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Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands Project Gains Critical Federal Support

The largest block of unbroken forest south of the White Mountains and a mountain range near Lake Winnepesaukee stand to gain permanent protection this year through \$3.5 million in federal Forest Legacy grants supported by the state's congressional delegation and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

The Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands include 7,000 acres between Mount Monadnock and Mount Sunapee with stretches abutting both Pillsbury and Sunapee State Parks. The Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands project covers land formerly owned by the Draper Company in Bradford, Washington, Goshen, and Newbury. About 500 acres would be protected in Bradford, extending from the old Mountain Road to Washington, over Moon Mountain, to the shores of Ayers Pond. A proposed \$2.5 million would buy a conservation easement on the land, which is owned by Georgia-based New Forestry, LLC. The company would continue owning the land and harvesting timber, but the easement would prevent development and require that it remain open for public recreation.

The Moose Mountain/Beaver Brook Forest, straddling Alton, Brookfield, Middleton and New Durham, would receive \$1 million to protect 4,200 acres; also through conservation easement.

"At a time when the state faces some tough challenges in supporting conservation, federal programs such as Forest Legacy are critical to conserving our largest remaining tracts of working forests," said Jane Difley, President/Forester of the Forest Society.

The state's congressional delegation rallied the President's budget writers, U.S. Forest Service, and colleagues to include the projects in next year's federal budget.

"The inclusion of funding in the president's budget for the Pillsbury/Sunapee land and Moose Mountain will stand as another tremendous success for

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Town Meeting 2003

Bradford's registered voters will gather on Wednesday, March 12 to make decisions about the town's budget and other warrant articles.

The budget, which is dealt with line by line, promises to provoke discussion and raise questions as the Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend different expenditures on several line items. The figure of \$1,245,040 for the general operating budget that appears on the warrant (recommended by both Selectmen and the Budget Committee) is \$7,807 less than the total recommended by Selectmen. The Budget Committee recommended lower line items for parks and recreation (-\$2,750), the Police Department (-\$2,607), the Highway Department (-2,500), cemetery (-\$800), and Planning and Zoning (-500). However, the Budget Committee recommended appropriating \$1,350 more for the "General government buildings" line than the Selectmen.

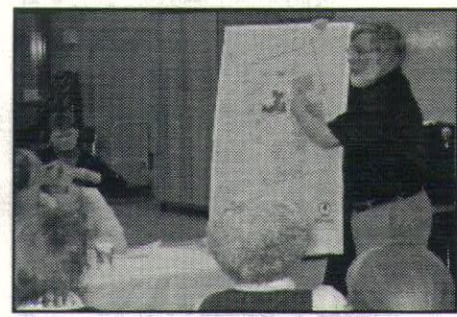
Several of the additional warrant articles would appropriate money from the fund balance (surplus) to be added to seven capital reserve funds. \$85,000 would be divided between capital reserve funds for Highway Department heavy equipment, the Fire Department, Town Facilities and Buildings, the new Highway Garage, Town Buildings Emergency Repair, and the Police Department

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Elections and Ballot Voting
Tuesday, March 11
Town Hall • 8:00am-7:00pm

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School District Warrant Articles

Article 1 asks the voters to approve a \$377,000 supplemental appropriation to cover the deficit in last year's budget, which ended June 2002. The School Board urges passage of this Article with the assurance that corrective action has been taken. It is too late to absorb this overrun in this year's budget and the deficit has resulted in a severe cash shortage and a serious delay in paying our bills. If this article does not pass we will be forced to eliminate about 11 teaching positions next year even as student enrollment continues to climb. The board would also have to consider eliminating funding next year for sports, enrichment programs, extra-curricular activities, and other activities not part of the district's core academic programs. In reviewing this request, the voters should consider the following facts:



Carl Fitzgerald, principal of the KRSD Middle School, shows a plan of proposed KRSD land purchase.

\$306,000 of the over expenditures were due to three uncontrollable items. These uncontrollable expenditures demonstrate the need to provide adequate reserves and contingencies in the budget. They were: unanticipated out-of-district special education placements and associated increases in special ed transportation costs; increases in various insurance premiums which were greater than we were led to believe by our carriers when

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From the Rescue Squad

Member Profiles: Jim and Linda Powell, Stephen Manley

"People feel better just because you've walked in the door." The current Captain of the Rescue Squad, Jim Powell, moved to Newbury with his wife Linda after retiring from IBM in 1992. While having some new carpeting installed in their home they got to know then Captain and Training Officer of the Squad, Carl and Gail Olson, who encouraged them to join the Squad. Neither Jim nor Linda had been involved in Emergency Medical Services and had not thought about volunteering before. Linda recalls feeling some hesitation that she might not be able to do what would be required of her. She found that EMT training calmed that fear, giving her the knowledge and skills to know what to do to help a patient. Both the Powells speak of wanting to give back to the community and how gratifying it is to help others. Jim, who has been a Selectman in Newbury for seven years, acknowledges that volunteering as an EMT is a commitment - it takes time to get the training initially, and then to keep up with continuing education and recertification requirements. He remarks that many Squad members have careers and families and all find a way to fit it into their lives. Jim estimates that he has responded to at least 500 calls in his ten years on the Squad and he has met many new people from a variety of backgrounds—he cites this as another benefit of the experience. Both Jim and Linda have given extra time and energy to the Squad—Jim has been Captain for two years and has also served as Treasurer, while Linda has served as Secretary. Jim feels that having an active, committed volunteer Squad is beneficial to the area, and encourages anyone interested in volunteering to contact him at 938-2228.

