

Voters Approve Kearsarge Middle School; Reject Valley Proposal

More than 600 residents turned out at the polls on Tuesday, March 14 to elect town officials and approve a new Kearsarge Middle School in Sutton, then assembled in an overflow crowd for Town Meeting the next evening at KRES Bradford, where voters turned down a \$2.8 million proposal to purchase and renovate the Valley Transportation facility on Route 114.

Moderator Dan Coolidge, anticipating a lengthy debate on Article 3 (the Valley proposal) announced that the meeting would be adjourned at 10:30 pm and reconvened the following evening. About 20 minutes into public discussion on the article, however, a motion to call the question effectively ended debate, and the polls were opened for the vote.

About an hour later, Coolidge announced the result: Article 3 was defeated 160-128, leaving the town in the position once again of finding ways to address building safety and maintenance issues at Town Hall and the police and highway departments. Article 5, which would have charged the Selectmen to develop a three-year plan to address the facility issues, was also defeated.

Voters approved an operating budget of \$1,470,776, then plunged into another issue that had become a lightning rod over the past six months: health insurance for town officials.

Article 6 was approved, allowing participation of elected and appointed officials, volunteer fire fighters, and part-time town employees in the Local Government Health Trust. Payment for the insurance is the sole responsibility of the participant. Article 7, which would have

required town personnel policy to go to Town Meeting was defeated, as was Article 8, which would have authorized insurance benefits (85% of which would have been paid by the Town) for the Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and Treasurer.

Moderator Coolidge, acknowledging the relative rapidity of the meeting, recommended that Town Meeting end that night. The crowd's agreement was immediate and vocal.

Expenditures for a variety of heavy equipment were approved, as was the Solid Waste Management Ordinance, which was made by the Selectmen on Oct. 2, 1989, pursuant to RSA 31:39. The vote allows Selectmen to amend the ordinance following duly-noticed public hearings.

Residents agreed to discontinue Lord Road, a Class VI Road of 1800 feet in length, thus giving the land to the property owners; but denied a request by Jane Lucas to have a Class VI road upgraded to a Class V under the town's maintenance.

Affirmative votes enabled the Conservation Commission to include up to five alternate members, and conservation easements to the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation will permanently protect four parcels of town-owned property. \$10,000 was approved to survey the parcel of town-owned land that includes the site of the Transfer Station on the corner of State Routes 114 and 103. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 pm.

-Audrey V. Sylvester with Mike Quinn

Susie Janicki Wraps Up Term As Bridge Editor

The Board of the Bradford Bridge regretfully announces that Susie Janicki, the paper's editor since November 2005, tendered her resignation during its February meeting.

Susie's decision was driven by her need to focus on her two businesses and to strike a positive balance between her work and personal life.

Susie really came through in a time of change and great need. She stepped up to help when former editor Bev Leo was struggling with the end stages of her illness and as she prepared her first issue, Bradford and her home were inundated with heavy rain and floodwaters.

Four excellent issues followed the first "Seven Inches of Rain Swamps Bradford" issue; the last reported on great change as residents grappled with the fate of the town hall, a new middle school and electing new town officers. Advertising also increased during her tenure and she created a new calendar format that has been an overwhelming success.

The Board would like to thank Susie for her hard work and dedication to one of Bradford's most valuable resources, and looks forward to her continued contributions and support.

-Phyllis Wilcox, for the Bradford Bridge Board

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to Mike Quinn at *The Bradford Bridge* address, or e-mail address above before or by the 15th of the month.

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Bradford Women's Club Scholarship

The Bradford Women's Club is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship, which is available to any Bradford woman starting or continuing college.

Applications are available at the Kearsarge Regional High School or by calling Jackye Pehrson at 938-5951. **The application deadline is April 30, 2006.**

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Joseph Sanford Herrick was born Feb. 24, 2006 in Lebanon to Nathaniel & Anita.

—Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

Thank You

To the Town of Bradford:

I was gratified and humbled by the show of support for my candidacy for Selectman. I appreciate your confidence in my leadership and I look forward to serving the needs of Bradford in the years to come.

I wish to thank Dave Pickman for his years of service, and the other candidates for Select Board: George Cilley, Trisha Dunne and Mike Quinn for their enthusiasm and passion for our community. It is very exciting to see so many people wanting to be involved.

I would especially like to thank those who made extra efforts to support my candidacy:

Everyone who sponsored a coffee and provided an opportunity for me to meet with our neighbors;

Those who wrote to the media in support;
The volunteers who spent hours with (or for) me at the Transfer Station, Post Office and on Election Day;

The supporters who made phone calls on my behalf;

Those folks who took my phone calls and questions about the position;

The person who threw his/her support behind me for what he/she saw as the greater good;

The individual who spent his or her birthday putting up signs;

The property owners who volunteered to "host" said signs;

The two people who talked me into this; And, most of all, my wife and daughter for everything else.

