

THE Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS BY NEIGHBORS

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February 2008

Town Meeting Date Change?

by Marcia Keller

Do you attend Town Meeting? Bradford residents traditionally turn out in large numbers whenever called upon to vote – primary elections, national and state contests, voting for local officials. Town Meeting follows a different path, covering two separate sessions. The second Tuesday in March, Bradford voters turn out in large numbers to vote for the people who will carry on the duties of town government for the coming year. The numbers are smaller for the second session, traditionally adjourned until the following (Wednesday) evening at 7 pm. At that session, the warrant articles that determine our local taxes are debated and approved or not as the voters choose.

The **Bradford Improvement Association (BIA)** recently requested that the selectmen consider changing the second session to the Saturday morning following the Tuesday voting day. This was presented with the hope and expectation that Bradford residents who find it difficult to attend a weekday evening meeting because of family or job constraints could participate in this important part of community life if the meeting were held on the weekend.

Researching town records and state law, it became clear that the necessary approach is to give the selectmen authority to make a change in time and date and then to encourage them to select a Saturday session. A warrant article will be discussed on March 12, 2008 that would enable the Board of Selectmen to move the business section of Town Meeting to an alternative day and/or time than the traditional Wednesday at 7 pm.

For those of you who have not been able to attend a town meeting because of the late evening commitment, consider whether this change would be helpful. If you cannot attend the session on March 12, let the selectmen know if the proposed change would help increase the attendance.

10 QUESTIONS:

By Phyllis Wilcox

CHRISTINE WAITE

This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people in Bradford.

Christine Waite was born in Marlboro, Massachusetts where she attended Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. She was interested in computer literacy and followed a work/study program with one week of school and one week of work at Stratus Computers. She moved to Newbury, New Hamp-



shire after graduation and worked at a small breakfast restaurant owned by her parents in Newbury. Next, she worked at Cobble Pond in Bradford. In 1998 she began her banking career as a teller at the Bradford branch of Lake Sunapee Savings Bank. In November, 2008 she will celebrate ten years at the branch. Christine resides in Bradford with her husband and two children, Caitlin, 13, and Jenna, 6.

Q. How long has the LSSB branch been open in Bradford? Why did the bank select this town as a bank location?

We opened the Bradford office in the spring of 1975 and held an open house celebration in July of that year.

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ELECTION RESULTS

The winners of the January 11, 2008, first-in-the-nation NH presidential primaries were Hillary Clinton (D) and John McCain (R). In Bradford, 806 residents out of 1136 register voters (71%) voted. The results were:

Democrats:

Barack Obama	214
Hillary Clinton	106
John Edwards	80
Bill Richardson	20
Dennis Kucinich	10
Joe Biden	3
Richard E. Caligiuri	1

Republicans:

John McCain	117
Mitt Romney	111
Rudolph Giuliani,	46
Mike Huckabee	56
Duncan Hunter	5
“Ron” Paul	25
Fred Thompson	3
Jack Shepherd	1

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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.

From The Editors

We've been trying to think of something positive to say about this February, 2008 with minor success. Well, there's Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and school vacation to balance against the winter doldrums, a looming national recession and short, cold days where sniping partisan politics are playing out in our presidential season. It's enough to make a person want to go back to bed for six more weeks....

This issue of the Bridge has information about the Needs Assessment Committee's Bond recommendations and a proposed warrant article that the Fire Department will present to voters at Town Meeting, Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00PM. There are also several openings for volunteers in a variety of town offices which need your support. The Bradford Improvement Association (BIA) will sponsor a **Candidates Night** at KRES, Bradford **on Friday, February 29 at 7:00PM (snow date Friday, March 7)**. Please participate as a candidate or an interested community member. Sign-ups for the town office vacancies are from Friday, January 25 until Friday, March 2 at the Town Clerk's office. Get involved with our town; it will lift the cabin fever we are all feeling right now.

Happy Valentine's Day! May the year ahead bring love and happiness to every aspect of your lives.

Beth Rodd

Selectmen's Office Hours 938- 5900

Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 12 noon
1 pm - 5 pm
Friday 8 am - 12 noon

Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd
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Needs Assessment Steering Committee

by Dawn Rich

The Steering Committee is moving forward towards completion of the mission that started in May, 2007. Interviews with three building contractors were held and information relating to their selections was presented to the selectmen for their consideration at their meeting on January 15th. The selected road contractors were also given to the selectmen at this time. Final contractors' information was presented to the selectmen at their meeting on January 29th. Selection of contractors will be available when approved by the selectmen. The next step of the process will be to send information to the Budget Committee for approval.

The process will continue by notifying the residents about the warrants to be voted on at the Town Meeting, March 12th, 2008 at 7 PM.

Three separate warrants were suggested to the selectmen. The first one will be for the transfer station road (\$201,244). The second will be for the highway garage, salt shed, police station and site work for both buildings (\$1,855,100). The third will be for the highway garage, salt shed and site work without the police station (\$1,393,500).

On Primary Day, information was handed out with sketches of the proposed buildings and site plans. An additional warrant item for a contact person to oversee the work of the projects was suggested to the selectmen.