"Helping someone worse off than I am humbles me, it realigns my perspective." Steve Manley thought about joining the Squad for about a year, but waited until he felt that he could commit the time. He's now in his third year as a driver and would someday like to take the EMT course - again he's waiting until he can commit the time. He is currently serving as Lieutenant of the Squad. Steve sees his relationship with the Squad as a long-term commitment, and speaks of how volunteering fills a need for him. Although as a driver he often doesn't get the direct gratification of patient contact that the EMT's get, he volunteers for the sake of doing it and tries to take something home from every call. He feels that the driver is a critical part of the team and urges others who may not have the time to become an EMT to consider volunteering as a driver. Steve's background is somewhat eclectic. With a B.S. in Nuclear Physics, he worked in research early in his career. He has also owned businesses and worked as a writer, publishing a book on food companies; the New York Times syndicated several of his articles. These days Steve's "day" job is in management at the Union Leader, driving around Southern New Hampshire all night supervising circulation. He also owns four buildings on Main Street and during the day he manages the 15 apartments in them. He lives with his wife Mary, son Kenney, and Pomeranian Daisy on Water Street.

—Deborah Bede

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The course will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, and 16. A \$25 fee includes registration for six meetings and two parenting books. For more information or to register, call Cathy Mayne at 938-5959. Register by March 7.

Voter Registration March 1

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 1 from 11:00am - noon. Elections and school district ballot voting will take place on Tuesday, March 11 at Town Hall. Polls will be open from 8:00am - 7:00pm.

Town Reports Available

Town Reports are now available at Town Hall (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm) and at Brown Memorial Library (Monday, 9:30am-8:00pm, Wednesday, 9:30am-5:00pm, Saturday, 9:30am-1:30pm).

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Preschool Open House

The Kearsarge Area Preschool will hold an informational open house on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00pm. There are limited openings available for the 2003-2004 year for children who will be three or four as of September 30, 2003. Interested parents are invited to see the classroom, meet staff and board members, and ask questions about the program. Registration materials will be available. The preschool, which is handicapped accessible, is located on the upper floor of the Bradford Area Community Center at 134 East Main Street. If you are interested but are unable to attend, call Sarah Harvey at 938-2624 for more information.

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Letters

Parents: Learn and vote

Did you know that the largest group of people who did not vote last March was parents of KRSD students? As the school year continues, we should be able to tell our children, "Yes, I learned about the issues. I voted on March 11th. I am involved in your education."

A few years ago, when I voted to change the School District voting from an all-day meeting to a simple drop-the-ballot-in-the-box, I hoped that more parents would welcome the change. Voting at a town hall is far easier than finding an all-day babysitter, or entertaining children during the lengthy meeting, or figuring which voting parent should stay at home with the kids. Some parents and some residents have taken advantage of the new system. But not enough. Our children pay for the lack of adult participation in the decision making process.

Being an "involved" parent is not always easy. As parents, we are: working parents, single parents, over-40ish parents whose bedtime is earlier than our children (just ask us), extra-curricular drivers, commuters, wood-splitters, snow shovelers, bedside nurses, sports coaches, homework coaches.... We cheer at games, academic recognition nights, plays, and musicals. The high school concerts, with standing room only, attest to parental support.

Most parents, myself included, would rather cheer from the bleachers, eat dinner at a musical fund-raiser, bring cupcakes to a classroom Valentine's Day party, go on a 9th grade Shakespeare field trip, than sit through PTC, School Board, informational, and Parent Advisory Committee meetings. Fortunately, understanding the six KRSD Warrant Articles that will appear on the March 11th ballot is not difficult.

The Bradford Bridge is a great place to start finding answers to KRSD Warrant Article questions, such as: What are the reasons for the deficit? What has the administration done to correct the problems? How will the quality of our children's education be affected if Article One does not pass? How does one centrally located middle school benefit the taxpayers and our children? How much more would it cost to run two middle schools? What education and transportation expenses are beyond our control?

Showing our kids that we are involved - learning about the issues and voting - is simple. Even registering to vote is simple (bring proof of residency to the Town Hall on March 11th). As kids would say, "It's a no-brainer."

See you on March 11th. Thanks for being involved.

Debbie Bruss

Kudos to the Road Crew

My dog—a total nincompoop—kept me awake. Pluto (the new dog) barks and raises a fuss every time a vehicle or person is on our road. He thinks he's being helpful and protective! This letter is in regards to a small topic read in the Selectmen's minutes reported in the January's edition of the Bridge. I sincerely feel any negative complaints about the road crew's efforts are unsubstantiated. The snowstorms (as in plural) we suffered through from December to January were devastating. The road crew did a tremendous job keeping the town roads open and clear and worked throughout the night, as my dog clearly reported. My road, rural in nature—an understatement indeed—was passable. Although I wasn't pleased with the huge mound of snow left in my driveway, Pluto loved it and jumping over proved a fun and exhausting exercise for him. Now if we can talk about the mounds of snow...? You guys did a good job. I wouldn't do your job for anything. I like my sleep!

Liz Bouley

Letters, continued

Thanks to all for caring

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the community members for the overwhelming human kindness we have received in the past year.

On February 22, 2002, my life, as well as the lives of my husband, Philip, and children, Christopher and Loretta, changed dramatically as the result of a car accident. We were all enjoying our busy lives. I loved my job as a high school teacher as well as being a skiing instructor and actively involved in my children's school and athletic activities. In retrospect, the precious gifts of physical and emotional well being in our daily routines were taken away instantly on February 22nd.

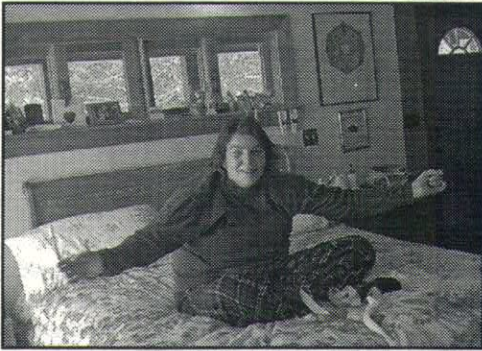
I suffered cervical (level 6-7) spinal cord injury and this labeled me a quadriplegic, paralyzed from my chest downward. I spent 40 days in an acute care hospital and 84 days in a rehabilitation hospital, returned home, and continue with five hours of daily home therapy. I'm striving to progress so that I can achieve the simple skills of every day living. In late June it was not certain what mobility I could gain. However, with strong commitment, love, community support, and prayers, I have created a healing environment in which some "miracles" continue to occur.

