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## All In Favor at Town Meeting

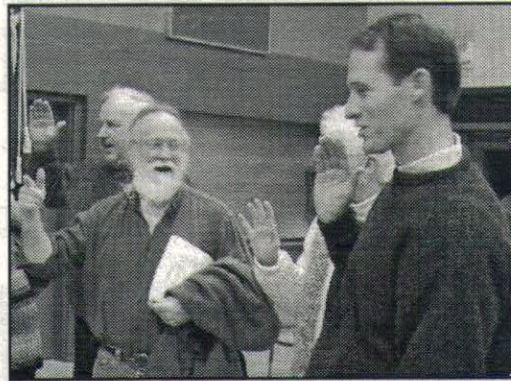
All warrant articles passed at a swift town meeting with little discussion or debate of most items on the agenda. Approximately 110 voters approved a general operations budget of \$1,245,040, the addition of \$86,000 to various capital reserve funds (with all but \$6,000 coming from surplus funds), \$76,000 for bridge work on Fairgrounds and Jones Roads, \$40,000 to continue reconstruction of East Washington Road, \$104,000 to repair and repave sections of East Main Street and Center Road, \$25,000 to improve town and police offices, and \$26,000 for road oil. The Highway Department got approval to purchase a new loader with a \$79,000 withdrawal from capital reserve funds and \$28,000 from the trade-in of the old loader. Voters also approved \$5,000 to update the Master Plan, \$5,000 for a milfoil inspector at the Lake Massasacum boat ramp, and \$2,750 to support the Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports program. There was some debate about the \$3,500 appropriation for the purchase of street signs that will meet new federal requirements since they aren't required until 2012. A resident asked why no signs had been installed yet when voters approved money for the first batch of signs at last year's meeting and were invited to help choose a design. Apparently the first batch of signs were received and had to be returned because they weren't the correct ones; new signs were due to arrive shortly and will be installed once the ground has thawed.

The item that generated the most discussion was the final article on the agenda: a resolution to urge elected officials at all levels of government to work to ensure universal access to an affordable basic health plan. Moderator Dan Coolidge appointed Beth Rodd moderator temporarily so that he could speak against the article as a citizen, calling it a "feel-good" resolution that accomplishes nothing. Others expressed concern that it could create a way for uninsured people to sue the town. Beth Rodd responded that the resolution was non-binding and spoke in favor of its passage, saying that access to affordable health insurance is a critical issue for many people. Others also spoke in favor of the article, which was on the agenda in 150 towns across New Hampshire, saying that it is important for voters to send the message. A motion by Everett Kittredge to table the resolution failed, and the article passed on a voice vote.

Just before the meeting was adjourned, a seventeen-year-old girl spoke of her opposition to the impending war with Iraq and said that while she isn't old enough to vote, she wondered if the town could make some sort of statement. She received considerable applause but no motions were made.

## Election Results

In the only contested race, winners of two seats on the Planning Board were Doug Troy (175 votes) and Greg Johnson (164 votes). Bryon Ayars received 143 votes and Jim Bibbo received 89 votes. Troy had been serving as an alternate on the Planning Board for six months and Johnson was reelected, having already served one year.



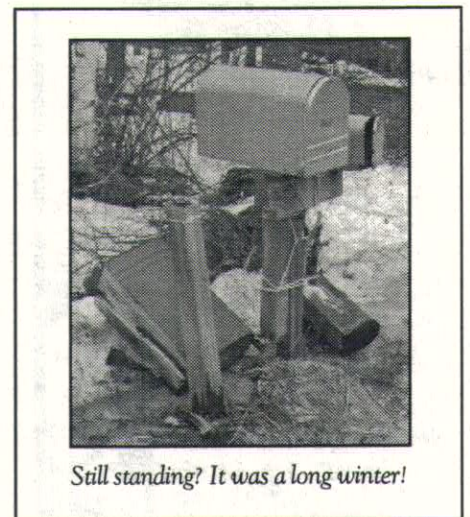
*Greg Johnson and Doug Troy, winners of the contested Planning Board race, are sworn into office after Town Meeting on March 12.*

## KRSD Articles Approved

Voters in the seven-town Kearsarge Regional School District approved all six warrant articles when they went to the polls on March 11. School board members and administrators held a series of public informational meetings in the weeks preceding the vote to explain and answer questions about an article that appropriates \$377,000 to cover last year's deficit, warning that failure to pass the article could have dire consequences for the district's schools. They also argued for the appropriation to complete the purchase of land on Gile Pond Road in Sutton for the site of a proposed new middle school. Both articles passed, as did the addition of \$75,000 to a Special Education Expendable Trust Fund for unanticipated out-of-district placement costs and \$30,000 for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant at the High School.

The School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee agreed on the District Operating Budget appropriation of \$22,155,000. For legal reasons, voters had to choose between the School Board's budget "A" and the identical MBC budget "B" with the end result being that the appropriation was approved.

—Lyn Betz



*Still standing? It was a long winter!*



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## From the Rescue Squad

When you see Bradford's ambulance come down the road, some of its activities can be puzzling. Driving "the rig" involves balancing the urgency of the call against the tantamount safety concerns of the public. Whether driving to a scene or back from the hospital, the driver must adopt skills closer to a limousine driver than an Indy car racer. In fact, one of the first things I explain to new drivers is "forget everything you have seen on television, excessive speed will reduce the patient care."

To enlighten those who may not have experience with EMS, I have put together a couple of notes so you may understand some of the activities you may witness from time to time.

