

Bradford Bridge

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April 2017

Highlights from the Town Meeting

by Kathleen Bigford

Photos by Mary Keegan-Dayton

Brackett Scheffy whose great, great, great grandfather was the first Town Moderator in 1787, called the meeting or order. He thanked all of the election officials for their hard work and perseverance during the storm that fell on the March 14th Town Election.

Selectman John Pfeifle thanked and congratulated Dick and Marcia Keller on all they have contributed to the Town of Bradford over the last several decades. The Kellers were presented with a replica 1850's map of Bradford commemorating their service to the town.

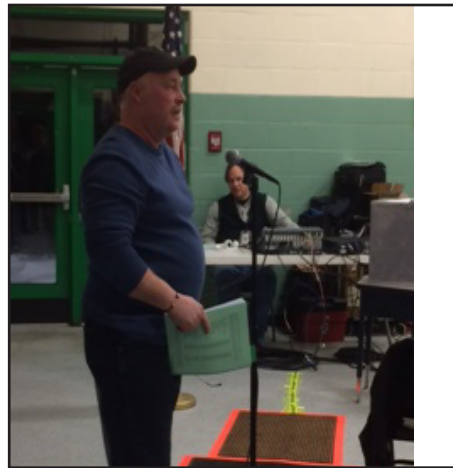


Kearsarge Regional School District Balloting Results

School Moderator,
Brackett Scheffy
For School Board Member,
Andrew Pinard
For Municipal Budget Committee,
James V. Bibbo III

Question 1: The Budget. Option "C" (a decrease of \$350,000), passed.
Question 2: Approval of collective bargaining agreement, passed.
Question 3: \$25,000 for Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, passed
Question 4: \$50,000 for the School Buildings Maintenance Fund, passed

A round of applause for Barry Wheeler, Town Road Agent, followed appreciation voiced by Selectman John Pfeifle for the exceptional job Barry and the road crew have done during the past year.



Article 4 about restoring the Bradford Town Hall passed. There were 172 ballots cast. A 2/3rds majority vote of 115 was required to pass. YES 132 NO 40

Article 5, The Budget. All line items on the proposed budget passed with little discussion.

Article 6, the article to investigate adjusting the Bradford/Warner town line passed.

Articles 7 and 8, proposing investigation of traffic roundabouts at the two main intersections in town, did not pass.

Article 12 about the purchase/lease of a John Deere 4WD loader passed as amended after over an hour of discussion.

All subsequent articles passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm Details of the Town Meeting can be found at www.bradfordnh.org, "Announcement: Town Meeting Minutes 03.16.17

Town of Bradford Balloting Results

In the words of Moderator Brackett Scheffy, "Thank you to all those who are brave enough to put their names of a ballot."

Selectmen

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Jaqueline V. Pehrson

Trustee of the Trust Fund

Michael C. James

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library (3 Years)

Connie Scheffy

Patty Furness

Annette Leonas

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Mary Keegan-Dayton

Scholarship Committee (2 years)

Kathleen Bigford

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From the Editor

*The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May . . .*
Robert Frost, Two Tramps in Mud Time

These words come of mind each April. As March ends with the snows of mid-month slowly receding, maple houses steam producing another year's supply of syrup, and new bird songs give small promises of warmer days to come.

I have been thinking about stories lately and the ways that we use them to communicate. Stories are a way to inform in an entertaining way. There are the daily stories which keep us current and which may take some time to confirm. These are not always entertaining, but necessary to keep track of what's happening in the world. Even though stories have a connotation of being untrue, they can take many different forms -- fiction, non-fiction, poems, songs, journals, blogs, maps, movies. It's a pleasure to put together the stories of Bradford for The Bradford Bridge.

Bradford enjoyed a relatively calm town meeting this year. Here at The Bridge we're happy that the Town Hall Renovation story will continue as the voters passed the bond article. We'll be keeping you posted as work progresses.

For the next few months read a continuing story from the WWI era when Bradford's own Will Cressy entertained the the country during the War to End All Wars.

This just in -- The old furnace at the Library died the Saturday after voters passed an article to replace it. A new one is up and running. Timing is everything.