I am now moving muscles in mid and lower torso. With a strap, I can pull myself to a sitting position and remain unsupported for over an hour! I can do a push up and bring my torso off the ground as my physical therapist lifts my hips and I am then on "all fours." My muscles can remain strong for over seven minutes!

In December 2002, for the first time in ten months, I was able to successfully maintain my weight in a vertical position by being supported in a stand-up harness. It was a pleasure for me to see my caretakers eye-to-eye rather than me looking up from a lying position. There are so many challenges, but I've learned to stay positive, be patient, and measure my accomplishments in small, steady steps. I am still praying and working hard to get my fingers "to work".

I am extremely grateful for all who have contributed to my welfare in their special way, whether it be the organizing or participating in the success of the emergency fund events, which have enabled me to have the StimMaster bike (electrodes) which strengthen my leg muscles, or the purchase of a handicapped accessible van which I can enter while in my wheelchair, as well as a trained caretaker at home each day. I'm appreciative for the cards, prayers, e-mails, the friendly visits, family meals, individuals connecting with my children, and the overwhelming human kindness we have received.

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BWC Update

The Bradford Women's Club executive meeting will be March 11, 9:30am at the Bradford Area Community Center. The general membership meeting will be March 18, 1:00pm at the First Baptist Church. The program will feature the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association.

—Barbara Vannata, President

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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

I hope that you will be able to join our book discussion of *Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat at 7:00pm on Friday, March 21. Copies of the book are available at the library. See the short article elsewhere in this paper.

Thanks to the craftsmanship of Charlie MacKenzie of Weare, we now have a beautiful new bookcase that matches our old ones. This has allowed us to free up some space on our crowded shelves and make room for new books. Don't be surprised as books get shifted around. We are always very happy to assist you in finding just the book you want.

We have a new volunteer, Jackye Pehrson reading at some Wednesday morning story times. Mrs. "P" was a big hit reading to the preschool last week! Thanks, Jackye.

New books added in February:

For adults:

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by Katharine Graham

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It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Girl Scout cookies will be delivered shortly after March 1 if you ordered them from one of our local troops. If you missed out, you can still pick some up! Bowie's Market will carry Girl Scout cookies while supplies last beginning Sunday, March 2. In addition, cookies will be available on Saturday, March 8 from 11:00am-1:00pm in front of Jake's Market in Newbury and also on Saturday, March 15 from 10:00am-12:00pm in front of the Bradford Post Office. Please help support a very worthy cause!

Kearsarge Community Band

The Kearsarge Community Band, under the direction of Dr. Earl Lord, invites area musicians to join our concert band for its 2003 season. The band's first rehearsal is Tuesday, March 18, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School's Music Room in New London. Trumpet players are especially needed to fulfill our brass instrumentation requirements. There are no auditions. High school students, winter/summer residents and retirees are welcome. For information contact Lori Cox at 735-4044 or Nola Aldrich at 526-2942.



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If you'd rather help NEHSA by racing down the mountain, then join NEHSA's Corporate Ski and Board Challenge, also on March 8th. For \$275 a team of four receives lift tickets and prizes. Amateurs are welcome!

For more information and a complete list of Auction items call 763-9158 or go to www.nehsa.org. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

—Debbie Bruss

Ryan Sturgis Performance

Ryan Sturgis, a graduate of KRHS and current theatre major at Plymouth State College, will be providing an evening of entertainment at KRHS on Saturday, March 29 from 7:00–8:00pm. Along with some fellow PSC students, Ryan will perform a one-act play he wrote followed by musical entertainment. Donations will be accepted at the door toward the benefit of Ryan's up-coming trip to South Africa in June with the PSC Chamber Singers in celebration of National Children's Day. For additional information call 938–2302.

—Lisa MacLean

Annual Flea Market & Bake Sale

Plans are being made at the South Newbury Union Church for the Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale. Join us on Saturday, March 15 from 9:00am until 2:00pm rain or shine indoors at the handicap accessible Friendship House at the corner of Village and Sutton Roads. You will find collectibles, household goods, tools, toys, picture puzzles, books, glassware, pots and pans, and "Christmas in March" items. The Bake Sale will feature pies, cakes, cookies, breads, jams, jellies, and relish. For information, call 938–5369 or 938–2064.

—Gail Bostic

Book Discussion at the Library

Say good-bye to winter and celebrate the spring equinox. Join us at Brown Memorial Library on Friday evening, March 21 at 7:00pm for a discussion of the book *Never Cry Wolf* by Canadian author Farley Mowat. Copies of the book are now available at the library. The book is based on Mowat's own experience as a biologist dropped alone onto the frozen tundra to study arctic wolves. He discovers not a den of marauding killers, but a family of skillful providers and devoted protectors of their young. We will begin the evening with a movie based on the book so bring your reading and movie glasses! Refreshments will be served. The snow date is Friday, March 28 at 7:00pm.

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream/Plus dance at the Bradford Town Hall from 8:00–10:30pm on Saturday, March 15. The dance is called "Cloverleaf Capers" in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Ted Lizotte will call and Leo Boudreau will cue. For information, you may call Kris Sweet at 863–0974. Price of admission is \$5 per person. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

—Kris Sweet

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Budget Committee, for two years

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•Halton Grindle

Cemetery Commission, for three years

•Janet Riley

To provide the Community with information on this year's candidates for town offices, the Bridge asked each candidate to answer four questions:

- 1) Why do you want to serve?
- 2) What are the most important issues you will have to address?
- 3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of office?
- 4) What are your qualifications?