If you see the ambulance outside the station, running, a call may have just come in. Be aware the driver is likely waiting for incoming EMTs, and will be leaving momentarily.

When you see an ambulance traveling with lights and flashers active, there is either a patient aboard or the rig is en route to a 911 call. If you see an ambulance pulled to the side of the road, lights and flashers active, while not at a scene, the EMTs could be performing critical patient care procedures which are not possible in a moving vehicle.

If two ambulances are pulled over similarly, lights and flashers active, the patient may be in more serious condition, and a paramedic has boarded to help stabilize the patient for the ride to the hospital.

A puzzling situation you may see is an ambulance traveling very slowly (5-15mph) with lights and flashers active. This happens often with patients who have serious fractures or back injuries, as we negotiate road conditions, particularly off the main roads. Each bump can be very painful for the injured patient so our effort is certainly to minimize this.

Excessive speed is not justifiable. Although the patient is secure on the gurney, the EMTs are not. Taking corners quickly or braking hard will simply bounce the EMTs off the walls of the ambulance "creating more patients."

I hope some of these notes help you understand some of the activities you may see. If you are interested in learning more about The Rescue Squad or possibly becoming involved, feel free to call Jim Powell, 938-2228.

—Stephen Manley

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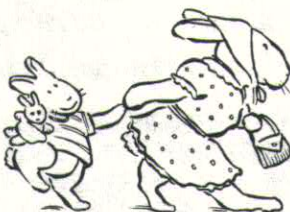
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# BACC Receives \$16,000 Grant

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation awarded a grant to the Bradford Area Community Center for \$16,000 to cover the salary of its part-time director for another year.

"The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has been very supportive over the past few years in assisting the BACC to become a viable nonprofit entity serving the people of Bradford and surrounding communities. This grant will help but there is still a need for more volunteers in order to continue to operate smoothly as it gains in use," said director Jim Bibbo.

The BACC is managed by a volunteer board and is operated by volunteers with the exception of the part-time director of the community center. The center operates on donations, user fees, and town support in addition to some grants like those made by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

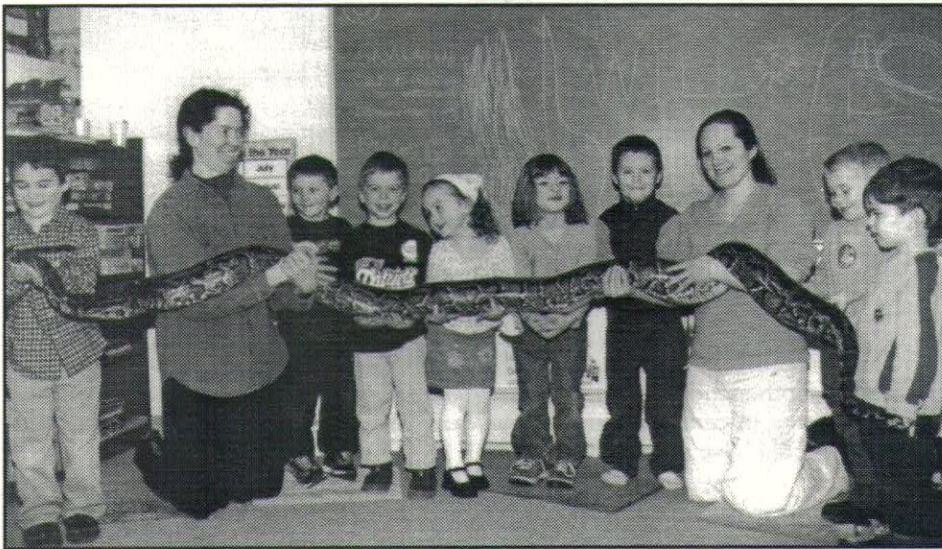
# Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office News

- January 28. Natalie Grace Stark was born to Michael and Nicole in Concord.
- February 4. Franklin Sheehan died in New London.
- March 15. Ellie Jane Bruss was born to Jim and Gina in Concord.
- March 22. Gary R. Warriner and Barbara A. Temple were married in Bradford

Now is the time to get your dogs licensed. A delay could cost you in late fees and forfeiture charges. State law requires that any dog over four months old must be registered with the town by April 30. Tax liens will go into effect on March 31, 2003. Tax deeds will go into effect on April 4, 2003.

—Sue Pehrson

# Now THAT'S a Snake!



Students at the Kearsarge Area Preschool received a visit from Nadine's Curious Creatures on March 5. Children and teachers met an Australian tree frog, a hissing cockroach, a pregnant scorpion, a millipede, an African pygmy hedgehog, a chinchilla, Buddy the skunk (descended!), two alligators, and two pythons. Pictured here with the larger of the two snakes (left to right) are Ian Bready, teacher Lyn Betz, Will Cornelio, Nicholas Brady, Sammi Dow, Catherine Harvey, Zack Swinerton, teacher Sheri Swinerton, Joseph Cornelio, and Carl Betz.

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# Letters

## Keep our children safe

We, the members of the Hillsboro-Henniker Regional Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council, are writing in support of Senate Bill 86, known as the Cassidy Bortner Child Protection Act. This piece of legislation would require the Department of Health and Human Services to publicly disclose certain information regarding abuse and neglect cases if the disclosure would not be contrary to the best interests of the child and if there has been a fatality or near fatality resulting from abuse or neglect of a child.

