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THE VOTERS SPEAK

Bradford has its say about bond issues, the fire department, climate change and collective bargaining for teachers

A \$3.5 million bond issue to construct new police and highway facilities on town-owned property and renovate the interior and exterior of Town Hall was approved by a majority of voters, but it failed to garner the 2/3 majority necessary to pass.

Opponents raised, among other issues, the lack of options on which to vote, to which Eileen Kelly, interim chair of the Needs Assessment Committee, replied by stating, "If we came to you with two or three difference choices, no one plan could get a two-thirds majority from the people in this room. That's what a committee does – it is formed to do the work of assessing the options, come to consensus, and present the best choice to the people."

Kelly, interim Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) chair; Don Jackson, co-chair of the NAC building committee; John Harris, chair of the Finance subcommittee presented an abbreviated version of

the information the committee presented at the bond hearing.

Dick Keller, NAC chairman, took a few moments to lay out the case for an affirmative vote, then closed with the question "If not now, when?"

When the question was called, voters lined up to drop their ballots into one of two boxes that flanked the head table. The vote was 150 in favor, 118 against, and Article #3 missed the required supermajority of 176 by 26 votes.

"The Needs Assessment Committee produced a good plan this year, which was evident from the closeness of the vote," stated Eileen Kelly. "The process from the state to gain access to the property off Route 103 has begun and should be completed in a timely manner. Grants have been obtained to help with restoration of Town Hall. Most importantly, voters in town have come to a better understanding of the town's needs and potential solutions and know that everyone can have a voice in the

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Election Results

There were a total of 443 ballots cast, including 34 absentees. Winners in **bold**:

Selectman - **Charles Meany III** -231, Michael Quinn -200

Trustee of the Trust Funds - **Everett Kittredge** -399

Library Trustees - **Robert Manchester** - 334, **Penny Ulrich** - 373

Scholarship Committee - **Lynne Edwards** - 362

Mary Keegan Dayton (write-in) - 25

Budget Committee - **Marlene Freyler** - 264, **Jane Lucas** - 318

George Cilley (write-in) 123

Planning Board - **Edythe Craig** - 295, **Marcia Keller** - 248, Jeffrey Arons - 185

Zoning Board - **Mildred Kittredge** - 377, **Brooks McCandlish** - 360

Cemetery Commission - **Carey Rodd** - 410

All of the School District questions passed district wide with the exception of the citizens' petition question.

10 QUESTIONS:

JIM VALIQUET

BRADFORD POLICE CHIEF

By Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation of a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people who make a difference in Bradford. Chief Valiquet is our guest this month.

Jim Valiquet was born in Davenport, Iowa. His dad was in college at the time. He spent his childhood in Exeter, New Hampshire and joined the Air Force after finishing high school where he served as a nuclear weapons specialist for four years.



Next he was Exeter's police chief from 1974 to 1992. He was a patrolman, juvenile officer, detective in the major crimes unit, and investigative prosecutor in Exeter District Court. He continued his studies in criminal justice management at St. Anselm's and then graduated from Granite State College with a BS, Summa Cum Laude, in criminal management. His next move was to Newbury where he served as police chief from 1992 to 2005. He also served as Bradford's interim chief and took the permanent position as police chief in Bradford in 2005.

Q. What made you choose criminal justice as a career?

I've always liked the always-different, always-changing challenges of police

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Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions for length or content.

From The Editor's Desk

Well, this was our first election and Town Meeting. We had been very much looking forward to seeing democracy in action in New Hampshire, and we were not disappointed. Gerry, unfortunately, was out of town for both days, but he did vote via absentee ballot prior to the election. I was in the front row for most of the meeting, and I thought John Steiner did a masterful job of keeping things moving and holding emotion in check. We know that this was a very difficult task, so we applaud him.

We were, however, disappointed with the result of the bond voting. To see something win the majority of votes, yet not able to pass, was demoralizing. I am sure it was very difficult for the Needs Assessment Committee members as well, who all spent so many hours volunteering their skills to the community. Well, I always say that

everything happens for a reason, so maybe this reason will be revealed by next Town Meeting. Please get involved and add your opinions so that next year we can get the necessary two-thirds vote.

We are starting a new column entitled "Meet Your Neighbor," and ask that you send in 250 to 300-word submissions on subjects you deem worthy of taking note, such as someone who volunteers their time to the community, or perhaps has an interesting job or hobby. Please email the articles, and a photo as well if available, to bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com prior to the 15th of the month. Also, if you have any thoughts on how we can "jazz up" The Bridge, please feel free to submit those as well.

Your Neighbors,
Dorothy & Gerry Monigan



Mountain View seniors were entertained at March 9th's First Friday Brunch by Jill Kuchinos of Hancock playing the hammer dulcimer.

NOTICE

BRADFORD BRIDGE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The New York Times announced this month that it has purchased The Bradford Bridge. See details on Page 16, Column 2



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Letters to the Editor

To the Editors:

Many thanks to those voters who supported Warrant Article # 3, the proposal to build new highway and police facilities and to renovate town hall. It was gratifying to know that a large majority of the voters in town supported the proposal and that we came close to being able to go ahead with these three important town projects.