Bryan Ayars, Planning Board

1) I want to give back to the community, and to help balance the character of the town with the growing pressures to build homes and create business opportunities.

2) I think the most important issue facing Bradford is residential growth outside of town that will place increasing pressures on Bradford to react to a variety of requests. A comprehensive plan and process will assist town leaders to respond appropriately.

3) Build on the positive efforts already established and create a broad understanding of the need for planning as well as a workable planning document.

4) Although new to the community, I feel my past experiences working as a hospital administrator, on numerous community boards, and on a regional Emergency Medicine Services Council have given me the ability to view issues from a global perspective, without losing sight of the local impact. I am currently on the Board of the New Hampshire Rural Development Council and am employed as the Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care within NH Department of Health and Human Services. I have lived in communities where poor or nonexistent planning had negative effects on the towns—and do not want to see that happen to Bradford.

Jim Bibbo, Planning Board

1) I want to serve because I believe in being involved and being part of the solution to community issues. I have had a career serving the public and rather enjoy it.

2) The most important issues facing the town is growth and all the issues that surround that inevitability.

3) During the term of office I will use my experience and my knowledge to contribute to the planning board process. I hope to serve the town as a planning board member and work to plan for the town that is in the best interests of the community.

Greg Johnson, Planning Board

1) Serving on the Planning Board affords me a modest opportunity to help maintain the quality of life in Bradford. Democracy requires participation, whether through active service in government or just by voting and attending town meetings. That's the way we exercise our right to promote what is good and to complain about what's not.

2) Dealing with the pressures of new development. Preserving open land for recreation and wildlife habitat. Implementing ordinances that are consistent with Bradford's Master Plan.

3) Develop consistent guidelines to minimize the effects of new development on the quality of life in town. Encourage more public discussion as to what the future should hold for Bradford and what the consequences of our various actions might be.

4) The Planning Board is a volunteer group of diverse individuals, most of whom are not experts in government or administration. As is the case with the other present members of the Board, I would offer as qualifications a willingness to think carefully about the issues confronting us, the ability to listen impartially to the opinions of other Board members and members of the public, and a desire to do what I can to make Bradford a satisfying place to live.

Doug Troy, Planning Board

1) Growth is taking place throughout our town and the surrounding area and I would like to assist the town in planning the direction in which the growth occurs. Growth, while certainly uncomfortable, can present both negative and positive attributes to our way of life. I believe some amount of growth is inevitable and that we should strive to direct it in ways that alleviate the majority of the negative issues.

2) Having participated in many Planning Board meetings over the past eight months, it has become crystal clear to me from the proposals that have come forth that rapid



development of our town is potentially right around the corner. How we address this expansion within Bradford will have a powerful influence on the future. This development will determine to a large extent the visual character of the town, the structures, open space or lack thereof, and what our tax base will look like in the future. Some tough questions we face are how do we plan in such a way that we maintain and improve the character of the town, while still maintaining the utmost respect for the rights of the landowner and the landowner's neighbors? I believe that with smart planning, fresh ideas, and continued consistent enforcement of our existing regulations, we can do a lot to shape a favorable future for our town.

3) As an elected member of the Planning Board, I would strive to place some simple but effective planning regulations into service that will help in maintaining the traits that we enjoy about Bradford. We live in a great place, let's control our own destiny. There are planning tools out there successfully in use in towns around our state. We do not need to reinvent the wheel, we simply need to choose the ones we feel fit our needs most effectively and fold them into our existing framework. If we do not implement some additional tools soon, then unfortunately outside interests will determine the look, feel, and personality of our town.

4) Over the past year I became an alternate on the current Planning Board. In that role I have attended the majority of Planning Board meetings and have seen many of the challenges facing the Board and the town firsthand. Additionally, as a small business owner in the town, I have had to go before the Board on two separate occasions for approvals for modifications to my business. This can be a daunting task and of concern to an individual trying to make a living or build a home. I believe it is important to have been on both sides of the table. I am involved in the community as a member of the Bradford Community Corporation and a co-chair of the Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee. Other relevant experience is that I have resided in several areas of the country and have witnessed some of the tools that a Planning Board can use to direct development. Likewise, I have seen the flip side of the coin of how some developers have worked to circumvent the town's and residents' best interests to achieve their own business and personal goals. In business, I have worked for the largest of corporations and also have been a partner in small startup businesses that have grown to successful enterprises. I understand the balance of creating an envi-

ronment where business can flourish and one people will want to call home.

Jan Riley, Cemetery Commission

1) I am running for election for Cemetery Commissioner to be able to help in the work of maintaining and improving our seventeen town cemeteries.

2) The most important issues that need to be addressed continue to be the tree work that needs to be done, repair of fences and stones that have been broken or fallen, and the continued re-mapping and review of our cemetery records.

3) We hope to continue the mapping work, and as funds permit, continue the tree work and stone repair in progress.

4) I am willing to help in the work needed and have the opportunity to offer my services to the town in this capacity.

Bliss Dayton, Trustee of Trust Funds

1) Because it is a pleasure to work with Ev Kittredge and Tom Riley.

2) Reinvesting funds.

3) Growth of trust funds.

4) Experience as one of the Trustees.

Everett Kittredge, Zoning Board of Appeals

1) Serve.

2) Finding more interested citizens to participate on the ZBA Board.

3) Continue to balance the rights of the individual with the appropriate laws in as uncomplicated a way as possible.

4) On ZBA Board for 12 years.

Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

1) I enjoy my work and find it fulfilling to help townspeople with their daily Town Clerk/Tax Collector needs. With every passing year, there are more services being offered by the different state agencies through the local offices. The more services that I can offer make it easier for people to go about their routines.

