



## Happy Spring

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Hospital**



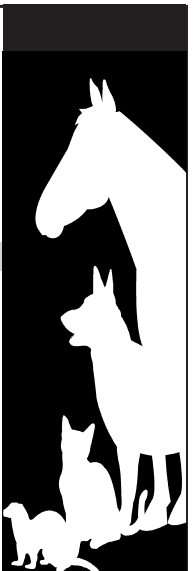
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**Area Events**

**Bradford**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** We are looking for volunteers to help pick up litter on the stretch of 103 that begins at the lights on Main street in Bradford and runs to Fowler Mill Road in Newbury. It will only take about an hour or so of your time please join us in helping to keep our community clean. Meet at Newbury Electrolysis parking lot #57 route 103 Newbury. Safety vests and trash collection bags are provided, Please bring gloves. Info? Contact Steve Snyder 938-2321

The KRHS music students will perform at the Baptist Church on May 23 at 7:00pm. This popular annual event is sponsored by the BHS.

**Meeting House:** Our first Concert of the season will feature the BRADFORD BOG PEOPLE on May 19th at 7:00 pm. Refreshments! Donation to benefit the Meeting House, \$10

Also, the 4th grade from Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford will visit the Center on May 3rd from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. If you would like to help host this delightful event, contact Laurie at 938-5372

May 26, 10 am - 2 pm Bradford Smithy will be open for the public

**Womens' Club**

BNSWC Dinner is May 22, 2012 at the Appleseed at 5:00PM Cost 20.00. Send payment to Box 292, Bradford, NH 03221 Dues are still \$10.00 per year. Please bring a donation for the food bank. Past and present members are invited.

**Yard Sale**

St. Peters Lodge will be having a yard sale on Saturday May 26th from 8am till sold out. It will be held at the First Baptist Church on Main St. across from St. Peters Lodge. All benefits to go to local charities. All are welcome to participate.

**Newbury**

**The Fells**

**Annual Heather Pruning,** Saturday, May 5, 10:30am-noon (rain date, Saturday, May 12) Learn about gardening with hardy and beautiful heather as you join members of the Northeast Heather Society while tending The Fells heather bed.  
**How to Design a Kitchen Garden** Saturday, May 5, 1-4pm In this workshop, Ellen Ecker Ogden, a food and garden writer, presents original designs from her book *The Complete Kitchen Garden* and teaches how you can turn a basic back yard into an elegant European-inspired kitchen garden design. Members \$20, non-members \$30. Advance registration required by April 30.

**Out and About for Preschoolers:** Rocks and Dirt, Tuesday, May 8, 10-11am. Children explore many of the fascinating rocks found at The Fells and learn how rocks change over time to eventually become part of the soil.

**National Public Garden Day** Friday-Sunday, May 11-13, 9am-5pm Join in a nation-wide celebration of public gardens at The Fells as part of the fourth annual National Public Gardens Day. Admission is free for all the entire weekend.

**Bird Walk for Beginners: Trail Walk** Saturday, May 12, 7:30-9am Peter Newbern, an experienced birder who conducts trips for New Hampshire Audubon, leads this easy bird walk for beginners. Members free, nonmembers pay site admission.

**Tips for Vibrant, Sustainable Gardens & Lawns**

Thursday 24 May, 1-3pm Join Kerry Mendez, popular author of *The Ultimate Flower Gardener's Top Ten Lists* ([www.pyours.com](http://www.pyours.com)), and discover how to grow great perennials. Members \$10, non-members \$20. Advance registration required by May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Season's Opening Reception for Fells Members and their Guests** Friday, May 25, 5-7pm. Be first to view the season's all new exhibits. Complimentary wine, beer and light hors d'oeuvres served. Reservations requested no later than May 18.

**EXHIBITS**

**Return of the Rough Rider:** Exploring Presidential Elections in Time Through the Lens of Theodore Roosevelt's 1902 Campaign Visit to The Fells. May 26-October 8, open during Main House hours. Members free, nonmembers pay site admission. Main House Exhibit Room.

**Native Plants of New England in Art & Sculpture**

Saturday, May 26 through Sunday, July 22, open during Main House hours. This exhibit is a veritable garden of art presented by the talented and innovatively creative members of the New England Society of Botanical Artists and complemented by sculptures from local garden clubs and artists that celebrate the beauty of the natural world. Members free, nonmembers pay site admission.

**Art in Nature: Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit**

Saturday, May 26 through Monday, October 8 This exciting outdoor exhibit features the artistry of local and regional sculptors, including works of all manner, shape and size displayed amid the grand gardens of The Fells Members free, nonmembers pay site admission.

**The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens**

The Fells Main House and Shop commence spring hours. Now open Saturdays, Sundays and Monday Holidays, 10am-4pm, May 26 through June 17. Discover what life was like on an early 20th century New Hampshire summer estate. Ecology Trail. Members free, nonmembers \$10, discounts for seniors, students and families.

**A Walk in the Woods: Trail Walk**  
Saturday, May 26, 10am-noon  
Join trail walk leaders to discover what's blooming, leafing out, singing, crawling and hopping amid the Fells landscape. Members free, non-members pay site admission. No registration required.