Thanks to everyone who voiced their ideas at Town Meeting, including those who felt that they could not support the committee's proposal. Your ideas will be helpful as the committee moves forward toward a proposal that addresses our town's needs and will be able to win support at town meeting in 2008. The committee invites you to become involved in the planning process this year.

Many people went out of their way at Town Meeting to thank the members of the Needs Assessment Committee for our presentation and realized all of the hard work that the committee has done over the past year. Research, interviews with professionals, grant writing, analysis, visiting out-of-town sites, and many hours of meetings yielded a well thought-out proposal with an outstanding financial package geared toward the town's needs and financial ability.

We want to assure everyone that the NAC plans to continue to work hard for Bradford and we invite everyone to attend meetings, and hope that you will participate in the planning process.

On a personal level, I learned a lot this year as a member of the Needs Assessment Committee and as the interim chair, and what I learned the most I was taught from my fellow committee members. We put our differences aside, rolled up our sleeves and went to work.

I thank everyone who participated for their dedication and hard work on behalf of our town. See you next year!

Eileen Kelly,
Interim Chair
Bradford Needs Assessment
Committee

To the Editors:

When I was asked to serve as Moderator at this year's Town Meeting, I had some concerns over the

unexpected consequences of presiding over an event filled with the potential for divisive and emotional issues. However, I was pleased with the tenor of the debate which, for the most part, remained focused on the issues.

It's never easy trying to balance a reasonable time for a thorough discussion versus the efficiency of the meeting, or deciding at what point a speaker has strayed too far from the issue. Each of us has different thoughts on what is appropriate; so I would like to thank the residents of Bradford for indulging me and for your participation in a civil manner. I enjoyed being a part of the 221st Town Meeting.

Sincerely,
Jon Steiner

To the Editors:

We wish to thank the residents of Bradford for their overwhelming support at town meeting. We are moving forward with much higher morale knowing that we have your true support. The fire department and rescue squad thanks everyone who helped us, spoke in favor of us, and most importantly voted for us.

Sincerely,
Members of the Bradford Fire
Department and Rescue Squad

To the Editors:

Bradford is my home and I love this town. I am so proud that we have a community that is safe, exciting, and challenging. I must, however, make known my sincere disappointment with the behavior at our most recent town meeting. We live in a republic and practice democracy, and I feel that was indisputably challenged with the very inappropriate behaviors before, during, and after this meeting. It is not only our privilege to question laws, public policies and procedures but it is our DUTY. We are allowed to voice our concerns, disappointments and questions without fear or intimidation! I would like to applaud everyone who was willing to stand up for their opinions and views in front of 200 neighbors. I am disgusted with the hurtful comments and jeering I heard while these people were speaking. I felt the wonderful public protectors were articulate and respectful during the meeting, but I am downright ashamed of the way they behaved before and after. Above all others, these are the people on our front lines

making our town safe. They protect those rights with their lives! I feel they came extremely close to threatening and inappropriate behavior when it came to warrant article 11.

I know Bradford is better than the behavior present that evening. I am genuinely grateful for having a fire, police and ambulance department with such devoted individuals. THANK YOU for your hard work! I must also recognize the hard work of the Needs Assessment Committee. They went above and beyond with their devotion and determination to help Bradford. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Labbe

To the Editors,

Spring is just around the corner. I am ready! In years past, kite flying was a big deal at our house. It was such fun to see the kids make their own kites and then try to fly them. Teaching our kids and watching them grow is one of the pleasures of parenting. However, not all kids are so fortunate. Child abuse and neglect is a reality. Consider helping a child who has experienced this sad turn of events. Become a foster parent or a foster-adoptive parent. Find out how you can help now. Call your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

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To the Editors:

On behalf of the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports Board of Directors, I would like to extend our thanks to the residents of Bradford who voted to award us \$2500. The money will be used to add our very much-needed safety fencing, equipment shed, and other items of maintenance that will be accomplished in the year 2007.

Please stop by the Warren Brook Park or Brown Shattuck fields and catch a game that your children and grandchildren so enjoy participating in.

Again, our warmest thanks!!!!

Sincerely,
Diane Gadoury – Treasurer

The Market, Foreclosures and Tax Tips

by Laura Hallihan

So, what is the word on the current real estate market? The National Association of REALTORS® states that a recovery in the nation's housing market is "likely" this year and that total sales will be "fairly close" to the prior year. Existing-home sales for 2007 are projected at 6.42 million compared to 6.48 million last year and the number grows to 6.66 million in 2008. A complete recovery is unlikely due to the high number of foreclosures and the recent changes in the sub-prime lending market. As for the Sunapee Region market, the last few weeks have seen an increase across the board in phone calls, showings and houses going pending – all good signs for the spring market.

