

# THE Bradford Bridge

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**ADJOURNED SESSION OF TOWN MEETING  
RECONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE FOUR  
BOND ISSUE FOR \$1,767,000  
TO RENOVATE BRADFORD TOWN HALL  
APRIL 11TH AT 7:00 PM KRES - BRADFORD**

## BRADFORD MARCH 2013 ELECTION RESULTS

\* = Elected

### Selectman for Three Years

(one opening)

James V. Bibbo III	86
Marlene Freyler	100
Charles F. Goodale	41
John D. Pfeifle	21
Harold H. Wright	200 *

### Supervisor of the Checklist

for four years (one opening)

Jacqueline Pehrson	417 *
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### Trustee of the Trust Funds

For three years (one opening)

Dawn Pettiglio	397 *
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### Budget Committee

for three years (two openings)

George A. Cilley	347 *
Donald Jackson	373 *

### Planning Board

for one year (one opening)

Mark Keith	402 *
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### Planning Board

for three years (two openings)

Marcia Keller	348 *
Nikki Dubaere	6
Eric Caron	6 *
(coin toss)	

### Trustee Of The Brown Mem. Library

for three years (two openings)

Nola Jordan	392 *
Garry Kalajian	367 *

### Zoning Board

for three years (two openings)

George A. Cilley	338 *
Brooks McCandlish	365 *

### Scholarship Committee

for three years (one opening)

Nancy C. McEachern	409 *
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### Zoning Amendment Passed

**Yes 253    No 190**

## 10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This is our April issue so we think about the glorious summer ahead. The view outside is far from spring or summer since we just had another snow storm; however, the interview this month is with Pam and John Mac Wylie and their Mac Wylie's Farm which is located on 22 acres on a hill in Bradford. John and Pam came here in 1999 with the desire to live off the land. For the first years they both worked and commuted to jobs in Manchester but the sustainable farm is slowly becoming a reality.*

**Q. How did you meet and eventually marry? Was it a storybook romance or more ordinary?**

We met while we were both attending Corning Community College in Corning, New York. Pam felt that it was romance from the start when they first met in English class and John, after some thought, agreed.

**Q. Pam, you mentioned a career in nursing. Would you like to tell me about that?**

For most of my nursing life, I was in geriatrics and worked in nursing homes. I also worked with children in home care. My nursing life lasted for about thirty years.

**Q. John, what was your working life? Did you always dream about farming and getting back to the land?**

I served in the Navy. We moved to New Hampshire where we rented a place in Londonderry and I worked for an electronics company. That

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### Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm  
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Selectmen meet every Monday  
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM  
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Town Clerk/ Tax Collector  
Office Hours  
938-2288

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  
Saturday: (2nd & 4th) 9-Noon

Planning Board Circuit Rider  
Wednesday  
call 938-2253 for appointment

Town offices are temporarily  
located at BACC

## Letter from Editor

As has been often said – we do live in interesting times – and it is certainly the case in Bradford at this time. A record-breaking number of voters attended Town Meeting on March 13 – 309 checked in – standing room only and not much of that. The Fire Department was diligent in checking the room. Accommodations were made for children of voters to be cared for in the school library.

Article Four to raise \$1.767 million to renovate Town Hall received a majority vote, but not the 2/3 required to support a bond to do the work. A motion to reconsider that vote was approved, again by a majority, and will be heard at the adjourned session on Thursday April 11 at KRES. An alternative proposal to purchase Bradford Corners for use as town offices was defeated by a vote of 162 No to 30 Yes.

Review the plans for Town Hall restoration, consider the options and cast your ballot. That will be the only item on the warrant.

The recycling news on back page reinforces the praise Selectman Pfeifle voiced at Town Meeting for outstanding work done by Lois Kilnapp and Ken Anderson at our Transfer Station. Hats-off and recyclables in!!

As spring slowly makes its way, there are signs of improvement and growth in Bradford. Although some of the “Recent Sales in Bradford” in the March Bridge were foreclosures, others were solid sales. Several properties on East and West Main Street are undergoing renovations and plans are in the works to create space in the Merrimack Farm property for new business. The Selectmen have formed two new committees to address Main Street and business development

Spring, growth, improvements - It is time for optimism and moving forward.

*Marcia Keller,*  
April Editor

### KRSD March 2013 Ballot Results

Voters approved the Municipal Budget Committee's proposed budget of \$37,278,065. Both collective bargaining agreements were approved:

\$455,791 for the first year of the agreement with the Kearsarge Regional Education Association.

\$72,159 for the first year of the contract with the Para Educators at Kearsarge.

Brackett Scheffy was unanimously elected as Moderator for the District.

## Selectmen's Highlights

**Organization** Harry Wright was re-elected Chairman of the Board.

Sonny Harris will continue as Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board

**CRDC** Stephen Heavener attended the Selectmen's meeting to introduce and describe the services offered by the Capital Regional Development Council. The CRDC can help Bradford attract business and create jobs. The Council administers the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund, which can be available to assist businesses wishing to locate or expand in Bradford.

Chris Way offered additional help from the NH Department of Revenue and Economic Development.

The two new committees being set up by the Selectmen can call on both of these organizations for help as they move forward.

**Fire Department** Chief Mark Goldberg reported that the air scrubbers approved at Town Meeting have been ordered. The grant for the new generator is ready. He suggested that the old generator be sent to the State auction.

**BIDC** Marlene Freyler announced that the Bradford Independence Day Celebration will take place on Saturday July 6. Atlas will again provide the fireworks.

**Adjourned Town Meeting** The date for the adjourned session to reconsider Article 4 was set for Thursday April 11 at KRES. Other dates, times and locations were discussed, but deemed not practical. Selectmen affirmed that they will negotiate the best terms for the bond, but are leaning toward a 30 year time.

**Police Department Phone** Dick Keller inquired about having a telephone limited to 911 calls outside the Police Station for emergency calls when there is no one at the office. This will be discussed with the Police Chief.

**Solomon Property** Selectmen sent a letter to the owner of the property at the corner of Route 114 and Old Warner Road advising him that the building is a safety hazard. He responded by offering to sell the property to the Town. This would require voter approval.

**Merit Pay** Selectmen will review job descriptions and develop a merit system for pay increases.

**Welcome Packages** An offer was made to put together information packets to be given to new residents. There was discussion of putting such material on the Town web site as well.

*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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### Warner

**Tuesday, April 2, 2013** 6:00 PM  
Main Street Bookends is hosting an informational Session sponsored by NOFA-NH, all about obtaining access to land for farming. Please join us for this interesting evening. Short presentations, meet and greet, and a question and answer session. There will be a farmers market from 3-6 pm prior to the event.