2) Being totally on line with the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Streamlining the various duties without letting any slip through the cracks. Finding the feasibility of being on line with the Registry of Deeds for quicker tax lien releases. Correct storage of old Town records.

3) Working with the Secretary of State to correct the problems with the current voter program. Keeping abreast of legislation that will change the laws pursuant to the Town. Working with the Vital Records Department to have records available from all remote locations (towns). Working with the City and Town Clerks Association for all changes for that office. Working with the Tax Collector's Asso-

ciation for updates and changes in laws and procedures pertaining to the Tax Collector's Office. Working with all departments of the Town to keep all records up to date.

4) I have held the office of Town Clerk for over 15 years. I have held the office of Tax Collector for over 11 years. I am constantly attending seminars and workshops on my own time. I have been able to completely computerize the dual office.

Erica Lynne Gross, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

1) I would like to serve on the board of library trustees because a library is a very important part of every community. Not only does it teach responsibility to our children, but it opens their eyes to the wonders of the world that surrounds them. It is the one place that both young and old can stretch their minds and become one. My motto in life has always been "A house is not a home, unless it has food and fuel for the mind as well as the body."

2) To continue to provide the highest quality library service to the town while making the most possible out of the allotted library budget.

3) Since I have been volunteering at the library, we have been working hard to update the books and the cataloguing of them. There is always room for improvement when working with such vast amounts of books on so many subjects. Sometimes just trying to make room for the new while still maintaining the old can be a challenging job.

4) Whether it was working in a bookstore, being a member of a book club or volunteering at the local library, I have always surrounded myself with books and the people who love to read them.

Rod Jones, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

1) I want to serve because, as a resident of Bradford, I feel I should give some of my time to help the town in which I live.

2) The most important issue in the probable long-term will be about the Internet and its usage in a public library. There is already strong debate in library circles concerning privacy issues and the government, whether the government can (or will) use the 'Net to trace the activities of people who are using the 'Net.

3) To keep the Good Ship Brown Memorial Library sailing as smooth as it has in the past.

4) I have been a board member for the last six years and the library has not crumbled to the ground yet.

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facility. All amounts are recommended by both the Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Both Selectmen and Budget Committee also recommend placing \$1,000 in the Gravestone Repair Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend that voters establish a new Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Building Repair, with an initial appropriation of \$5,000. Selectmen are named as the agents to expend the fund.

Two articles ask voters to withdraw monies: \$20,000 from the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for the upgrading of Town offices and \$5,000 from the Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund for improvements to the existing Police Office.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee agree on recommending five warrant articles totaling \$246,000 for road oil, road repair and repaving projects, and bridge construction and engineering. There is also a warrant article to purchase a new loader for the Highway Department, with the \$107,000 cost being paid by a \$79,000 withdrawal from the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Fund and \$28,000 from the trade of the existing loader.

Other warrant articles ask for \$5,000 to update the Master Plan, \$3,500 for the purchase of new street signs that comply with Federal regulations, \$5,000 for an inspector at the Lake Massasecum town boat launch who would check boats for milfoil and provide education to the public about milfoil contamination, and \$2,750 to support the Bradford-Sutton-Newbury Youth Sports program. Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of all these articles.

A petition warrant article asks the town to accept a resolution that would urge our elected officials at all levels of government to work to ensure that everyone would have access to an affordable basic health care plan similar to what federal employees receive, that everyone make a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system, that everyone receive high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective, and that these efforts help control the skyrocketing costs of health care.

Newly elected town officials will be sworn in immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

—Lyn Betz

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that budget was developed in the fall of 2000; and added costs to operate our 30 year old high school wastewater treatment plant

The remaining over expenditures resulted from a breakdown in fiscal controls and an unacceptable disregard, primarily at the high school, for what the budget could absorb.

Corrective action has been taken to prevent reoccurrences. The financial reporting system has been revised to provide better and more timely information. Appropriate disciplinary action has been taken affecting key management personnel. The Superintendent is personally approving all procurements and limiting expenditures to absolute essentials until tighter internal controls have been installed and proven.

All future budgets will provide for unanticipated costs with an appropriate contingency fund. Costs must be reduced to provide such funds within the overall budget ceiling.

A Finance and Audit Committee with a majority of non school board members will monitor and participate in budget development, audit activities, and cost reporting.

(Recommended by Municipal Budget Committee and the School Board).

Article 2 appropriates \$212,470 to complete the purchase of land for a new centrally located Middle School. Our District continues to grow rapidly and the existing Middle School is currently overcrowded with many code violations and inadequate facilities. Among the many options considered in the long term facility study completed last year was the option of having two Middle Schools. This option was ruled out primarily because the annual operating cost for running two schools was \$970,000 per year higher than that for operating one school.

Located at the junction of Gile Pond Road and Rte. 114 in Sutton, the site is near Exit 10 on the interstate and is only two miles from the high school. The architect and engineers have reviewed the site and determined that soil conditions and topography are suitable for the Middle School. After an extensive search and much publicity, this site is the best to meet the requirement of a centrally located Middle School (Recommended by Municipal Budget Committee and the School Board).

Article 3 appropriates \$75,000 to a Special Education Expendable Trust Fund to fund unanticipated "out of district" placements". Funds could be spent only for that purpose and only after a public hearing. Last year's deficit provides an example of the need for this emergency fund. (Recommended by Municipal Budget Committee and the School Board).

Article 5 appropriates \$30,000 for improvements to the KRHS waste water treatment plant as mandated by NH Department of Environmental Services. (Recommended by Municipal Budget Committee and the School Board).

Article 6 appropriates \$22,155,000 for the District operating budget. Three items account for the bulk of the increase from last year.