**The Creative Eye of Nature: Exploring Our Environment through the Arts: The Art of Changes & Patterns in Nature** Tuesday, May 29, 7-8pm  
Members \$20, nonmembers \$25; \$100 for the entire five-part series (for members and nonmembers). Advance registration required by May 22.

For more complete information about programs, contact The Fells at 763-4789 or visit "www.thefells.org". The Fells is located on Rt. 103A in Newbury

### New London

**"Landscapes for Landsake"** This year Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust will partner with the New London Hospital for our very popular exhibit "Landscapes for Landsake". The exhibit will feature original oil paintings and photographs of selected Ausbon Sargent protected properties. The exhibit may be viewed at the New London Hospital and all artwork is available for purchase. Each of the previous exhibits has been a wonderful success. Info? contact Peggy Hutter at the Ausbon Sargent office 526-6555 or email phutter@ausbonsargent.org with any questions. The exhibit will run from May 25th thru mid September.

**Thursday's Child Dinner Benefit** at the New London Inn Rockwell's at the Inn and the New London Inn once again present Thursday's Child dinners to benefit local nonprofit organizations. Simply make a reservation at Rockwell's at the Inn main dining room or the Tavern and 50% of the profits from the evening will go to Ausbon Sargent. Reservations at 603-526-2791 or <http://www.thenewlondoninn.com/> Thursday, May 31, 2012

### Warner

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### Spring Into Warner

The Warner Retailers group of the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes spring with a family-oriented arts festival in Warner from 10am to 4pm on Saturday May 19. The town will be filled with art, music, crafts and more for all to enjoy.

Local artists will demonstrate and musicians and dancers will perform at venues along Main Street. Children will enjoy building fairy and elf houses, face painting, story time and crafts. The whole family will want to tour the New Hampshire Telephone museum for free, see the fire trucks at the Warner Firefighters Museum, meet animals from the W.I.L.D. Center and Zoological Park of New England at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and take a horse-drawn wagon ride.

The library will have movies and a children's book sale, the Warner Historical Society will hold a barn sale, Main Street Bookends will have

a book sale and the United Church of Warner will offer a bake sale, a barbeque lunch and a quiet respite place.

The fun continues that evening with a MayFest concert arranged by the Kearsarge Conservatory for the Performing Arts with food catered by the Maples.

Check [kearsargechamber.org](http://kearsargechamber.org), the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce website, for a complete listing of activities, times and places.

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Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, registered nurses all over the country will be honored.

Traditionally, National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest healthcare profession, are working to improve healthcare. From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding healthcare needs of American society.

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### Student Ambassador



Aundrea Gallagher of Portsmouth, 12 1/2 years old, daughter of Traci (Ward) Gallagher (KRHS 1990) and granddaughter of Jack and Diane Ward of Bradford, has been accepted into the prestigious Student Ambassador Program.

This competitive program allows students to study the history and culture of the host countries (Italy, France and Greece) during the summer. Aundrea is saving babysitting earnings while her family hits e-bay to raise funds for the trip. If you would like to help sponsor Aundrea's great opportunity, contact Jack or Diane Ward at 938-5270.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office would like to welcome the new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Melissa Cloutier. Melissa's first day will begin on Tuesday, May 1st, so please feel free to come by and greet her.

Some more good news is that starting June 9, the Clerk/Collectors office will be open the Second and Fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 - Noon to handle any of your needs. This will begin as a trial opening to see if it works out for the townspeople. I am very excited about this and look forward to seeing.

Erica Gross, Town Clerk



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## Letters to the Editor



Dear Bridge Board,

I want to thank you for including the obituary for John Hervan in the April Bradford Bridge. We had a very meaningful and restorative memorial service this past Saturday. A good number of friends and family gathered on the back yard of John and Mary's first home in Hicksville, NY. This house became his daughter Holly's home. Two sailors and a naval officer tendered military honors under a brilliant sky.

We snatched a few copies of the Bridge and most everyone read the piece. Nobody really knew about what John did during WWII.

Again, on behalf of all of us, thank you.  
Sean and Jayne (nee Hervan) Eikman

To The Editor

I would like to thank the many well wishers who attended the event commemorating my twenty six years of service to the Town of Bradford in the capacity of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. It was truly grand to see everyone. I shall miss you all and will think of you often as I embark on my next adventures. Thank you again for sharing my day.

Sincerely yours,  
Susan Pehrson

## Your Quiet Neighbors



Did you know that there are 17 cemeteries in our town? This Howlett Cemetery gate opens up the past for us. Stay tuned for details about cemetery tours during the month of July!

## Volunteers needed for Bradford Center Events

Sign up for a one-time commitment to celebrate our town's birthday!!!

Call 938-5372 for details.

May 19, 7pm Bradford Bog People Concert refreshments

June 9, 7pm Mink Hills Band Concert refreshments

Aug. 5, 2pm Kearsarge Band concert refreshments

Aug.11, 10-4 Meetinghouse Tour - Quilt Show set-up, hosts

Aug.19, 7pm Bradford Book Launch Party refreshments

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*Scheffy - continued*

all cases which come into the courts of this state come into the district courts. Most people who ever see a judge see no one other than a district court judge. For that reason, it is imperative that district court judges be respectful of all who come into the court and give the public good reason to respect the judge and the court system in return.