Information from the NAC steering committee will continue until the Town Meeting. Flyers on the latest information will be available for all residents at the Town Hall, Post Office, Lake Sunapee Bank and Bradford Area Community Center. The next weeks are crucial times for all residents to review the updated information. Please contact the steering committee with your questions.

An NAC steering committee meeting was held on January 24, 2008. The NAC met with the selectmen regarding the final contractors' information and cost figures on January 29, 2008. A date for the February Bond Hearing will be posted as soon as it is available.

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Selectmen's Highlights

Needs Assessments Steering Committee:

Chair Tom Riley presented preliminary recommendations for three possible warrant articles for consideration by the Board of Selectmen. 1. Bond article for the reconstructed road. 2. Highway garage, salt shed, and police station and site work to connect to the new road. 3. Highway garage, salt shed, and site work both for the highway building and the police station. When selection of the contractor and cost figures have been approved by the selectmen and the Budget Committee, a budget hearing will be scheduled.

An additional proposal was presented to the selectmen by Dick Keller to locate the highway garage only on the lower site of the transfer station property with the expectation that the site work there would decrease the cost. Selectmen reiterated their support of the NAC proposal and stated that a petition would be needed to put an alternative proposal before the voters.

Andrew Pinard reported that he had contacted NHDOT regarding the Route 103 access to the transfer station and that a decision on the cost could be available within a month.

Bradford Area Community Center (BACC) Kearsarge Area Preschool (KAP):

Bob Stewart presented three proposals that were approved by the Selectmen:

1. Decrease the monthly rent for the KAP to \$250 for this year while an effort is made to increase enrollment or add a new program.
2. Approve a contract at \$135/month for pest services using materials approved by the State that will not affect children or animals in the building.
3. Purchase 6 programmable thermostats at a cost of \$550 - \$700 for the BACC in line with a recommendation from an energy consultant who advised these could provide a

30% savings (approximately \$2400/year).

Jones Road: Addy Camire advised that with the change at the intersection of Jones and Center Roads and relocation of the stop sign, traffic by her home on Jones Road is traveling much faster and becoming dangerous for cars backing out of her driveway. Selectmen agreed to request the police to step up the detail at the intersection of Jones and Center Road and track speeds in the area. The Road Agent will be asked to consider a "blind drive" sign for traffic coming down Center Road.

Rescue Squad: Fire Chief Mark Goldberg presented a "Proposed Rescue Squad Personnel Payment Plan" for consideration by the selectmen. He stated that the number of rescue squad volunteers is down and that efforts to come to an agreement for coverage of Bradford with either Henniker or New London have not been

successful. The cost to pay the needed personnel is calculated at \$66,105.00 for the year. Selectmen voted to address this as a warrant article for a first time proposal to establish a paid rescue squad.

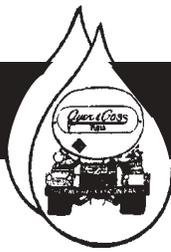
Web Site: Andrew Pinard advised that, at the recommendation of Administrator Cheryl Behr, he has established bradfordnh.org as an official town web site. Minutes of meetings have been posted on the site since December 20, 2007. Ordinances and other material will be added as time goes on.





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Planning Board Notes

Site Plans:

Bradford Corners: Conditional approval was granted to Dave Pickman for an additional business, screening and selling loam, at the post office location on Route 114. Use of heavy equipment is limited to 7:00 am – 5:00 pm and not on Sunday, with the exception of loading and transporting. The plan will note that the existing rock/dirt pile, currently within the 100' wetlands setback will be removed by June 1, 2008 and in the future will be located outside the wetlands buffer.

Dunkin' Donuts: The NH DES had inquired whether the septic system, originally designed and installed for Pizza Chef, would be adequate for the additional business. Bob Stewart Jr. of RCS Designs conferred with DES and it was agreed that there is sufficient storage and volume in the system for both operations. Stewart also advised that the applicant will use externally lighted signs both on the

building and on the free-standing sign to be erected on the traffic island. All lights will be shielded and directed downward.

The Board voted to approve the plan when it has been revised to indicate the changes. An additional condition is to re-visit parking issues if they become a problem. Chair Phil LaMoreaux thanked Dunkin' Donuts representatives for their willingness to accommodate the wishes of the community.

Subdivisions:

Mountain Lake Inn A letter was received from Robert Roy canceling the application for this property. New owners do not wish to continue with the subdivision.

Laurendeau Enterprises RCS Designs presented a conceptual proposal for a five-lot subdivision of property with frontage on the seasonal portion of Forest Street. Discussion centered on how much of the road would need to be upgraded and the process for changing the status of the road.

CNHRPC Hours for the Circuit Rider have been changed. Ian Thomas will be available at the Town Hall each Wednesday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Zoning Amendments Two amendments will be presented for ballot voting at Town Meeting. At the request of the Code Enforcement Officer, it is proposed to amend Article III. D. 1. to eliminate the reference to 75' from the center of the road. The section would read: *“Minimum distance between any building and the edge of a public right-of-way or an accepted public road shall be fifty (50) feet”*.

Several amendments are proposed to the Floodplain Development section of the ordinance in order to remain compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program. Copies of the amendments are available at the Town Hall, Brown Memorial Library and the Post Office. Revised floodplain maps can be reviewed at the Town Hall.