Foreclosures in New Hampshire nearly doubled last year and are on track to double again this year. Loose underwriting, inadequate oversight and predatory lending are cited as reasons and in the sub-prime market some companies have stopped offering certain risky programs or have gone out of business altogether. We have noticed an increase in short sales, where a buyer paid a premium for the house in a boom market and now owes more than the house is worth as the market recovers and has to come to closing with cash. Adjustable-rate mortgages have also been in the news, with homeowners seeing their monthly mortgage payment exceed what they can afford to pay.

April is also tax time and while every homeowner should consult a tax

specialist, CPA or Enrolled Agent regarding possible tax benefits, Bankrate.com is out with a few myths that could cost you money:



Mortgage interest will reduce my tax bill. This is true for the majority of homeowners, but not for all, and timing is very important. Taxpayers who buy a home late in the year might find the standard deduction is more beneficial, whereas homeowners at the end of a loan term don't get much, if anything, from this tax break.

All costs related to my home are deductible. Some buyers think they can write off everything connected with the house. Examples of items that are not deductible include association fees, property insurance costs, basic maintenance, repair or home improvement costs. This can change if you convert the home to a rental property or sell it. A new law passed in December, 2006 changes the deductibility of Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) for mortgages originated or refinanced after January, 2007. Previously, PMI was not deductible.

If I take a capital loss when I sell my home, I can write it off. You cannot write off any loss you suffer if you must sell your primary residence for less than what you paid. That is because under tax law, your residence is considered personal property. You do, however, have to pay tax on gains you make when selling personal property. The bottom line – taxes, like life, aren't always fair!

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 24 Greenhouse Lane, Antique Farmhouse on .74 acres for \$139,900
- 2103 Route 114, new 3-story Chalet on 3.90 acres for \$257,000
- 36 West Main Street, Antique Cape on 1.26 acres for \$245,000
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Meet the Neighbors

Nancy Jacques, an amateur photographer, and her husband Tim have resided here on the sunny shores of Lake Massasecum for about a year. She has always lived in the area of Weare and the surrounding towns. Here is what she had to say recently about living in Bradford:

“This area has so much to offer, especially to me as an amateur photographer.

Being in the right place at the right time has certainly got its advantages. I have been able to capture so many nature photos right here in my backyard; the heron and the hornpout have to be my all-time favorites. I have captured a series of time-lapse shots, and I am so pleased to be able to offer them as photo cards, magnets, bookmarks, or anything else one’s heart desires. I have recently created an antique window frame with enlarged prints of these shots. (See my site at <http://stores.ebay.com/cardsbynaja> - it has a wide



arrangement of photos on display.) I sometimes set up a studio outside, arrange what I want to see, and wait for critters to arrive so that I can capture them on film. It is fun and exciting to see what I can accomplish with a simple setting. I have an imagination that runs wild.”

Nancy also does pet sittings and can create a season or moment in a pet’s life that can last an eternity. She will go to your home, make friends with your pet, and then take it from there. She loves this hobby and likes the fact that it allows her to escape her hectic life for a while.

Says Nancy: “I love what I do and I believe that it shows in my work. Oh, and my biggest fan is my husband Tim. He thinks my work is great and has been tremendously supportive. Thanks Tim - I couldn’t have gotten this far without you!”

Nancy can be reached by phone at 938-2422 or email: Cardsbynaja@aol.com.

Call for Submissions

We are starting a new column, “Meet The Neighbors,” in this issue. The purpose is to spotlight someone who has an interesting job or hobby, or perhaps someone who is an outstanding citizen or volunteer. If you are, or know of, anyone interesting or with something to say, please email a short article (250-300 words) and a photo, if desired, to: bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com. The Bridge reserves the right to edit all material submitted.



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work, the fire department, or emergency management services. If I hadn't become a cop, it would probably have been a career in fire or emergency. I was a certified EMT in Newbury. Now, along with four Bradford police officers, I am taking a first responder course.

Q. What makes police work in Bradford different from police work in other small towns?

It's really the same and just depends on the size and number of calls in each town. In a small town when you go on a call, you go alone. In the larger towns, two or three people go to the scene. There is more support in the large towns. The laws are all the same.

Q. What are the most common calls you respond to in Bradford?

There are many domestic calls, traffic violations, burglaries, and domestic violence protection orders. Crime seems to go up during the holidays, probably due to more alcohol consumption. We have dog complaints, barking and loose dogs, Driving Under The Influence (DUIs), drug charges, many business alarm responses, and requests for assistance of all kinds.

Q. What are some of the issues you see as gaining importance in planning for the department in the next ten years?

I think we have to recognize where the growth is. We've reduced the police department, and now have two full-time officers and five part-timers for economic reasons. I work twenty hours a week and mostly do administration, with the rest of the staff covering the town from 16 to 32 hours a week. I would like to expand

our work with the school in any capacity as needed.

Q. Some people speak of the need for regionalization of police force services to conserve resources and pool expertise in serving multiple communities. What are the pros and cons?