- \$142,000 for increases in health insurance costs.
- \$97,000 increase in debt service for the cost of the bond issue for the high school roof which was approved last year by the voters.
- \$369,000 increase in teacher's salaries in accordance with the three year contract previously approved by the voters and necessary to remain competitive with other districts in attracting quality teachers.

When evaluating the Operating Budget it is instructive to compare the cost per student for Kearsarge with that of other districts in the State. Fifty six districts (35%) have a higher cost per student than Kearsarge including Sunapee, Claremont, Hopkinton, and Lebanon.

(Recommended by Municipal Budget Committee and the School Board).

For additional information see the KRSD web site (<http://www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us/District/budget/index.html>)



Superintendent Tom Brennan discusses budget issues at a Bradford PTC meeting

—Dean Bensley, KRSD School Board member



Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Ash Wednesday Service: On, Wednesday, March 5, we will observe Ash Wednesday with a worship service at 7:00pm. There will be a message, a guitar duet, and communion will be served

Women's Christian Guild: The ladies will meet at the church on Friday, March 7 at 1:00pm. The program will be announced at a later date.

Mission Appreciation Luncheon: On Sunday, March 9 immediately following the worship service, the Mission Committee will serve a luncheon to the church family as a "thank you" for all their support of our mission projects during the past year.

Youth Group: Grades 5-8 are invited to come to the church on Sunday, March 16 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. They will be participating in a service project that includes cleaning and organizing the community food pantry. They will also be enjoying make-your-own ice cream sundaes.

On Wednesday, March 26 from 6:30-8:00 p.m., the youth will watch a movie entitled "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?" Popcorn will be served. After a discussion about the movie, we will enjoy some games.

Men's Fellowship: The men in the church will hold their March gathering on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30pm at the home of Fred & Lynne Hubley.

Church Meeting: On Sunday, March 23, immediately following the worship service, church members will stay to vote on the deacons' recommendation to extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to new members.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The women will hold their second annual retreat at the home of Judy Marshall on Friday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday, March 29 at approximately 4:00pm. Women are invited to come to part or all of the retreat. On Friday night, there will be pizza, a movie, and a devotional. On Saturday morning, after breakfast, we will enjoy worship and singing some praise songs. Time will be given for quiet walks, recreation, and a chance to use Judy's hot tub. The theme for the retreat is "God's Boundless Love." We will enjoy videos, bible study, a skit, and discussion on this subject.

The First Baptist Church is located on the corner of Route 103 and West Main Street. Sunday worship services are held at 10:00am. For additional information, call 938-5313.



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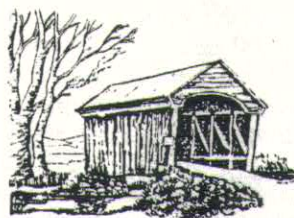
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From the "secret" recipe files of



Chef Jim Horigan Thistle & Shamrock Inn

CHICKEN WITH
FRESH TOMATOES AND
MOZZARELLA CHEESE

This was a big success at Debbie Lamach's Retirement party here at the Inn. Since I received numerous requests for the recipe, here it is! I'm not giving amounts. Just cook the amount you want.

Chicken (boneless, skinless, breasts and thighs)
Seasoned flour
½ butter and ½ olive oil for frying

Dredge the chicken pieces in flour and fry until golden in a minimal amount of fat until about half cooked. Remove from fat and put in a casserole. Place in a heated 350°F oven.

Add some flour to the remaining fat in the pan and make a gravy using canned chicken stock. Finish it with a little cream or half & half and season to taste. Add some fresh skinned, seeded, and diced tomatoes and heat through.

Take the chicken out of the oven and sprinkle liberally with shredded mozzarella cheese. Return to the oven until melted. Remove from oven, coat with the sauce, some fresh chopped parsley and serve.

(If anyone has a question about, or problem with, any of my recipes, please feel free to call the Inn at 938-5553 for assistance. —JRH)

February Selectmen's Minutes

FEBRUARY 4, 2003

One junkyard renewal signed, one current use application for 10.5 acres signed.

A current use application requesting a portion of an area be taken out of current use was discussed. Since the use hasn't changed, it will stay in current use until a change occurs. A letter will be forwarded to NHRDC appointing Bill Glennie as town representative to the Transportation Advisory Council.

Increases for this year were seen in the timber cut revenue, which won't be finalized until April, and the Current Use penalties are estimated to be around \$12,000, \$6,000 of which will go to the Conservation Commission and the other half into the general fund. \$80,000 in Capital Reserve monies will be funded from surplus.

The Storm Drain Phase II from the EPA and how it impacts the town with the new one-acre affected area will be reviewed.

FEBRUARY 18, 2003

Chip Meany, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, discussed information on posting road bonds and suggested a plumbing permit work certificate be submitted with the building permit rather than under the road bond. He feels the average home doesn't have enough heavy equipment during construction to damage town roads to warrant posting a road bond. Selectmen said this was aimed toward any construction on Class VI roads. The Building Inspector will research liability insurance and bring back some rewrites. He also had new forms for housing inspections, which he will pass to Cheryl.

A notice to loggers is being sent explaining the Intent to Cut must be signed by property owners and Selectmen before cutting; cutting, but not hauling, can proceed before a bond is posted. Current Use cannot be changed until the owner changes the use of the land.

Joel Cote approached the Selectmen regarding rental of the Town Hall for substance free teen dances. Mr. Cote has experience in managing these and has a paid staff to chaperone as well as a police detail. The Selectmen regretfully informed him that the Town Hall itself, and especially the septic system, has limitations for that type of activity. They suggested if the Community Center wasn't large enough, the only other building in town suitable for this would be the elementary school.

George Morse updated the Selectmen on his interpretation of the Bradford Revolving Loan Committee. There is a question of how much input the Town has in regards to custody and ownership, disbursement, and to the interpretation of the policy. Town Counsel will be consulted further. The Chair of the BRLF will brief the Selectmen further on the proposed rewording suggested by the Regional Development Council after the Bradford committee meets to discuss it.

