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Recent Award

Leah Buchar of Rowe Mountain Road in Bradford was recently awarded the President's Award of Excellence in Graphic Arts from the New Hampshire Community Technical College. This achievement reflected her talent, her high grade point average, her positive attitude, and her willingness to help both faculty and students. She was also awarded a James Tyler Memorial Scholarship. She hopes to expand her career as a graphic artist in this area.



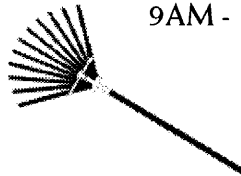
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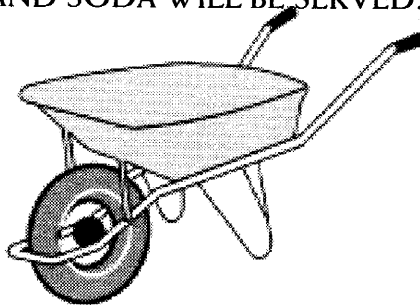


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Hersh Wins Award

Bradford writer Burton Hersh was designated "The Winner" in the category of Commercial Fiction in the *Writers Notes* magazine's competition for his novel, *The Nature of the Beast*, published by Tree Farm Press. Other award categories included: Art, General Fiction, Children's, Young Adult, and Culture. *Writers Notes* is one of the free international resources for promoting writers, authors, and independent presses. For more information about the award, visit: www.WritersNotes.com.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

240 Years of Service Honored

At this week's meeting of Sunapee Lake Grange in South Newbury, several members were recognized for their years of continuous membership in the Grange; Secretary Edythe Craig (65), Treasurer Alice Gove (60), Loren Heath and Sandra Brown Cyr (40) and Pamela Szacik (35). Those present gave thoughts from their years in the Grange. Cyr and Szacik were unable to be present.

The meeting was also the occasion for the annual Baking contest judging. This year's entry was a coffee cake made from scratch.

There were six entries, first place went

to Helen Lynam of Bradford, second place to Annie Whipple of Bradford, and third place went to Carol Fortune of Bradford. The judges were Loren Heath, Arlene Bagley, and Alice Gove.

The Grange is in the process of the legal transfer of ownership of the Grange Hall to the Town of Newbury as the third historical building in the complex on Village Road in South Newbury. The Grange will continue to meet in the hall and welcomes anyone interested in joining. The next regular meeting of the Grange will be May 14th at 7 pm.

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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. The Bridge reserves the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to Beth Rodd/Bev Leo at the address, FAX number, or e-mail address above by the 20th of the month.

Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund



Marilyn Gordon, Robert Stewart, and John Mock of the Bradford Business Association presented Dawn Rich a check for the Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund. All proceeds from their 7th annual fund raiser, Historic Homes and Inns Tour, go to the scholarship awarded by the Town of Bradford annually to a deserving local student.

On behalf of the past and future Bradford students and the scholarship committee, thanks go out to the Bradford Business Association for always supporting our youth in their quest for higher education.

Dawn Rich

Senior Council News

The Senior Council of Bradford Area Community Center invites senior neighbors to join a dining and discussion day trip. On Saturday May 8 all interested persons will gather at the Community Center at 11:30 am sharp and carpool to the Rainbow Buffet Restaurant on Storrs St. in Concord. (Chinese & other cuisine: \$5.25 includes senior discount) If you wish to come along (or have questions), please telephone Marcelle Richard at 938-5555 or Phyllis Whall at 938-5352.

BWC Christmas Workshops

Bradford Women's Club Christmas Workshops still continue at the Mountain Lake Inn. All Women's Club members and women that just enjoy crafting are invited to attend. For further information please contact Erica Gross at 938-5566, Jean Gaito at 456-3779, or Tracy Foor at 938-6196.

May 11, 2004 at 11:00 am, bring a bag lunch.

May 25, 2004 at 7:00 pm

June 28, 2004 at 11:00 am bring a bag lunch.

June 22, 2004 at 7:00 pm.

—Tracy Foor

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"We are excited to have the Shaker Singers perform at our church," said Gail Bostic. "Everyone in the area is invited to come and celebrate this special concert."

The Shakers lived a monastic life in many small rural towns throughout New England as well as New York, Kentucky, and as far south as Georgia. An important part of their lives was music. For centuries, singing and dancing were the main ingredients in their church service. People within the villages wrote thousands of songs expressing love and joy. The Elders in each village dutifully recorded shaker history; thus, the songs could be performed for generations. The Enfield Shaker Singers will perform songs relating to spring and give an insight to Shaker life.

As a gift to the community, admission to the spring concert is free and open to the public. Donations, gratefully accepted, will go towards community programs such as this. Free coffee and refreshments will be served following the concert at the Friendship House (next door to the church). For more information call 938-2064.



Quote of the month:

**"Spring is like a
perhaps hand."**

*e.e.cummings (1894-
1962), U.S. poet. Complete
Poems, 1904-1962 [(1991)
Liveright.*

Donations Needed for Bradford Area Community Center Auction

The Bradford Area Community Center Auction is planned for August 14 at the White Star Auction Hall in Newbury. The BACC is looking for donations of saleable items or services. We are interested in old or new items that are clean and in good condition, gift certificates, professional services, weekend getaways, a cruise in a boat or any other item or service. We will not be accepting electronic equipment, appliances, and some furniture.

The BACC will be accepting donations at the Community Center from 10:00 am to noon on the following Saturdays: May 1 & 15 and June 5 & 19. Additional dates will be added for July and August. Please contact the BACC at 938-6228 for more information.

Bradford Women's Club Update

The May 11 board meeting will be at the Mountain Lake Inn at 9:30am. There will be a craft workshop following at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited. Bring your lunch.