As to my own plans, I can assure you that I use the word retirement only because I have to. I can't leave the judicial branch without saying it. In every other respect, I am not retiring. I am simply moving on to my third career. I spent over thirty-five years primarily as a practicing lawyer, about four primarily as a judge and now I plan to spend another decade or two as a practicing lawyer, a writer of fiction and non-fiction, and, happily, a member of the Sugar River Bank Board of Directors. As to my private practice, it is concentrated on estate planning—wills, trusts, powers of attorney, etc.—and estate administration (the probate court process.) For the moment, I do not plan to have an office outside my home in which to meet clients and will instead continue to make “house calls” or meet in other locations. Private practice was perhaps what I missed most when my judging became nearly full time. I am looking forward to spending more time with clients and trying to help them solve their problems. It was difficult in court many times when it was clear that a litigant (often without an attorney) really needed some good advice on how to handle his or her situation. As a judge, I could not get involved on that basis. Well, now I can.

The best thing about launching my third career is that I am blessed to be married to a woman who could not be more supportive of every goal I have and to be continuously—relentlessly—affirming in that support. I'm not sure how I got to be so lucky but it gives me confidence that my third career will be the best.

Brackett

## Bradford Police Department News

*by Police Chief Jim Valiquet*

Members of the Bradford Police Department held an open house with approximately 100 residents stopping in to visit. During the open house we gave out gun locks and presented parents with Child Safe ID Kits. The kits, courtesy of the Friends of the Bradford Area Community Center and the Bradford Police Association, allow parents to keep, in a safe place, information about their children. These kits include DNA sample preservation. The Officers will be available during this year's bicycle rodeo and during other events so parents can secure their own kits if they would like. The bicycle rodeo will be at the end of May or beginning of June and will coincide with the Town's *Safe Routes to School Project*.

There are a number of scams circulating - two of which have been outlined on Facebook at Town of Bradford Police Department or at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org). Both of these involve the victim's bank accounts. One advises that the victim has won a large amount of money. In the letter is a check. The victim is asked to deposit the check and use part of the check for processing fee

and the rest is theirs to keep. The grand prize will then be sent to them after processing. There is no grand prize and there is no money in the account that the check is drawn against. The suspects will take the check you sent and run. Your bank will then be looking for you to make the money good. The other involves Walmart and a \$1,000.00 gift certificate. When the victim responds, they are told that they have run out of gift cards and if the victim wants their award right away they can give the caller the account number and the company will deposit it right away. Anthony Shepherd has been a part time officer with the Town of Bradford since February of 2005. Tony is a graduate of the University of California and was accepted to the Bar in New Hampshire in 1990. He has worked as an Assistant County Attorney in Merrimack and Cheshire Counties. He is currently a full time Police Officer for the City of Claremont where he serves as the Police Prosecutor. Chris Buker has resigned his part time position with the Town of Bradford and is currently full time with the Town of Hooksett.



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## Obituaries

Lawrence E. Bourassa

Lawrence E. Bourassa, 84, of Bradford died, March 31, 2012, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Oct. 5, 1927, in Gorham to the late Felix A and Rose A (Robidoux) Bourassa. He was also predeceased by a son, Roland Bourassa, who died in 2012; one grandson, Robert L. Bourassa II; and one great-granddaughter, Lottie Cline.

He worked as a truck driver for Capital Plumbing & Heating Supply Co. in Concord for many years before his retirement. He was a member of St. Theresa Church in Henniker.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Theresa B (Chabot) Bourassa, of Bradford; five sons, Edward Bourassa of Monett, MO; Robert and his wife, Jennifer Bourassa, of New Durham; Richard and his wife, Deborah Bourassa, of Loudon; Ronald Bourassa of Bradford and Reginald Bourassa of Contoocook; one daughter, Irene Crawford of Allenstown; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



## First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

**Men's Fellowship:** The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, May 2 and Wednesday May 30 at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, pool and refreshments.

**Men's Breakfast:** Our third men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 a.m. After breakfast, the men will watch "snippets" from the Movie Courageous and have a discussion.

**Spring Cleaning:** On Sunday, May 6, immediately following the Worship Service, we will have a "spring cleaning" of the inside and outside of the church.

**Focus Factor:** Youth in grades 6-12 will enjoy the following during the month of May. On Sunday, May 6 and May 27 they will hold their gatherings in the church vestry from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, May 20, they will travel to the Manchester Mall for a "Scriptural Scavenger Hunt" from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. There will be no Focus Factor on Mother's Day.

**American Buffet:** On Saturday, May 12, our church will host an "American Buffet" (all you can eat). The menu will include foods such as American Chop Suey, Macaroni and Cheese, Boston Baked Beans, Country Baked Ham, Rhubarb Pie and good old fashioned American Apple Pie. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. The buffet will be open from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Food Pantry:** The pantry will be open on Wednesday, May 16 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be received by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**Women's Fellowship:** The women will meet in the office building on Saturday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m. The program will include a curriculum based on the movie "Courageous".