In theory, there is a fear of losing control in each town. I believe in the concept of regionalization. Why not have a chief for three or four towns and have one administrator? Chiefs ought to be doing that and not answering dog calls. Every chief doesn't have to lose power. Bradford selectmen are interested in regionalization but other towns don't seem to be at this time.

Q. We have two full-time and five part-time officers in Bradford. Would you consider doing a short profile on each officer for the Bridge to acquaint the community with them?

Yes, I think that would be a good idea.

Q. What are the most compelling criminal justice issues that will affect Bradford and New Hampshire in the next decade? How should we respond to threats to our security and present way of a simple rural life?

Bradford has nothing that would be a target for terrorism. There is a potential for pandemic flu or smallpox. I think that if something serious happened in Boston we would have a problem if they all wanted to come to our town. When talking about steps to take, we definitely need trained volunteers with an aim to having them learn to man the phones and radios. We need to use the town's assets properly. The issue of food

contamination is in the news now. I plan to participate in training (tabletop training). The police chief from Hookset will also be involved in this workshop.

Q. Domestic violence affects every community, and we are hearing more and more about the threat this has on the lives of families in New Hampshire. Would you say that this issue is significant in Bradford?

Domestics are the most dangerous call to respond to. Usually drugs or alcohol are involved and there is always the threat that the potential victim might turn on the police responder. This is more difficult in rural areas because usually the officer is alone in the response. Back in 1993, I was chief in Newbury when the murders in the town offices took place, I was a lone responder for seven minutes and 53 seconds. It's still with me today. I'll never forget the date - November 1, 1993.

Q. Would you consider conducting educational sessions for Bradford and surrounding communities in ways residents can deal with issues such as teen crime, domestic violence and other issues that relate to community safety?

I'd like to develop the program and invite guest speakers at no cost to the taxpayers. This would be a good way for the community to understand what we do.

Q. What do you enjoy doing in your time away from work?

I like to camp and motorcycle. I'm a member of the Blue Knights (police officer motorcycle club) with chapters throughout the world. Last year, my wife and I traveled to Virginia for a conference. I'm a volunteer director of the Bradford Area Community Center. I work out at the new fitness center in town. I have a tractor and enjoy working around my property.

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As our Selectman Andrew Pinard said during Town Meeting, voting for your fire chief is a privilege. At Town Meeting you were awarded the privilege to continue to choose your own fire chief. I hope you look on the continuation of this ability to choose as a chance to win back the trust of your disenfranchised community.

I have heard many impassioned speeches about how you want to be able to trust the person who leads you. Well of course. No one is asking you to do otherwise. What I would ask is that you consider the fact that eighty of your fellow townspeople have been so alienated by your current fire chief that they put together a warrant article and voted in favor of a change in your department's structure. Except for President Bush, I do not know of anyone who has that many people who want them out of their current job.

You, as members of the fire department, may not have a problem with Mr. Goldberg. From your shoes, he may be the best chief you can imagine working with. From your perspective, you may think anything you want. That is one of the joys of living in a democratic society. You have the right to your opinion and I have a right to mine. But my opinion should count for something. He is the person that you have chosen to represent you and your department and, quite frankly, that representation is not entirely flattering. That is especially unfortunate since I do not personally know any of you. All I know of each of you is what I have heard and what I have personally witnessed of Mr. Goldberg's behavior.

By the same token, you do not know me. You do not know what motivated any of us to write Warrant Article 11. You do not know, unless you are one of the people who voted in support of Warrant Article 11, why eighty people voted for this measure. You have not asked. Mr. Goldberg has a copy of the list of petitioners and, although he phoned some of these people to ask if they knew what they were signing (intimidation), he did not call to find out why they were unhappy with the current regime. You should not assume that you know the motivation. We are eighty individuals with eighty different motivations. I hope you are interested in finding out what they may be.

I, personally, have been very disturbed by this issue. My father was a charter member of the volunteer fire department in my hometown. He was a member of that fire department for over fifty years, and he was the chief for almost thirty. I grew up with an all-encompassing love of and loyalty for the fire department. Supporting the fire department is ingrained in my persona, and I am terribly disturbed that the actions of Mr. Goldberg make it impossible for me to give you my full and unqualified support. My father would be appalled if any member of his community felt the discontent that necessitated Warrant Article 11. He would be absolutely devastated if they felt that degree of discontent and also felt they could not address the problem directly with the department.

My question to you is: "Do you care?" Does it disturb you to think there are those of us within your community who fear reprisal for speaking out? I am not a liar. Nor am I accustomed to being called one, especially by a person who does not even know me. I am not comfortable with having a person who has been chosen as a public representative of a town department rant, yell, threaten, or jump up and down to make his opinion known. I am not comfortable with an individual who

endangers the lives of others in a frantic rush to get to the scene of an emergency, or who cannot speak tactfully to a person who is simply trying to help. Mr. Cilley's notion that the en masse display of firefighters at Town Meeting was intimidating is not as off base as you may think. When most of these firefighters left immediately following the resolution of Article 11, it certainly made us question the validity of Mr. Frey's response that they were there to ensure fire safety upon the request of the Selectmen. The intent of your visual support may not have been to intimidate, and I would like to believe that it was not. However, given the unprofessional nature of my only encounters with your chief, I am, sadly, left with doubts.

