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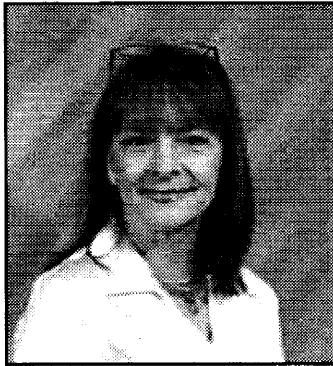
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## Local Physician honored at International Conference

**S**eddon Savage of Newbury and Bradford received the prestigious Marie Nyswander Humanitarian Award at the International Conference on Pain and Chemical Dependency February 6 in New York City. The award is given annually to a leader in the healthcare community for notable work bridging the fields of pain medicine and addiction medicine. Savage was cited for "her extraordinary efforts to enhance the compassionate care of addiction and pain". Previous recipients of the Nyswander award are Dr. Vincent Dole, Professor Emeritus at Rockefeller University, who pioneered methadone maintenance treatment in the 1960s and David Joranson, senior scientist at the University of Wisconsin Pain and Policy Studies Group whose international work has increased access to pain treatment for cancer related pain in third world countries.



In an address entitled "The New Opium Wars: Directions for Peace," presented to over 400 clinicians, researchers, and media representatives attending the awards ceremony on February 6, Dr. Savage examined societal issues that often lead to conflict among doctors, regulators, patients, and law enforcement officials and may impede the appropriate treatment of both addictive disorders and pain. She discussed archaic, confusing, and stigmatizing language related to opioids in Federal, State, and professional organizational policies. She noted the high prevalence of both pain and addictive disorders in society and the proportionally little training health care providers receive in these areas. She

explored legal limitations on physician prescribing of opioids for legitimate medical purposes that are unique in the history of medicine. And she examined how the current focus of the War on Drugs may interfere with the evolution of effective solutions to the problems of drug abuse and addiction and may negatively impact the care of persons with pain.

Dr Savage is a clinician, educator, and policy consultant in the fields of pain medicine and addiction medicine whose recent work has focused on the development of strategies for improving the safety and effectiveness of therapeutically prescribed opioid analgesics while reducing the individual and public health risks associated with opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion. She is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology on the adjunct faculty of Dartmouth Medical School and serves as a Pain Consultant at the Manchester Veteran's Administration Medical Center. Dr. Savage chairs the Pain Committee of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the Liaison Committee on Pain and Addiction that links the American Pain Society, the American Society of Addiction Medicine, and the American Academy of Pain Medicine. She serves on the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Medical Society and has chaired the NH Medical Society Task Forces on Pain, on End of Life Care, and on Prescription Drug Abuse. She has served on the NHMS Physician Health Committee for 10 years.

## Special House Election Tuesday, March 2

**S**pecial elections for State Representative from Merrimack County District 34, representing the towns of Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, and Webster, will be held on March 2, 2004.

The following won the Special Election Primary and are candidates vying for the open seat: Beth Rodd, (D), Bradford; and Peter Russell (R), Hopkinton.



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## Attention Bradford Voters Proposed 2004 Budget Information

The following was presented and discussed at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 7:00 pm. The proposed Town operating budget for 2004, as recommended by the Budget Committee, totals \$1,296,336.00 which represents a 3.9% increase over the 2003 operating budget of \$1,246,540.00.

In addition, warrant articles recommended (see note) by the Budget Committee totaling \$375,100.00 increase the above \$1,296,336.00 to a total recommended operating budget of \$1,671,436.00 (which does not include the school and county budgets yet to come). Reducing this budget of \$1,671,436.00 by anticipated revenue of \$497,193.00 leaves an estimated amount to be raised by taxation of \$1,174,243.00. This \$1,174,243.00, if not changed and accepted at Town Meeting in March is estimated to result in a tax rate of \$9.95 per thousand evaluation which is \$1.41 increase over the 2003 tax rate of \$8.54 per thousand.

For a detailed breakdown of all of the above, please obtain and read the 2003 Town Report when it becomes available.

Note: There are two Warrant Articles not recommended by the Budget Committee. One is for \$2,500.00 and one is for \$30,000.00 for a total of \$32,500.00. If these are accepted at Town Meeting and added to the above proposed operating budget of \$1,671,436.00, it will increase the above estimated tax rate of \$9.95 per thousand by \$0.28 to \$10.23 per thousand or \$1.69 increase over the 2003 tax rate.

## The Tax Impact of the High School and Middle School Bonds

Most voters are aware of the crowded conditions at our High School and Middle School and understand that the continued growth of the Kearsarge District will only make conditions worse. But they worry about affording the cost.