**Kearsarge High School:** On Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. students from Kearsarge High School will hold their annual concert at the church.

**Yard Sale:** On Saturday, May 26 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., the organization called "For the Love of Dog" (a non-profit organization that rescues rotweilers and pitbull dogs) will have a yard sale on the church property.

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## MAY CALENDAR

**Tues. May 1st**

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
 12:00 Noon - Senior Dining  
 1:00 PM - Watercolor Class  
 3:15 PM - Baton Class - call 938-6089  
 for registration  
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting  
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class - call Fran at  
 456-3099

**Wed. May 2nd**

7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Adjust-  
 ment

**Thurs. May 3rd**

12 Noon - Senior Dining

**Fri. May 4th**

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
 11:30AM - First Friday Brunch -raffle,  
 door prizes,  
 music of Click Horning!  
 7:00 PM - Book-to-Movie "The Descen-  
 dants", BML

**Sat. May 5th**

10 AM - Noon - BHS - Old Post Office  
 open  
 10 AM- noon- Town Hall Restoration  
 Committee - BACC

**Sun. May 6th**

1:30 PM - Special Party - 12579

**Mon. May 7th**

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

**Tues. May 8th**

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining - Medicare -  
 Anita Oelfke  
 3:15 PM - Baton Class - call 938-6089  
 4:30 PM - BACC - committee mtg.  
 5:30 - Selectmen's meeting  
 6:00 - Yoga Class  
 7:00 - Planning Board

**Wed. May 9th**

6:00 PM - Special Party -10015  
 6:15 PM - Bible Study  
 7:00 PM - Library Book Group "Never  
 Let Me Go", BML

**Thurs. May 10th**

12 Noon - Senior Dining

**Fri. May 11th**

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

**Sat. May 12th**

9:00 AM - Writing Group  
 10AM - Noon - BHS - Old Post Office  
 open

**Mon. May 14th**

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
 5:30 PM - 4 - H  
 7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

**Tues. May 15th**

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
 1:30 PM - Watercolor Class  
 3:15 PM - Baton Class - call 938-6089  
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting  
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

**Wed. May 16th**

6:15 PM - Bible Study  
 7:00 PM - Hazardous Mitigation Plan -  
 Public meeting

**Thurs. May 17th**

10:30 AM - 12 - Noon Blood Pressure  
 Clinic - LSVNA  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining  
 1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic LS-  
 VNA Call 526-4077 for appt.

4:30 PM - Parks and Recreation meet-  
 ing

**Fri. May 18th**

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
 9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic by  
 LSVNA at North Ridge  
 Call for appt. at 526-4077

10:00AM - Friday at the Movies: *The  
 Descendants*

12:00 noon - Café Bienvenue

7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie, BML

**Sat. May 19th**

March for Meals Walkathon Fund-raiser  
 Horseshoe Pond, Concord. Call Phil at  
 938-2104 For details and to pledge.

10:00 AM - noon BHS Old Post Office  
 open

7:00 PM - Bradford Bog People at Cen-  
 ter Meetinghouse call 938-5372 for info

**Sun. May 20th**

1:30 PM - Special Parties

**Mon. April 23rd**

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

**Tues. May 22nd**

9:30-11:30 - Foot Care clinic at Warner  
 Pharmacy. Call for appt. at 526-4077

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

3:15 PM - Baton Class - call 938-6089

4:30 PM - BACC - committee mtg.

5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

7:00 - Planning Board

**Wed. May 23rd**

9:30AM - Trip to Quechee Gorge -  
 shopping, sight seeing, and lunch

10:30 AM -12 Noon Blood Pressure  
 Clinic

Warner Senior Room - LSVNA

6:15 PM - Bible Study

7:00 PM - KRHS music - Baptist  
 Church

**Thurs. May 24th**

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:30 PM - Budget Committee

**Fri. May 25th**

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

**Sat. May 26th**

8:00 AM - Lake Todd Village Dis-  
 trict

9:00 AM - Writing Group

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Library Plant  
 and Book Sale - BML

10 AM - Noon - BHS -Old Post Of-  
 fice Open

10 AM-2 PM Bradford Smithy open

**Monday, May 28th**

Memorial Day Holiday  
 Center Closed - No Meals on Wheels  
 Library closed

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

**Tues. May 29th**

10:00 AM- Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

3:15 PM - Baton Class - call 938-6089

5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

**Wed. May 30th**

6:15 PM - Bible Study

**Thurs. May 31st**

12 Noon Senior Dining

*For scheduling activities and room  
 reservations at the BACC, please call  
 938-6228 or 938-2522*

Monday and Tuesday -  
 Art Lessons For information,  
 contact Becky Darling -  
[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



## Bradford Parks and Recreation Upcoming Programs



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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Ongoing Events

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

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

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

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, /BACC or BML

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

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

Historical Society - Saturdays, 10 am-noon, or by appointment, call 938-5372

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

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

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

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

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

### Getting There

We are finally entering old issues of the Bridge onto the website [Bradfordbridge.com](http://Bradfordbridge.com).