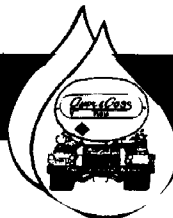
Finally, I thank everyone who voted.

I look forward to working with my fellow Selectmen, our Town Workers and the residents of Bradford to serve our community.

Sincerely,
Andrew J. Pinard

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Bradford Selectmen Highlights: "Friends of the BACC" Proposal Approved

BACC forms Friends group. A proposal to create a "Friends of the BACC" 501(c)(3) organization was approved, opening the door to the BACC accepting donations, grants and fundraisers. Rental income will continue to go to the town to offset costs. Jarna Perkins, Fred Hubley and Bob Stewart attended to speak on behalf of the Center.

Bridge inspections, trucks. The effects of floodwater are still being felt in town. Steve Lucier reported that the second West Meadow Bridge awaits more inspection for damage that may have been incurred from the scouring effect of high water. Lucier also updated the board on highway department activities, including his seeking a pickup truck from state surplus.

Tax prepayments requested. The tax collector would like to accept prepayment of property taxes; most of the funds in question come from overpayment that the collector would like to hold until the next tax filing. Selectman have to approve this request.

15 safety violations. Cheryl Behr reported that a Department of Labor safety check revealed 15 violations at the fire, police and highway department facilities; and Town Hall.

No comment on vet hospital. Planning and zoning boards requested comment from the Selectmen on the proposed veterinary hospital and clinic. No formal comment was given.

Bement Bridge awaits roof repair estimate. Behr reported that she is waiting for a DOT estimate on repairs to the roof of the covered bridge.

Other business: accounts payable manifest reviewed and signed; elderly exemption signed; February police department report filed; junkyard permit license renewed; awaiting details on dispatch contract, police department had already appeared before budget committee when fees were established; Behr reported presentation to Local Government Center for street/sidewalk grant; building permit on High Street requested and action status requested; Bruce Edwards reported on joint selectman meeting with surrounding towns.

These notes are prepared from Board of Selectmen minutes submitted to the Bradford Bridge. Official minutes are available in the Selectmen's office at Town Hall.

— Submitted to the Bradford Bridge
by Cheryl Behr, Town Administrator

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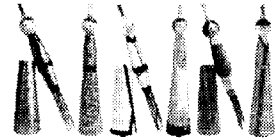
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Conway on Dean's List at Roanoke

Aryn Conway, the daughter of Joe and Maryse Conway of Bradford and a 2004 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, was named to the Dean's List of Distinguished Students during her Fall semester at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. Conway, who is studying a double major in Art History and French, earned the honor by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.



She will join a small group of students and two professors in the Intensive Study Program next month and visit the cities of Rome, Venice and Florence.

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2006 Election Results

Kearsarge Regional School District

Question 1: \$24,719,000 to construct new middle school
 Yes 440 No 142

Question 2: Location of the new school
 A New London 42
 B Sutton 528

Question 3: School Board (A) or Budget Committee (B) budget
 A 270
 B 282 (\$27,052,599)

Question 4: \$100,000.00 in Special Education Expendable Trust for emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education out-of-district placement tuition
 Yes 397 No 172

Question 5: \$25,000 to Capital Reserve Fund for building reconstruction or additions
 Yes 425 No 144

Question 6: \$95,000 for Capital Reserve Fund for repair of roofs
 Yes 420 No 153

School Board Representative
 Steiner 506

Moderator
 Bower, Jr. 486

Bradford Town Officials Elected individuals marked with *

Moderator (1 year)
 Coolidge 91 *
 McKenna 22
 Marden 6

Selectman (3 years)

Pinard 321 *
 Pickman 117
 Cilley 71
 Dunne 38
 Quinn 31

Library Trustee (3 years)

Howe 493 *
 Gross 468 *

Budget Committee (3 years)

Wall 435 *
 Stewart 391 *
 Lucas 59
 Willett 23

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 years)

Pehrson 557 *
 Lucier 5

Treasurer (3 years)

Gordon 541 *

Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years)

Marshall 547 *

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years)

Dayton 537 *

Planning Board (3 years)

Vanatta 459 *
 Janicki 444 *

Zoning Board (3 years)

Kittredge 477 *
 Pierce 453 *

Cemetery Commission (3 years)

Riley 556 *

Scholarship Committee (3 years)

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Planning Board Notes

February 28, 2006, Working Meeting. Representatives from the Needs Assessment Committee came before the Planning Board with a conceptual plan for the proposed town facilities to be located at the current Valley Transportation facility. Although no Planning Board review was required prior to the site plan application, the Needs Assessment Committee presented the plans for the facility to ensure that no unforeseen issues would prevent implementation of the plan should the town choose to purchase and renovate the facility.