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A Soldier's Life

by Beth Rodd

On January 3, Staff Sergeant Michael Iozzo, an Iraq war veteran, gave a talk about his war experiences to the students and staff of the NFI Midway Shelter. The boys and staff had sent "goody packages" to Sgt. Iozzo in Iraq and he was here to say thanks and answer questions about the war.

Sgt. Iozzo recently completed a 13 month tour of duty in that war-torn country and answered many questions about his life there and about what he missed most while away from home. He described days and weeks of boredom when soldiers, waiting for assignments, passed time playing cards, watching movies and trying to make the hours and days move more quickly. He spoke of his respect for close-knit Iraqi families and their attempts to survive in a poor country lacking sufficient plumbing, electricity and water; of the 20 to 30 people living together in small spaces while eking out an existence through subsistence farming. He spoke of soldiers' fears of being blown up, masked by a nervous but optimistic attitude to give them courage. He regretted that he had missed eighteen months of his two year old son's first years, his sister's wedding, important funerals and other family events.

Students asked about the type of training he had received, about weapons used in war, about substance abuse among soldiers and how to identify a potential suicide bomber (tinted car windows, weighted in back, no license plates, no back seats, protruding wires). He answered a question about his best meal – seafood chowder, steaks, baked goods- at the mess hall. And, the worst – at a local feast where a sheep was slaughtered on site and served in a gelatinous, yellow, fatty substance covered with flies and

which, in order not to offend his hosts, he ate.

Sgt. Iozzo described his mission as a soldier as having the goal of securing Iraq for other organizations that are helping to rebuild the country's infrastructure. Asked whether the military shouldn't be cleaning up after

Katrina instead of at war with a foreign country, he responded that the military follows the Commander-in-Chief's priorities and that the war in Iraq has precedence over domestic issues for this administration.

Any regrets? Sgt. Iozzo says no, he likes being a soldier. But, he suggests, when considering a military career, think Air Force because, with a larger budget, they provide better housing and clothing allotments for their personnel than other branches of the military.

The staff and students of NFI/Midway gave Sgt. Iozzo a warm welcome and hearty thanks for his work on behalf of the country and his generosity in sharing some of his experiences with them.



Sgt. Iozzo shares stories of his wartime experiences with staff and students at the NFI/Midway site.

VNA

Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 28, 2008 • 4:00 pm
Wilmot Community Center

NOTE: Parking at WCC and across the street at Wilmot Baptist Church

Guest Speaker:

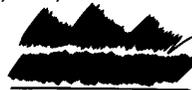
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First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

Youth Group: Youth who are in grades 5-8 are invited to our youth gatherings on the following Friday evenings at the Fisk House: February 1, February 15 and February 22 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service: We will have an informal worship service on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Mom's Study/Support Group: The moms will meet every Thursday in February from 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. They continue to study Wilkinson's "The Dream Giver for Parents" and spend time praying for each of their children. Childcare is provided.

Thursday Bible Study: The Thursday Bible Study will meet every Thursday in February from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. They will conclude their study of Colossians and begin 1 Thessalonians.

Small Group: The Thursday evening small group will meet every Thursday evening in February from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and study Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Life" together. They will be meeting at different homes. If you are interested in joining the group, please call the church office at 938-5313.

Food Pantry: The February food pantry day is Wednesday, February 20 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

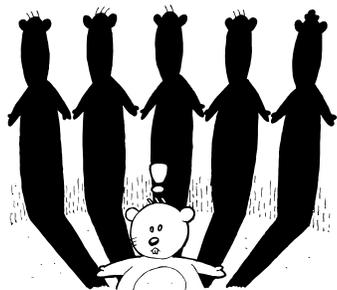
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Area Happenings

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Age: 6-12

Time : Saturdays 10:45-11:45am

Price : \$60.00/ 5 week session

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Age: All ages (4 and under must come with an adult)

Time: Saturdays 10:45 – 11:45am

Price: \$50.00 / 5 week session

The instructor for both classes is Nicole Whitson-Stratton. Nicole is a Senior at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester where she will be receiving a Bachelors Degree in Ceramic and Art Education. Nicole taught at the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum and KAT company and is Mom to 2 yr old Perry Stratton. More info? Call Kate Dobrowski, BACC, 938-6228

Bradford's own Andrew J. Pinard can be seen performing Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm on January 31 and again on February 7 & 28 at The Barley House

Restaurant & Tavern at 132 North Main Street in Concord, NH. Please call The Barley House at 603-228-6363 for more information. Bring your friends and family and prepare to be amazed!

Living and Being Well – A Six Week Fitness Course at the Bradford Area Community Center begins on Wednesday, February 6th at 8:30 am. This exercise and nutrition program is designed to help establish the habit of exercise and eating in a healthy way. A walking program, core exercises, strength training, flexibility and stretching combined with good nutrition make up this 90 minute morning program designed to get you on your way to better living.

Instructor: Lorna Young, Certified Fitness Trainer and Nutrition Specialist Cost: \$60.00. Call 456-2407 to register.