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Kathleen Bigford
Co-editor



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A LAUGH A MINUTE
Will Cressy 1863-1930
Part 1 of 4

This is the first in a four-part series by Laurie Buchar. It introduces a new exhibit featuring artifacts and writings by local vaudeville star Will Cressy. Items will be on display at the Bradford Historical Society from Memorial Day through Columbus Day in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of US involvement in WWI. For a full list of area events pertaining to WWI, visit : www.overthereoverhere.com and check the Bridge calendar.

Will M. Cressy was born during the Civil War in 1863 in a house that still stands on Old Warner Road in Bradford. He became a world-renowned vaudeville performer and writer, infusing much of his work with memories of our town. He eased suffering and brought laughter to a world torn by World War I, so we pay tribute to him as part of this year's regional commemorative program, "Over There, Over Here: WWI and Life in NH Communities." Also, we are hosting a Vaudeville Show at Bradford Center Meetinghouse on **Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00pm** in honor of Cressy and his co-star wife, Blanche Dayne.

Will Cressy was the oldest child of Frank Cressy and Annette Ring. Frank owned a grain store and Annette was a Bradford town-daughter and poet. They moved to Concord, where Will was schooled with his brother and sister. During the yellow fever scourge of 1869, the community staged a minstrel show to raise money for victims and their families. There, young brothers Harry and Will made their stage debut as "Musical Artistes and Comedians." By 1888, Frost and Fanshawe of the Ideal Comedy Company came looking for talent. "An offer came...we packed a



trunk, rented two alto horns" and hit the road for thirty-two weeks. Pay was based on an actor's merit to the company and they collected only four weeks of wages, the rest considered training.

Will, did, however, meet his leading lady, Blanche Dayne from Troy, New York during this time. She had acted since age six, when she portrayed Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." She was, by all accounts, a beautiful, magnetic and gifted actress. They married in 1900. "I couldn't get along without my wife. She was the first woman to act with me and I married her...there was never a second woman in any of my acts." (continued next month)

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by Will M. Cressy

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An overview of conservation options/easements for landowners interested in preserving their land, followed by a panel discussion comprised of three individuals with experience working with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, an Accredited Land Trust that serves the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee Region. Question and answer portion to follow. This is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments served.

Thursday, April 13, 2017

7-8:30pm

LSPA Building (the Knowlton House)

63 Main Street, Sunapee Harbor

To register, please contact Kristy by Monday, April 10th at: [603-526-6555](tel:603-526-6555) or kheath@ausbonsargent.org

MAINSTREET BOOKENDS

The Gallery, a show and sale of works created by the many local artists represented in The Gallery. Show runs until May 1.

Story Time at MainStreet BookEnds in The Gallery, in partnership with the teachers from Simonds Elementary School. Wednesday, April 5 - 4:45 to 5:15 pm. School Librarian Joanne Palin will feature some treasures to celebrate Children's Poetry Month!

Celebrate Poetry Month!

Sunday, April 23 @ 2 pm with NH State Poet Laureate Alice B. Fogel introducing her latest book of poetry, *A Doubtful House* - She will be joined by veteran poet and professor, Deborah Brown, author of the poetry collection *Walking the Dog's Shadow*

Wednesday, May 3 - 4:45 to 5:15 pm. Bradford Elementary School teacher Thom Smith reading from books by VT author and artist JIM ARNOSKY

April 2017

SCHOODACS COFFEE SHOP

Sunday, March 26 1 pm to 3 pm - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides during the Maple Festival
Open Mic every Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

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Sunday, April 2 @ 2pm
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Saturday, April 29 ~ 6:00pm to 8:00pm - An Evening with William Ogmundson at the Piano - He will regale the audience with a wide variety of musical selections, particularly from his new album "Phoenix" and will conclude with an audience request medley. William will be joined by special guest Ben Dobrowski for a number. \$20 suggested donation at the door.

The Little Nature Museum in Warner

Needs volunteer tour guides for the upcoming season. This wonderful hands-on children's museum has loads of fascinating exhibits and activities for kids of all ages. The museum is open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from late May through October.