**Saturday, April 13, 2013** 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM  
rabies clinic to be held at the Jim Mitchell Park. Organized by Woodlawn Pet Resort, proceeds from this event go to MainStreet Warner, Inc. for the Jim Mitchell Community Park Project.

**Wednesday May 1** - Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, 18 Highlawn Rd, opens for the season with a new exhibit about "Containers"  
Admission to the art gallery is free. For more information: 603-456-2600, [info@indianmuseum.org](mailto:info@indianmuseum.org), [www.IndianMuseum.org](http://www.IndianMuseum.org)

### New London

**Thursday April 11** - 7 - 8:30 PM  
Engaging Landowners Gathering (2nd opportunity):  
Are you a landowner of significant acreage, say 25-acres or more? Have you ever wished you could get together with other landowners in your area to discuss topics of common interest like how to handle passing your land on to the next generation, how to share your love of the land with your grandchildren, how to attract wildlife to your property or how to deal with wildlife issues like beavers flooding a woods road? If so, Ausbon Sargent's Woods Forums may be just the thing for you!

With help from a Northeast State Foresters Association grant, we will be host five Woods Forums for landowners to gather with each other, have a short presen-

tation on a topic of interest and to engage with fellow landowners on topics and questions they choose. You may choose to come to any of our five meetings, so if you miss this opportunity and you also missed the March meeting, check out our upcoming Woods Forums scheduled in July. Your RSVP is required, so please contact Nancy Smith at our office by calling 526-6555 or e-mailing [nsmith@ausbonsargent.org](mailto:nsmith@ausbonsargent.org) if you plan to join us. Each gathering will be held at a private home within one of the 12 towns served by Ausbon Sargent. Check [www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org) (News/Calendar) to determine where each meeting will take place.

### Newbury April Events at The Fells

**April 4**, 5-9 PM - Thursday's Child at The Coach House Restaurant (New London)  
Call 603-526-2791 to reserve. See you there!

**Saturday, April 6**, 10 AM-noon (session 2)  
Common Garden Pests & Friends: Identification & Control  
Former Fells Landscape Assistant, Tressa Gaffney, leads this workshop on how to distinguish between frequently encountered garden pests, such as moles and Japanese beetles, and the beneficial denizens of the garden like mud wasps and ladybugs (ladybird beetles). She will also discuss low-impact ways to keep the numbers of garden pests under control.

**Sunday, April 21**, 1-2:30PM  
Family Earth Day Excursion: The Mystery and Magic of Vernal Pools. Celebrate Earth Day by visiting a springtime or "vernal" pool - one of our most fleeting aquatic environments. Explore a place where frogs that have been literally frozen in a deep winter sleep have come to lay eggs. Aquatic insects swim sluggishly by wood frog egg masses, serenaded by a cacophony of spring

peepers. Includes investigations, stories and games. LSPA Education Director Kathleen Stowell co-leads this adventure with Fells Education Director Michael Caduto. Members free, nonmembers pay site admission. No registration required.

**Saturday, April 27**, 11AM -noon  
Out and About for Preschoolers: Waking up to Spring, Bird Songs & Nests  
Nothing says springtime like listening to the birds sing and watching them build their nests. Celebrate the season of renewal by taking a walk to learn some familiar bird songs and search for bird nests. Then create your own song and nest! Member child and care givers free, nonmember children \$5. Advance registration required. Made possible by grants from the Lincoln Financial Foundation and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Wellborn Ecology Fund.

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. For more information about any of these events call 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org).

### Newport

Lake Sunapee Bank announces the retirement of Stephen W. Ensign as an employee of the Bank, effective April 30, 2013. Mr. Ensign, who is in his 42nd year with the Bank, will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Ensign served as President and Chief Operating Officer from 1987 to 1992 and as Chief Executive Officer from 1992 to 2012, when he transitioned to the role of Executive Chairman in June of last year. He was succeeded as the Chief Executive Officer by Stephen R. Theroux, who previously served in the roles of the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, first joining the Company in 1987.



## Walter Royal Appointed Building Inspector

The Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Walter Royal as Building Inspector, commencing immediately. The position will include and be part of code enforcement.

In his cover letter applying for the position, Mr. Royal said: "I have worked in construction for over 35 years in residential, commercial, and industrial fields and have been involved in every phase from planning and design to excavation through finish.

"Having worked for several large GC's I have had to develop good management skills and how to prioritize and effectively get things done. I am a firm believer in finding the simple effective solutions that make jobs go smoothly and I have the interpersonal skills to get people I am working with to do a good job and to feel good about it.

"I hope to be able to work for my town in a valuable and productive manner."

To contact the Building Inspector call or leave a message at: 938-5199, cell 491-925, Town Office 938-5900 or Email: [Walter\\_Royal@iamnow.net](mailto:Walter_Royal@iamnow.net).

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Laurie Buchar



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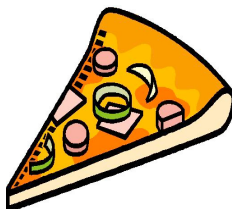
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## 2013 Bradford Town Meeting Highlights

**Elections** The 2013 Town Meeting opened at 8 AM on Tuesday March 12, with three separate ballots – town offices, zoning, and school district. There were 420 voters plus 39 absentee ballots, cast and counted. See election results on page 1.

**Business Session** was opened by Moderator Brackett Scheffy at 7 PM on March 13 at KRES with an overflow crowd. 309 ballots were handed out. There were many non-voters present as well.

**Bond Issue** of \$1,767,000 for renovation of the Bradford Town Hall was presented by Eileen Kelly, Chair of the restoration committee and David Drasba, architect. After considerable discussion, the polls for the ballot vote remained open for one hour as required by statute. With 195 yes votes; 113 no, the tally fell short of the 2/3 required for a bond issue. A later motion to reconsider was passed and this one warrant article will be reconsidered at an adjourned session of the 2013 Bradford Town Meeting at 7 PM on Thursday April 11, at KRES – Bradford.

**Bond Issue** for repair of town roads was amended at the request of the Budget Committee, increasing the funds to \$300,000 and including Pleasant View Road along with Sunset Hill Road and Rowe Mountain Road. The ballot vote was 165 yes, 63 no. Selectmen will negotiate for the terms and conditions of the bond.

**Lease/Purchase Agreement** to acquire Bradford Corners for use as town office space was rejected, also a paper ballot, by a vote of yes 30, no 162,

**Operating Budget** as presented by the Budget Committee was

amended to add \$25,000 to the Community Center to begin needed repairs to the building. The total as approved by the voters is \$1,830,698,00.