We feel that abused children in New Hampshire are not receiving the services required to keep them safe. The tragic result of our over-burdened caseworkers was seen in the Cassidy Bortner case and, sadly, the situation remains the same and could possibly become worse. Changes in our state budget threaten to reduce the amount of services in the Health & Human Services Department that will place our abused and neglected children in further danger. We do not believe that the people in our state would want this to happen, and so we urge Governor Benson and our lawmakers to make the funds available that will enable the Department to do its job and keep our children safe.

Senate Bill 86 (SB86) would also require the Department to submit a plan to obtain accreditation by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services. Accreditation is a process that many services currently undergo; our schools, our hospitals and our public transportation systems are just some examples of areas that must be accredited. Accreditation for the Health & Human Services Department will provide the Department with guidelines and standards to follow and will give us an annual "report card" that will make the Department accountable.

Take a moment to think about Cassidy Bortner, who at age 21 months had already endured at least eight strikes to her head, two punches in her abdomen, several fractured bones, and bruises covering her entire body. If given the chance, would we not wish to save another child from that suffering? We have this chance and we urge other citizens to join us in contacting their lawmakers. Let us never again grieve for a child whose death could have been prevented.

*Eileen Kelly, Chairman,  
for the The Hillsboro-Henniker Regional Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council*

(Note: The Hillsboro-Henniker Regional Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council is one of about 25 domestic violence councils around New Hampshire. The council represents the towns of Antrim, Bennington, Bradford, Deering, Henniker, Hillsboro and Warner. The Council meets once a month and is comprised of various community members including educators, councilors, law enforcement, clergy, survivors, and others who are interested in helping to stop the crime of domestic violence. For more information, please call 938-2779).

## In praise of Kenny and Lois

As we prepared to move out of our home in Bradford, we realized that one of the many things we would miss about this town is the Transfer Station. We enjoyed our trips to Lois and Kenny's realm which functions as the town common did in years past, a place where folks share local news and views. The Station's pleasant and positive atmosphere has everything to do with Kenny and Lois. In addition to being efficient and helpful, they provide an important community and environmental service by recycling household goods to those in need. They also curate a remarkable drive-through art gallery, perhaps the first facility of its sort in the nation. Hats off to Kenny and Lois, a pair of town employees Bradford is lucky to have!

*Rick & Libby Cowan*



# Letters, continued

## Route 114 needs help

Route 114 Call to Action! Do you drive on Rt. 114 between Bradford and New London? Do you think the road is in terrible condition? Are you frustrated by the state's apparent lack of interest? You can help. Not by hefting a shovel or wheelbarrow, but by letting the folks in Concord know that you care. Public participation and support can advance this project, which is now on the Ten-Year plan. Let the bureaucrats in Concord know how important Rt. 114 is to our community. Call, write, send e-mail or attend the public meeting. The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is our go-between with the state Department of Transportation. Your comments will be considered.

Call: Nicholas Alexander, Transportation Planner at 226-6020

Write: Nicholas Alexander; CNHRPC; 28 Commercial St.; Concord, NH 03301

E-mail: [nalexander@cnhrpc.org](mailto:nalexander@cnhrpc.org)

Attend: public hearing, 7:00pm on April 10 in the Community Resource Center at Horseshoe Pond Place, 26 Commercial Street.

Bill Glennie

## Support our troops overseas

The Bradford Women's Club asks everyone to tie a yellow ribbon around a tree in their front yard to support our troops overseas. The BWC is planning on building a sign to put in the "Women's Club Garden" in honor of loved ones that are deployed overseas from Bradford and local towns. The BWC would like to find out who is deployed overseas and show our support for them. If you have a family member that you want supported, please contact Jackye Pehrson at 938-5951 with the information about your loved one and the BWC will add their name to the sign. The yellow ribbons will soon be available for \$2.00 at local businesses to help defray the cost of the sign. Our son, Craig J. Foor, is deployed with the Army in Kuwait with the Third Infantry Division. We ask the Town to support our son by putting a "Craig Light" in the front window of your house, a single Christmas candle light. We appreciate your support.

Thanks, everyone.

Tracy and Bob Foor

## Town can charge for boat launch use

At this year's Town Meeting the possibility of charging for use of the Town's boat ramp was raised. This letter is to provide correct information on that subject. Contrary to a statement made that night, no private owner or town is obligated by state law to provide free public access to any body of water. The State government has a program to purchase land with waterfront to provide such access, but it can't coerce others to do so. According to RSA 35-B:1 towns may "establish a system of reasonable fees and charges" for use of town-owned facilities such as parks. In effect, the Town already does this at French's Park by allowing only Bradford taxpayers to use the park. In addition, an effort to set up a fee system to use the boat ramp was set up a few years ago, but as was stated at Town Meeting the cost of running such a system would likely limit or absorb any revenue generated. Boat ownership is increasing steadily and Lake Massasecum can be seriously crowded during peak summer use, as indicated by the line-up of boat trailers along Rt. 114. At some point we will likely have to limit use of the boat ramp to Bradford residents as well, or require that non-residents purchase a sticker at Town Hall, good for one year.

Sincerely, Brian Carter

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## Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

Our thanks to the Town of Bradford for supporting our budget at Town Meeting. We will now be able to keep the library open two more hours each week. The consensus seems to be that we should be open later on Wednesday and Saturday. We are always anxious to hear your thoughts and ideas. Let us know how we can best serve you.

Come in to see the new exhibit in our display case of vintage transistor radios and televisions courtesy of Marty Bunis. It can be quite a challenge to guess how they work!

We have a new shelf of books and the movies they spawned. It can be fun to compare the two. You can check out the book and movie for two weeks.