Bradford Parks & Recreation

Community Barn Dance in Bradford. Friday, Feb.15, 7 to 11PM, KRES Beginners 7 to 8:30. Potluck snack/intermission, raffle and drawing. Sylvia Miskoe, Bruce Cobb and Justine Paul will entertain. Admission \$5, seniors and students \$3, under 5 yrs., \$2. Bring a potluck dessert or snack to share. Dances are scheduled on::

March 21 – The Bradford Bog People – with caller Lausanne Allen of Vermont.

April 18 – The band of Sarah Nelson and Tom Moreau with caller Alice Morris.

May 16 –The band of Sarah Nelson and Tom Moreau with caller Alice Morris.

AUDUBON EVENTS:

Friday, February 8, 2008, Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter Program.

Larry Denencourt will join us for a visit to look at the “Nature of Sanibel Island in February” as seen through the camera lens. Tracy Library, New London, NH. Join us for refreshments at 7 pm., program at 7:30 pm. Call Jan Prew at 526-6790 for more information.

Saturday February 9, 2008

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter Field Trip. Come with us to Cape Ann to look for over-wintering birds. Meet at the Warner Park & Ride, Exit 9, I-89 at 8:00 am. Bring lunch, water, binoculars, warm clothing. Call leader Peter Newbern, 763-4308 for more information. Inclement weather cancels the trip.

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Friday, Feb 8, 7 pm, #1 PERU w/Imaru Crudup - Slides, Video, Discussion.

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NEWBURY:

January 31, (snow date: February 7), 4pm at **The Fells**. *The Grand Resort Hotels of the White Mountains: History, Architecture and Personalities*. Part of the 2008 History Series: *Hosting Our Summer Guests: The 1880s through the 1930s*. A collaboration of The Fells; New London, Sunapee and Newbury Historical Societies; and The New London Barn Playhouse. Tickets at the Newbury Town Office. Limit 70. Members \$4, non-members \$6.

February 10 (snow date: February 17), 1-3pm. **Trail-walk Series:** Cross-Country Skiing at The Fells with Laura and Bruce Crawford. Families welcome! Bring own skis. Meet at Fells Gatehouse. Limit 15. Members free, non-members \$5.

February 20 (snow date: Wednesday, February 27), 3-5:00pm. Winter Mammal Tracking: Stories in the Snow. Co-sponsored by the SPNHF. Join Naturalist Dave Anderson for a hike in the Forest Society's Hay Forest Reservation. Warm winter boots recommended. Deeper snow may necessitate snowshoes. Meet at The Fells Gatehouse. Limit: 20. Members \$16, non-members \$20. Register for all Fells events at 763-4789 ex. 3

SRK HIKES:

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalitions February and March weekend snowshoe hikes are in five area towns with distances ranging from three to six miles. A hike in Bradford is included for the first time. For the full winter schedule and other SRK information go to www.srkg.com. Be prepared for winter conditions with clothing layers, food, and water.

Please call the hike leader at least the night before to learn starting location and time. Snowshoes are the presumed mode of transport.

Feb 2 (Sat) Andy Hager (526-2846) Cross-Country Ski trip from the New London/Springfield town line near Twin Lake Villa to Morgan Pond. 6 mi.

Feb 9 (Sat) Brian Faughnan (526-7838) In New London and Wilmot, a hike along the Langenau Forest Trail and Pleasant Lake High Trail. 4 mi.

Feb 16 (Sat) Wayne Nicoll (735-5721) SRK Greenway Trail #10 from Winslow State Park on Mount Kearsarge to Proctor Academy in Andover (all downhill). 6 mi.

Feb 23 (Sat) Ann Eldridge (938-5266) In Bradford, on and off trails on Haystack Mountain and Pickett Hill. 3 mi.

Mar 1 (Sat) Gerry Gold (526-2857) Goshen and Newbury: A hike along Sunapee Ridge to Lucia's Lookout and return. 12 mi.

Mar 8 (Sat) Brent Scudder (763-0187) In Sutton, Greenway Trail 0

Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores. The SRK Greenway Coalition, incorporated in 1993, is a ten-town all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond.

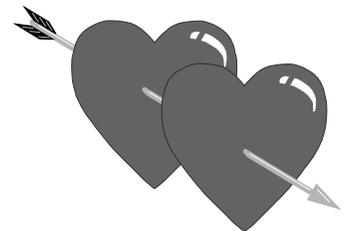
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Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice and Annual Meeting, February 28, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.

Location TBA Speaker: Janice Foust, PhD, RN Visiting Nurse Service of New York, "Transitions to Home: Opportunities To Improve Care"

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Obituaries

Karen L. Dion

Karen L. Dion, 38, died on Dec. 16, 2007. Born August 4, 1969, in Brooklyn, NY, Karen grew up and lived most of her life in Newbury, NH. She attended the Kearsarge Regional schools but graduated from the Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, VT. An active, conscientious student, she competed on both the skiing and cycling teams, and was an active member of Amnesty International. Karen was an excellent student and graduated with honors in 1987.