Mr. Everett Kittridge of the Needs Assessment Committee proposed considering the three uses of the facility as separate commercial endeavors as a most severe case for review of site plan regulations. Issues of parking, signage, access, lighting, fire cisterns, and access to the rear portion of the lot were addressed. The Board indicated that if the town were to proceed with the purchase of the facility a full Site Plan review would be required.

After some brief discussion of the potential uses of town hall and the impact of the potential change on Main Street and the other businesses in town, the Planning Board took up the review of the Master Plan.

As the Master Plan nears completion, most of the issues remaining are of grammatical issues and typos. Several members of the board questioned information which wasn't presented clearly or seemed inaccurate. The board agreed that there would be one more work session dedicated to the review of the master plan, to be held March 28, 2006 and that the final version of the plan would be available to the public soon thereafter. The final public hearing on the plan will be April 25, 2006 and if there are no matters of substance that need to be addressed the Board would be prepared to sign the document. As always, the public is welcome at all Planning Board meetings, and public comment on the Master Plan will be appreciated.

Town Map In Development. Bill Glennie presented a draft version of a town map that has been in development. The map contains layers of geographic information which may be turned on or off depending on the needs of the viewer. When the map is finalized, it will be available on the town website along with a link to the free downloadable software required to view the file. This map will be a valuable resource for people within our community and for others around the world.

March 14, 2006, Regular Session. The board first considered old business, continued from previous meetings. On the Wheeler Subdivision on Center Road, the applicant indicated he is seeking a variance from the ZBA, the hearing was continued to the next public hearing. A gravel pit permit was to be transferred. However, the applicant was not present. Mark Brunnelle of Maple View Development indicated the proposed location of the community well for the Ledgewood Pines development did not meet NHDES approval and that he would like to relocate the well location to the open space lot. The board agreed that approval of the well location by DES is required as a condition of approval for the subdivision and that relocating the well does not substantially change the subdivision plan as approved.

The next item before the board was a site plan application for a veterinary clinic/boarding facility on Rt. 103 near the Warner town line. The applicant, Diane Richter, presented the plan.


The proposal utilizes the existing residential structure for commercial use, with an addition to be built. Another structure is proposed to house a boarding facility on the site. Ms. Richter indicated the construction of the new facilities may not be immediate but that she desired approval of the complete site plan prior to proceeding with the business. Positive public comment was received from two abutters. The application was approved with conditions.

-submitted by Phillip Lamoreaux

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Town Ordinance of the Month

Editor's note: this is the first article in a series of articles that will summarize selected Bradford ordinances. If you are interested in the details of the ordinance, please visit the Selectmen's office in Town Hall to review the complete text.

If Fido is being anything other than man's best friend, Bradford's ordinance on problem pooches might apply.

The most important aspect of the ordinance is that a dog running loose without a license or the owner's name and address "shall be disposed of by the duly constituted Animal Officer."

RSA 466:31 gives a resident the right to complain about a dog that is being "a nuisance, a menace or vicious to persons, to property or to other animals."

The complaint can be made to "any law enforcement officer, conservation officer, or Selectman." The complaint has to be investigated and, if found to be valid, an order to "abate the nuisance or menace" is delivered in person or by registered mail.

The dog owner has the option, within ten days, to ask for a review at District Court.

The list of what comprises a nuisance is lengthy: barking continuously; barking at night that disturbs the peace; run-

ning at large; turning over garbage or waste containers and strewing it around; barking, growling, snapping or biting at people, bikes, motor vehicles, or other vehicles being driven, pulled or pushed; chasing game animals, domestic animals, fowl or human beings alone or in a pack; digging, scratching, or excreting on property other than its owner's; or being unconstrained while in heat.

Failure to comply with the order is considered a violation. The dog may be impounded and released after payment of a \$10 per day impound fee. If not claimed after 10 days, the animal officer may dispose of the animal and assess an additional \$5 fee.

The ordinance does not apply to a dog on a leash under an owner's control or licensed hunting dogs under the control of their owner.

Dollars for Bradford Scholars

April 30 Deadline!

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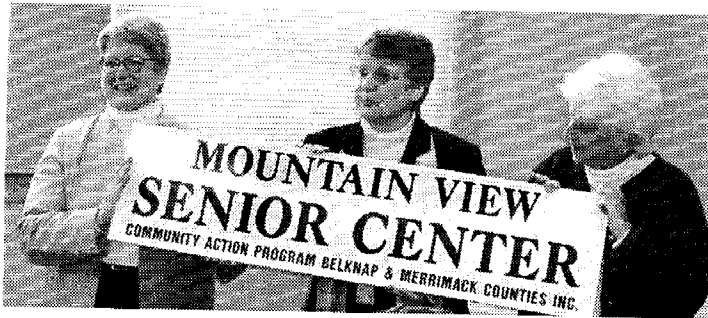
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Mountain View Senior Center New Name in Bradford

At a March 2nd luncheon, the Bradford Area Senior Center unveiled its new name: Mountain View Senior Center.