**Capital Reserve** funds, totaling \$110,000 were added to existing reserves for Fire, Rescue, and Highway heavy equipment, for emergency repairs to town buildings, and to continue sidewalk improvements.

Voters approved a four year lease/purchase for a new police cruiser, but rejected a warrant article to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for purchase of future cruisers.

All other warrant articles were approved.

*Complete minutes of the 2012 Town Meeting are online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*

## New Town Committees Please join!!!

The Board of Selectmen is forming two new Town Committees. At the Town Meeting of March 13, Selectman Pfeifle announced the formation of an Economic Development Committee (EDC) and a Main Street Revitalization Committee (MSRC).

The two have independent but interrelated goals; to stimulate growth in Bradford. The EDC will investigate the use of town property (like the gravel pit at the Transfer Station) to encourage light manufacturing or 'office' businesses.

The MSRC will work to expand on recent successes: the sidewalk project, ongoing property upgrades on both East and West Main Street, and the planned Town Hall restoration.

Both will collect and organize existing resources that are currently underutilized. For example, there is a Bradford Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) to encourage business growth in Bradford. The fund is currently inactive, but can be put to good use for the Town.

Mission statements for the committees, short and long term goals, action plans and measures of success will be defined by the Committees and approved by the Selectmen.

These are great opportunities to build on our recent successes. Positions on the committees are welcomed and encouraged. Please contact the Selectman's office, 938-5900 to volunteer.

Harry Wright, Chair  
Board of Selectmen

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### TOWN MEETING PHOTOS



*Voters checking in - Laurie and Tate Sweet Brown*



*Budget Committee hard at work*



*Eileen Kelly presents Town Hall plan*



*Attentive voters*



*Louise Clark & Audrey Sylvester cast their ballots*



*Brackett Scheffy swears in Planning Board member*



*Bob Toppi mans the ballot box*



*Moderator Brackett Scheffy opens the 2013 Bradford Town Meeting*



*Doug Troy greets a friend*



*Dartmouth senior Wales Carter home for the meeting with Mom, Leah Keller*



*Melanie Muchow in serious discussion*



Looking for something to do this month?

### Church News

*Come join any one of our activities/groups!*



#### Fellowship

**April 6** at 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Office Building

**April 13** at 8 am Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet in the Office Building.

Men's Fellowship will not meet in April. The next meeting is **May 1** 6:30 pm at the home of Fred Hubley

#### Bible Study Groups

Mom's Group (all moms welcome) meets on **Tuesdays** at 10 am in the office building.

**Thursday mornings** at 10 am Bible study on in the office Building—studying the Book of 1 Corinthians

**Thursday evenings** at 6:30 pm Bible study on in the office building—studying the Book of Revelations

#### Food Pantry

5:30-6:30 pm Community Food Pantry Open

#### Focus Factor/Youth Group

**April 7** 4-5:30 pm Preparing goodie bags to be taken to homeless

**April 13-8-10:30** Saturday-Going to Rise Again Outreach warehouse in Loudon to help stock bus with hygiene kits then to Concord Friendly Kitchen to meet homeless and hand out goodie bags.

**April 21** No Focus Factor

**April 28** 4-5:30 Where do I Plug In? Youth will review Boards and Committees to see where they can plug in their talents.

#### Worship Services

Sundays at 10 AM and Praise and Worship Service on Wednesday evening, April 17 at 7PM

### Bradford 'runs' on Volunteers

Marlene Freyler, Chair of the Bradford Independence Day Celebration, plans to hold a meeting in April to organize this year's Independence Day events in Bradford.

Plan to come, bring your ideas and suggestions to continue and expand this important annual Bradford celebration to be held on Saturday in July 6th.


Call Marlene at 938-2530 for the time and date of the planning meeting or for more information.

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Marcelle Richard attended the March luncheon at the BACC and looks quite fetching with a bouquet of flowers that she won. Celebrate Spring!



This bobcat has been spending time on Lake Massasecum in recent weeks. Mike Kelly took this and many other photos of this beautiful (but dangerous to pet cats) animal.




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## APRIL CALENDAR

**Mon. April 1st**

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
 1-4 PM - Bridge Group  
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting

**Tues. April 2nd**

9:00 AM - Noon - Community Outreach  
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
 12:00 Noon - Senior Dining

**Wed. April 3rd**

4 - 6:00 PM - Special Group #5  
 6:00 PM - Yoga  
 7:00 PM - ZBA

**Thurs. April 4th**

12 Noon -Senior Dining  
 1:00 PM- Mahjong Group

**Fri. April 5th**

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

**Mon. April 8th**

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

**Tues. April 9th**

10:00 AM- Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining  
 1:00 PM - Watercolor Class  
 4:00 PM - BACC Governance Board  
 7:00 PM - Planning Board

**Wed. April 10th**

7:00 PM - Library Book Group  
 6:00 PM - Yoga

**Thurs. April 11th**

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
 1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Bible Study  
**7:00 PM - Town Meeting Adjourned Session**  
**Reconsideration of Warrant Article Four**  
**Renovation of Town Hall**  
**KRES - Bradford**

**Fri. April 12th**

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

**Sat. April 13th**

9:00 AM - Writing Group

**Sun. April 14th**

12- 2:00 PM - Special Group #2

**Mon. April 15th**

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
 1-4 PM Bridge  
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting

**Tues. April 16th**

9:00 AM - Noon - Community Outreach  
 10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon Senior Dining  
 5:30 - 7:00 PM - 4-H

**Wed. April 17th**

4 - 6:00 PM - Special Group #5  
 6:00 PM - Yoga  
 6:30 PM - Budget Committee

**Thurs. April 18th**

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

**Fri. April 19th**

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
 9:30-11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic LSVNA - No. Ridge Apt's Call for appt. 526-4077  
 10:00 AM - Friday at the Movies: *Life of Pi*  
 12:00 Noon - Brunch  
 7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie

**Mon. April 22nd**

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
 10 AM -Trip to Plymouth  
 1-4:00 PM - Bridge Group  
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting

**Tues. April 23rd**

9:30-11:30 Foot Care clinic Warner Pharmacy. For appt. - 526-4077  
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining  
 1:00 PM - Watercolor Class  
 7:00 PM - Planning Board

**Wed. April 24th**

10:30 AM -12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic  
 Warner Senior Room - LSVNA  
 1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
 6:00 PM - Yoga

**Thurs. April 25th**

12 Noon - Annual Volunteer Dinner with Rebecca Rule!!

**Fri. April 26th**

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

**Sat. April 27th**

9:00 AM - Writing Group

**Mon. April 29th**

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
 1-:00 PM Bridge  
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting


**Tues. April 30th**

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon Senior Dining

*For the MVSC call Phil at 938-2104 with your ideas or questions*

*To schedule rooms at the BACC call Jim Valiquet at 938-2522*

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

 **Abbreviation Key**

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 Rescue Squad

The members of Bradford Rescue Squad work very hard to serve the town as well as we possibly can. Most people are happy to see us arrive though on occasion people make complaints about the long response time. We do understand that every minute spent waiting for an ambulance seems like an hour but there are some things people may not know:

- We are not a full time service, according to the state; even though we are paid call time, we are considered volunteers because we all have other jobs and careers.
- The fire station is not manned. We have to drive from home, or where ever we are, to staff the ambulance and respond.
- The state requires ambulances to have two medically licensed personnel on board to transport a patient, and three medical licenses to transport two patients
- There aren't very many of us. We are chronically short of licensed members as it is a major time commitment to earn and maintain licensure. There are twenty-eight shift spots available and only twelve people licensed. We do have three people in training but it will be several months before they are fully licensed. We welcome any interested people!
- We are very grateful to Henniker Fire and Rescue for all of the assistance they give us. Henniker provides mutual aid if we don't have the personnel available to roll Bradford's ambulance.



Welcome  
Spring

## Town Clerk Update

Dog licenses are available in our office; please make sure to have updated rabies information. **Remember to get your dog licensed by April 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid additional fees.**

Boat decals are in and boats can be registered now.

We would like to thank all the Ballot Clerks and Counters for a wonderful and easy election. A special thank you to the Bradford Highway Department, Kearsarge Regional Elementary School and the Livewire program for changing their schedules to accommodate our needs.

We will be open on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-Noon.

Erica Gross, Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
Melissa Cloutier, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

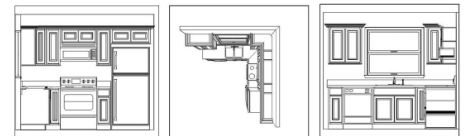
## Ongoing Events

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, 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 938-2119  
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 Monday 5:30PM, BACC  
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was in 1991. We both decided to go back to school and attended New Hampshire Technical Institute. I think that the dream of the land and getting back to the simpler things in life was always there but it took a while to become reality.

**Q. How did you find your home in the woods in Bradford? Was it a long process? Did you know anyone in town?**

I did know someone in Bradford and that was how we found our home and land in the woods, Pam explained. We were looking for a quiet life since we were both raised in small towns in New York State. John came from Horsehead and I came from Avoca. The towns were located closer to Ohio than New York. We were actually both living north of Elmira, New York.

**Q. Do you ever feel isolated up here? You have no close neighbors. How did you name your place Old Mac Wylie's Farm?**

John explained, my background is Scottish and it just seemed to work for us. We are perfectly happy living up here. We have many animals including goats, geese, rabbits, pigs, and one cow. It is really best to live a somewhat rural life for the animals, and the neighbors.

**Q. Tell me about your goat's milk soap? You did mention that your three daughters have sensitive skin and Pam, you were looking for ways to help them in combination with your nursing training and research led you to what became a business more than a hobby. You began to make goat's milk soap. Tell me about the process.**

I started making soap as gifts for family and friends and for my girls to take care of their very sensitive skin. We bought some goats the second year we lived here. The process is very much hands on. We milk the goats then it has to be strained and chilled. I went on the internet and researched the process

of making goat's milk soap. The chilled milk is mixed with sodium hydroxide (lye). (Pam and John both said that lye was vital to the process of making all soap products but it has to be very carefully measured and prepared in order to keep the products safe for the public.) We use a Cuisinart stick blender which is a special blender for this operation. In older times the soap had to be mixed by hand and other primitive methods which took forever. We then pour the blend into a mold where it sits for quite awhile. The soap blends are different designs and have their own unique smells. We have lavender, rose, lilac, patchouli' with different blends and smells for different times of the year. We follow the holidays and the seasons. We also have sun block soaps and soap that helps to repel insects. Goat's milk may help with certain ailments like psoriasis, exema, roseacia, and skin blemishes. We also add essential oils and different herbs. We raise some herbs and plan to do more of our own growing and raising herbs for our soaps. If you don't work the process correctly, you don't wind up with the product.



**Q. Pam and John, you started out by marketing your soaps at farmer's markets and then the web site. Do you plan other changes to your operation in the future?**

John spoke about the possibility of hiring someone to help him with the farm work. I finally quit my job in 2011 and began to devote myself with Pam to the soap making and haying and farming. We recently put up a large barn to store hay and have other places that we grow hay. It is a lot of work and help would

be a nice way to grow our business. We are expanding and are members of "Made in New Hampshire." It takes 45 minutes to make the soap blend and then three to four weeks for drying. We want to live quietly and try to contribute to the local economy. We do plan to grow the business. As of now, we have fifteen goats and would like to expand the flock. We tap for maple syrup, we cook with wood. We try to curb our use of electricity and use oil lamps at night instead of electric power.



*Goat is one hour old*

**Q. What do you do to relax and enjoy yourselves?**

Pam and John together said, "We don't have time for relaxation." Pam did say that she does knit, works on genealogy and scrap booking. For John, the dream of hiring someone to help with the chores is uppermost in his mind.

**Q. You chose to buy and live in Bradford. Was there something special here that you liked?**

We liked the small town atmosphere and fell in love with our house nestled in the woods. It gave us the opportunity to farm and have animals. We aren't city people and were really tired of commuting distances to work. It suits us.

**Q. We didn't talk about your family except that your daughters have sensitive skin. Do they help out on the farm and with the soap making?**

One of our daughters and two grandchildren live in Henniker. They do help out with our farm operation, and my daughter also helps with the farmers markets. The others live further away but do come to visit during the warmer months.



## Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

THANKS 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS! 4<sup>th</sup> graders at KRES Bradford stuffed a ridiculous number of eggs for our Egg Hunt. Thank you all for your community service, we really appreciate it.

BOOK-TO-MOVIE: Our next book is a graphic novel, *Chicken with Plums* by Marjane Satrapi. *Publisher's Weekly* says "The question of what makes a life worth living has rarely been posed with as much poignancy and ambition as it is in Satrapi's dazzling new effort". On Friday, April 5 at 7pm we will watch the movie adaptation. On the first Friday in May we will compare David Lean's 1945 *Great Expectations* with the Dickens novel.