Some new books added to your library in March are:

For adults:

- The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- Between Friends* by Debbie Macomber
- Vanished Man* by Jeffery Deaver
- Back Story* by Robert B. Parker
- Instructions for Visitors* by Helen Stevenson
- Coal* by Barbara Freese

And for children and young adults:

- From Sheep to Sweater* by Robin Nelson
- Archer's Goon* by Diana Wynne Jones
- Castaways of the Flying Dutchman* by Brian Jacques
- One-Dog Canoe* by Mary Casanova
- What do You do With a Tail Like This?* by Steve Jenkins

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We hope to see you at the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 19 at 11:00am.

## The Fells Volunteer Sign-Up

On Tuesday, April 1, from 3:00 to 4:30pm at Tracy Library in New London, returning volunteers and newcomers are invited to a slide show and overview of volunteer opportunities at The Fells followed by refreshments and lively conversation. Over 150 local and summer residents work in The Fells' gardens, organize special events, lead historic tours, and help with educational programs. For more information, call 763-4789.

## The Natural Landscape

Laconia photographer Susan Hayes' photograph exhibit, entitled The Natural Landscape, will be on display at the Conservation Center in Concord from April 1 through May 14. Her nature photos are of New Hampshire's rivers, lakes, and forests with a special emphasis on color. They depict various forms of beauty as found in our native environment. The exhibit is open for viewing during the work week from 9:00am-5:00pm. Please call 224-9945 before visiting as the room may be booked for a meeting or event.

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## Thank You, Bowie's Market

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From back to front: Sierra Michie, Natalie McClenaghan, Jenna Carter, Emilie Newbern, Darienne Messer, Cassi Turco, Ana Whitehead, Zoey Neidozetko, Nikki Dow, Alina Howland, Miranda Harvey, Alison MacDonald, Emily Fairbank, Ahsley Clivio-Wentrup, Jessie Carter, Amber Chick. Missing from photo: Natalie Hansen. Members of Brownie Troop #178 are from Bradford and Newbury in grades 1-3. Leaders are Denise Fairbank and Sarah Harvey.

## Community Workshop Africa Program

The Community Workshop will be holding its program on Africa, which was postponed last month, on Thursday, April 10 at the Friendship House. Plan to arrive after 11:00am with a casserole, salad, or dessert that in any way resembles Africa and feel free to dress creatively for the occasion also. We will be presenting the program ourselves with slides taken by a former IFFY student. So, gather up any souvenirs, fabrics or whatever you might have to add to the occasion.



## Soo Nipi Audubon Chapter News

Former ASNH Wildlife Tour Guide, Mark Suomala, returns for a Soo-Nipi Audubon slide program on "Africa," Friday, April 11 at 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road in New London. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information please call Ruth White at 763-4893.

On Saturday, April 12, Peter Newbern will lead a birding trip to Concord area "hot spots", and to Elm Brook park located in the 8,000 acre National Hopkinton-Everett Lake Project in Hopkinton. This will provide a good opportunity to see migrating water birds on their way to nesting grounds in the north and to note any travelling song birds attracted to these riparian areas. Participants should meet Newbern at 8:00am, Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89. Bring binoculars and a scope if you have one. Contact Newbern at 763-4308 for details.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss



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**ELECTION RESULTS** *Continued from page 1*

In uncontested races, several town officials were reelected, including David Pickman, Selectman for three years; Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector for three years; Marilyn Gordon, treasurer for three years; Robert Stewart and Bruce Bowie, Budget Committee for three years; Jack Meany (with eight write-in votes), Budget Committee for two years; Everett Kittredge and Halton Grindle, Zoning Board for three years; Bliss Dayton, Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years; and Rod Jones, Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for three years. Judith Marshall and Maureen Papuga, who had been serving as interim members, were elected as Supervisors of the Checklist for three years and one year respectively. Erica Jones was elected as a new Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for three years, and Jan Riley will serve on the Cemetery Commission for three years. Liz Bouley joined the Scholarship Committee with 14 write-in votes.

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### Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream Square Dance with Plus Tips on Saturday, April 12 from 8:00–10:30pm at the Bradford Town Hall. This dance is in honor of the graduating square dance class, who will be inducted as members of the Bradford Country Squares during the dance. Lenny Stratton will call and Phil Gatchell will cue. For information, you may call Kris Sweet at 863-0974. Cost of admission is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. Spectators are free and all-ways made welcome.

—Kris Sweet

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### BWC Update

It is fundraising time again for the scholarship fund, so the Bradford Women's Club will hold a bake sale on Saturday, April 12 beginning at 9:00am at the Post Office. Please bring over baked goods by 9:00am.

The meeting schedule has been changed this month. The executive meeting will be April 15 at 9:30am at the Community Center. The membership meeting will be April 22 at 7:30pm at the Community Center. We have invited Heidi Currier of Sunapee to do a program on scrapbooks. Hope to see you all there.

—Barbara Vannata, President



## Real Estate Hints:

### War and the Real Estate Market

by Laura Hallahan

“So far, so good” has been the trend in real estate for 2003, with housing sales staying strong amid a struggling economy. Low interest rates have helped keep the real estate bubble from bursting, but what happens now that war with Iraq is underway?