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

Please let us know if you want a particular issue.

### Town Clerk Notices

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

Boat Registration Forms are now available at our office.

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

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

### Meetings of all Town Boards and Committees

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

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.

## 10 Questions from pg 1

tested me and a month later phoned to say that I was accepted. My parents were both very strict and were not thrilled with the idea. I found my direction in life. The Korean War had just begun and two of my friends who were in the service made the conflict come alive for me. One of them was killed and the other seriously wounded.



**Q. What were the highlights of your life before the military? Were you an outgoing person? Did you find make friends easily? Can you tell us about your girlhood in the South and how it differed from your service life?**

I was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. I was a friendly and outgoing person. Memphis, back then, was a big town with a small town atmosphere. My life was pretty typical and fairly consistent with life in a place where people knew each other. The Army was just like my upbringing, very strict and disciplined. Both the Army and Navy took care of their own. You were in a group that cared about you and your wellbeing.

**Q. If you had your life to live over again and the option was available to change it, would you consider another path?**

I wanted to be an opera singer. I had a nice voice and loved to sing. My parents didn't think that was an

appropriate life for a young girl. I imagine they thought that there were too many temptations out there. I look back now and feel that my course was correct.

**Q. Don, you mentioned that you were in some youthful escapades with things like throwing mud balls at trolley cars. When you think back was joining the Navy a way for you to find your path in life?**

I have to say that I was always getting into trouble, nothing too serious, but youthful mistakes. Somehow, I managed to set a fire in my backyard. My dad trained horses, ponies and hunting dogs for Augustus Busch who was the chairman of Anheuser Busch back then. The Korean War had started and a friend and I were going to join the Navy. My friend backed out. I decided to join without him. Everyone was patriotic in those days.

**Q. Did you experience any military action during the war? Any memorable events that were life-changing?**

I was in Naval Air. We flew in multi-engine planes. There was no slogging in mud and tents like the Army. We tracked Soviet submarines out of Newfoundland and Iceland. We had the distinction of being shot at by a "fisherman" with a machine gun on a Russian trawler (happened to be loaded with every type of antennae you could imagine). It was never noted in the news because the government didn't want an "incident" but the bullet holes in our tail made it very real to our crew. Then, I met the most fascinating and gorgeous woman in the world. In 1956 Jane and I were married.

**Q. This nation appears to seek peace but peace seems to evade us with one conflict after the other. Why, in your opinion, and as a former serviceman do you think we can never achieve a lasting peace?**

I think we have to stay out of other people's business. It's not a black and white answer and can never be that. People come after us. We live in a world where terrorists exist; the choices are narrow. I don't think that anything will change and that may

sound pessimistic but it's reality. There are high and low points but we don't seem to learn. Jane and Don agree that peace will not be achieved, "not in our time."



*An Officer and a Gentlewoman*

**Q. Don, you owned a business and are still working at Home Depot as a Design Consultant. You left the Navy in 1969. Do you see retirement in your future?**

I concluded while I was still in the Navy that I was never going to retire. You can only play so much golf. Work helps to keep you occupied. I design kitchens and bathrooms for Home Depot. I enjoy working with people. It is amazing the different people that you meet on the job. I enjoy problem solving. I designed things when I was in the Navy. It's a challenge to make something out of nothing.

**Q. You both came from the south but decided to settle in New England and wound up in Bradford. What attracted you to this part of the country?**

We didn't know much about the New England area but when we found our home on Rowe Mountain that was it. The house was owned by the bank and was really a relic. The realtor took us to our present home and although it was a wreck the sun

came out when we saw it and we were both hooked. That was in 1993. We're still working on the house. It will never be done. We found good neighbors and everyone was happy to see the house fixed and people living in it. We both liked Bradford, warts and all. We never want to move back down south.

**Q. I know that both of you have worked hard and volunteered on committees in town. Where do you see Bradford in the future?**

Both agreed that they do not know the answer to that question but that we need new business in town. There was agreement that they would stay here because the climate was changing with global warming and there were too many catastrophic events everywhere. Nature was sending tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, etc. Jane and Don agreed that Bradford was a good place climate-wise to stay. Add to that, the turndown in the economy and the real estate market in the condition it is now. It's not a good time to try to sell and move.

**Q. It was really good to talk to both of you and learn your history and thoughts. Do you want to add anything to what we have discussed?**

Bradford is a good place. We have lived in a lot of places and traveled extensively. The local people are nice. Life isn't perfect but we are still married and Jane is the best thing that ever happened to me. Jane agreed and said, "We've been married 56 years. The reason must be that we don't always see eye to eye on everything thing but we love each other."

**Town Hall Restoration Committee (THRC)**

The THRC reviewed four "requests for proposals" from firms interested in providing "the architectural services to evaluate the Bradford Town Hall and complete design recommendations to restore the building to code compliance" as voted at Town Meeting.

The Committee presented its unanimous recommendation to the Board of Selectmen who voted to award the contract, within the amount appropriated, to Richard M. Monahan, Jr., AIA, Architects.