THIRD FRIDAY MOVIE: On Friday, April 19 at 7pm we will watch a "once-upon-a-time" French film about love, family and the beauty of the Provençal countryside. In May we will watch a film that rediscovers a forgotten musician.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: This month (on Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm) the group discusses *So Much Pretty* by Cara Hoffman. Copies of the book are available at the library. We will read *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers in May.

### New Books Added In March

#### For Adults:

*The End Of The Point* / Elizabeth Graver  
*The Art Forger* / By B.A. Shapiro  
*The Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society* / Darien Gee  
*The Abundance* / Amit Majmudar  
*Sweet Tea Revenge* / Laura Childs  
*Finish Forty And Home : The Untold World War Ii Story Of B-24s In The Pacific* / Phil Scearce  
*The Family Way* / Rhys Bowen

#### For Children and Young Adults:

*Homeland* / Cory Doctorow  
*See Me Dig* / Paul Meisel  
*And Then Its Spring* / Fogliano  
*Jinx* / Sage Blackwood



#### Brown Memorial Library hours:

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 Story times every Monday at 10am; Wednesday at 10:30am

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## Home Care Matters

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

### What is Occupational Therapy?

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### About OT Practitioners

- Occupational therapy practitioners are skilled professionals whose education includes the study of human growth and development with specific emphasis on the social, emotional, and physiological effects of illness and injury.
- The occupational therapist enters the field with a master's or doctoral degree. The occupational therapy assistant generally earns an associate degree.
- Practitioners must complete supervised clinical internships in a variety of health care settings, and pass a national examination. Most states also regulate occupational therapy practice.

### OT Services: How Occupational Therapy Benefits You

Services typically include:

- Customized treatment programs to improve one's ability to perform daily activities
- Comprehensive home and job site evaluations with adaptation recommendations
- Performance skills assessments and treatment
- Adaptive equipment recommendations and usage training
- Guidance to family members and caregivers

### Some of the health conditions that benefit from occupational therapy include:

- Work-related injuries including lower back problems or repetitive stress injuries
- Limitations following a stroke or heart attack
- Arthritis, multiple sclerosis, or other serious chronic conditions
- Birth injuries, learning problems, or developmental disabilities
- Mental health or behavioral problems including Alzheimer's
- burns, spinal cord injuries, or amputations
- Broken bones or other injuries from falls, sports injuries, or accidents
- Vision or cognitive problems that threaten the ability to drive

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## Obituaries

**Tyler D. Grace Jr.**, 90, died March 15, 2013, at New London Hospital. He was born in Westboro, MA on Sept. 16, 1922, the son of Tyler D. and Angie (Heyer) Grace Sr. He grew up in Springfield and lived in Elkins for years before moving to Wilmot in 1975.

Grace had been the Assistant Police Chief, Road Agent, and drove a fire truck for Springfield. He worked on Bob and Mary Messer's farm in New London and owned & operated a sawmill. He drove heavy equipment for Wilfred Hastings in Grantham for and Audley Construction in Bow.

Grace served in the US Army Corps of Engineers during WWII in the Pacific Theatre. He was a member of the American Legion Post #40 in New London and a member of the VFW. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting and working on his woodpile.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Esther (LaJoie) Grace of Wilmot; a son and his wife, Daniel and Jill Grace of Sutton; two daughters and husbands, Kristina and Brian Johnson of Unity, and Annalisa and Paul Pelletier of Chichester; two stepsons and their wives, Kenneth and Donna Clarke of Wilmot, and Raymond and Stephanie Clarke of Brooksville, FL; three stepdaughters, Joanne Sawtelle and her husband, Randy of Pensacola, FL, Rita Porter of Manchester, and Deborah Clarke and her husband, Albert LeBlanc of Bradford; a half-sister, Mary Sargent of Penacook; and a large extended family including one great, great grandson. He was predeceased by a half-brother, Jordan Grace.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, P.O. Box 1263 or LSRVNA Association, P.O. Box 2209, both New London, NH 03257.

**Eugene J. Schmidt**, 93, of Concord, died March 2, 2013 at Concord Hospital in the loving presence of his daughter Nancy and her husband Daniel J. Kocsis and daughter Jeanne. He was predeceased by his wife Mildred; his daughter Marilyn Russell; and grandson Joshua Russell.

He was born in Clifton, NJ where he attended schools and met his wife Mildred of 62 years. He had three grandchildren, Jason and Joshua Russell and Jessica Hunt. He also leaves five great grandchildren.

Gene was an Air Force veteran who served his country proudly in WWII as a tail gunner on a B-17. He flew in 18 successful missions over Germany. He often told his family how the crew would examine shrapnel holes in their plane following each mission. Once, the pilot averted disaster by having as much cargo thrown from the plane after enemy fire had destroyed an engine. This prevented the plane from crashing into the Zuider Zee.

Upon returning home from the war, he opened a very successful Gulf Service Station in Clifton, NJ with his father-in-law, Joseph Heller. He maintained this business for 30 years before moving to Bradford. He enjoyed fishing with his grandsons. He loved his raspberry and blueberry orchards with which he and Mildred took meticulous pride. They loved their life in New Hampshire. Gene was a dedicated member of the Bradford Bridge staff and an honorary lifetime member of the Bradford Conservation Commission.

Donations may be made to N. H. Veterans State Cemetery, Boscawen.

**Mrs. Maude J. (Clark) Gibert** Dover, NH, formerly of Saugus, 90 years, died on Sunday, February 24th in Dover, NH. She was the wife of the late Atty. Bradbury Gilbert. Born and raised in Saugus, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Edith (Vickers) Clark. A graduate of Saugus High School, Mrs. Gilbert was an active member at St. John's Episcopal Church serving on the Vestry, Altar Guild, as a lay reader and choir member for many years. She was also a member of Eastern Star Tontoquon Chapter 100. She was a resident of Bellamy Fields Assisted Living for 5 years and spent summers at her family home on Lake Massasecum in Bradford for many years.

Mrs. Gilbert leaves one daughter, Melinda Sullivan and her husband Ricky of Berwick, ME; one son, Dana Gilbert and his wife Donna of Bradford; nine grandchildren, Brad and Jessica Sullivan, Jonathan and Christopher Parsons-Gilbert, Matthew, Jeffrey, Joshua, Elijah and Eileen Gilbert. She is also survived by eight great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Bellamy Fields Assisted Living Employee Fund, 150 Garrison Rd., Dover, NH 03820 to benefit further education for Alzheimer's.