The chief economist at the National Association of Realtors recently acknowledged that housing, like any part of the economy, is going to be vulnerable now that we are at war. The economy is already in a precarious state with the national unemployment rate at its highest level in eight years. Statistics show that, although every war is different, each tends to depress housing prices because wars hurt consumer confidence, especially when they occur during periods of economic distress. Take the Gulf War which took place primarily in 1991. Sales of new homes fell 4.7% that year and new home prices dropped 5.8%. Just how vulnerable the housing market will become will depend on how long the war lasts. If it is quick and decisive, it could actually help the economy by reducing the uncertainty that now hangs over the stock market and consumer confidence. The stock market did seem to rally once it appeared that war was inevitable. If the war drags on, it could easily lead to higher oil prices and higher interest rates, two issues that would most certainly affect home sales. People may turn cautious and keep from committing to any kind of major purchase. However, with interest rates for 30-year mortgages still below 6%, Americans appear to be more willing to view real estate as a safe haven, especially in our very desirable, rural area. Remember, too, that home sales have been quite strong since the onset of the war on terrorism which began in earnest right after the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. This strong showing could offset some of the pain of a slowdown that may follow the start of the conventional war.

As a follow-up to my February article on the status of housing in our region, I saw an interesting piece in the Merrimack County Conservation District Newsletter about shaping the future of your town. Here are some tips they shared:

- Get involved early and often—let your voice be heard early in the planning process;
- Become aware—learn what issues your town is working on and considering;
- Pick your battles—don't try and give input on every issue;
- Do your own research—learn as much as you can so you are able to participate;
- Do *their* research—provide town officials with copies of anything interesting you find;
- Be credible—establish a reputation for providing truthful information about a topic;
- Get to know town officials—let them know you appreciate them even if you disagree;
- Identify key board members—seek out those most active in the decision-making process;
- Develop alliances—rally public support from different groups and your neighbors.



## Artists at Work, 1935-1942

The exhibit, *Artists at Work 1935-1942: New Hampshire Remembered* opened on March 19 at the New Hampshire State Library. The free exhibit celebrates a historical moment in a federal government program that was designed to provide employment for artists during the Great Depression. Artists were paid to produce a certain number of artworks many of which became part of public library collections across the nation (including New Hampshire's State Library).

Two of the many contracted artists living in New Hampshire were Herbert O. Waters (1903-1996) and Nathaniel C. Burwash (1906-2000). Waters excelled in making linoleum block prints, woodcuts, and wood engravings. Burwash produced hundreds of watercolors evoking rural life. This is the first time that these two artists' works have been exhibited together since the early 1940s.

Herbert Waters moved to Warner in 1933. A year later Nat Burwash settled in Washington. During the Great Depression they made ends meet by working for about \$20 a week as artists for the Works Progress Administration (WPA). To receive their checks, all Federal Art Project participants had to produce a quota of artworks and put in a minimum number of hours per month. Both artists recorded rural life in Depression era New Hampshire. Herbert Waters also taught art in Warner and in Bradford.

*Artists at Work 1935-1942* continues through June 4 at the handicapped accessible NH State Library located at 20 Park St., Concord (across from the NH State House). For more information, call 271-2540.

## Storytime & Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Story Time will take place at Brown Memorial Library on Saturday, April 19 beginning at 11:00am. The free event (sponsored by The Friends of Brown Memorial Library) is geared for children ages pre-school through age 9. Lyn Betz will read stories in the Children's Room prior to the scramble to find candy-stuffed Easter eggs. Children are encouraged to bring their own decorated baskets to collect eggs. The Friends invite all parents to help children find eggs during the hunt.



## Turkey Dinner at S. Newbury Union Church

Come to the South Newbury Union Church for a Turkey Dinner on Saturday, April 12 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Friendship House in South Newbury (on the corner of Sutton and Village Roads). The turkey dinner includes "all the fixin's" and features homemade desserts. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 6 through 12, age 5 and under eat for free. For more information call 938-2064.

—Gail Bostic

## Boost Troop Morale

There will be a bulletin board posted at the Newbury Public Library where friends and relatives may post the name, overseas address, and photo of any service man or woman in the military so that they may receive mail from those of us back home. Mail is one of the main morale boosters for people on the front; they also appreciate paperbacks and care packages. You don't have to know the person to whom you're writing because they welcome any news from Newbury.

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## Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

**Mom's Bible Study:** On Wednesday mornings from 10:00–11:00am, there is a mom's bible study held in the Fiske House. Childcare is available. During the month of April, we will meet April 2, 9, 23 & 30. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

**Youth Group:** Youth who are between grades 5–8 are invited to come to our youth group program. We will meet on Wednesday, April 2 from 6:30–8:00pm in the church vestry. The program will be "Working Together." A few of the games that we will play are 'Meal Madness,' 'Lean on Me' and 'Blind Construction.' Strawberry shortcake will be the dessert. On Wednesday, April 23 from 6:30–8:00pm, we will meet in the church vestry for an "Exercise-athon." Proceeds will be used to buy some fresh vegetables for the next food pantry distribution.

**Women's Christian Guild:** Ladies will meet in the church vestry on Friday, April 4 at 1:00pm. Vicki Simonds will be the guest and will help make Easter floral arrangements for shut-ins.

**Palm Sunday Worship Service:** Palm Sunday is April 13. Our worship service begins at 10:00am. The sanctuary will be transformed to look like Jerusalem, the city that Jesus made His triumphal entry into. Palms and beautiful Palm Sunday leaflets will be given to parishioners. There will be special and extra music at this service.

**Ham & Macaroni & Cheese Dinner:** This dinner will be served on Monday evening, April 14 at 6:00pm. Reservations are requested. Take-out is available. The meal will also include green beans, garden salad, rolls and homemade dessert. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Children 3 and under are free.