Fortunately, state building aid of 55% and the low interest rates on the bonds keeps the impact on our local taxes at reasonable levels. The estimated impact on Bradford taxpayers in 2005 of the High School bond is three cents per thousand and the Middle School bond will cost 22 cents. In 2006, when the full impact of the bond amortization will be felt, the tax rate impact of the High School bond is 17 cents and the Middle School bond is 78 cents per thousand. That means that an owner of a \$150,000 home will pay about \$143 in 2006 or about \$12 per month.

These favorable conditions will not last, however. Interest rates are headed up, the inflationary increase in construction costs exceeds overall inflation rates, and the formula for State aid is being revised downward for projects approved after July 2004. Delay in approving the bonds only means that the cost to taxpayers will increase as the conditions in our schools continue to deteriorate.

Most of the Selectmen in the towns of the Kearsarge District, including the Selectmen of Bradford, have joined with the KRSD Municipal Budget Committee in voting to support the bond proposals.

Please vote on March 9. If you are not a registered voter, you can register conveniently at the polling place at the same time that you vote.

—Dean E. Bensley, Chairman, KRSD School Board

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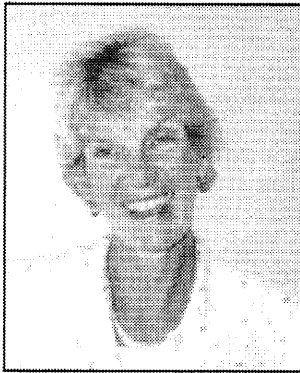
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### It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Girl Scout cookies will be delivered shortly after March 1 if you ordered them from one of our local troops. If you missed out, you can still pick some up! Bowie's Market will carry Girl Scout cookies while supplies last, beginning Sunday, February 29. In addition, cookies will be available on Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in front of the Bradford Post Office. Please help support a very worthy cause!

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

## SPECIAL ELECTION DISTRICT 34 Tuesday, March 2nd



### Beth Rodd for State Representative

Former two-term Legislator with experience working for the people and small businesses of District 34: Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, Webster

Fiscal Agent: Carey Rodd, Bradford, NH

### Kearsarge Area Preschool

Kearsarge Area Preschool (KAP) formerly known as Bradford/Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool (BNKP) has thrived in our area for 35 years thanks, in part, to support from the towns of Bradford and Newbury. The name change from BNKP to KAP came when the school district implemented a public kindergarten program in September of 2001. Kearsarge Area Preschool no longer has a kindergarten program but does offer preschool for children ages three and four. The program also facilitates the Kearsarge School District's special education program by enabling students of varying needs to learn, develop, and flourish alongside their peers in a school setting while receiving educational assistance in the classroom from district special educators.

Changes are coming to KAP this year. One major change is that it has filed for a non-profit status with the IRS. KAP is currently recognized by the state of New Hampshire as a non-profit organization but until now KAP was not able to apply for federal grants, and contributions directly to the school could not be used for tax deductions. Now, with the non-profit 501c3 filing, KAP has a brighter future.

Another significant change came with the adoption of new by-laws passed by the parents on February 10. The organization will continue to operate as a parent cooperative but members may now elect board members from the community who have interest and experience in early education and who may have business administration skills to govern the business affairs of KAP. All these changes will improve the continuity of the program and add valuable new

perspectives to the school.

Parents of KAP have always been heavily burdened to raise money to support the school in order to keep the tuition affordable for all interested families. Parent-run fundraisers in the past have supported as much as 20% of KAP's budgeted expenses. Financial aid will also be available this coming year.

Parent volunteers will still be a vital part of the school's success, but with these new changes we are better organized to continue to provide a quality and affordable early childhood program in Bradford. With the continued support of the towns of Bradford and Newbury and the great facilities and brand new playground at the Bradford Area Community Center, it is our sincere hope to see your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren come through KAP. If you would like more information on KAP please call 938-2442.

—Fred Hubley, KAP Board Member

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## BWC Christmas Craft Fair Workshops

Bradford Women's Club Christmas Craft Fair Workshops began in February at the Mountain Lake Inn. We will be making Santa Cones and need all BWC hands to help. Craft Workshops will be every two weeks as follows: Tuesday, March 9, 11:00 am (bring a bag lunch); Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 pm; Tuesday, April 13, 11:00 am (bring a bag lunch). For further information, please contact Erica Gross at 938-5566, Jean Gaito at 456-3779 or Tracy Foor at 938-6196.