In 1987, Karen moved to Colorado to attend Colorado State University, and to pursue her dream of winning a spot on the US Olympic Cycling Team. She eventually left school to pursue her Olympic dreams full-time in 1988. She specialized in sprinting and competed on velodromes all across the USA and Canada. She was very talented; she spent time at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and won many USCF Regional Championship races during her athletic career. She was fully sponsored by the Peugeot Tissot Women's Cycling Team.

In 1991, Karen enlisted in the US Navy. She completed boot camp in Orlando, FL, and attended corpsman school at the Great Lakes Naval Station. Her tour of duty included the Oakland Naval Hospital and the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton as a Medical Corpsman. She split her time between the emergency room and obstetrics. Karen spent most of her naval career either saving lives, or helping bring new lives into the world. She was honorably discharged in 1995.

After returning to New Hampshire, Karen went to Granite State College to obtain her professional paramedic license while also working at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She graduated with a self-designed major in emergency medicine. After graduation, she worked for both Cataldo and AMR (American Medical Response) ambulance companies..

Karen was a hero; she saved numerous lives during her career, often in the face of danger and adversity.

Even Karen's hobbies revolved around rescue. She was very dedicated to saving neglected, abandoned and abused animals. Karen was amazingly generous with both her time and personal funds to the animal causes she believed in. She even championed the recycling of various medical supplies for reuse in animal shelters.

2007 was a very difficult year for Karen. In June, she was seriously injured while on duty responding to an emergency call. Her ambulance was hit by another vehicle and totaled. It took nearly



two hours to extract her from her own ambulance. She sustained many severe injuries that she was still being treated for when she died.

Even at the lowest moments Karen always looked at the bright side of life. Several days before her death after a doctor's appointment, Karen said, "Next year I will have a really great summer." Karen was an optimist and a fighter. Her surviving family, her parents Helen and Dick Wright, her brothers, Rick Wright and William Hall, and sister-in-law, Erika Larsson-Hall, whom Karen considered her sister, will sorely miss her.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Women's Supportive Services for Battered Women, 20 Central St., Newport, NH 03773; or the Upper Valley Humane Society, 300 Old Route 10, Enfield, NH 03748.

Jean A. Angers

Jean A. Angers, 62, of 342 Lancaster Hill Road, Tilton, died at her home on Tuesday, December 18, 2007. Mrs. Angers, daughter of Herbert Samuel and Grace Danforth (Underwood) Tucker spent time during her lifetime at the family's camp on Lake Massasecum. A Graveside Service will be held in the spring at the family lot in New Pond Cemetery, Bradford, N. H.

Nelson Whittier

Nelson Whittier, 62, died, Jan. 16, 2008, at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack after a long illness. Born in Henniker, June 10, 1945, to George and Bernice (Clark) Whittier, he attend local schools and graduated from Henniker High School. He held four associate degrees and earned his Bachelor of Arts from New England College. He was a teacher in Pittsburg and the Weare school system. He worked at the Old Number 6 Book Depot in Henniker for the past 10 years. He was a board member of the Bradford Historical Society and a member of the New London Sooniipi Audubon Society. He was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed genealogy. He loved the Red Sox and the Patriots, but not as much as he loved his family. Members of his family include: his mother of Henniker; three daughters, Nancy Whittier of Kenmore, WA, Nicole Lawson of Manchester, and Shawn Blakey of Dover; twin granddaughters; two brothers, Ted Whittier and Bruce Whittier, both of Henniker; a sister, Kathy Arpino of Webster; two nieces; and four nephews.

Spring urn burial will be held at the New Cemetery in Henniker. Memorial donations should be made to the American Cancer Society, 360, Rte. 101, Bedford, NH 03110.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearings:

Variances:

NFI-North Route 103, for temporary wetland buffer disturbance, passed with conditions.

Daniel Kraft, Hogg Hill Rd., to create a lot not meeting road frontage, passed, goes to Planning Board for subdivision.

Duff-Gallagher, Breezy Hill. Mr. Duff agreed to withdraw his appeal based on the revised septic system design.

Correspondence from Andrew Pinard, request for rehearing concerning signage; Board determined he did not have standing.

Kevin Allen granted a one year extension of his Route 103 special exception.

Tuesday, Feb.5 Town Hall, Public Hearing, Clarkson Cavan LLC, French's Park Rd. to replace a deck on a non-conforming lot. Map 21 Lot 23.

Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Karen Hambleton

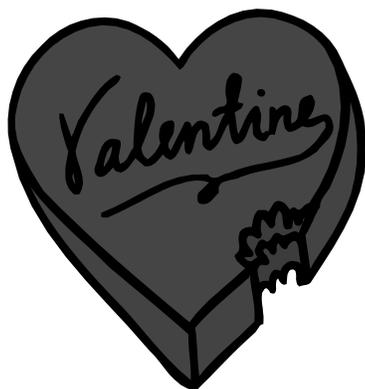
Thanks to Mother Nature's steady assistance, we had lots of fun in January exploring winter. We discussed freezing and melting, ways animals and people stay warm, tracks in the snow and outdoor winter activities. We built snowmen with snow and with craft materials!! And we investigated the unique wonders of snowflakes.