*Obituaries (cont from pg 15)*

**Charles Christopher Palmer**, 27, of Town House Road, Cornish, NH died Sunday, March 17, 2013 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born in Hanover on Oct. 8, 1985. Chris spent his early years in Windsor, Vt. and Newbury, N.H. and graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School, North Sutton, NH in 2004. He had resided in Cornish for the past five-plus years. Since graduation he had worked for Hank Thomas Construction.

Chris had served on the Newbury Volunteer Fire Department for years and had been the Lt. on Engine 2 for the past 10 years. He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Parish in Newport and was a member of the Police Fire E.M.S. Foundation. Chris loved fishing and being with his boys. He enjoyed maple sugaring and carpentry and built his present home while restoring the old family farm for his future home.

He is survived by his wife of six years, Jessica (Orlowski) Palmer; two sons, Charles A. and Steven P. Palmer, all of Cornish; his parents, Charles E. "Chuck" Palmer of New London, and Tracey A. (Bailey) Palmer of North Sutton; two brothers, Devon and his wife, Samantha Palmer and their sons, Logan and Matthew of Newbury and Ryan Palmer of Concord; a sister, Caitlin Palmer of North Sutton; grandfathers, Charles S. Palmer of Seaford, N.Y. and Arthur W. Bailey of Claremont; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

Burial will be in Booth-Sherman Cemetery, Newbury, NH in the spring. Memorial contributions in Chris' name may be made to the NH Police Fire E.M.S. Foundation, P.O. Box 520, Epping, NH 03042.



## Library Telescope Available for Checkout!

Thanks to an initiative from the New Hampshire Astronomical Society (NHAS) and funding from the Library Trustees, Brown Memorial Library now offers the loan of a wonderful new Orion StarBlast telescope. The library will sponsor a Sky Watch with the NHAS on the library lawn Friday, May 10 or Thursday, May 16. The Sky Watch will begin at 8:30 pm with a short introduction in the library. Plan on a late night. Bring sleeping bags for the kids, a thermos of hot tea and join us for an introduction to the fascinating science of Astronomy. What will you see?

This program depends on clear weather, so please call (938-5562) or check our web page ([www.brownmemorallibrary.org](http://www.brownmemorallibrary.org)) for the latest information.

Brown Memorial Library card holders may request the telescope on a first come, first served basis. The telescope circulates for one week and we will ask you to sign a Telescope Borrowing Agreement. Brown Memorial Library is located at 78 West Main Street in Bradford. We are open Monday from 10-8, Wednesday from 10-7, Saturday from 10-3 and Sunday from 11-3.



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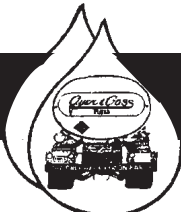
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## Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

### White Pine Blister Rust

Early in April, when the woods still cling to browns and grays, a bright green has broken through. George and I took a walk up Goodwin Hill a few years ago to try to put a name and a story to a plant he'd been watching year after year. It sprawled up against a wall in diminutive Day-Glo splendor. The leaf shape was clearly one of the eight possible currants and without identifying flowers, we resorted to other tactics. The crushed leaf packs a scent that even our atrophied human olfactory senses can detect. The identification of *Ribes glandulosum*, or 'skunk currant', was secured. The winter-weary and notoriously unfussy deer are unlikely to browse here.

This particular skunk currant colony lives along a stonewall in a mixed pine/oak forest. A few hundred years ago, the white pine in New England was the most impressive tree around. Growing its best in sheltered river valleys, it reached a height in excess of 200 feet and a diameter of eight. The British admiralty, who had been cobbling together ship masts of lesser stock, were so astounded by these that as early as 1691 the King claimed ownership of all white pine 24" and over. Special ships were built to carry them. Curveless roads (mast roads) were created to haul them to port. They were ordered marked with the sign of a 'broad arrow' to safe guard them from the unruly colonials. The trees fell anyway. Bradford Pines State Park on Route 103, hosts a remnant few examples of really tall pines.

With the western migration of the sheep industry in the mid-1800s, pine quickly took advantage of an ecosystem brand new to the continent - abandoned pastureland. By the 1900s, the logging of the fast-growing and versatile pine became a major industry. This is why people got rather agitated at the turn of the century when a fungus was introduced from Asia via Europe.

Photographs of white pine blister rust are as gruesome as those in any human medical journal. Words like 'canker', 'pustules', and 'blisters' appear frequently. One has to admire the complexity of this pathogen that has devised such a convoluted path to carry on its existence of optimistic perpetuity.

*Cronartium ribicola*, pine blister rust, alternates between the five-needled species of pine and all species of *Ribes* - the gooseberries and currants. The vernal form of the minute fungal spores can travel hundreds of miles from infected pine to *Ribes*. There they cause a symptomatic discoloration of the leaves. As the summertime fungal factory gets underway, a different form of spore travels to infect other *Ribes* nearby. In the autumn, nearly microscopic telial columns form on the undersides of the *Ribes* leaves and produce the spores that will travel to pine needles where the cycle continues. Affected pines may die.



The war on blister rust approached a national security issue in the 1930s and 40s. Currants and gooseberries became enemy insurgents. The Civilian Conservation Corps and dozens of other work parties and landowners scoured the countryside destroying *Ribes*. Millions of tolerant red pine were planted in neat rows that can still be seen today. This campaign was interrupted twice by world wars,

which were less successful at creating a lasting peace. The rust wars cost the temporary loss of millions of ribes plants, but in actuality, the currants, fungus, and pines have worked out a level that they, and we, can all live with. The sale of gooseberries and currants here is still restricted however, and we pay premium prices to import these fruits from countries far more blasé.

During the height of the uncomfortable adjustment to the presence of blister rust, someone in New Hampshire got the notion that the foresters combing the forests south of the Whites for gooseberries and currants could map the thousands of miles of stonewalls at the same time. 'Stone maps' trace their routes in the hunting of skunk currants among the pines.



## Letters to the Editor

### To The Editor:

My husband and I have been residents of Bradford for 10 years now and we truly love this family friendly town. For the majority of those 10 years, we have heard much talk about the need to attract businesses to town so that the tax burden on each family can be reduced.

It has become quite apparent to us that many have their hopes on revitalizing Bradford hinged on one effort, namely the Town Hall Restoration (THR). As wonderful as this would be, we would like to point out that this requires the town to borrow the money and to negotiate a term for the note. This means that each taxpayer will, in effect, have another loan to pay (roughly \$43-\$157 per year depending) in addition to the increases we will already encounter with all the other essentials voted for at Town meeting (roughly \$1.42 per \$1000).

While most of the items at Town meeting are annual expenses, paid for through our yearly taxes, the THR expense would be an ongoing debt for the length of its term. If the reconsideration vote for the THR passes, another \$43 to \$157 per year will be added to the annual expenses next year.