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## Selectmen's Highlights

**Personnel Manual:** Selectmen reviewed and signed a comprehensive revision to the manual.

**Highway Department:** Two members of the road crew – Phil Redman and Foreman Houghton – resigned from the department in recent weeks. Road Agent Jeff Remillard suggested that a part-time person be hired on a call basis, with a full time hired by September. The part-time position will be posted in house as outlined in the Personnel Manual.

Work continues on Pleasant Valley Road ditches. Robert Manchester asked if there is any way to limit or ban heavy truck traffic on that road. The Road Agent received estimate for shimming of that road - \$50,100, which would use the balance in that fund. Selectmen unanimously agreed that the money should not be used for one project at this time. The Road Agent was given direction to use the funds for small projects as needed.

He will see about repairing the sides of the walkway to the Community Center that were torn up last winter and is working on an agreement with Warner to trade off use of Bradford's long arm mower for the use of their street sweeper.

Andrew Pinard requested that the

sand on the sidewalks be removed as it is a hazard. Pinard requested police monitor people parking on the sidewalks, specifically in front of the Masonic Hall, the Bank and the Community Center around 5 pm.

**Transfer Station:** At a non-public session the Selectmen, by a two to one vote, promoted Lois Kilnap to the position of Transfer Station Manager with all benefits associated with full time employment.

**Brown Memorial Library:** Selectmen approved Garry Kalajian as an alternate member of the Trustees for a one year term.

**Tax Map Errors:** Selectmen accepted an offer from Perry Teele to work out a system to correct errors on the tax map. He presented three initial corrects and asked for comments on the form.

**Budget Committee:** Chair Dick Keller commented on concerns from the Committee following a review of the first quarter expense report. Several lines are over budget at this point in time. He suggested the Selectmen might follow this a little more closely. Selectmen agreed to review the issues presented and respond to the Budget Committee's concerns.

### Warrant Article Thirty Two:

Bindy Glennie presented letters for the Selectmen's signatures to carry out the resolution approved at town meeting to inform Bradford's Congressional Delegation that Bradford does not recognize corporations as being entitled to the protections or "rights" of human beings.

**Fire Department:** Officers of the Fire Department were elected at the 82nd Anniversary meeting held on April 16, 2012.

Mark Goldberg, Chief  
Chris Aiken, Lieutenant  
Preston Starr, First Deputy  
Rob Steiz, Lieutenant  
Al Brown, Second Deputy  
Steven Hansen, Lieutenant  
Jim Raymond, Captain  
Chris Frey, Treasurer  
Rob Steiz, Secretary

**Safe Route to School:** An application for a road safety audit was signed to request the state to design a cross walk at the intersection of East Main Street and Route 114. There is no fee for this service.

**Sidewalks:** The Town must complete an Independent Government Estimate (IGE) form for consultant construction services before going on to the next stage of sidewalk construction on East Main Street.

**Building Inspector:** Selectmen contracted with Palmer Porter from Sutton to serve as Building Inspector on an as needed schedule. Mr. Porter presented his credentials and advised he has his own liability insurance. He agreed to help the IGE form for the sidewalk.

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

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**KAP Report***by Nichole Wallace*

Spring has sprung and we are celebrating! We've taken to the woods to check out the vernal pools (we happen to have one conveniently located behind the Community Center parking lot), hunt for salamanders (no luck yet...) and brush up on our bushwhacking. We have three new class "pets", tadpoles we hatched from eggs we borrowed from our vernal pool. On a tip from one of our dads, we discovered that Sparkles, one of our class betta fish, REALLY likes live prey (read: mosquito larvae) that we scooped out of the vernal pool water. If any of you notice fewer mosquitoes than normal this year, you'll know who to thank.

We've been loving and soaking up the beautiful spring weather. Our desk is very much back in business. We've got our easel and water table set up out there and we've even gotten to break out our sprinkler a few times. We've also started bringing our bikes to school on Tuesdays. We section off the back of the parking lot to show off our skills and we've got a basketball hoop set up back there as well to play with. It sure is great to back outside again!

In other news, we designed some creative, complicated leprechaun traps in time for St. Patty's Day. We got them all baited and set

on Friday and when we came in on Monday, we found...a mess! A leprechaun had clearly been in our room, leaving lots of muddy footprints and sprung traps in his wake. He managed to steal all our gold bait but, once again, none of our traps managed to steal him. We did enough research to learn that leprachauns are pretty tricky. Maybe they are untrappable? Too bad...we were really looking forward to finding his pot of gold.

Lately, we've been exploring poetry (it is Poetry Month after all) and trying out some experiments we never got around to during Science Week. We found some great animal poems that are fun to move along with and we think Shel Silverstein is fabulous; especially his poem, "Boa Constrictor!" For experiments we tested acids and bases, grew jiggly crystals and made some huge soda geysers out on our deck. And we still have MORE experiments we want to try!

In the upcoming weeks, we are looking forward to Cinco de Mayo, another trip to the Village Smithy, Yoga week and more! We'll keep you posted! Happy Spring everybody!