Your chief is obviously a person to whom the department is intensely loyal. You are in the trenches with him. I am not, so I have to respect your opinion of his ability to command you during an emergency. You are not a member of the community, outside the circle of fire department members, trying to communicate with him. Respect my opinion on his lack of abilities in that quarter. Surely there is someone within your organization who could be designated as a public relations liaison who is better equipped to talk to the public.

Ultimately, I want to be proud of the fire department. I know the hours and heart that go into being a fire and emergency volunteer. I want to care about each of you and support you in your endeavors. I want to be able to air a difference of opinion with the fire department without being afraid. The success of a community is in their ability to cooperate with each other and to recognize the value of each individual's contribution and opinion. I hope that you and your chief will consider my words and strive for better cooperation and communication within our community. I am happy to talk with anyone who is interested in improving this relationship.

Sincerely,

Diane W. Manley

Scholarship for Bradford Residents

The Bradford School Scholarship Committee is offering a scholarship to Bradford residents who meet the following requirements:

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Microsoft Word will be Mondays 10:00-11:30 AM beginning April 30 for five weeks. (Creating documents, formatting and more). The Instructor is Paul Riley and the charge for the 5 week course is \$20.00.

Microsoft Excel will be Tuesdays 10:00 -11:30 AM beginning May 1 for five weeks. (Spreadsheets, charts, formulas). The Instructor is Paul Riley and the cost for the five week course is \$20.00.

Learn the **Quickbooks** Program with instructor Laura Trow - 3 sessions from 6:30 to 8:00pm, Mondays on April 23, April 30, and May 7. Cost is \$20 per person.

American Sign Language for beginners - 6 sessions from 7 to 8 pm, Wednesdays, from April 25 through May 30. Learn a new way of communicating using American Sign Language with instructor Charles (Pooch) Baker. Cost is \$60.00 plus book that you can purchase anywhere. Wait until first class to purchase.

For further information and to pre register for these classes of limited size call Kate at The Bradford Area Community Center 938-6228.

Potluck a Success


On Saturday, February 24, the Rural Heritage Connection sponsored a slide presentation, *The Dollars and Sense of Saving Special Places* to the Bradford Area Community Center. More than 30 people attended to hear Dave Anderson, Director of Education of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF). He described the studies to date on the property tax implications of housing and commercial development on a

community the size of Bradford. These demonstrate that the cost of community services outweighs the income from tax on primary housing. Towns of similar size that have a high percentage of land in permanent open space have lower taxes because land in forestry and agriculture does not require much by way of town services (roads, schools, transfer station, police, and fire protection.) The presentation also stressed that land considered for permanent protection must be identified by a town through surveys such as Master Plans, natural resource inventories, and historical research as particularly important to a town. Tourism, forestry and agriculture are the major income producers for the state. Protecting a meaningful percentage of our remaining valuable landscapes and historical features not only keeps our towns affordable but good water quality is assured. Recreational possibilities are expanded; hunting, fishing resources are improved.

This evening was hosted by the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. The RHC is a non-profit group whose mission is to promote the preservation of properties that have historic, recreational or environmental significance. Meetings and membership are open to the public and are held at the Bradford Area Community Center on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm. *Call 938-2681 for more information.*


Italian Dinner and Auction April 21

The Kearsarge Area Preschool will be hosting a fundraising auction and Italian dinner on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 4:30 pm. Supervised activities and a child-friendly meal will be served in the preschool classroom while adults enjoy a peaceful meal and browse the auction



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room. A variety of goods and services, including homemade quilts, passes to the Montshire Museum, and an assortment of gift baskets and gift certificates will be auctioned off.

Dinner will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (\$20.00 maximum per family) with a \$1.00 discount for each ticket purchased before April 9. For more information about auction items or to make reservations, please contact Elizabeth Labbe at 938-2805.

Proceeds from the auction will support the preschool, a nonprofit, parent cooperative that strives to provide a high-quality, professionally-staffed, preschool program at an affordable cost to area families. Bring family and friends for a fun evening and a good cause!



Bradford resident, blacksmith Garry Kalajian, at his Ararat Forge in Concord.

Photo: Eric Baxter & The Mirror

New Art Exhibit at Library

A new exhibit by the Bradford Art Group, "Hand-Forged Ironwork by Garry Kalajian," opens on April 9 at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford. The exhibit showcases Garry Kalajian's andirons, thumb latches, candle holders, and kitchen utensils that are hand-forged in historical and original designs with traditional tools and techniques.

Born in 1956 in Jersey City, N.J., Garry holds college degrees in music and education. He became interested in blacksmithing in the early 1980's. In 1993, he became a full-time blacksmith. He apprenticed with renowned NH blacksmith, David Court.