We presently live in a trying economy, which has seen a record number of Bradford home foreclosures and business closings, and as such it is just not financially responsible to spend money on a "want" verses a "need".

Sincerely,  
Mike & Mary Bellino

### To the Editor:

I am proud of Bradford. We are a diverse and passionate group of people! This year's town meeting celebrated that fact with record voter turn-out. Many disparage our town for our hot debates and disagreements. But I submit that this has been an important and positive part of our collective identity since the incorporation of the town. Early settling families vied for first rights. Dozens of civic and religious groups jockeyed for prevalence in Bradford Center. And yet, they all agreed on one thing...a town needs a place to gather and talk.

That is why the Town Hall was built at the Center in 1796. That is why it was moved to Main Street in 1863. That is why we need to restore it in 2013.

Our recent town meeting was a perfect demonstration of the need for a central gathering place. The well-designed proposal includes enough space between the auditorium upstairs and satellite space downstairs to seat more than 300 people. This would afford us a hall big enough so that everyone who was crowded at the entrance of the school this year could have a seat and discuss the issues.

The original door latch that adorned the Town Hall was inscribed with the following words:  
While Truth and  
Benevolence Reign  
Within the Angels  
Keep the Door.  
(Illustration by Ann Eldridge)



We must uphold this motto today. As a community, we can be the angels that honor the past, embrace the present, and inform the future by working together to restore our Town Hall.

Laurie Buchar

### Letter to the editor:

There is a point that was not made clearly enough to voters at town meeting, especially to those who are new in town, regarding Town Hall restoration: the town offices can not stay at the Bradford Area Community Center. Bradford has been granted temporary use of the space, but this violates the terms of the grant that made the Community Center possible. The town offices need a permanent home.

Any major municipal project takes several tries to get it right and get it passed at town meeting it seems. The problem of the town offices has been discussed at many town meetings for many years now and we've been getting by on expensive patch fixes. We have already spent tens of thousands of dollars on studies that demonstrate that the town hall can be renovated within the guidelines of its historic status making useable space that will last for generations. This work was incorporated in the current design that is before us.

Let's finally do it this year while the rates are low. Let's get on with grant applications to reduce the costs to the town. Let's pull together to donate time and resources where appropriate. Let's get the town hall in shape now to attract income with a restored second floor. It's time.

J. Ann Eldridge





To the Editor:

The passion I possess for our Town and our Town Hall, was well put by Brackett Scheffy's grandfather, John G. Brackett at our Town's Sesqui-Centennial in 1937, "It is sir, as I have said, a small town, and yet there are those who love it". In the spirit of this statement, I offer my thoughts on our inherent obligations to be good stewards of the natural and anthropogenic features we are privileged to inherit.

There are many practical and economic reasons why we should renovate our beloved Town Hall. Some, less tangible, but equally important issues, provide a sense of connection and permanence of social, governmental and economic integrity.

We must recall that this beautiful structure was assembled at a time when our ancestors were making tremendous sacrifices engaged in a great Civil War. Despite this and faced with many social and economic hardships, the people of our good town managed to rally and collectively focus their energies to establish our Town Hall at its present location. We have an extraordinary, but ever-vanishing, classic Northern New England village - Town Hall, church, library, firehouse and early colonial homes all in close proximity, pleasantly situated on a gently rolling hill.

Rare historical treasures such as our Town Hall belong not only to the people of Bradford, but to those well beyond our political boundaries. This decision is about character, responsibility, sacrifice, personal and political will, and participation- the cornerstones of our government.

We all have the power to choose. The choices we make shape our lives and the lives of those around us and greatly influence the path we and others follow. Let us all appeal, as Lincoln once stated, "to the better angels of our nature" and support the well-deserved restoration of our true treasure. It is the right thing to do, and it is the right time to do it.

Sonny Harris, Selectman

To the Editor:

Bradford's 1797 historic Town Hall stands in the center of town looking dignified, but not happy. It has nothing else to do for the most part; its usability limited by modern safety, fire and building codes.

At 88 years of age, I do remember Town Hall as a vibrant and happy place for the community where we went to vote, dance, enjoy movies, graduations, and mid-winter bake sales.

Times have changed, but Town Hall once again could bring life to the center of town. What's needed is a safe, secure building for town business, and access to a fire-sprinkled 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 220-seat auditorium.

On Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm, we voters have a chance to reconsider the majority "YES" votes cast at Town Meeting to reach a 2/3's vote needed to pass the bond. I, for one, would like to see Town Hall have a life again.

Marge Ginepra  
Bradford, NH

To the Editor:

There are many numbers flying around out there that have an affect on the tax rate, based on rebuilding the Town Hall. Article 4, however, is just one part of the overall budget, a budget that is well in hand, and one of the reasons that the Budget Committee supports this article.

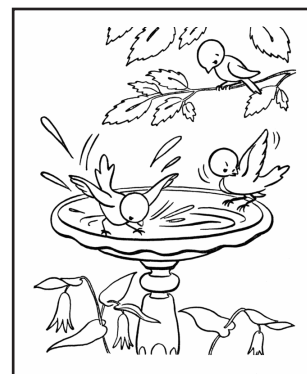
It is the accumulation of all the approved items in the warrant, the bottom line, on which the Town's tax rate is based. No one single item.

It is this accumulative number that the Budget Committee is concerned with, to avoid if possible, spikes in the tax rate itself. At this meeting, with the 2012 expended budget as a guide, we recommended increasing the road reconstruction bond and recommended the bond for the town hall. We moved ahead with needed items for the Fire Department, added \$25,000 to repair the Community Center Building, and stayed within last year's budget.

In 2014, when the impact of the two bonds is applied, we see the bottom line remaining as it was in 2012 - a flat tax rate.

We must move ahead within a reasonable pace and with the Town's support, we will.

Dick Keller, Chair  
Bradford Budget Committee



## Letters to the Editor (cont)

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Great question and I wish I had a great answer; well perhaps I do. In the past we have taken the monies and not the time to repair our town. Typical of small towns of limited funds, we have put patches on top of patches and we end up with one big costly patch when we should have bought a new inner tube to begin with. We now have a chance to buy that inner tube at the best terms and conditions we will ever see. Also in the past, few people wanted to stand up and take responsibility and accountability for what was done in town. Almost like giving a contractor a blank check, walking away and hoping for the best. It does not work that way, as you can see. We have a Selectboard, Budget Committee and Town Hall committee that have spent many, many hours with qualified people to restore our TOWN HALL. We currently have a Board of Selectmen to see that the job is done correctly, at or below the price quoted. We also have a large group of resourceful people committed to aggressively obtaining grants to off-set the cost. I really think the answer is for more of us to get involved in what goes on in our town. The answer to the proposed question may be it's something our children grand children and their children will enjoy with a great deal of pride. It is all about leaving the place better than we found it. Thanks for your consideration.