If you enjoy working with children and have a few hours each month to share, we need you. Please contact Director Sandra Martin at 746-6121 or email her at nature-museum@conknet.com.


Bradford Events

Bradford Historical Society
"Sennett, Chaplin, Keaton and the Art of Silent Film Comedy"
April 21, 2017 at 7 pm Professor

Patrick Anderson will give a talk at the **Tin Shop** Film was birthed in silence during the first three decades of the 20th century. Patrick Anderson shows how the social and cultural history of the United States is reflected in the celluloid strips that captured it, especially as the art was developed by these three filmmakers. Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and the Bradford Historical Society as part of the regional WWI commemorative program "Over There, Over Here."

Rosewood Country Inn

April 9, 2:00 - 4:00 pm - Hoppy Easter Egg Hunt at the Rosewood. Free event but must RSVP with # of kids for planning purposes. More details in our events page at <http://www.rosewoodcountryinn.com/events/> or by calling 938-5352



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Students from the Simmonds School in Warner were shepherded thru the legislative process in the House and the Senate by Rep. Clyde Carson. They were successful in having the blackberry named the state fruit.

Pictured: Francis Reid and Owen Blood present the bill to the Senate.
Photo by Clyde Carson

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Holy Thursday Service, April 13 at 7 PM. The Last Supper, Reading "The 7 Last Words of Christ"

Easter Sunrise Service, April 16 at 7AM-Frenches Park, Lake Massasecum, Bradford coffee, cocoa and breakfast goodies following at the park.

Easter Worship Service, April 16 at 10 AM.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry will be open on April 19, 5:30-6:30 PM

Our Wednesday Night Prayer in the Sanctuary continues every Wednesday at 6 PM

Continuing our ministry of collecting clothing for the homeless. Traveling to Rise Again Warehouse in Loudon on April 12 at 4 PM to sort clothing

Dance and Decorum in Old Bradford

Imagine the Bradford Town Hall alive with swaying skirts and dapper attire at the Grand Calico Ball on May Day in 1900. Dances were proper affairs that provided a welcome break from farm toil in the early days. Organizations with colorful names such as the Daughters of Liberty, Odd Fellows and Mechanics sponsored dances as fundraisers and diversions. Folks would come from as far away as Goffstown and Bennington for such events, which were held in various town halls under the leadership of a floor manager. On Dec. 26, 1851, J.W.Morse of Bradford managed the Christmas Ball in the National Hall in Henniker. Dancers stepped to the strains of the "Smith and Lovejoys Waltz and Quadrille Band," who had traveled up on the train from Lowell, Massachusetts.

In 1919, Max Israel and his associates built the Casino on Lake Massasecum where they held dances every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the summer season. They also hosted the Annual Fireman's Ball, which drew hundreds of dancers and raised \$125.00 in 1929. Fifty years later, the Casino hosted New Hampshire Bandstand, an offshoot of the popular television dance show.

Fortune's Barn was always the scene of lively dances. Frank Fortune converted the barn of the former Bellevue House on Cochran Hill to draw dancers with music provided by the Mike Colby Orchestra. Frank, himself, acted as caller for the square dances that arose from the quadrilles of the past. When this barn burned down in 1914 (an echo of the fate of the Bellevue House), Frank built a new barn on the Trow Farm on Fairgrounds Road so the dances could continue. Harriet Douglass remembers serving hamburgers and hot-dogs, while her husband Don took tickets. The only alcoholic beverages on site were stashed in vehicles outside. Attendance improved joyously when soldiers returned from World War II.