—Tracy Foor

## Good New Hampshire Milk

Sullivan County Pomona Grange, in its meeting February 14, passed a resolution for presentation to the Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture. Master Kenneth Tashro, of Cornish Flat, will present the resolution calling for New England milk to be identified for the consuming public rather than being mixed with milk being trucked in from Midwest farms. There are some farms in our area that produce substantial amounts of milk but competition with the large farms in the Midwest is severe. It is expected that the public will respond to the availability of milk that has not traveled or been handled as much as it might otherwise have been.

—Edythe Craig, Secretary Sullivan  
 County Pomona Grange #9

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## Rural Heritage Connection Update

Several additional meetings of the Rural Heritage Connection have been held in the last two months. Work has continued to preserve the best of the Atlantic white cedar swamp that adjoins the existing Bradford Bog conservation land. Results from one grant proposal are expected before the Town Meeting, while pledges and donations from individuals have begun arriving at PO Box 296. All efforts are being made to eliminate the need for a warrant article requesting that any shortfall be covered by town funds.

A public site visit is being organized for March 6 at 1pm to view the property. Meet at the Bradford Bog entrance on East Washington Road, almost to the Washington line. Refreshments available. All interested residents are also encouraged to attend town meeting on March 10th to take part in the discussion.

Ann Eldridge

## Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

Roger Stephenson, who manages an independent public relations and management consulting firm in Stratham which deals with environment issues, will present a slide program to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter entitled "The Carbon Coalition and Impacts of Climate Change on New Hampshire," Friday, March 12, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

## The Workshop

The Workshop is looking forward to a very special program on Thursday, March 11: a travelog on Antarctica presented by the Kruegers of Newbury. After a brief business meeting and bag lunch, the program will commence at 12:30. This will be a timely program given the deep freeze we've been having this winter. Bundle up and come see and experience (superficially) survival in a climate not unlike ours but, fortunately, for only a few months a year. Anyone with an interest in Antarctica is welcome to join us for the program. For more information call Dolores Hansen 938-5586.

Clare Bensley

## Selectmen's Meetings

The January 20 Selectmen's Meeting was cancelled. Illness and previously excused absences resulted in the Board not having a quorum.

**January 27.** Meeting rescheduled from January 20. Meeting was held at the Bradford Area Community Center at 5:00pm. Primary elections were held in the Town Hall causing the meeting to relocate to the Community Center.

Steve Patten met with Selectmen to report his complaints regarding the Police Department to the Selectmen. Selectmen thanked him for his concerns and will take the matter under advisement.

Dan Wolf, representing the Middle School building committee met with Selectmen to request their support. Selectmen will discuss and contact Mr. Wolf of their decision.

Larry Hall, representing the Parks and Recreation Department, met with Selectmen to request support in their warrant article requesting funds to hire a part-time director. Selectmen agreed to support their warrant article for \$5,850. Mr. Hall also discussed the warrant article for the Gazebo. Parks and Recreation has raised \$10,000 over the past few years. This money is currently in a savings account and town auditors have indicated this money cannot remain in this type of account. Parks is requesting a capital reserve be created for a Gazebo or recreation building and be funded with the savings account.

Ann Eldridge of the Conservation Commission met with Selectmen requesting support for two warrant articles concerning land purchases and sales on East Washington Road. The land to be acquired is adjacent to the Bradford Bog. They request to sell three small parcels in the former Penhallow subdivision to an abutter and use resulting funds towards the purchase. Selectmen requested they submit the warrants by petition.

Matt Ordway met with Selectmen to discuss difficulty he is having at the transfer station. Selectmen will take his complaints under advisement.

Intent to cut for Michael Kelley on Rte 103 map 3 lot 35 signed.

Timber tax warrant signed.

Veterans tax credit approved for Mr. Gamp.

Transfer Station survey contract discussed.

Selectmen unanimously voted to move to non-public session per RSA 91 3AII to discuss personnel issues. In attendance were

Newbury Chief of Police, James Valiquet, Newbury Selectman, Jim Powell and Bradford Officer Doug Trottier. The termination of the Bradford Police Chief created the need to discuss public safety issues with the neighboring town of Newbury. Chief Valiquet laid out a plan for the Bradford Selectmen to follow, offering suggestions for coverage and recruiting a new Chief of Police. Jim Powell, acting as the Captain of the Rescue Squad, reported on a personnel matter of concern within the squad. Newspaper headlines had created negative publicity. Returned from non-public session at 7:00 pm with no decision.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**February 3.** Captain Hannigan, of the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, met with Selectmen to offer assistance to the Town of Bradford while recruiting for a new police chief. Captain Hannigan was asked to stay for a non-public session with Chief Valiquet of Newbury. He agreed.