A letter from Parks and Recreation was read agreeing that the teen dances should not be continued at this time, but expressing hope that in the future the dances could continue.

One supplemental intent to cut was reviewed.

Requests for use of the Town Hall, one for the fifth grade to present a play, one for a wedding discussed. Maximum attendance will be emphasized.

A letter was forwarded to the Planning Board in regard to signatures on a subdivision question.

An application misplaced for a Veteran's exemption was approved.

—Excerpted from the public minutes.

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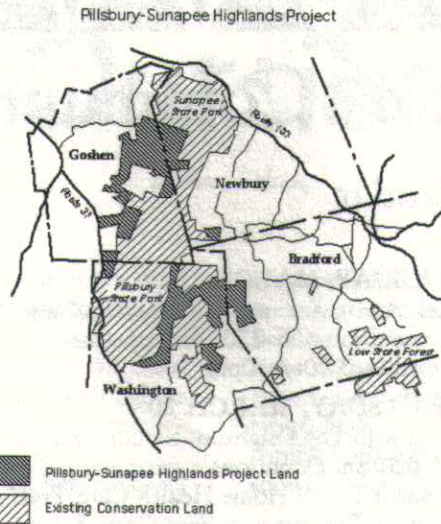
the Forest Legacy program. These beautiful lands are some of New Hampshire's most pristine forest areas and I am looking forward to working with the Forest Society to ensure their conservation for future generations," said Sen. Judd Gregg, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "The Forest Society continues to do an outstanding job recognizing areas, like the Pillsbury/Sunapee land and Moose Mountain, within our state that are in need of protection and working with local residents to make these projects a reality."

Forest protection in the Highlands region has drawn increased interest in recent years, as improvements at the Mount Sunapee Ski Area have lured new development and businesses to the area.

Efforts to preserve the Highlands were spearheaded by the Forest Society, regional conservation groups, host communities, and private landowners, which first sought Forest Legacy support two years ago.

"The project is critical to maintaining an unfragmented forest block encompassing the area around Pillsbury and Sunapee state parks," said Congressman Charles Bass, a Second District Republican. "Additionally, the success of this project will yield gifts of land or conservation easements in the same area, totaling an additional 2,500 acres, which would further complete one of the largest remaining contiguous forest blocks in southern New Hampshire." Combined with land already protected in the state parks, the entire Pillsbury-Sunapee forest area covers 25,000 acres that remain unbroken by development—a critical feature for wildlife habitats.

—Charlie Niebling, SPNHF



Senior Council Seeks to Increase Membership

The Bradford Area Senior Rally was developed by Lynne Smith, formerly of Bradford, in November of 1997 as a graduate student project. This project represents seniors in the towns of Bradford, Sutton, Newbury, and Warner. It was intended to serve as a community gathering to voice concerns, solutions, ideas, and as an opportunity for socializing. The group has enjoyed and benefited from hearing speakers from local, state and federal agencies. When Lynne's work as a student was completed, participants in the Senior Rally decided to continue meeting. The group wrote a Resource Guide and compiled a list of seniors who wish to be called during severe storms to insure their safety and/or to be provided with supplies if necessary.

When the Bradford Area Community Center became an official organization, specifics required the Rally to assume the title Senior COUNCIL. Topics at meetings have been varied, useful, and entertaining. These are some of the "no charge" programs:

- "What AARP can do for Seniors" (Rollin Studley)
- Patient Prescription Assistance Program for Seniors, Cheryl Fogwill, NLH physicians Group
- "Food Safety in the Home" UNH
- "Issues Related to Seniors" Beth Rodd, NH House Representative
- Audubon Society Presentations
- Gardening
- Miscellaneous colored slides (Birds, African Safari, etc.)
- Game and Bingo Day
- Picnics by the Lake

Visitors are welcome at our meetings at the Community Center at 134 East Main Street on the second Saturday of each month from 1:00–3:00pm. We invite seniors to join in our activities and to contribute their ideas and suggestions for the future. The regular March business meeting will be on Saturday, March 8, from 1:00–3:00pm followed by bingo, games, conversation and refreshments.

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Bradford Area Community Center

March Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Massage with Pamela Monaghan, Senior Center, 10:30am

New London Hospital presentation on nutrition, Senior Center, 12:30pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Fuel Assistance applications, 9:00am-noon, call 456-2207 for appointment.

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

After lunch, Pound Party Auction, Senior Center, 12:30pm

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Senior Council, 1:00-3:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Meet for trip to Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens, Senior Center, 8:30am

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Presentation by the Cremation Society, Senior Center, 12:30pm

BACC Governance Board, 5:30-7:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, 7:00am

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Music for St. Patrick's Day Party, Senior Center, 12:30pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Fuel Assistance applications, 9:00am-noon, call 456-2207 for appointment.

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Reiki with Peg Leighton, Senior Center, 10:30am. Donations appreciated.

Personal Touch Home Health Care, Free Blood Pressure and Foot Care, Senior Center, 11:00am-12:30pm

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Bradford Community Corporation Annual Meeting, 9:00am

Bradford Area Community Center Annual Meeting, 10:00am

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Spring flower arranging with Vickie, Senior Center, 12:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Presentation of Prescription Assistance Program with Concord Hospital, Senior Center, 12:30pm

BACC Governance Board Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm

MONDAY, MARCH 31

VNA presentation relative to taxes and estate planning, Senior Center, 12:30pm

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

The advent of winter is evident in more than just an alteration in ambient temperature. You may have noticed. There are fewer leaves, fewer bugs, fewer birds. The outdoor surfaces we tread upon change in texture and tend to be of a lighter color. Most of us get paler. We are heavier, encumbered with thicker trappings.