Sandi Banderi, Senior Center director was joined by special guests Marcella Bobinsky, program manager

for Nutrition and Elder Services; and Ellie Plunkett, member of the Senior Center Advisory Committee to make the announcement.



L-R: Sandi Banderi, Marcella Bobinsky and Ellie Plunkett unveil the new Senior Center name to thirty-six guests at a March 2nd luncheon held in Bradford.

"We serve ten communities in Merrimack County and felt that our name should reflect that fact," said Banderi.

Towns served by the Mountain View Senior Center include Bradford, Con-toocook, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, New London, Sutton, Warner, Webster and Wilmot. Several of the towns were represented at the luncheon.

Bobinsky spoke about New Hampshire's Community Action Program and the important role that Mountain View played in promoting elderly services in Merrimack County. "Seniors are an important part of our community and society and we want to provide health, enrichment and social services for them," she said. "I want to congratulate all of you for making Mountain View Senior Center a vital part of your daily lives", she added.

Motherhood, Apple Pie, and the Middle School

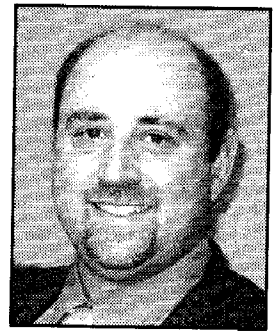
I am overwhelmed at the support and turnout for the new middle school in Sutton. It is said that on any bond issue—even for motherhood and apple pie—there is an embedded 20% no vote. Well, the informed and caring citizens of Bradford supported the building of a new middle school 440 to 142, which is a 76% yes vote! Wow!

Overall, every town in the district, including New London, voted for the new school and the Sutton site. In fact, the Sutton site received 73% support across the district—a clear mandate emphasizing that reasonable people from all the towns prevailed and can work together for the kids of the district.

With the bond now approved, I hope by the time you read this we begin seeing action on the site. Thank you to everyone who put up a sign, wrote a letter, called someone and voted.

Although this column has been focused on the middle school for some time, there are many other issues in the district and accomplishments by our schools, kids and teachers that I will report on in coming months. Our student athletes have had great success in reaching championship games, we have students earning prestigious scholarships, and Awareness Day was held at the end of March. The schools of the district are vibrant and exciting and I am glad to be a part of it. As I said at candidates' night, people equate good school districts with quality communities, so an investment in education is an investment in our homes and ourselves.

—Jon Steiner, KRSD Board Member



SAVE THE DATE!

April 14:

Songbird Migration Presentation.

Audobon Society of New Hampshire biologist Becky Suomala will present a slide presentation, "Songbird Migration at the Isles of Shoals," at 7:30 pm in the Tracy Memorial Library on Main Street in New London. Open to the public, refreshments will be served.

More information: Peter Newbern, 763-4308.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 4: Strike up the band!

The Kearsarge Community Band rehearses every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Music Room.

Other scheduled dates:

April 11, 18, 25, and May 2.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 22: Rabies Clinic & Registration

The clinic will be held in the parking lot of the Friendship House of the South Newbury Union Church at the corner of Village and Sutton Roads. Please bring a previous rabies certificate or dog license, if available. Fee for the rabies shot is \$12.00. (Newbury residents can also register and license their dogs.)

More information: 938-2064.

Be Wary: Medicare Part D Phone Scam; Where to Get Help

An area resident who helps to make signing up for Medicare Part D a little less stressful is warning people about the latest phone scam.

Bill Hatt, a volunteer working through Service Link of Merrimack County, has been trained to use an Internet-based planning tool at www.medicare.gov that was prepared to help people select the best option from 41 insurance programs offering coverage in New Hampshire.

Hatt says that people on Medicare or Medicaid, faced with numerous, sometimes confusing options, have been targets for a scam called the "\$299 ring." The scheme asks Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries for money and checking account information to help them enroll in the new Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. \$299 is the amount requested to sign people up and to pay for the initial deductible.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 8: A Lecture on Japan, 1-3 pm.

The Senior Council of the Bradford Area Community Center will host a program by Mrs. Kathleen Bigford which includes narration, video and slides describing her exciting adventure in a Japanese cultural exchange. Bigford was one of 200 educators selected from a pool of 2,500 applicants for a three-week stay in Tokyo prefecture. A question and answer period will follow her presentation. Refreshments will be served by council members, and teenagers as well as seniors are welcome.