**Food Pantry:** The April distribution date is Wednesday, April 16 from 6:00–7:00pm. Food can also be requested at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**Maundy Thursday Program:** On Thursday, April 17 at 6:00pm we will have a Seder meal followed by a Maundy Thursday Worship service at 7:00pm at which time we will observe the Last Supper.

**Good Friday:** The church will be open on Good Friday, April 18 between the hours of noon and 3:00pm so that people can come and pray or meditate about the three hours that Christ was on the cross.

**Easter Sunrise Service:** There will be an Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by First Baptist Church of Bradford, South Newbury Union Congregational Church and First Free Will Baptist Church on April 20. The time and location will be announced soon. The location will be either French's Park or Lake Sunapee State Park.

**Easter Sunrise Breakfast:** A breakfast will be served at the First Baptist Church of Bradford immediately following the Sunrise Service. A free-will offering will be taken.

**Easter Worship Service:** This very special service will begin at 10:00am on April 20. The Right Hand of Fellowship will be extended to new members during the service.

**ABWM Retreat:** There will be a women's retreat at the home of Judy Marshall beginning on Friday, April 25 at 6:00pm. There will be pizza, a movie, and a devotional Friday evening. The retreat will continue Saturday morning, April 26 at 9:30am with a hymn sing and worship service. The theme for the retreat is "Boundless Love." The retreat will end with Communion at 3:00pm.

**Men's Fellowship:** The men in the church are invited to an evening of fellowship on Monday, April 28 at 7:30pm at the home of Lynne & Fred Hubley at 53 South Brook Circle, Bradford, NH.



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—Elizabeth Bouley, Mary Keegan-Dayton & Dawn Rich

## BWC Scholarship

The Bradford Women's Club is offering a scholarship to eligible female students living in the towns of Bradford, Newbury, or Sutton who have been accepted, or are currently attending, a post secondary academic/technical training program. Students may be high school seniors or in any college level voc tech program leading to a degree or certification. The applications may be obtained from the Kearsarge High School Guidance office, Bowie's Market, or Dodge's General Store on Main Street in Bradford after April 16th. The deadline for applications is May 2, 2003. For further information or questions please contact Beth Rodd at 938-2692.

## Sutton Historical Society Scholarship

The Sutton Historical Society will award two \$1,000 scholarships to qualified local high school seniors. The Society's Martha W. and Fred H. Barrows, Jr. Scholarship will be awarded to seniors at any high school or preparatory school who live in Sutton and whose parents or guardians are members of the Sutton Historical Society.

The written application should include the student's name, address, telephone number, and the names of parents or guardians. Also to be submitted are the student's grade point average, the college the student plans to attend and their planned major, a list of extracurricular and community activities, and an essay of three or four pages in which the applicant tells how living in Sutton has shaped his or her life and contributed to his or her future plans and goals.

The applications are due by May 15, 2003. For complete requirements, please call Jane Pratt (938-5448), Ana Maria Ash (927-4753), Kathy Bizarro (927-4061), or Jody Wells (927-4939).

—Haig Sergenian

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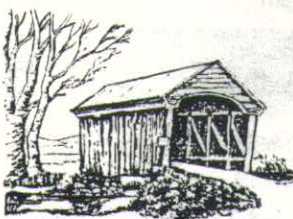
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# March Selectmen's Meetings

## March 4.

New part-time police officer Jon Ciovola was introduced to the Board and was sworn in by the Town Clerk. He has been accompanying other officers on the rounds to become acquainted with the area.

Storm water permit paperwork regarding the Transfer Station and the Highway Garage is in progress for submission to the Federal government.

Reimbursement of \$10,500 for the landfill monitoring/tank removal form was transmitted by Provan & Lorber for signature. The Town pays \$5,000.

The Transfer Station requests a more rigorous recycling program during Station operating hours from the Highway Dept.

A seventy five percent grant (Division of Emergency Management) agreement for a generator for the Community Center was approved by the Selectmen. Purchase must be by September 2003.

An extension of an Intent to Cut was approved.

Selectmen were informed there may be grant money available for repair of covered bridges, and it was felt an inventory of needs for the Bement Bridge be requested soon.

Posting roads for spring hauling will be done when the Road Agent feels it is needed.

## March 25.

John Warzoka from Provan and Lorber met with Selectmen to discuss proposals for the Naughton Property ground water testing and the contract for the next stage of the UST testing on the Naughton Property. The UST testing is covered by the state ODDS Fund. The ground water testing is annually budgeted by the Town.

Janet Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Largy met with Selectmen to discuss the Cheney Hill Road intersection. Bruce Edwards will contact property owner Duren to obtain an easement.

George Morse, representing the Revolving Loan Committee, met with Selectmen to discuss proposed changes to the revolving loan policy. Cheryl had received an e-mail from Neil Cannon of CRDC with the most recent policy changes. Comparison between the Loan Committee document and the CRDC document revealed differences. George Morse told Selectmen he would have to go back to the Committee to have the new changes voted on before presenting to the Selectmen. There was no discussion on the proposed changes.

Intent to cut signed for Martyn Chivers on Breezy Hill Road.

Intent to excavate for Barry Wheeler.

Complaint letter read to record on the Police Department.

Discussion of renovations postponed until Dave Pickman returns from vacation.

Current Use applications signed for Dow (Fairgrounds Rd) and Meadowsend (Day Pond Road).

Supplemental Intent to Cut for Lettvin on Rowe Mountain Road.