Charles H. Ballard saw to it that all area youth had access to free dance instruction. He was the general contractor who built our current Community Center and had an office in the old Dodge's Store building. He established strict rules of conduct and watched over the dancers with the aid of three matronly hostesses, attired in evening dress. Decorum ruled the scene. Teenagers had to line up and formally greet and bid Good Evening to the hostesses. Boys had to wear coats and ties and girls were required to wear dresses and stockings (no ankle socks!). Gum chewing and loitering were not allowed. Ballroom instruction was taught to the sound of phonograph records. At the Grand Ball, however, the school orchestra would play, assisted by the Hugh Flanders Band. At this annual ball, the dancers processed to the Grand March and were viewed by a public audience. The Bradford Town Hall had a "live" floor, due to its springy wood, which enhanced the budding foxtrots and waltzes. Dances continued until Ballard's death in 1942, when the Women's Club maintained the tradition for a year until gas rationing preempted travel. Local lessons then resumed after WW II. When asked if this early dance instruction made him a good dancer, George Cilley says: "My wife says I am, so I guess I passed the test."

By: Laurie Buchar



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Real Estate News

by Laura Hallahan

The HOT Spring Market

The spring market came early this year, just about the same time as the brief February thaw and all reports point to a very strong market going forward. In mid-March the Federal Reserve raised its short-term interest rate target range by 25 basis points, a move that was anticipated yet may have motivated buyers who were on the fence to take action. What will prove a challenge to these buyers is the lack of inventory nationwide and in many of our area towns. Looking at the list below, Bradford has a mere 13 active residential listings compared to a few years back when 38 or more was standard as spring unfolded. That means a buyer who wants to live in Bradford has fewer homes to select from and if other buyers wish to buy the same home, the potential for multiple offers and a bidding war is greater. Of course this is the news sellers have been waiting for and they should be able to negotiate the best terms possible. Low inventory does mean, however, that sellers who would normally list and sell now will face the same problem in trying to find a house to buy and may decide to stay put until more choices become available.

Statewide, statistics from the latest report in January indicate new listings were down 3.3 percent for single family homes and pending sales were up 21.2 percent as was the median sales price, up 6.9 percent to \$247,500. The months supply of inventory decreased 37.3 percent. Zillow reports that low inventory, strong demand and tough competition will be the defining characteristics of this year's home shopping season. To that end, here are some important tips for both homebuyers and sellers:

Homebuyers

Don't regret not starting your home search or house preparations soon enough.

Get your financing squared away early to ensure you can make a competitive offer quickly if you find a home you wish to buy.

Separate your needs from your wants as buyers may have to compromise on location, amenities or condition.

Don't expect to get a deal as a competitive market means leaves little negotiating room.

The same way a seller back in the buyer's market days would offer to pay closing costs or leave a full oil tank, buyers should see if there is a way to sweeten the deal, possibly closing sooner or later.

Use an agent. This is not a shameless plug, but having someone on your side who can negotiate in a competitive market and has a pulse on upcoming inventory could be the difference between getting a house or falling short.

Sellers

Pay attention to curb appeal, a topic we have discussed many times but is so key because buyers start their search online and that first impression is invaluable.

Tackle home improvement projects before listing and be prepared in case the house sells quickly.

Know what you are willing to negotiate and what is a deal breaker.

If your home is not selling, consider a price adjustment or taking it off the market to make improvements so it will be more competitive in the market.

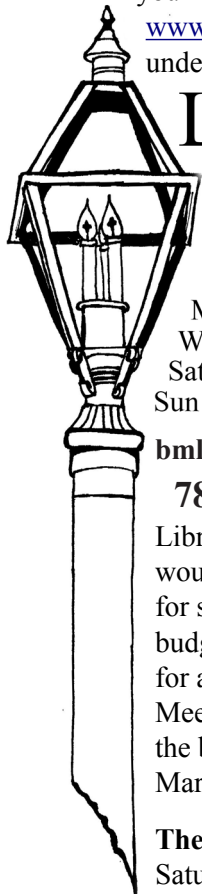
Don't list too high thinking a buyer will pay any price; determine fair market value and price accordingly to create immediate interest.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 509 West Road, 1880 Cape on 16.30 acres for \$95,394 (foreclosure)
- 27 Old Warner Road, 1976 Ranch on 5.70 acres for \$203,000
- 19 West Road, 1981 Ranch on .60 acres for \$223,000
- 0 Old Warner Road, 11.20 acres w/barn for \$70,000
- 60 Hogg Hill Road, 1974 Duplex on 1 acre for \$39,000 (foreclosure)

There are 13 active and 4 pending residential listings ranging in price from \$194,000 to \$539,900, 16 active and 1 pending land listing ranging in price from \$27,500 to \$125,000, 3 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging in price from \$275,000 to \$595,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings. priced at \$45,000 in Bradford. 1 pending residential listing and 1 active commercial listing is a foreclosure or a short sale.