There is no fee required to sign up for Medicare Part D.

Hatt meets with interested people at senior centers in Bradford, New London, and Franklin. The service is free; make appointments through Service Link of Merrimack County at 1-866-634-9412. Required documents include social security and other income statements; a list of assets not including a house or a car; a list of medications with dosages and frequencies, and Medicaid or Medicare card.

The deadline to sign up without penalty for the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan is May 15, 2006. It's also the deadline for changing Part D insurance companies; the next opportunity after that will be November 15, 2006.

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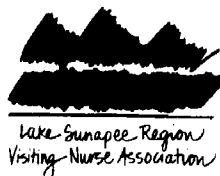


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Children are between the ages of 6 and 12. Families can request a boy or girl and a specific age. Some kids have been visiting the same families for years and now spend the entire summer. "Lifelong relationships have been made through this program," said Foley.

For more information contact Foley at 456-3279 or visit freshair.org.

Seniors Enjoy Contra Dance Music & History at Luncheon

Contra dance history and music were a special part of a recent senior center luncheon held at Mountain View Senior Center in Bradford. Luncheon guest Bob McQuillen gave the seniors an explanation of contra dancing and the history of it in New Hampshire.

McQuillen credited Ralph Page as the original and best caller in the State. In 1947 McQuillen joined the Ralph Page orchestra playing the accordion. He explained that contra dancing, unlike square dancing, placed people in long lines so that by the end of the dance you've danced with any number of people rather than a single partner.

Although no one is sure when contra dancing started in New Hampshire, McQuillen stated that it went back to at least the early 1800s.

Throughout the years, McQuillen has played at thousands of dances and has written more than 1,000 tunes for dance. Additionally, he has won a fellowship

from the National Endowment of the Arts as well as the Governor's Arts Award. As much as McQuillen has done to promote contra dancing in New Hampshire, he credits Dudley Laufman of Canterbury for much of its spread around the State.

Much to the delight of the audience McQuillen sat down at the piano, accompanied by 15 year old Molly Trayner from Warner on fiddle. The duo played a brisk dance tune. Molly, who is home schooled, has been playing the fiddle for over three years and is a member of the Strathspey and Reel Society of New Hampshire. Last year she received an award for best slow air at the New Hampshire Highland Games.

The duo played numerous tunes for the seniors, who had a number of questions for McQuillen and Trayner about dancing and their backgrounds. Seniors attending represented several towns served by Mountain View.

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Mainstream/Plus from 8-10:30P. M. Phil Gatchell will cue the rounds. Admission is \$6 per person for the Mainstream/Plus and \$1 per person for the Fast Track; spectators are free and always welcome. Refreshments provided. *More information: Arlo or Norma Burns, 603-927-4454.*

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BRADFORD BRIDGE ABBREVIATION MAP

BACC-Bradford Area Community Ctr.
 BML-Brown Memorial Library
 BNSYS-B/N/S Youth Sports
 BWC-Bradford Womens' Club
 KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
 KRES-Bradford Elementary School
 KRMS-Kearsarge Reg. Middle School
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- For transportation info call the Senior Center Program Manager, Sandi Bandieri at 938-2104
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2	3	4	10 am, Quilting Bee, MVSC 3-5 pm, Brownies, BACC 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, Fran 456-3099, BACC 6:30 pm Kearsarge Area Preschool Staff Mtg., BACC 7 pm, Zoning Brd, TH KAP Board Mtg., BACC 7-9 pm, Kearsarge Comm. Band Rehearsals, KRMS Music Room	CHILDREN'S STORY Library, Wed	
9	10	11	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC	10:30 am, Soduko Puzzlers, MVSC 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Yoga Class, Fran, 456-3099, BACC 7 pm Planning Board, TH 7-9 pm Kearsarge Comm. Band Rehearsal, KRMS Music Room	
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23	24	25	8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10:00 am, Ceramics with Doris, 9:45 am Bus, MVSC 10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 1-4:00 pm Bridge group, BACC 3-5:00 pm Junior Girl Scouts, BACC	Noon, Mountain View Seniors Volunteer Awards Luncheon, MVSC 3-5:00 pm, Brownies, BACC 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Planning Board, TH 7-9 pm, Kearsarge Comm. Band Rehearsal, KRMS Music Room	
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938-5952, Sat. 1:30-3 pm 10-11:30 am,		EMERGENCY FIRE, POLICE & RESCUE TELEPHONE 911 NON-emergency # 938-2522	11am-1pm, Writing Group, BACC "Dragonflies" art exhibit through April 28th 938-5952, BML
5 Brown Memorial days @ 10:30 am	6	7 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Card Sharks, MVSC 10-11:30 am, "Continental Breakfast Café", MVSC 7 pm Book-to-movie discussion: Ladies in Lavender, BML	8 1 - 3 pm Senior Council Kathleen Bigford's "Japan Experience", BACC
12	13 April birthday celebrations, MVSC 5 - 7:00 pm Governance Board, BACC	14 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10-11:30 am, Brkfst Café, S. Ctr. 10 am-12 pm, Card Sharks, MVSC 7:30 pm Audubon presentation, New London 763-4308	15 11 am-1 pm, Writing Group, BACC 11:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt, BML 7pm Square Dance, KRES 927-4454 Bradford Bridge Deadline for May 06 issue is TODAY! Call 995-6252 to reserve your space!
19 Recreation	20 11 am - 12:30 pm, Blood pressure & foot clinic, free, BACC	21 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10 am-12 pm, Card Sharks, MVSC 10-11:30 am, Continental Breakfast Café, MVSC Movie Matinee Club: Advance registration required: 938-2104	22 Rabies Clinic, South Newbury Union Church, 938-2064 *see page 15 for details 5:00 pm - Community Pot Luck Supper and Master Plan public hearing @ KRES Bradford
26	27	28 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10 am-12 pm, Card Sharks, MVSC 10-11:30 am, Continental Breakfast Café, MVSC	29