—Excerpted from the public minutes. Complete minutes available at Town Hall.

## Bradford Board of Selectmen

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Peter Fenton

Dave Pickman

Cheryl Behr, Administrative Assistant

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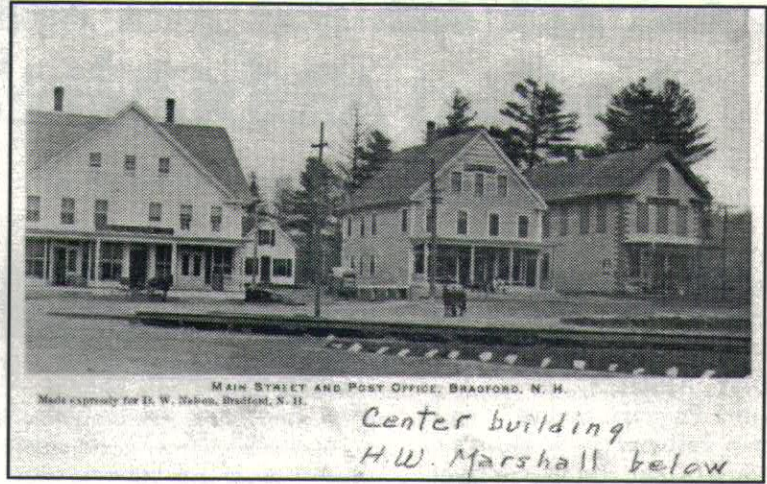
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# Then...

by Milly Kittredge



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# Bradford Area Community Center

## April Calendar

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Fuel Assistance applications, 9:00am–noon, call 456-2207 for appointment.  
Brownies, 3:00–4:30pm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Senior Center Program: Spring Tea and Pendleton Fashions by Milligan's of Wolfeboro, 1:00pm. Bring your favorite cup and saucer. \$2.00 donation requested.

Brownies, 3:00–4:00pm

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

Senior Center Program: Massage with Pamela Monaghan, donations appreciated, 10:30am–noon

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Kearsarge Area Preschool parent's meeting, 7:00pm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Senior Center Program: Long Term Care Questions & Answers with Claudia Messier, 10:00am. Call to make appointment at 938-2104.

Senior Center Program: Kimberly Stump from the NH Association for the Blind, after lunch.

BACC Governance Board, 5:30–7:00pm

### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, 7:00am

Senior Center Program: Dave Poisson from Mr. Fix will be available to discuss his services, 10:00am to noon.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Senior Council, 1:00–3:00pm

### MONDAY, APRIL 14

Senior Center Program: Laurel O'Connor from NH Legal Assistance will discuss their services, 12:30pm

### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Fuel Assistance applications, 9:00am–noon, call 456-2207 for appointment.  
Brownies, 3:00–4:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Baptist Men's Group, 7:00–9:00pm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Senior Center Programs: Reiki with Peg Leighton, 10:30am. Personal Touch Home Health Care, Free Blood Pressure and Foot Care, 11:00am–12:30pm. Brenda Koch from NH Consumer Affairs, "How to be Aware of Fraud"

Brownies, 3:00–4:30pm

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Senior Center Program: Poetry with Dianalee Velie. Local poet will read and discuss her work at the Newbury Public Library as part of a celebration of National Poetry Month. 10:00am

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Senior Center Program: Coffee Social, 11:30am

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Bradford Fire Department Search and Rescue Exercise, 6:00–8:00am

### MONDAY, APRIL 28

Senior Center Program: Volunteer Dedication Luncheon, noon

### TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Brownies, 3:00–4:30pm

## Ongoing Activities

Senior Craft Club, Mondays, 10:00am–noon

Creative Writing Course, Mondays, Senior Center, 2:30–4:00pm

Bridge Group, Mondays and Thursdays, 1:30–4:00pm

Senior Luncheon, Mondays and Thursdays, noon. \$2.00 donation requested.

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00–7:00pm

Beginner's Watercolor Class for Seniors, Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00am

Yoga Class (Not Advanced), Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00am. Call Fran 456-3099 to register

Weight Watchers, Thursdays, 5:00–7:15pm

Computer Tutoring, Fridays, 10:00am in the Senior Room (Other times by arrangement; call Bev Leo 938-2996)

CAP Senior Bus is available Monday through Friday for local doctor's appointments, grocery stores, banking, pharmacy, hairdresser, and other local errands. There is a trip to Concord on Tuesdays and a trip to Market Basket on Fridays. Service available to the towns of Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Warner, New London, Sutton, Webster, and Wilmot. Call Sandi at 938-2104 for more information or to reserve space.

## Program Information

For general information or to schedule activities, call Director Jim Bibbo at 938-6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups at the BACC.

For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels or CAP Senior Programs call CAP Program Director, Sandi Bandieri at 938-2104.

For After-school Youth Program information call director Susan Cowan at 526-6415 or 526-2389.

For Kearsarge Area Preschool information call Sarah at 938-2624.

The Bradford Area Community Center is in need of custodial services. Anyone over 55 and able, on a limited income, may be eligible to work under an AARP Grant and would be paid for 20 hours a week. Any person wishing to volunteer to help keep the Center clean would also be appreciated.

There is also a need for volunteers to work in the administrative office and again, if over 55 and on a limited income, you may be eligible to work under the AARP Grant in the same manner as the custodial position.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to teach an interest class or teach an interest class for pay are also encouraged to contact the Community Center office at 938-6228.