See a listing of new titles added to your library in March at www.brownmemoriallibrary.org, under "New Books".



LIBRARY LANTERN

By: Meg Fearnley

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Library staff and trustees would like to thank the Town for supporting our annual budget and special request for a new boiler at Town Meeting. Wouldn't you know, the boiler stopped working on March 18th!

The Annual Egg Hunt: is on Saturday, April 15 at 11am.

Children of all ages are invited to bring their decorated basket and join in the hunt. Older children may be asked to assist the youngsters. Come inside for a short story time before the hunt. Once again, we are very grateful to the 4th grade students in Bradford who show their community spirit by stuffing 800 eggs with goodies!

Book Discussion: This month on Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm, we discuss *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum. *BookPage* writes: "Dealing as it does with ill-fated romance, Nazi cruelty and mother/daughter guilt, [it] could have been a terribly melodramatic book. Instead, it's sensitive and artful. In the end, this historically specific novel tells a universal story of guilt, forgiveness and love."

Drop-In Genealogy continues on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30. Bring us your questions and we will show you how to search for answers on AncestryLibrary.com.




Forty-five children and parents celebrated Read Across America at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford on March 9th with Dr. Seuss-inspired snacks, stories and games. The mischievous Cat in the Hat spirit lives on in all of us! Next children's event at BML will be the ever-popular Easter Egg Hunt on Sat. April 15th at 11:00 am.




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Here are some comments from those who have read the proposed American Health Care Act (AHCA) presented by Sen. Ryan:

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen says, "... President Trump and House Republicans are pushing a bill that would severely undermine health care coverage for millions of Americans. It takes health insurance away from millions of Americans... decimates the Medicaid program, increases premiums for seniors and older Americans, forces the middle class to pay more for less, and defunds vital preventative and reproductive care for women. ... Insurance company CEOs get a... special tax break that allows health care companies to write off CEO pay over \$500,000 a year.... This tax break for CEOs is paid for by charging senior citizens an additional \$7,000 a year for health care. This bill is a tax giveaway to the wealthy, masquerading as health care reform. It's shameful."

Interview: NPR 3/10/2017 with CEO of Molina Healthcare with Steve Inskeep, "...Medicaid pays for 50 percent of all the births in this country. About a third of the country's children are covered under Medicaid...it also covers half of all the long-term care in the country... it's a big program covering 72 million people."

Sen. Joe Kennedy, "There is no mercy in a cold shoulder to the mentally ill. This is not an 'act of mercy.' It is an act of malice."

Donald Trump tweet, "Despite what you hear in the press, health care is coming along great. We are talking to many groups and it will end in a beautiful picture!"

Susan McKevitt

The family of Richard "Rick" Messer would like to extend their appreciation and thanks to everyone for their kindness during these difficult past months. Rick was an amazing person, as evidenced by the overwhelming number of cards, flowers, food and heartfelt support received from all. A celebration of life will be held on May 27th, 2017 at 408 Fairgrounds Rd, Bradford, NH at 1PM, and friends are invited to come and share their remembrances with the family.

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TOWN OF BRADFORD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2017

The Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee is seeking applicants for the 2017 scholarship. Originated in 1964, the town scholarship has provided financial support over the years to Bradford students who are pursuing post-secondary education.

In order to apply for the scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

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

Applications should be mailed to the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee, Bradford Town Hall, P. O. Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221-0436 no later than April 30, 2017.

With your application, please include a photograph (or digital copy) for use in local newspapers and in the Bradford Annual Report upon selection.