Garry has been a juried member of the League of NH Craftsmen since

1995. He operates the Ararat Forge in Concord. He has given numerous demonstrations around the state including the League's Sunapee Fair. In 2005, he helped establish a blacksmithing teaching studio at the Sanborn Mills in Loudon, NH, where he currently teaches. He lives in Bradford with his dog, and enjoys cooking, reading and playing the piano.

"Hand-Forged Ironwork by Garry Kalajian" continues through June at the handicapped-accessible Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main St., Bradford, NH. Library hours are: M: 10 - 8; W: 10 - 7; Sat: 10 - 3; Sun: 11-3. Visit the craftsman's website: www.araratforge.com.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

There was no February meeting. Application from Hill & Dale, LLC, accepted; Public Hearing April 3rd, 7:10 p.m.

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Area Happenings

Library Events in April

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring 2 events:

On **Saturday, April 7**, there will be the Annual Easter Egg Hunt (for children of ages pre-school through 9) at the library. Storytime, led by Librarian Meg Fearnley, will begin at 11 am, followed by the Egg Hunt. Parents and older children are needed to mind the boundaries and help children find the eggs. Children are invited to bring decorated baskets to gather the candy-filled eggs.

On **Saturday, April 14**, there will be one of 41 statewide poetry workshops for children as part of National Poetry Month. Beginning at 10 am, the workshop "Children's Poetry in the Libraries Day," will be led by New Hampshire poet, Maggie Kemp. Children will be invited to listen to, read, and write poetry.

Although the program is geared to children of Grades 2 through 5, all ages are welcome. Children are invited to bring their own poems to share.

Maggie Kemp lives with her husband, two teenage children and a dog on a pond in Lempster, NH. She has been writing poetry most of her life, and identifies herself as a poet today. She has published some poems in journals and is best known in New Hampshire for her performance poetry. Studying loon families and other wildlife, kayaking, and time with her family and writing fill her life.

For more information, call 938-5948 or Librarian Meg Fearnley at 938-5562. The handicapped-accessible Brown Memorial Library is located at 78 W. Main St., Bradford, NH.

Bradford Squares' Dance

The Bradford Country Squares will host a square dance on Saturday, April 14, at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in Bradford, NH, at 7 pm. Skip Brown will call A -1 between 7 and 8 pm. For the rest of the evening, from 8 - 10:30 pm, Skip will alternate between Mainstream and Plus. Betty Ann Brown will cue the rounds. Admission is \$7 per person for the whole evening, or \$6 after 8 pm. Spectators are free and always welcome.

For more information call 603-763-0187.

Events at "The Fells"

Thursday, April 5, 3 - 5pm, "Vernal Pool Ecology"

Fells or SPNHF members \$16, non-members \$20. As winter snow melts, new life returns to the forest when temporary vernal pools host a chorus of breeding wood frogs and silent spotted salamanders. Join naturalist Dave Anderson for an indoor presentation which includes an introduction to N.H. frogs and salamanders, field guides, and habitat conservation issues. Wind up with a trip to the vernal pool. Waterproof footwear recommended. Meet at The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury. Limit 20; advance registration and payment required. To register, call 603-763-4789, ext 3. fells@tds.net, www.thefells.org

Thursday, April 19, Session 1; 9 - 11am: Session 2; 12:30 - 2:30 pm.

"GPS: Theory and Practice for Mapping Skills" Members \$24, non-members \$30. Dr. Robert Crane, Professor Emeritus of Meteorology and Electrical Engineering at the University of Oklahoma, presents a two-part seminar on the Global Positioning System (GPS). The first session includes an outdoor hike to record a GPS track. During the second session participants prepare a trail map, placing the earlier observed track on a

Circuit Rider in Bradford



(photo courtesy of Audrey V. Sylvester)

Matt Monahan, a professional planner from the new Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRCP), is holding office hours at the Bradford Town Hall on Wednesdays, from 10 am to 2 pm. The service is free. Homeowners and contractors who need explanations or help with planning new projects in Bradford are welcome to meet with Matt, whose title is Circuit Rider (meaning that he travels to many towns helping people with their planning questions). He has past planning experience as a town planner and as a planner in the private sector. The CNHRCP Circuit Rider can answer general questions about planning and the planning process.

South Newbury Union Church Events

Saturday, April 14 – Turkey Dinner "with all the fixins," 5 - 7 pm at Friendship House, South Newbury Union Church (corner Sutton & Village Roads off Rte 103). Homemade desserts and great raffle items. Adults: \$9; Children: 6-11, \$5; 5 and under free. *Call 938-5369 for more information.*

Saturday, April 21 – Rabies Clinic for Dogs and Cats with Dr. Claire Timbas, Veterinarian., 9 - 11 am, rain or shine, South Newbury Union Church's parking lot (corner Sutton & Village Roads off Rte 103). Rabies shot: \$12. Bring previous certification or dog license, if possible. Also dog registration for Newbury residents.* *For more information, call 938-2064.*

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| Spayed Female | 6.50 |
| Owner over 65 years | 2.00 |

KRSD School News

Bradford KRES News Mary Keegan-Dayton

The Bradford School strives to create a warm and safe atmosphere for our students. We encourage creativity and independence, and we aim to empower children to be responsible for their own learning and behavior. Like many others, we are a school that strives to listen to students in order to create an atmosphere of trust.