**Lake Todd Village District News****Saturday, May 5, 8:30 am**

The Lake Todd Village District will be cleaning up its section of State Route 103. Lake residents and others who care about the environment are encouraged to come and help. The group will meet at the Carl's, 57 Route 103 in Newbury.

**Saturday, May 26, 9:00 am**

The Lake Todd Village District will hold a hearing in the Senior room of the Community Center to discuss the budget proposed for 2012. Voters and non-resident taxpayers are invited to attend and contribute to the discussion.

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# Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, 106 participants enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt. We applaud the KRES 4<sup>th</sup> graders who donated their time to stuff all 800 eggs! Special thanks go out to Andrew Pinard. Without his organizational skills the egg hunt would be chaos.

### BOOK AND PLANT SALE.

Come early on Saturday, May 26 for the best selection of seedlings and books. The sale runs from 9am until 2pm.

**BOOK-TO-MOVIE NIGHT.** On Friday, May 4 we compare *The Descendants* by Kauai Hart Hemmings with the movie that won an Oscar for "best adapted screenplay". Next month (June 1) we will compare *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston to the made-for-TV adaptation.

**THIRD FRIDAY MOVIE.** This month (Friday, May 18 at 7pm) we will watch a documentary set in a Brazilian garbage dump that "offer[s] stirring evidence of the transformative power of art and the alchemy of the human spirit". In June we will watch a documentary about Harry Belafonte. "Most people know the lasting legacy of Harry Belafonte, the entertainer. This film unearths his significant contribution to and his **leadership in the civil rights movement in America and to social justice globally.**"

**LIBRARY BOOK GROUP.** Our next discussion is on Wednesday, May 9. We will discuss *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Copies of the book are available at the library. The book group continues to meet on the second Wednesday each month. Join us!

New books added in April:

### For adults

- The Fiddler* by Beverly Lewis
- The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection* / Alexander McCall Smith
- Truth like the Sun* / Jim Lynch
- Wild : from lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail* / Cheryl Strayed
- The Beginner's Goodbye* / by Anne Tyler
- Stay Close* / Harlan Coben
- The Lifeboat* / Charlotte Rogan

### For children and young adults

- A Ball for Daisy* / by Chris Raschka
- Big Nate Goes for Broke* / Lincoln Peirce
- Chomp* / Carl Hiaasen
- Boy21* / by Matthew Quick
- Remarkable* / by Lizzie Foley



## The Role of the Planning Board or What DOES the Planning Board Do?

The Planning Board is one of Bradford's authorized bodies that helps the town maintain its character. Six of the seven members are elected by the town with a representative by the selectmen as a seventh voting member. There are also up to five alternates appointed by the Planning Board.

The role of the Planning Board is to: administer the Zoning Ordinance as it is approved by the voters. be responsible for adopting and administering regulations for subdivision of land, site plans for businesses, and commercial excavation.

Before embarking on any of these activities and to clarify and expedite any application processes, the Board welcomes and encourages people to have a non-binding discussion/consultation with the Board.

All are invited to attend the meetings. With any questions or to be on the agenda for a Planning Board meeting (2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 PM) call 938-2253.

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## Real Estate News

By Laura Hallahan

### Hot Remodels, Redos & Staging Trends

The spring market is upon us and now is the time to let your house shine above the others by making repairs or updates and using staging to your best advantage. Buyers look with their eyes first and curb appeal and the interior condition of the house are key. Unless they are buying a distressed or really low-priced home, buyers want a move-in ready property. With that in mind, here is the most up-to-date list of the top 5 returns on remodeling projects:

Siding Replacement (fiber-cement board is #1)	% of cost recouped is 78%
Entry Door Replacement (steel)	% of cost recouped is 73%
Attic Bedroom Addition	% of cost recouped is 72.5%
Kitchen – Minor Remodel	% of cost recouped is 72.1%
Garage Door Replacement	% of cost recouped is 71.9%

Regarding kitchens, here are 5 low-cost redos buyers will love:

- Hardware – replace handles, knobs & hinges;
- Faucet – purchase a high-quality faucet with an interesting spout, folding neck or hose;
- Lighting – adding an LED under cabinet light can have a dramatic effect for little money;
- Organization – add practical storage such as hooks, baskets, shelves & organizers;
- Countertops – today's laminates can mimic the look of granite for much less money.

Staging is a key as well, with the idea that buyers should be able to see all of the features of the house which makes it seem larger, too, plus they want to see themselves living there and not the current homeowner's stuff. Here are the top 7 staging trends at the moment:

- Mother Earth-Inspired Elements – earthy color palettes combined with neutral tones & accessories such as leather stools, woven baskets, cotton towels;
- Fabulous Faux – votives in a zebra print or a leopard rug, but in small doses only;
- Digital Fabrics – framing a piece of digital fabric is a create way to create inexpensive artwork & popular designs include fern & tree branch patterns;
- Ode to Grandma – lace doilies, quilts, crocheted pieces bring a subtle edge of traditional with a more modern look;
- Faded is Fabulous – we all remember the Shabby Chic trend, well vintage is still in vogue & a faded rug or chipped dresser can complement the room's overall palette;
- Opposites Attract – silk with suede, retro with vintage, think outside the box to give a traditional room a bit of pizzazz;
- Touch the Sky – Mirrors are great for creating space & light & consider combining them with reflective white, blue & silver objects.