# Outside

by Ann Eldridge

It's March and bears have already awoken from a long, carefully orchestrated winter nap. Their late summer and fall goal was to eat five times their earlier intake, trying for a five-inch layer of fat. As the weather cools down, so does their appetite and they seek winter lodging. Appetite in bears is controlled by leptin. This hormone is secreted by the now numerous fat cells, circulates in the blood, and sends its message of suppression to the brain. As the weather warms, their appetite returns slowly. Bears in good condition still have some fat remaining in spring and they are no more hungry on arising than when they hunkered down. This arrangement with the hormone leptin is essential because for a bear to still be expending its energy in late fall and early spring trying to fend off hunger when food is scarce could be fatal.

"Hibernation" used to be an easily defined word when I was in grade school. It is no longer. Suffice it to say that bears in winter are slightly sluggish but by no means unresponsive. They show only a modest drop in body temperature and their respiration and heart rate is essentially unchanged. In his recent book *Winter World*, Bernd Heinrich describes winter bears as "the ultimate, enviable couch potato." For five months they don't suffer thirst, require no bathroom facilities, show no change in muscle fiber and only negligible loss of muscle mass. They lose no bone density despite lack of exercise. After burning fat for fuel, their cholesterol levels double their summer readings and double that of humans. Yet even an old bear has supple arteries and no gall stones. They don't get bed sores and the sows give birth to non-hibernating offspring without waking.

How bears accomplish all these metabolic feats is about as poorly understood as their complex social interactions. Largely due to our comparatively dismal senses of smell and hearing, most of us think of bears as large, potentially hazardous beasts galumphing through the deeper woods, occasionally galloping across the roads. Ben Killham has been raising orphaned bears in the woods for ten years. He describes their social play as it matures, their varied repertoire of vocalizations, and their advanced methods of teaching by demonstration. Bears, he notes, are capable of remorse, empathy, and deception, qualities that indicate a highly developed sense of self-awareness and awareness of the minds of others. Killham has recorded what appears to be altruistic behavior, putting them in the same hierarchy of intelligence as the larger primates. After reading his book *Among the Bears*, one comes away with a vision of the forest as a dynamic place with complex visual and olfactory messaging systems. Bears are repelled by and attracted to each other across the landscape like magnets. Highly social but rarely in actual physical contact, their large food requirements usually keep them widely spaced. When food sources are abundant, however, bears set up food allocation systems allowing even non-related bears to benefit.

Which brings us to the seasonal drama of bears at the bird feeders. At 160 calories per ounce, bird food is a powerful attraction. Although bears would prefer not to approach human edifices, some do, and they appear to be able to map out routes for themselves and their friends. The bears that go to feeders are usually young males that are hard-pressed between their mother's territory from which they've been ousted and the holdings of dominant male bears. They'll get by any way they can on the margins until they are large enough to claim a place for themselves or emigrate.

People have an awkward compulsion to lure wildlife near them with food. Often we convince ourselves we're helping, or connecting with nature (though by artificial means). It certainly is easier to see wildlife in your backyard than in the woods. People who intentionally feed wildlife have all the positive results of watching "their" deer, turkeys, and more, but claim none of the responsibilities when things go awry. The NH Fish and Game Department has been trying to educate people on the long-term ill-effects of winter feeding some species, effects that are invisible to good Samaritans. Increased predation, disease, and disruption of social and feeding patterns are some of the reasons cited. Human-habituated wildlife often break our rules by then destroying gardens, breaking and entering for food, rearranging our backyards etc. Remove bird feeders in spring; the birds don't need them. Frighten bears out of your yard. Sooner or later, bird food bears are almost without exception shot. If supporting wildlife is your intent, plant native New Hampshire food plants away from your house, and then spend time in the woods.







# April Calendar



## TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm  
Zoning Board of Adjustments, Town Hall,  
7:00pm  
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham  
Drive, 7:30pm

## THURSDAY, APRIL 3

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm  
BEOC Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm

## MONDAY, APRIL 7

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall,  
10:00am  
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

## TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Town Meeting, KRES at Bradford, Old  
Warner Road, 7:00pm  
Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for in-  
formation

## THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Bradford Economic Opportunities Com-  
mittee, BACC, 7:00pm

## FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Bradford Community Corporation,  
BACC, 7:00am

## TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Bradford Women's Club meeting, Scrap-  
book Program, BACC, 7:30-9:00pm  
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm  
Conservation Commission, Town Hall,  
7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Road Committee, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, APRIL 17

BACC Governance Board, BACC,  
5:30pm  
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt and children's stories,  
preschool-3rd grade, BML, 11:00

## TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Historical Society, Old Post Office,  
7:30pm

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FREE washing machine. It's old, but it  
works. 938-2940.

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words  
or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-2692  
or email [bradfordbridge@conknet.com](mailto:bradfordbridge@conknet.com).

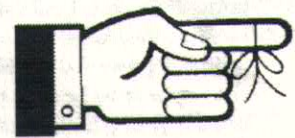
Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am  
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open by appointment, call 938-5386

To list events for the May Calendar, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029  
or e-mail [bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com](mailto:bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com) before April 20.

### An important message from Ima Crank, Community Standards Commissioner\*:

Bradford residents are notified that it is now April, for Pete's sake,  
and all remaining Christmas displays should be removed immediately,  
or as soon as the snow which has prevented safe access  
to said displays has melted sufficiently.

*\*Self-appointed, commission effective April 1, 2003 only*



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until it's too late!

**Bradford Bridge**  
**May deadlines**

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Articles	April 20

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