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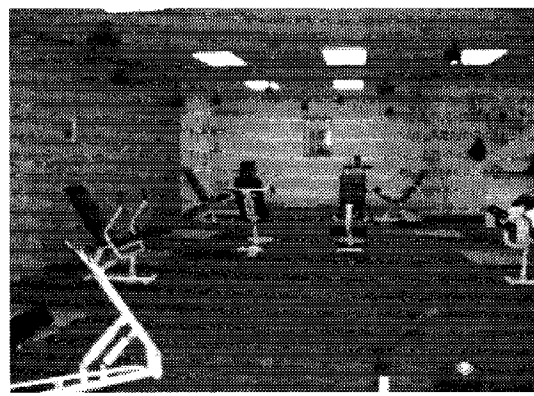
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Real Estate Hints: Foreclosure, Mortgage & Loan Quiz

by Laura Hallaban

I saw the following quiz on Bankrate.com, an online site that provides information on loans, debt management, personal finance, etc. The information may prove useful.

Answers are at the bottom.

1. You missed last month's mortgage payment and you can't make this month's payment, either. Soon you're going to be more than 60 days late. What should you do first?

- A. Contact the mortgage provider to find out my options.
- B. Put the house on the market so I can sell it quickly and pay off the mortgage.
- C. Consult a debt counselor to help get my finances in order.

2. You have decided to buy your first house. Which should you do first?

- A. Find out how much I can afford to pay for a house.
- B. Contact a real estate agent and start looking at houses and neighborhoods.
- C. Choose which kind of mortgage to get: fixed or adjustable-rate, interest-only, etc.

3. Which of the following is NOT a workout option that is sometimes offered to homeowners who are behind in their mortgage payments?

- A. A repayment plan - a deal to let you add an agreed-upon amount to your regular mortgage payments until you have caught up.
- B. A deed swap - a contract to exchange your quitclaim deed for a put option that gives you residency rights to the property.

C. Forbearance - an agreement to let you make partial payments, or even no payments at all, for a temporary period.

4. Which of the following is an excellent credit score?

- A. 95
- B. 695
- C. 795

5. Which of the following is NOT the name of a major credit bureau?

- A. Equifax
- B. EverQuest
- C. Experian

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- * 0 East Washington Road, 34.8 acres of raw land for \$247,000
- * 13 North Ridge Road, a 5.68 acre lot in Solitude Ridge for \$125,000

1. A. Contact your mortgage servicer immediately to find out your options. 2. A. Your first task is to determine how much you can pay for a house. 3. B. There is no workout option called a deed swap. 4. C. Credit scores go from a low of 300 to a high of about 850. 5. B. The three major credit bureaus are Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

Answers:

Conservation Commission Notes

During its March 21st meeting, the commission reelected three officers: Ann Eldridge, chair; Meg Fearnley, treasurer; and Andrea Lamoreaux, secretary. Anyone interested in serving on the Conservation Commission should attend the regularly scheduled meeting held at Town Hall at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

Members of the Conservation Commission would like to thank Bradford voters for approving warrant article 30, which approved the creation of alternate members to the commission; and warrant article 31, which authorized the selectmen to convey a conservation easement on four adjoining parcels on East Washington Road to the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust.

April 15:

**Here comes Peter Cottontail
-and an EGG HUNT!**

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on at 11 a.m. at the library.

The free event is for children ages preschool through age 9. Story time with librarian Meg Fearnley will be followed by the Egg Hunt. Children should bring their own decorated basket. Parents are needed to help children find eggs and to monitor perimeters.



Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Sweet's 4th grade classes of the Bradford Elementary School volunteered to stuff the eggs with candy for a community service project.

-Audrey V. Sylvester

Letters...

To the Editor,

We would like to thank two gentlemen in our town. Thank you, Michael Quinn, for endorsing and supporting Andrew Pinard for Selectman, and thank you, Andrew, for the work, effort and keenness you put into running your campaign all the way to the end. We are fortunate to have this kind of character displayed in these individuals who have a shared vision for the future of Bradford. Both candidates exhibited remarkable knowledge and enthusiasm on Candidates' Night. Mike and Andrew demonstrated a sense of excitement and hope that the townspeople have been looking for. It is this grounded desire to serve the community and reach out to people that sends a clear message which has been lacking for some time now. We thank you for taking the time

to answer questions truthfully, skillfully and without pretense. It was a pleasure to see informed and concerned candidates who are willing to undertake challenges in our town, and who will be committed to the citizens in all aspects of local government. The townspeople have unmistakably expressed that they do not accept status quo or mediocrity in our elected officials, but instead are looking for leadership and partnerships to be formed between the citizens, town government and the various town committees. We are "by the people, for the people". We look forward to a bright future.

Thank you, gentlemen!
Joe & Maryse Conway

To the Editor,

Do you miss parenting? Have you given some thought to adoption or foster care or fostering to adoption over the past year? There is always a need for caring, stable families who love kids and parenting. Why not you? Look into the DCYF foster care and adoption programs. You might find it's a good fit for you and your family. Find out more. Call your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

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Model Rocketry Club Plans April Launch

The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society will hold its first launch of 2006 on Saturday, April 29th in Warner, NH. The launch will be from 1PM to 4PM. In the event of inclement weather, the launch will be rescheduled for the following day at the same time.

For details, consult the club web site at www.KARSNH.org or call Mike Bellino at 938-5129.


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To the Editor:

Do you have a favorite month? Mine is April. It's as if winter has lost its grip and we can all relax for a little while and begin to look forward to warmer weather and more comfortable outdoor activities. Kids in swim suits instead of snow suits! It's a hopeful time of year.

Not everyone experiences this good feeling. Some families' problems overwhelm them to the point where they cannot care for their children adequately. Those children may need to go into foster care for a while, until their parents can overcome their problems. Most of these kids will go home. However, some families are unable to resolve their problems and those children may need adoptive families. Sometimes their foster parents become their adoptive family. Learn more: please call your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

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Communities Form Network, Develop Plan To Tackle Public Health Problems

Twenty communities and fifteen health and human service agencies from the Capital Region have formed a collaborative partnership to identify and solve community health problems and improve local public health emergency preparedness.

The Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN), is led by Concord Hospital, which provides coordination, operational support and acts as fiscal agent. The CAPHN includes representatives from local police, fire, government and social service agencies in the capital region including Allenstown, Barnstead, Boscawen, Bow, Bradford, Canterbury, Chichester, Concord, Dunbarton, Epsom, Henniker, Hillsboro, Hopkinton, Loudon, Northwood, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Warner, Webster and Weare.

The mission of the CAPHN is to identify and solve community health problems and improve local public health emergency preparedness by mobilizing a community partnership. The CAPHN is funded through a contract from the

state's Department of Health and Human Services.

"The network provides an opportunity for communities and agencies to support each other in their work on public health issues," said Wendy Dumais, CAPHN coordinator. "By joining the network, communities and agencies are saying the health and safety of my community is important and I want to contribute to making it better. We don't have local health departments in our region, so it is all of our efforts combined that make up our local public health system."

Since the formation, team members have participated in a local public health needs assessment and a Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP) has been developed to help achieve the mission of the CAPHN. These areas include: (1) Develop an effective Public Health Network that includes broad municipal and health and human services provider participation; (2) Develop a Regional All-Hazards Public Health Emergency Response Plan; (3)

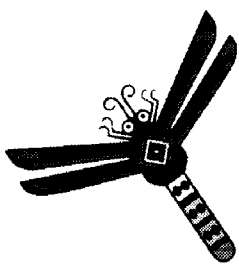
Compile a regional Community Health Profile of Network Communities; and (4) Provide Continuing Education Opportunities for Public Health Workforce.

"The network will do for public health what the Capital Area Fire Mutual Aid Compact has done to improve fire safety and emergency medical services in our region," said Christopher Pope, Concord Fire & Rescue Chief. "We will be much better prepared to handle public health crises such as Avian Flu, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), or even incidents such as the Anthrax scare of 2001. Communities in the capital region must work together, plan together and train together to meet future public health challenges."

After developing the PHIP for the capital region, CAPHN members formed action teams for each priority area. The teams continue to meet and implement recommended improvements.