#### Recent Sales in Bradford

- 130 E. Main St., 1875 New Englander on 1.60 acres for \$43,000 (foreclosure)
- 24 E. Shore Dr., 1961 waterfront Cottage on .29 acres for \$170,000 (foreclosure)
- Route 103, 5.70 acres of vacant, wooded land for \$15,000 (foreclosure)

There are 41 active and 3 pending residential listings ranging from \$36,900 to \$599,000, 25 active and 2 pending land listings ranging from \$19,900 to \$199,000, 5 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging from \$99,900 to \$675,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. Of the 41 active and 3 pending residential listings, 4 are foreclosures or short sales. Of the 25 active and 2 pending listings, none is a foreclosure or short sale. Of the 5 active commercial listings, 1 is a foreclosure or short sale.

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## A Culinarian's Column *by Caryl Walker*

This was always a popular dish for large brunch caterings at school. You put it together, refrigerate it overnight, and bake it the next morning. I made it Sunday for coffee hour at church and it was a hit! People asked for the recipe and my reply was, "I'll put it in the Bridge." So here it is, kind of bread pudding, kind of French toast!

### Blueberry Brunch Bake 10 to 12 Servings

1 pound day-old French bread, cut in ½ inch cubes  
 12 oz. (1 ½ cup) fresh or frozen blueberries  
 12 ounces cream cheese, softened  
 ½ cup plain, vanilla, OR blueberry yogurt  
 8 eggs, slightly beaten  
 ½ cup sour cream  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 ½ teaspoon cinnamon  
 ½ cup milk  
 1/3 cup maple syrup



1. In a greased, shallow 3-quart baking dish, place half of the bread cubes. Sprinkle with the blueberries.
  2. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Beat in the eggs, yogurt, sour cream, vanilla, and cinnamon. Gradually add milk and maple syrup.
  3. Pour half of the egg mixture over the bread. Top with the remaining bread and egg mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
  4. Remove from the refrigerator at least 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 350oF.
  5. Cover and bake 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 30- 40 minutes longer, until knife inserted in center comes out clean and top is slightly crusty. Let stand 5 minutes.
  6. Serve with additional maple syrup, blueberries and a dollop of whipped cream. Yummy!
- Enjoy!



## Live Wire Openings



Due to a large graduating class of kindergarteners this year, Live Wire Daycare has openings beginning in June or September for your little ones. If you are stressed about child care before and after public kindergarten, and transportation to and from the school, don't worry... we provide that! Call 938-2849 and ask for Jan or Sue. We will do our best to be your solution or help you find one.



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**Transfer Station News**

*by Lois Kilnapp*

Classified Ads

Our official day for the town wide road clean up is May 19th. However we have gotten a big jump start this year. In late February, Bracket Scheffy sent a community service worker to the Transfer Station to help with cleanup. The worker cleaned some roads and produced several bags of trash. Residents are currently and enthusiastically picking up the blue "New Hampshire the

Beautiful" bags, filling them with road side trash and then bringing them back to us to recycle. We have been participating in the New Hampshire the Beautiful Litter free program for several years and we keep gaining town resident participation. Some are cleaning their roads year round, We have bags available all the time.

**TIPS FROM LOIS:**

**HOME DEPOT** is taking compact florescent bulbs and florescent tubes for no charge.

**BEST BUY** is taking unlimited television sets under 32", telephones, cell phones, key boards, mice, radios, stereos, towers and monitors for no charge.

**DISPOSE OF MEDICINES PROPERLY.** Instead of flushing unused pills or potions down the toilet, where they could leach into the groundwater, take them to Colonial Pharmacy in New London for no charge.

**Bradford Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012 Public Information Meeting**

**Bradford:** Local community leaders are taking steps to reduce the effects of Bradford's next natural, technological, or human disaster event. A Hazard Mitigation Committee, comprised of town departments, boards, and emergency personnel, has completed development of the town's updated final draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is required for continued eligibility for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster and project funding.

**at 7:00 PM** in the Bradford Area Community Center at 134 East Main Street, Bradford, to discuss the Plan and to solicit public feedback on the document. All are invited to attend and participate.

The final draft updated **Bradford Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012** is available for review at the Bradford Area Community Center. The associated maps of the plan will be available for review by April 20.

*For more information, please contact Bruce Edwards, Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordinator, at 938-2404.*

A Public Information Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 16**



*Remember, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th*

**Wanted:**  
Birthday Cake bakers for summer events celebrating Bradford's 225th Birthday.  
Sign up to bake a cake for one of these public parties!  
For dates and details, call 938-5372.

Wanted: Designs for new t-shirts commemorating Bradford's 225th birthday this year. To submit your entry, call 938-5372

COMBINED YARD SALE: at the Mill House, 4 Main St. West, Bradford. Saturday, May 12, from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm.  
Rain date: Sunday, May 13, from 8.00 to 2.00.