The annual luncheon will be a buffet at the Mountain Lake Inn on May 18 at 11:00 am. A card will be mailed to all members. Please mail in your luncheon money and dues by May 7.

All members are invited to work in the bicentennial garden on Saturday, May 22, at 9:00 am. We need everyone to help.

Our bake sale will be on Saturday, May 29, beginning at 9:00 am in front of the Post Office. Please drop off your baked goods at 8:30 am or phone Jane Johnsen for pickup.

—Barbara Vannata, President

Friends of the Library to Meet

A short meeting, *Ideas, New & Old Friends Meet, Children Welcome* will be the focus of the Friends of Brown Memorial Library's *Annual Meeting*, Sunday, May 16 at 6:00 pm in the library, 78 West Main Street. Light refreshments will be served. Friend's President, Audrey V. Sylvester said, "I encourage anyone interested in thinking up some great, new ideas for library programs to attend the Annual Meeting. Our goal is to bring more people into our beautiful town library. We need several Summer Reading Program leaders who are willing to plan one Wednesday program which includes story time and art/craft activities." The overall title for the four sessions is "Animals in Your Own Backyard." For more information, call: Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948.

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Bradford Conservation Commission / Rural Heritage Connection Update

The small dramas of the planning, fundraising, and town meeting have subsided into the technicalities and legalities of the actual purchase of 72 acres adjoining the existing Bradford Bog conservation area. The exchange of three small town-held lots towards the purchase of this rare Atlantic white cedar swamp proceeded swiftly with \$10,000 added to the conservation fund of the Bradford Conservation Commission. A public hearing will be held on May 18 to formally release money from the conservation fund to be used for the purchase price and legal fees incurred. A well-timed grant of \$10,000 from the Annette and George W. Cottrell, Jr. Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation (NHCF) will arrive soon.

The NHCF is a statewide community foundation, established in 1962. This permanent endowment comes from the gifts from many individuals, families, corporations and organizations. Earnings from the endowment are used to make grants and

loans to nonprofit organizations serving the State and for scholarship awards to New Hampshire residents.

Bradford overwhelmingly voted at the March town meeting to appropriate \$5,000 which, added to funds collected from the astonishing fundraising success of the newly formed Rural Heritage Connection, will complete the deal. Though Bradford has only a small amount of permanently protected land, compared with neighboring towns, this important addition is a good beginning.

Past, present, and future lovers of open space, and wetlands in particular, thank all who donated so generously of their time and resources.

The Rural Heritage Connection meets on the second Monday of every month at 7pm at the Community Center, and the Bradford Conservation Commission meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 at the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Ann Eldredge

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

On Thursday, May 13, the Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet at the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford for the annual library and book review meeting. Plan to arrive between 11:30 am and noon to look through the selection of books, tapes and movies available, and if you have a book you'd like to share with the group,

plan to take part in an informal discussion in the afternoon. We'll have the usual bag lunch with dessert and coffee provided by the library helpers at noon and follow with the book reviews. This is a great way to hear about books that are current as well as old favorites you might have missed.


—Clare Bensley

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The children arrive in Warner on July 7 and stay for two weeks until July 21. Host families may select a boy or girl and an approximate age between six and twelve. There are no financial requirements. All that's needed is an extra bed and a seat at the dinner table. "The friendships that develop with these kids can last a lifetime," said Foley.

Families are needed from Hanover to Hopkinton and all places in between. For more information call Joyce Foley at 456 - 3279 or visit www.freshair.org.

Bradford Independence Day Committee

The Bradford Independence Day Committee thanks all that made our Car Wash on Saturday, April 24th, such a great success. Thank you Bradford Fire Department for giving us the facility to use for the day.

The proceeds from the Car Wash lowers the needed amount for a successful Independence Day celebration to \$7,120. Thanks a million for doing this for us!

April Messer



Supervisors of the Checklist

Supervisors of the checklist will be in session on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Bradford Town Hall.

This will be your last opportunity to change your party affiliation for the State Primary on September 14, per RSA 654:34.

New voters please bring proof of residency and age.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

- Ann Lucier*
- Judy Marshall*
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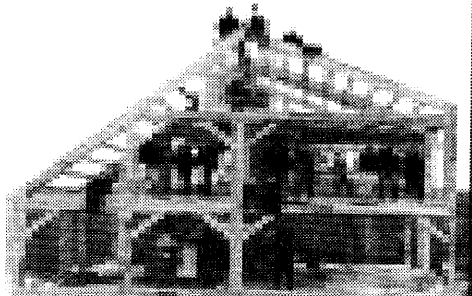
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Jared Raymond Completes Military Police Training

Jared S. Raymond of Springfield and Bradford has completed training and is stationed at Third Marine Air Wing—Miramar, San Diego, California. PFC Raymond graduated from Basic Training at Parris Island, South Carolina on December 19, 2003. PFC Raymond returned home for the holidays, leaving on January 20, 2004 for Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for Military Combat Training (MCT). After completion of MCT, PFC Raymond continued on to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for Military Police (MP) training, graduating on April 22, 2004. PFC Raymond, a 2003 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, is the son of Barbara Raymond, Springfield, Robert Raymond, Bradford, and grandson of James and Dolores Hansen, Newbury.




Bradford Historical Society

On Wednesday, May 26th, the Kearsarge Regional High School's Music Department will present their Fifth Annual Spring Musical Program in Bradford. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy these talented and professional local students sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society.

Bradford Country Squares

Bradford Country Squares will host a square dance at the Town Hall on Saturday, May 22. Mike Petitbon and Matt Auger will be calling A1 from 7:00 until 8:00 pm and Mainstream/Plus from 8:00 until 10:30 pm. There will be no rounds. Price of admission is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. For more information you may call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

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