Bob Lincoln

Letter to the Editor,  
Bradford Bridge:

My thanks to the voters of Bradford for expressing their confidence in me at the polls in the election of March 12. I'll do my best to serve the Town well in the coming three years.

After several years of economic doom and gloom, we are at the beginning of a more optimistic period. It is being shown in downtown Bradford with home renovations, commercial redevelopment, the sidewalk project(s), and the Town Hall restoration effort.

I look forward to a second term with a generally more positive attitude among the townfolk and the opportunity to stimulate both growth and local pride. As always, these things can't be accomplished by the Selectmen and Town staff alone. Volunteers are key to our progress. I thank those who participate on a regular basis, and invite anyone to participate - you will meet some really interesting people.

Harry Wright

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## MEMORIES

I came across the enclosed picture recently in my records here and thought you might publish it in a future Bridge. Two of the men recently died, Jack Maxfield and his friend, Bob Messer. They either lived in Bradford or Newbury, or were well known summer residents. My mother, Maxine Hammond, reproduced the picture years ago for the sons of the men pictured.



My father, David Hammond, often took these teenagers on overnight rides into the hills of Bradford. And according to the prevailing style of the 1930's, they all dressed as cowboys. I estimate the picture was taken in the late 30's. Bob Messer told me last summer that they stayed overnight at an old lumber camp that they called "Yellow Jacket Ranch".

The riders from left to right are: David Hammond, Bob Messer, Bob Maxfield, Ralph Messer, Jack Maxfield and Frank Felton. I knew them all and often babysat for their children.

Nancy Hammond Isaacson



There is nothing like the sight of leaping lambs to signal the advent of spring. In the 1880s, there were almost two thousand sheep in Bradford, which was twice the population of humans! In this old photo, Oscar Johnson has just managed to grab a pair of frisky lambs in his pasture on the shores of Lake Todd. Oscar ran the "Lakeside" which is still a local favorite, the "Appleseed."

## Parks and Recreation Committee

The summer schedule is in development, but to get you started, tentative events planned in May are:

Baton Twirling Classes on Tuesday's beginning May 7th 3PM - 5 PM at the Bradford Area Community Center

French's Park Clean-Up Saturday May 18th 9AM at French's Park

If you are interested in learning more about Bradford Parks & Rec, please join us at our next monthly meeting. Our meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month at the BACC at 4:30. For more information about any of these events call 938-6228 and leave a message for a member to get back to you.



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## Joe Conway to Run the Boston Marathon

On April 15, Joe Conway of Bradford will be running in the 117th Boston Marathon to help conquer cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team.

Joe, along with more than 550 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston with a goal to raise \$4.6 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Like many of his teammates, Joe's story is personal. Joe will be spending his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, "running to honor the Life, Courage and Spirit of my wife, Maryse, and for all the people that are touched by cancer. The effects reach far beyond anything that one can imagine. Lives are changed forever."



Maryse, a member of the KRSD family and the office manager at the Kearsarge Elementary School Bradford, lost her fight with cancer on December 14, 2011. Her loss is indescribable. However, her optimism, positive attitude and joy for life have been, and continue to be, a true inspiration to Joe and to all those whom she has touched.

Joe states, that "Running 26.2 miles is nothing compared to what Maryse and the many people I've met have gone through in their fight against cancer. But supporting the Barr Investigators and their critical scientific strides will make my training and run all the more worthwhile. I am humbled by what they endured and the positive and inspiring attitude they maintained throughout it all. Until now I have never shared one of my last moments with Maryse. As we held each other she asked me to 'promise that you will never give up my fight', so here I am continuing her wish, guided by her spirit and will of never giving up."

My motto:

***What we do Matters!***

***We can make a difference! We can help find the cure!***

If I can help change one person's life..... then I've won. ☺

All of the funds raised, 100%, benefit Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports cornerstone science research in its earliest stages, providing researchers with critical resources to test their leading-edge ideas. Findings from Barr program research can provide novel clinical insights as well as the results necessary to seek additional federal funding.

Since its inception in 1990, the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$56 million for the Barr Program. Dana-Farber Trustees J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver founded the Barr Program in 1987 to honor Mrs. Weaver's mother, Claudia Adams Barr, who lost her battle with cancer in 1957. In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association, which organizes the Boston Marathon.

Joe has set a personal fundraising goal of \$10,000 and is well on this way to reaching the finish line. To contribute or help Joe: Just visit his website at: <http://www.runDFMC.org/2013/joec> or, you can send a check made out to the "Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge", directly to Joe at: 3008 State RTE. 114, Bradford, NH 03221.



## Bradford Roads Posted

Per RSA 231:191, Bradford Road Agent Barry Wheeler has posted town roads from March 11 to May 1, 2013 limiting travel to vehicles less than 6 tons. The Road Agent or Bradford Selectmen may be contacted for waivers based on weather conditions on individual basis. Please call 938-5916 (Highway) or 938-5900 (Selectmen's office) for further information.



## Parks & Rec Snowman

The kids participating in Parks and Rec. took advantage of a snowy day to decorate the Community Center lawn. Feast your eyes on this dapper gent; he's starting to shrink.



## Ice Fishing Derby



Snowy Day on the ice

Luke Verta honorary "fisherman of the day" with Fritz Von Beren. Luke won a prize winning fish in each category of pickerel, crappie and perch. Due to our derby rules, he can only win one trophy/gift certificate.



Group picture of all the winners. Grace Hall, on the left with largest trophy, caught the largest fish of the day – a 23 1/8" pickerel.

## Bradford Women's Club

Although the club is in a hiatus for the time being, we will still be having our dinner in May and we will still be giving out a \$500 scholarship.

The BNS Women's Club Scholarship is available to all women in the three towns. If you are continuing your education or starting your college freshman year, this is open to you. Applications are available at Kearsarge High School Guidance Department. Ending date is April 30. If you have any questions, please contact Jackye Pehrson 938-5951.

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## Town of Bradford, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled In 2012</b>	<b>Environmental Impact!</b> Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	8701 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 885,414 hours!
Paper	90.98 tons	Saved 1,547 trees!
Plastics	10.742 tons	Conserved 16,113 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	38 tons	Conserved 37,632 pounds of coal!
Steel Cans	16020 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 416,520 hours!