Our February theme is Fairy Tales. We will be reading lots of fairy tales, comparing different versions, and of course doing lots of play-acting. We will build castles out of cardboard boxes and design wands to accomplish magical transformations. In one story we have already read, Alice (a temporary fairy) turns her father into a horse and makes cookies disappear! (*Alice the Fairy* by David Shannon, available at Brown Memorial Library).

We have just a few spaces left available in both the three and four year old classes this spring. Please visit our website at www.kearsargeareapreschool.org or call 938-2442 for more information.



Preschool princess Ellie Bruss is hard at work coloring a gingerbread house!



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Bradford Conservation Commission News

By Ann Eldridge

The Conservation Commission will be updating Bradford's ten-year old Natural Resources Inventory. Indexing the town's open spaces, wetlands and natural features is a primary responsibility of a commission. This is essential to its ability to advise the town planners on the best use of its natural areas. The inventory begins with an overview of the topography, geology, and soils. A wetlands inventory has already been compiled based on protocol established at the state level. Existing 'open space' land will be reviewed along with the health of agriculture and forestry, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, views, and historically significant landscapes.

Since 1998, more data has become available such as updated soils maps and water supply information.

Flood control issues will have increasing importance. The federal Wildlife Action Plan will be incorporated as well as the most recent Master Plan and the recreational trail plan completed with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission.



Input from residents will be actively solicited. Watch for meeting announcements. We welcome photographs of places important to residents for possible inclusion.

Bradford Historical Society

Bradford's Role in the Primary

New Hampshire's Presidential Preference Primary was introduced in 1949 by Reuben S. Moore (1894-1967) who was Bradford's representative to the General Court. He sponsored it as a Primary Reform measure, signed by a "slightly skeptical" Gov. Sherman Adams. Reuben was elected to the NH House for ten terms. While there he sat on the Agriculture, Ways & Means, Public Works Committees and knew almost everyone in the political field. He was town Postmaster for nine years and a selectman for over twenty years. He enjoyed his farm on Sunset Hill as much as town, state, and federal politics.

Volunteer Wanted: detail-oriented person to do layout for the Bradford Bridge using Pagemaker. No experience needed, will train. Call 938-2692 for details or email

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

The library has received new resources for parents from the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund. The "I am Your Child" DVD series, produced by Rob Reiner, offers parents essential information about managing day-to-day stress, child behavior, development, fitness, and nutrition. This gift is part of the Strengthening Families Project, which is designed to enhance parents' knowledge of child rearing, increase families' familiarity with community resources and enhance early literacy skills. Please be sure to take advantage of these resources.

The March book-to-movie discussion (first Friday at 7pm) will be on *The Day of the Triffids* by John Wyndham and in April we will compare the story *A Gravestone Made of Wheat* with the movie *Sweet Land*. The International Movie series (third Friday at 7pm) continues in February with a selection from Cuba, in March a movie from France, and in April—Korea. Look for this series to switch to documentaries in May. The list of movie titles is available at the library.

Some of the new books added to your library in January are:

For adults:

Touchstone by Laurie R. King

The Senator's Wife by Susan Miller

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz

American Creation by Joseph J. Ellis

In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

For children:

You Were Loved Before You Were Born / by Eve Bunting

Glass Slipper/Gold Sandal by Paul Fleischman

The True Meaning of Smekday by Adam Rex

American Cancer Society Honors Gail Olson with 2007 Volunteer Values Award



Gail Olson receives the Sandra C. Larabee Award from Nancy Kane of the Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society's annual awards celebration honored Gail Olson of Bradford as one of the five recipients of the Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Awards. This is awarded to volunteers who exemplify the five values that guide the staff and volunteers of the American Cancer Society in New England. For the past four years, Gail Olson has chaired the Relay For Life of Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee. Under her guidance, the event has doubled in size.

In presenting the award, Nancy Kane, vice-chair of American Cancer Society's New England board of directors, said, "Everyone who works with Gail comments on her dedication to the spirit of "Relay For Life" and the respect she displays toward survivors, caregivers and her fellow volunteers." The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

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Mortgage Relief and Short Sales

by Laura Hallahan

While the Bush administration's plan to freeze interest rates on adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) for five years – known as “fast track” – will come as welcome relief to some subprime borrowers, not everyone will qualify for the freeze. With the “fast track” plan, the introductory interest rates on subprime adjustable-rate mortgages with an initial fixed-rate period of 36 months or less would be frozen for five years. Homeowners whose ARMs originated between January 1, 2005 and July 31, 2007 with interest rates scheduled for their first reset between January 1, 2008 and July 31, 2010, can potentially benefit. These borrowers must live in their homes and have a potential initial payment increase of more than 10 percent. Borrowers must also have a credit score of less than 600 and thus be unable to refinance into a lower rate. They must also have little or no equity in their homes or a history of late payments.

If it sounds like you might be eligible, check your mortgage paperwork to make sure the dates of the origination and the dates of the first scheduled reset match those of the “fast track” plan. If so, contact the company to which you send your mortgage payment.

Homeowners with ARMs that have already had a reset are not covered. Nor are those with mortgages held by banks; the mortgages had to have been bundled and sold as securities. Borrowers with delinquent loans don't qualify, nor do those who have good credit or fixed-rate mortgages. If you don't qualify and need help, know that lenders are being asked to make every effort to help borrowers, so talk to your lender about your particular situation.