Bob Foor met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the Selectmen's decision not to support a warrant article for hiring a circuit rider from Central NH Regional Planning Commission to assist the Planning Board in meeting with individuals with planning questions or interests in subdivision. The board of Selectmen voted not to change its stand on supporting the warrant articles.

Members of the Bradford Highway Crew met with Selectmen to request they reconsider the warrant article they submitted for a new one-ton pick-up truck. Arnold Anderson, Chris Frey, and Steve Lucier explained the need for the new vehicle to the board. The poor condition of the Army truck currently being used for in-town and parking lot plowing caused the Selectmen to reconsider their vote and replace the article on the warrant with their recommendation.

Selectmen voted to move to non-public session per RSA 91 3:All to discuss personnel and public safety issues. Vote was unanimous. Time out 6:00 pm. Time out of non-public session was 7:00 pm. No decision to report.

**February 17.** Roll Call: Bruce Edwards, Chairman; Peter Fenton, Selectman

February 3 minutes accepted with changes, #2, warrant article(s), rejected both articles for a circuit rider for the Planning Board, and Steve and Chris in attendance regarding Highway Department.

Appearances:

SEA cancelled an appearance, and requested a review with Selectmen about Cheney Hill Road; Bruce will contact them.

Milly Kittredge requests the Selectmen consider holding the front of the Marshall property lot for the building of a new Historical Building in the future. Bruce mentioned Parks and Recreation has a warrant for building a gazebo, but the lot is big enough for both, if that is decided. Bruce reminds it is prime property. Milly said a historical building would be attractive for both the intown and out of town visitors, safely hold town artifacts that are now in a building built in 1918, with no facilities. 123 collections have been added since 1997. Peter said he would keep an open mind.

Accounts payable manifest reviewed and signed.

One tax abatement was signed.

The contract of authority with the Police Department from Chief Valiquet was reviewed and agreed to with assurance of adequate insurance. New London, Henniker and Sutton signed.

Property liens were checked over.

The Highway Dept. has a furnace problem and Cheryl will contact the original installer to inquire about warranties.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

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Peter Fenton

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To the editor:

Voters, we have a great reason to go to the polls on March 2nd! We have the opportunity to vote for Peter Russell in the special election for Dist. 34 state representative—Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, and Webster.

Public service is not new for Russell—he has served as a selectman and as a fire fighter & chief in his hometown of Hopkinton. He is a small businessman and also operates an organic pick-your-own blueberry farm. He is committed to his community.

I look forward to casting my vote for Peter Russell. He knows New Hampshire and will work hard to represent us well. Vote Tuesday, March 2nd for Peter Russell. respectfully submitted,

Amy Patenaude

To the Editor:

The smaller towns in Districe 34 need to unite to elect Beth Rodd to fill the vacancy created when J.D. Colcord (Warner) resigned. The Special Election to replace Colcord is to be held March 2, 2004. The far-flung, seven-town Distruct 34 has six representatives assigned to it—all are elected at large. Currently, three of those representatives come from Hopkinton and two from Henniker. The remaining five towns have none. The bigger towns are well represented, the smaller ones are not.

The voters in the Towns of Newbury, Sutton, Bradford, Webster, and Warner should join together to provide equity in representation in our District to the Legislature in Concord. Join me in voting for Beth Rodd (Bradford) to help provide that representation.

David Hartman, Warner

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage residents of Sutton, Newbury, Bradford, Webster, and Warner to vote for our Bradford neighbor Beth Rodd in the upcoming March 2nd special election. As the five less populated towns in District 34, we are often outvoted by our larger counterparts in Hopkinton and Henniker. That needs to change in the March 2nd election.

Six members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives are elected to represent District 34. J.D. Colcord of Warner stepped down as one of the District 34 representatives, and the March 2nd special election is to replace him. If Beth Rodd's Hopkinton-based opponent is elected on March 2nd, four of our representatives will be from Hopkinton and two from Henniker.

We who live in the smaller towns of District 34 should stand together for Beth Rodd and make our voices heard. Beth Rodd is known in Bradford and the surrounding towns as a solid, down-to-earth neighbor who is always willing to listen. As a former legislator, she has the experience necessary to make sure our interests are represented well at the legislature.

Let's get out to vote on March 2nd, and let's vote for Beth Rodd.

Derek Lick, Sutton

Dear Editor,

With the failure of our State Senate to adequately address their redistricting responsibilities two years ago, our state supreme court took over - creating, among other problems, District 34, an overblown hotch-potch of urban and rural communities that seemed immediately unrealistic, and made even more so by the concept that this diverse territory should have 6 representatives—at large!

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