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The Annual BWC Scholarship is available to any woman attending post-secondary education from Bradford, Newbury or Sutton. Applications are available at KRHS. Due April 30. The Annual BWC dinner will be held at the Appleseed Restaurant on May 10 at 6:00. If you have questions, please call Jackye Pehrson, 938-5951

Contoocook Valley Radio Club Establishes Scholarship Fund

Henniker, NH - The Contoocook Valley Radio Club is sponsoring its first annual scholarship opportunity for a high school senior who is planning to continue studies in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field (STEM) and who has an interest in exploring amateur radio. Students interested in applying for this

scholarship can contact the Contoocook Valley Radio Club at KIBKE.org or check in with their high school guidance office. The application deadline is April 8, 2017. Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship fund should contact the Contoocook Valley Radio Club at KIBKE.org for further information.



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Legislative Review

Representatives David Woolpert and and Beth Rodd will be holding “listening” sessions for our constituents in Merrimack District 6, Bradford and Henniker. We will let you know what has transpired so far in this legislative session. Please bring your questions, concerns and ideas for discussion. We have planned to meet in **Bradford on Saturday, April 8** from 10am to noon at the Bradford Community Center. We will meet in Henniker on Saturday, May 6 from 10am to noon at the Grange. We want to foster more communication with neighbors and have input from the communities we serve. We look forward to seeing you. Please call if you have any questions or would like to have more information about legislative issues that matter to you. Rep. Beth Rodd, beth.rodd@leg.state.nh.us #496-0307



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KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



It certainly has been a busy and productive year at Simonds. Our faculty and staff have focused on our continued community relationships between our school, families, students, and local organizations. Most recently we have joined forces with the Warner Maple Festival co-sponsoring a first ever, student art show. We will be displaying a variety of art submissions on the subject of Maple Sugaring or Winter, through drawings, paintings, photographs or sculptures.

~ On May 4th, Simonds will host author and illustrator, Mr. Jim Arnosky, for our seventh Annual Main Street Warner Literacy Day. This is a joint effort between Simonds School, Simonds PTO, and MainStreet Inc. to bring reality and pure excitement to the world of children's literature. At the culmination of the day's events, each student will receive a signed copy of one of Mr. Arnosky's books.

~ Through new leadership and continued membership, the PTO is creating new fundraising opportunities to support Simonds School. Staff and parents are energized with plans in effect for a Spring 'lip sync' event that will be hosted within the community. Additionally, the PTO is gearing up for a school-wide read-a-thon that will culminate on our Literacy Day on May 4. It is through the PTO that our students directly benefit from the hard work and dedication of these volunteers.



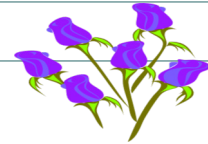
~ Some special highlights this year include two fourth grade students. Francie Reid and Owen Blood joined Mr. Joynt and NH State Representative Mr. Clyde Carson, at the State House multiple times. Earlier this school year, Francie and Owen created the proposal and collected names through their petition to have the Blackberry adopted as the NH State Berry. Recently, HB 262 was approved by the House of Representatives.

We received word that the proposed bill (HB 262) has been assigned to a Senate Committee for review!

~ Another fourth grade student, Sophia Lick, worked diligently on creating a "fundraiser" to help contribute to ending ocean pollution. Sophia completed a presentation and posters explaining why and how to help eliminate such pollution. She has raised \$73.00 and will be donating this to oceanconservancy.org.



~ Lastly, "QUALITY", the Kearsarge word of the year, as been a positive focus for our staff and students. In keeping with this theme, we have held multiple professional development opportunities that focus on quality instruction and quality learning. We are keeping extremely busy on the Simonds home front!



4/01 KRHS NH ALL STATE FESTIVAL

4/02 SIMONDS ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY— 8:50 AM

PTO MEETINGS: NEW LONDON 4/04; KRMS & SIMONDS 4/05; SUTTON AND BRADFORD 4/19

4/05 KRMS ANNUAL MATH MEET @ KUA— 1:30 PM

4/06 & 4/20 SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM @ KLC

4/06 DANCING WITH THE STAFF—KRHS—7:00 PM

4/07 LAST DYA OF 3RD QUARTER

4/07 KRES AT NEW LONDON CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION

4/07 SUTTON CENTRAL PTO-SPONSORED ART & TALENT SHOW @ KRMS 5:30 PM

4/07 3RD TERM OF KADP BEGINS

4/10 SIMONDS SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT 6:30 PM

4/11 FREESE BROTHERS BIG BAND CONCERT @ KRHS—7:00 PM

4/17 REPORT CARDS GO HOME

4/18 KRMS SCIENCE FAIRALL GRADES

4/19 CAREER DAY—KRHS

4/20 HOLOCAUST DAY FOR GRADE 8—KRMS

4/20 SIMONDS SCHOOL ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

4/21 KRES AT BRADFORD ALL SCHOOL PEP RALLY— 2:00 PM

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

April 2017 Calendar

Mon. April 3rd

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1-4pm Bridge
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. April 4th

10am UNH Nutrition Class
11am Quilters
12 pm Senior Dining
12-4pm Planning Board Office
1:30pm Watercolor Class

Wed. April 5th

6pm Yoga
7pm Zoning Board

Thurs. April 6th

12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong Group
5:30pm Cub Scouts

Fri. April 7th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1pm Mahjong Group

Sat. April 8th

9am-12pm Town Clerk Open
10am-12pm Legislative Review

Mon. April 10th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1-4pm Bridge
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. April 11th

10am UNH Nutrition Class
11am Quilters
12pm Senior Dining
12-4pm Planning Board Office
1pm Mahjong Group
6pm Rural Heritage Connection
7pm Planning Board

Wed. April 12th

1pm Knitting Group
6pm Yoga

Thurs. April 13th

12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong Group
4:30pm BACC/P&R

Fri. April 14th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
9:30-11:30am Foot Care
Clinic at North Ridge Apts

Saturday, April 15

11:00am - Egg Hunt, BML

Mon. April 17th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1-4pm Bridge
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. April 18th

10am Stitches from the Heart
Quilters
12pm Senior Dining
12-4pm Planning Board Office
1:30pm Watercolor Class

Wed. April 19th

6pm Yoga
7pm Book Discussion, BML

Thurs. April 20th

11:30 AM – 12 Noon Blood
Pressure Clinic at MVSC
12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong Group
5:30pm Cub Scouts

Fri. April 21st

8:45am MVSC Fitness
10:00 Friday at the Movies
12:00 Noon Brunch
1pm Mahjong Group
7:00pm Film Talk
BHS Tin Shop

Sat. April 22nd

9am-12pm Town Clerk Open

Mon. April 24th

NO SCHOOL
SPRING BREAK BEGINS
8:45am MVSC Fitness
1-4pm Bridge
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. April 25th

9:30-11:30 Foot Care clinic
at Warner Pharmacy
10am Quilters
12pm Senior Dining
12-4pm Planning Board Office
1pm Mahjong Group
7pm Planning Board

Wed. April 26th

10:30-12pm Blood Pressure
Clinic at Warner Senior Rm
6pm Yoga

Thurs. April 27th

11:30 VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
CELEBRATION w/ J. Lovejoy
of *The Flames*
1 PM Mahjong Group

Fri. April 28th

NO SCHOOL
SPRING BREAK ENDS
8:45am MVSC Fitness

*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*



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
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.
KLC- Kearsarge Learning Center

Obituaries



Pauline G. Walsh Bélanger Hill, 92

Born 1/27/1925 in Québec City, Pauline lived a long and interesting life before passing away on 2/22/17 in Concord, NH. She was the daughter of Beatrice (Marier), a professional pianist and William Joseph Walsh, the City Clerk. Pauline began working during the summer of her 16th year to help with the WWII community effort. She met and fell in love with her first husband Frederick Bélanger while working for Bell Telephone in 1947. They were married in 1949 at St. Patrick's Church in Québec City.

Encouraged by many to begin a career in modeling, she earned contracts with various fashion companies such as Nadelle, Sweet Caps, Northern Electric and Tootal Fabrics, appearing in magazines, newspapers and billboards across the country. She was named "The Most Photographed Model in Canada" in 1952.