Many other mammals also put on heavier coats and a few actually turn white. Unfortunately, we don't live with arctic foxes or tundra hares. Nor does this landscape harbor the unpronounceable willow ptarmigan grouse, but we do co-habit with snowshoe hare, ermine, and long-tailed weasels. These three also completely change their seasonal garb from shades of browns and gray to snow white and then back again in spring.

It doesn't require too much mental exercise to imagine what some of the advantages of this seasonal fashion change might be. Ermine, also called short-tailed weasels, and the somewhat larger long-tailed weasels hunt small animals over and under the snow cover. There is a huge benefit in being difficult for your targeted dinner to detect you and take evasive action.

Weasels themselves are sought by owls, hawks, fisher, fox, coyote, and bobcat - another advantage to winter camouflage. The tips of the tails of both of our local weasels remain black both summer and winter. Biologists theorize that there is some value to this also. Predators are apt to fixate on the more expendable bobbing tail, a safer target from the weasel's point of view. The mink, another smallish member of the Mustelid family, remains dark year round and hunts in and out of the dark edges of streams and ponds for its meals.

The same predators that stalk the weasels, plus the weasels themselves, hunt the snowshoe hare. The snowshoe hare, also known as the varying hare,

is the only wild Lagamorph we are likely to see in this area. The best strategy for the hares is to remain motionless and, hopefully, unseen. These hares, of course, have no need to disguise themselves from their preferred and stationary foods. In winter they consume twigs, buds, and bark of a wide variety of trees and shrubs. Unlike the weasels, only the guard hairs of the snowshoe hare change color. In September or October these start to grow in pure white, obscuring the darker underfur.

It has been further suggested that the color white exchanges less heat with the surrounding environment, meaning that although white absorbs less heat from the sun, it releases less body heat. I am not interested in personally experimenting with this theory for the purposes of this article.

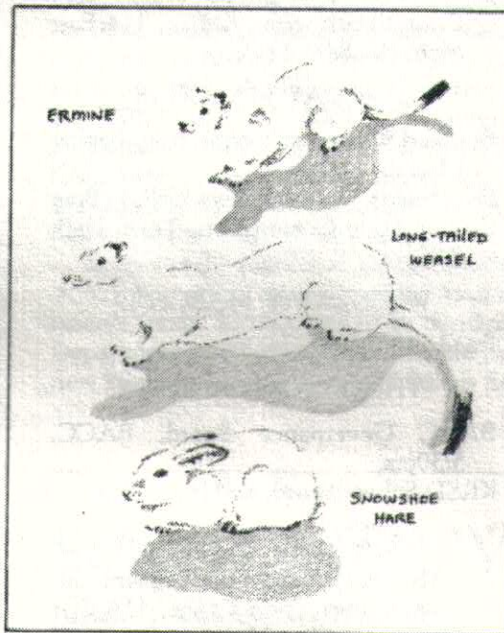
For snowshoe hares, the autumn molt starts on the ears, feet, and legs and ends on the back. In March, the spring molt starts on the forehead, muzzle, and body and finishes with the ears and feet. The mottled effect usually coincides with the mottled effect of patchy snowmelt. Weasels also

have definite molt patterns with approximately the same timing.

Temperature change, however, is not the major factor in coloration change. Instead, shedding is triggered by day length, which is the same in autumn and spring.

The intensity of sunlight entering through their eyes in the shortening days of fall signals the pituitary in the brain to start the molt. This gland also regulates the release of pigment to cells in the hair follicles, resulting in a color change. The spring molt reverses the color scheme. Long-tailed weasels and snowshoe hare don't change color in the snowless parts of their ranges.

Though some of us may yearn for early melts or even snowfree winters, some of the other residents prefer and perhaps even require normal, snowy winter seasons for their continued survival.





March Calendar

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Voter Registration and Checklist corrections, Town Hall, 11:00am-noon

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Zoning Board of Adjustments, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Kearsarge Area Preschool Informational Open House, BACC, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

BSNYS Baseball/Softball registration, Bruss Construction Office, 114 East Main St., 2:00-5:00pm
NEHSA Benefit Auction, Mt. Sunapee Main Lodge, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Town Elections and Ballot Voting, Town Hall, 8:00am-7:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

BSNYS Baseball/Softball registration, Bruss Construction Office, 114 East Main St., 8:00-11:00am

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Bradford Women's Club meeting, Baptist Church, 1:00pm
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Road Committee, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

BSNYS Baseball/Softball registration, Bruss Construction Office, 114 East Main St., 1:00-4:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Ryan Sturgis one-act play & entertainment, KRHS, North Sutton, 7:00pm

Classifieds

LIVE-IN CAREGIVER seeks position in the Bradford area. Previously certified as a CNA, worked at New London Hospital Extended Care. References available. Contact JB Brown at jbthemilker@aol.com

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP will meet Tuesday, March 4 at 7:15pm. For more information, call 428-7086

FOR SALE. Deluxe Glider, \$50. 938-5933

FOR SALE. Conn Organ, dual keyboard, float pedals, padded bench and "learn to play" books, \$500 or best reasonable offer. 938-5933

FOR SALE. Sims snowboard, 135, with Rossignol step-in bindings and size 7 1/2 youth boots, \$99. 938-2692

FOR SALE. '95 red automatic Grand Am, loaded, 86,000 miles, V6 engine, \$3995, 927-4497

SCHOLARSHIP. Deadline for high school seniors to apply for Sutton Historical Society's college scholarships May 15. Call Jane Pratt at 938-5448 for information.

To place a **FREE** classified ad of 40 words or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-2692 or email bradfordbridge@conknet.com.

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**Bradford Bridge
April deadlines**

Display ads	March 20
Classified ads	March 23
Articles	March 20

See page 2 for more submission info.

**GOT A GREAT PHOTO?
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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 April Calendar, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029 or e-mail bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com before March 20.