If you can no longer make your mortgage payments and your home is now worth less than what you owe on it, foreclosure may not be your only option. When the lender allows the sale of a home for less than it is worth and forgives the rest of the note, it is known as a “short sale”. This is another alternative for homeowners. While there are some significant negative consequences to a “short sale”, it can also be a win-win. The seller gets out of the mortgage liability without facing bankruptcy, the buyer gets the home at a reduced price and the lender agrees to a loss it considers minimal without waiting through a foreclosure or going through the whole selling process. After all, it can cost as much as \$50,000 per foreclosure. There are several properties in our local area on the market right now in a “short sale” situation, but buyers take note - the purchasing process is lengthy and can be frustrating.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editors:

Regarding the plans for the highway sheds and the police station, having heard many discussions for and against, I would like to say this:

- * If there is a question of pollution on the site, we will need to address it sooner or later, and I feel sooner is better.
- * The access ought to be from Rt. 103. Simpler, safer, less costly.
- * The building site ought to be on the level parts of the lot. Simpler, safer, less costly.
- * The police station is much too large and expensive for a small town like ours.
- * The two projects ought to be on separate warrant articles, and the financing also.

*We don't want to do this in a hurry. It is worth taking the time to do it right.

Sincerely,

Janet G. Sillars

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Recent Sales in Bradford

80 Gillingham Drive, Waterfront Cottage on .40 acres for \$195,000

Lot 3 North Ridge Road, New Cape on 2.89 acres for \$272,500

Route 103, 5.6 acres of raw land for \$38,000

There are 19 active and 3 pending residential listings, 21 active and 0 pending land listings, 5 active and 0 pending commercial listings and 1 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

KEARSARGE DISTRICT NEWS

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Jon Steiner

A small crowd of 50 to 75 people attended the deliberative session on January 12th at the high school to discuss the upcoming school warrant which will be on the ballot in March. Much discussion centered around the budget which increases 8.95% this year. Of this, over 5% of the increases come from voter approved line items including the collective bargaining agreement, the middle school bond and projected utility increases. The remaining 3.8% includes the rising cost of fuel oil for both buses and heat as well as federally mandated and required special education costs. Special ed alone this year jumped by over \$600,000 due to unanticipated placements and federal requirements. We continue to work through the NH and National School Boards Association to tell congress how much these mandates are affecting local school districts!

Other articles of note include Article 4, which asks for \$482,000 to build a new well and water system for the high school and develop a wastewater master plan. Although the water is safe to drink, the State of NH Department of Environmental Services has been very patient with KRSD and will most likely require us to build this well even if the article does not pass.

Article 5 is also interesting in that it asks to move \$665,000 from existing funds to cover the special education bill we were handed this year. Fortunately for the district, we are in a unique position to have this money on hand as the earnings in interest from the middle school bond should cover this cost. It is unusual to have this revenue available; in many other

communities across NH, school districts are going back to the voters to cover unanticipated special ed costs and running large deficits. While we are lucky this time, we have added money to the 2008/2009 budget to cover these costs again next year.

I urge your support of all 5 articles and look forward to seeing you at the polls and at Town Meeting.

KRES AT BRADFORD

Mary Keegan-Dayton

Winter Activities: Five afternoons this winter have been earmarked for winter Activities. February 1st and 8th will be our last two sessions. 46 students have been skating at the NEC Arena, 133 students are skiing and snowboarding at Mount Sunapee and 20 students snowshoeing on the fitness trail behind the school (read all about the new fitness trail in the March Bridge!) Parent volunteers Amy Cook, Mickey Noyer and Michael MacDonald have been working with teacher Katie Perkins to organize these activities.

Response to Intervention (RTI): One of our main goals at KRES at Bradford is to provide high quality instruction for all students. RTI is a model that closely monitors student progress and provides intervention at different levels of intensity based on student needs. It is an approach that we are implementing school-wide according to Jim Spadaro, Principal.

CHIPS: This is the new name for the Parent- Teacher Club at our school (the new PTC). Chips has an executive board consisting of parents and teachers. They are: Karen Strickland, Fred Hubley, Jen Goin, Robin Steiner, Bonnie Nester, Candy Pollard, Jim Spadaro, Beth Fenton and Pam Castor. The group contin-

ues to support field trips, plan fundraisers and encourage parent involvement.

After School Activities: Sign Language with Mrs. Fenton and Mrs. Beaulieu, Bread Making with Mrs. Norman and Knitting with Mrs. Robjent and Mrs. Wittel are meeting in Jan and February from 3; 15 to 3:45. Permission slips were sent home and interested students signed up. Destination Imagination and Robotics Clubs are also forming at school with parent volunteers.

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At that time we operated under the name "Newport Savings Bank." There was an old house on the site which was torn down for the bank building. Steve Ensign, currently bank president, began as branch manager in 1979. Bradford was seen as a logical extension of our banking business

Q. I understand that his branch is a teaching facility. What does this mean in terms of services to customers? How are banks selected for teaching?