Trust is a big issue. Children learn to trust adults and in return we try to help them to become caring and responsible citizens. Researchers claim that the elementary school years are critically important for children. It is during these years, that children need to learn cooperation, empathy, self-control, assertion and responsibility (Rimm-Kaufman, 2006). Many of the teachers at the Bradford School are using the Responsive Classroom approach to integrate these principals. This approach, first begun in 1981, stresses that, when children know how to manage themselves and their interactions, they are free to focus on their academics. "We are a school that makes it a priority for students to accept ownership for their behavior," commented school principal, Jim Spadaro. "We are trying to create an environment that is safe and nurturing - one with clear and consistent boundaries."

All of the staff at the Bradford School help teach students strategies that they can use for problem solving. Choice Theory, Responsive Classroom, and DinoSolve are the main approaches used at school for conflict resolution. On the playground, in the lunch room, at the water fountain, in the coat area.... things happen. "He took my pencil! I want it back!" "She grabbed my chips!" Ask anyone at school. Any lunch lady, any custodian, any teacher. Feelings can get hurt. "Everyone makes mistakes, the issue is learning from them," Spadaro said sitting in the lunch room last week.

Come by the school. Step into Linda Bayne's Art class or Kris Sweet's fourth grade. In the art room, students help set up and clean up. In

the fourth grade students are responsible for collecting the school's recycling. Fifth Grade teachers Katie Perkins and Kris Lee start each day with Morning Meeting. Students sit in a circle on the floor. This sets the tone for respectful learning and one of trust. They all belong, can contribute, and are responsible. This is the message.

School District Report Jon Steiner

The results for the School District election are in: All articles proposed by the District passed—the budget, reserve funds, ability to lease the old middle school, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement (teachers' contract). Bradford voters supported all of these articles with the exception of the teacher contract, which failed by a vote of 237 to 183. However, the proposal carried district wide.

The petitioned article to change the charter and create a default budget was defeated by a large margin, which will keep sanity and thinking in the process, rather than assigning a random number based on a previous year. Thank you.

Barbara Brown, long-time School Board member from New London, chose not to seek reelection this year. Barbara served with thoughtfulness and dignity, always balancing the needs of children and citizens and was never afraid to make unpopular decisions when she felt it was the right thing to do. Her experience will be missed.

Finally, with the snow melting and winter winding down, I'd be remiss if I did not thank Holly Von Syboda for all her years of running the winter activities ski program for the elementary school. Although I became involved only this year with my first grader, I know that it has been a great program for many years. I really enjoyed getting to ski with the kids and will miss those Friday afternoons.



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First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Palm Sunday Worship Service: Our church will celebrate Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 1, at 10:00 am, with palms, special music, and a message called "Fools for Christ."

Maundy Thursday Service: This special service will be held on Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 pm with Stations of the Cross, The Last Supper, and a symbolic "Nailing of our Sins to the Cross."

Good Friday: The church sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation on Friday, April 6, from 12 noon - 3:00 pm.

Easter Sunrise Service: The United Church of Warner, the First Free Will Baptist Church in North Sutton, and the First Baptist Church of Bradford will host an Easter Sunrise Service at the top of Burnt Hill in Warner at 6:00 am on April 8. An Easter breakfast will follow at the United Church of Warner with a free will offering. For directions to the service, please call 938-5313.

Easter Worship Service: Our Easter Worship service will be held on April 8 at 10:00 am. The message will be "Living Easter." The church will be adorned with flowers and plants that people have donated in honor or memory of loved ones.

Godspell Musical: Our church will be presenting the musical "Godspell" on Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, April 15, at 2:00 pm. You can call for tickets ahead of time at 938-5313 or buy them at the door. Adult tickets are \$12.00; children 12 and under are \$8.00. Free refreshments will be served during intermission.

Friendship Small Groups: There will be a "Friendship First" small group meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 pm in the Fisk House. People who attended any of 3 small groups before are welcome to attend, as well as new people. The theme for the evening will be "Trusting Your True Self to Jesus and Others." As always, we will have a snack that connects with the theme.

Food pantry: The April distribution date for the pantry is Wednesday, April 18, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Men's Fellowship: Men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, April 25, at 7:00 pm for an evening of pool, refreshments and fellowship.



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topographic map. Sturdy shoes recommended. Bring your own GPS receiver if you have one. Meet at The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury.