Pauline and Fred's son John was born in 1957. The family continued to live in Québec City until moving to Rindge, NH in 1968 where Fred was the hockey coach for Fitchburg State College

and Franklin Pierce College. When he accepted a position at ConVal Regional High School, they relocated to Peterborough. Sadly losing her husband in 1972, Pauline continued to work as a secretary, spending many years at the Brookstone Company in Peterborough, NH.

Pauline married Minot D. Hill in 1980 and moved into her home in Concord, NH. They traveled extensively throughout Europe, with Pauline embracing each culture as she went - especially those of France, Russia and, of course, Ireland, the country of her heritage. Her home was filled with travel memories through her collections of art, music, books and photographs, as well as the ongoing correspondences with the many friends she made along the way. Her love of history also led her to become an active member of The Pierce Brigade in Concord.

Pauline kept her keen sense of style throughout her life, never leaving her house without completing her ensemble with matching hat, coat, shoes, bag and gloves. She was strong willed, loved good conversation and had a quick wit. She was a very classy lady who was loved by many friends and family and will be missed.

Pauline was predeceased by her husband Minot D. Hill (2004) and her brother William (She leaves behind her son John ("Junie") P. Bélanger and his wife Ann (Garneau Paine) Bélanger of Bradford, NH, nieces Louise Bolduc and Claire Sarradat of Canada and many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Private services will be held in Québec City at a later date.

Georgia May Merrill

Georgia May Merrill passed away after a very long illness in the comfort of her home with her loving husband by her side.

She was predeceased by her parents Jackson and Louise Merrill. She leaves behind three loving siblings, Gail Carol and John, wonderful grandchildren, whom she loved with all her heart: Guin, Britt, Ryan, Alaura, Ali, and Ian. She was loved by so many including very special friends Bonnie and Kendra. May her heart now heal so she can be free.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

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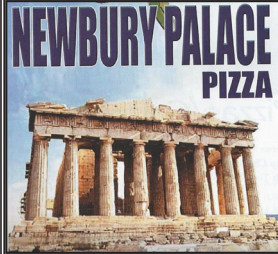
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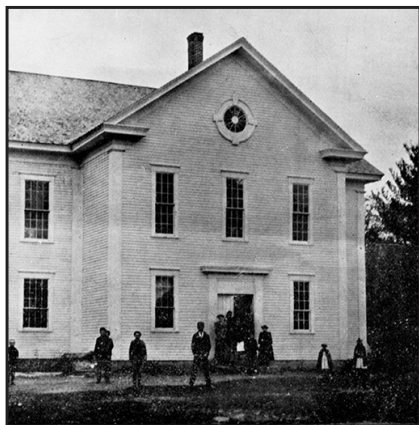


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Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM Call 938-2119 for info
Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML
Fish and Game Club - 1st Tuesday 7PM at Fish and Game Club
First Friday Bunch - 11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated call 938-2104 for info
Historical Society - Tin Shop, East Main Street, open by appointment. Please call 938-2078.
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
Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC



Town Hall Progress Report - From the Ground Up

Greetings from the THROC. Our plan is to update the Town every month with a short blurb about our progress and anticipated events. But first, I want to repeat what I said right after the vote at our Town Meeting. Everyone on the committee has been aware for years that there was significant opposition to the project. Now that it has been approved, it is our great hope that when it is complete, in operation for both the Town and for other groups, and standing in splendor along West Main Street, all who opposed the project will come to appreciate it and enjoy it.

Progress started with a bang—the building raising (not razing) will have begun by Bridge press time. It may be in the air when you read this and, if not, very soon thereafter. Drop by and see the sight many have been only imagining for so many years.

Now that we have approval for financing, the bidding window is open. Anyone, particularly local contractors, should contact the project manager, Scott Mckenney, by email at ProjectCoordinator38@gmail.com. We have contracts to be made for plumbing, electrical, HVAC, carpentry, and painting. Email Scott for details of your trade.

If you want to comment on any aspect of the project or ask questions, feel free to send an email to both Harry Wright and me at handswright@tds.net and BrackettScheffy@tds.net. We will respond as soon and as well as we can. Continue to look to the Bridge for more information!

Brackett Scheffy for the THROC



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