We have seven mentors who work with new employees. I am one of the mentors and will go up to the New London branch for the first three days with the new employee. Then this person follows me to Bradford for one and one half weeks prior to going to their home branch. This teaching process doesn't take away from bank services.

Q. In conversations with people I often hear that the thought of balancing a checkbook is anathema to many. People shudder and confess that they never balance their checkbook. Is it really important to have a balanced checkbook?

Balancing a checkbook is extremely important because it allows you to know how much money you can spend at any given time. It's easy to slide into debt.

Q. Banks appear as mysterious places to the public. Is there still a population that prefers to hide their millions underneath the mattress?

I think there are people who still do that. It depends on the period of time that they grew up. If they do hide money that way, they usually will not tell me but many people like to look at their passbooks and do a reality check that way. There are those people who lived in a generation when they did lose all they had and are very leery of banks.

Q. The economy seems to be teetering dangerously towards recession, if it isn't already there? How will this affect the bank and its customers?

LSSB is not a subprime lender. We don't get into the investment part of that. It will not affect the bank and its customers. New Hampshire is at the lower end of the current economic slowdown. We try to help any customers who are in that situation of subprime lending.

Q. Bradford is a small town with limited population. Are the larger banks able to offer more varied services? Would your position be more challenging in a larger bank in a more populated city?

We are a branch in a small community but we are a full service bank. We offer lending and deposit accounts. We can refer to trust and investment services. We offer everything that larger banks offer so I don't see it as more challenging in a larger bank.

Q. How does the bank acquire clients? Is it just convenience? Do you have many clients from other geographical locations?

Part of it is convenience. We do have clients from other areas. We stay involved with the community. If a customer needs help with anything, we try to help. People do shop around for the best rates so we try to stay competitive.

Q. Have other banks ever wanted to open in Bradford?

No other bank has applied for a bank here. The cost involved in opening a new branch is quite high. The potential customer base is not broad enough to support another bank.

Q. What does a bank manager do? Is it an interesting job?

Branch managers have many responsibilities. We support the team, process loans- consumer and home equity. We are responsible for reaching retail goals, continuing to grow deposit accounts in our market area. I am involved in community affairs and just recently joined the board of Parks and Recreation. We're encouraged to stay involved in the community. We support "Relay for Life." I love my job. I've been manager here for about four years and prior to that was assistant manager at the Main Street New London branch.

Q. Banking is not your first career. How did you find your way to the world of finance? When you were little did you dream about money as a career?

Banking was not my first choice. I was interested in the computer field. I needed a job and this is where I started. When I moved here from Massachusetts, I was a stay-at-home mom for a while. I had no banking experience when I started in Bradford as a teller. The bank encouraged me to take advantage of education and training.

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Here we feel the stir of street and hall, merry girls, watchful young men, shout of merry voices, sound of sleigh bells.

Here you will find food and shelter, warm and healthful.

When day has passed, somewhere meet we must in the Old town Hall, at the Snowball-mingle in the merry whirl of laughing girls and youth-the Crowning of the Carnival Queen!

And when the moon shines in the Western Sky, the stars twinkle through bare branches and fires burn low, to the dreamer, it’s a winter wonderland.

The illustration here is from one of the winter carnivals held in Bradford in the 1940’s. The “welcome” words were written by Eddie Westerberg, an immigrant from Sweden who was active in the Fish and Game Club, sponsor of the winter carnivals. Betty Moore and Barbara Cressy were two Bradford girls named as Carnival Queens. But in the 1940’s Bradford was a town without many children and eventually Winter Carnival came to an end.



The Coloring Page - Have some fun and learn Bradford’s history at the same time.
by RuthAnn Harris

The Northeast Resource Recovery Association Congratulates Bradford for Recycling		
Recycled Material	Amount Recycled in 2007	Environmental Impact
Aluminum Cans	13, 630 pounds	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 1,386,989 hours
Paper	143 tons	Saved 2,436 trees
Scrap Metal	63 tons	Conserved 63,161 pounds of coal
Steel	18, 200 pounds	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt bulb for 473, 200 hours.

Classified Ads

For Sale: New: Entertainment center, \$20; Antique oil lamps, oil paintings and more. Call 938-2537.

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Bradford Fire Department Ordinance Proposed for Town Meeting

In cooperation with the Building Department, the Fire Department is submitting a sprinkler ordinance for approval at this year's town meeting. The ordinance requires residential sprinklers to be installed in single family, two family and manufactured housing being newly constructed after the adoption of this ordinance. The department feels that residential sprinkler systems are a proven life and property saving technology that can be installed with minimum expense.

When fire occurs one or two sprinkler heads extinguish the fire or control it so occupants of the home can exit safely. When residential sprinklers are used in combination with smoke detectors, a person's chances of escaping a burning house are far greater than with smoke detectors alone. Smoke detectors require quick and correct action by occupants to escape a burning building. Fire sprinklers, activated by heat of a fire, quickly extinguish or control a fire without intervention by occupants. There are many other towns in the state

that feel the same way and have adopted similar ordinances to help protect their residents.

A pamphlet explaining about residential sprinklers and their benefits is available at the Town Hall or Fire Department members.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact the Fire Department for more information. Respectfully Submitted,

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