Limit 20; advance registration and payment required. To register, call 603-763-4789, ext 3. fells@tds.net, www.thefells.org

SOO-NIPI AUDUBON CHAPTER

The public is invited to a free program, "Neat Creatures in Costa Rica," **Friday, April 13, 7:30 pm**, at

the First Baptist Church, Main Street, New London. Fred Sladen will show pictures of the many fantastic critters he has seen in Costa Rica, including birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and insects. For info, call Ruth White at 763-4893.

On Sunday, April 1, there will be a birding trip to Merrimack River, Stumpfield Marsh, and Concord birding hot spots to look for concentrations of water fowl. Please meet leader Peter Newbern at Warner Park & Ride, exit 9, I-89, at 8:00 am. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars and a scope if you have one. Inclement

weather cancels the trip. Contact Peter at 763-4308.

MVSC to Hold Global Warming Discussion at First Friday Brunch

On **Friday, April 6, 11:30 am**, at First Friday Brunch, Mountain View Senior Center will present the second part of the program "What's Happening to Our Weather, Our Earth." Ted Leach, co-chair of the NH Carbon Coalition, will discuss the issues raised by the movie "An Inconvenient Truth" and how it relates to New Hampshire. Nationally recognized, the NH Carbon Coalition presents lectures, conferences and study information on responsible energy policies to NH citizens. This is a great opportunity for you to become more informed about the serious problems relating to global warming, rising energy costs and pollution, and what you can do to help prevent further problems. For more information call Sandi at 938-2104.



Library Lantern
by Meg Fearnley

We would like to thank everyone who supported our budget at this year's Town Meeting. Our Sunday hours are now funded! Please note that the library hours listed on the back of the Annual Report are incorrect. The library is open Monday 10-8, Wednesday 10-7, Saturday 10-3 and Sunday 11-3. Come into the library for a handy sticker or bookmark that lists our hours.

April brings two children's events to the library. On Saturday, April 7, at 11am, the Friends of Brown Memorial Library sponsor the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The following Saturday, April 14, the Friends help the library celebrate National Poetry Month with a children's poetry program with poet Maggie Kemp. This event will begin at 10 am.

The April book-to-movie discussion will be on the novella, My House in Umbria, by William Trevor. Copies of the book are available at the library circulation desk. The discussion will take place on Friday, April 6, at 7:00 pm.

The next film in our international series is from France, starring comic genius Jacques Tati in a biting satire on the glories of technology. This movie will be screened on Friday, April 20, at 7:00 pm. Join us!

Looking forward to May, our next book-to-movie discussion will tackle a short story, Eisenheim the Illusionist, by Steven Millhauser. Copies of the story will be available at the library in early April.

Books added to your library in March

- For adults: Whitethorn Woods by Maeve Binchy
Step on a Crack by James Patterson
The Last Empress by Anchee Min
Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
The Human Touch by Michael Frayn
The Secret by Rhonda Byrne
- For children: A Good Day by Kevin Henkes
Midnight in Lonesome Hollow by Kathleen Ernst
The Moon by Robert Louis Stevenson
Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson
The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron

Rocket Launch!

The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS) will begin their third year of bringing Model Rocketry to the Kearsarge area on April 21 from 1 to 4 pm. The

rocket launch will be in Warner, NH. All are welcome as participants or spectators. There is no charge.

For directions and any other details, please visit www.KARSNH.org on the web or call Mike Bellino at 938-5129.

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decision-making process. The Committee hopes to continue to build on this year's work and to bring forward a plan that will be a cost-effective way to provide for replacing the town shed and police station and for restoring Town Hall."

A related item, Article #9, which requested \$50,000 for repairs to the existing highway department, passed narrowly with 57 votes in the affirmative and 48 against. Objections to the article included it being referred to as a "band-aid" solution, but the public's will to repair the facility prevailed.

The voice of the people was much clearer on Warrant Article #11, a petitioned article that requested that the Bradford Fire Department come under the oversight of the Selectmen. Voters struck down the article by a nearly 2-1 margin, with 155 rejecting the proposal and 80 supporting it



Aaaahhh – Spring! The time to think of homebuilding. In the days of vaudeville, the crew of Willie West and McGinty would show you how NOT to do it. Quoting the late, talented Don Lowe, "They would build a house on the stage where...planks would fall, just missing one of them, cement would slide off the pallet onto pants, fingers would find open electric sockets...their timing was uncanny." Pictured are Rue Corey, Frank Crossley, Bill West, Sr., and Bill West. Don Keith was in the act as well. Several talented and famous vaudeville people settled in the Bradford-Sutton area. *Photo Courtesy of the Bradford Historical Society*

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April Fool's!

after the count was completed on the second secret ballot of the evening.

Article #18, which requested \$2,500 for infrastructure improvements for Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports passed. Bradford also added its voice to the growing national debate on climate change as voters went on record by voice vote to support effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue and require the establishment of a national program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and rapid development of sustainable energy resources.

Bradford voters went contrary to the opinion of the rest of the Kearsarge Regional School District on the question of a new collective bargaining agreement for teachers, defeating the question 237-183. The default budget petitioned article was roundly defeated 319-83. All other articles passed district-wide.

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