-Wendy Dumais, CAPHN

Dragonflies Art Exhibit at Brown Memorial Library



A new exhibit, entitled "Dragonflies," by Warner resident Jean Gaito is now on display at Brown Memorial Library. The display features fanciful wire and bead mini-dragonfly sculptures by Gaito, who for many years was a visual arts designer for one of Bridgeport, Connecticut's largest department stores.

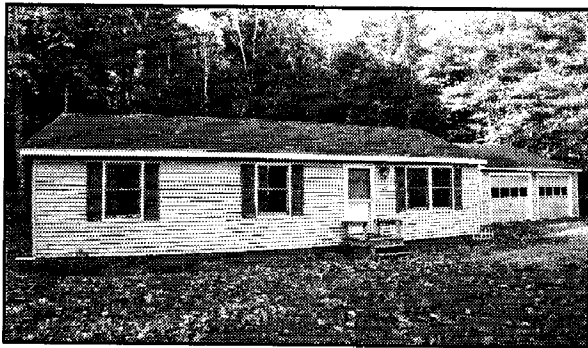
She remembers her high-pressure job fondly. She and three other designers changed 22 store window displays every 10 days as well the entire store's inventory. In the early days of her career, window designers made all their props, which suited Jean. "As a kid, I was always making something—mixing baking soda with mercurochrome or flour to create sculptures," she said. "I learned many skills from my mother who could make anything."

While in Connecticut, Jean designed costumes and sets for the Polka Dot Playhouse. After a stint in a North Carolina retail management position, she retired in 1995 and moved to Bradford. Coaxed to participate in the first Bradford Artist & Artisan's Exhibits at the town's elementary school, Jean's artistic talents were discovered.

Jean, a former president of the Bradford Women's Club, still pitches with the Women's Club Fair by making fanciful items for sale and by arranging the store display for participating vendors.

"Dragonflies," arranged by the Bradford Art Group, continues through April 28 at Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main St., Bradford. The handicapped accessible library is open: Mon. 10 - 8; Wed. 10 - 7; and Sat. 10 - 3.

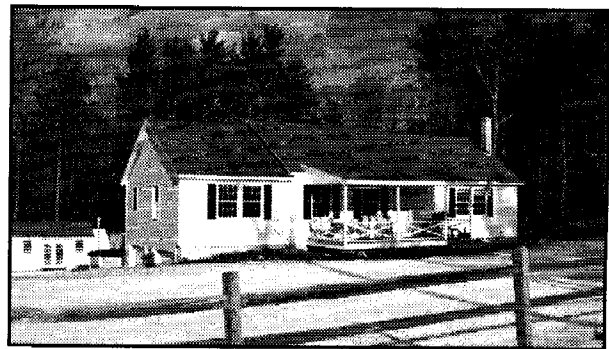
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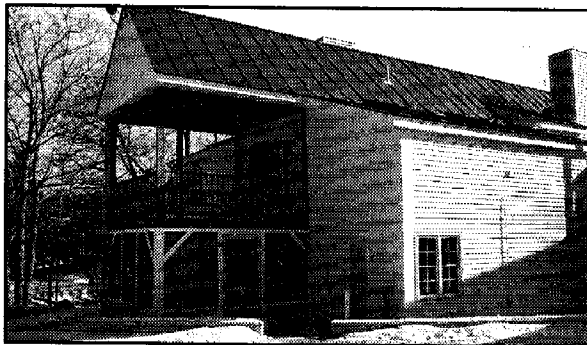
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The Good Old Days and Change

The history of Bradford is the story of change. In the March issue of the Bradford Bridge, Ev Kittredge took us on a tour of Bradford's Main Street as it was between 1945 and 1951. Today we no longer have the funeral parlor, or the ice house; but we do have a video store and an internet service provider that no one would have known how to utilize fifty years ago. Where there once was a teacher's boarding house because female teachers had to be single, now they can have families and homes and still teach.

While Bradford may seem to have been the quintessential New England village based on an agricultural economy and retaining traditional values, the reality was different. Our town was the product of America's developing consumer-based market economy during the early nineteenth century. As the last stop on the rail line from Boston from the late 1840s on, our town became the commercial hub for a wide region. Prior to the arrival of the railroad, most goods and travelers arrived by slow-going stage. (For an excellent account of this transformation, as viewed through the Carr Store project, see Dr. Donald Linebaugh's report on the archeological reconstruction of the Main Street Carr Store, available at the library, or through the Historical Society.)

Bradford of the 1880s was shaped by the railroad, while the automobile shaped Bradford in the 1940s. In the 1880s there were no gas stations but many blacksmith shops. In the 1940s change was held in check by the scarcities of the war years (1941-1945) with gasoline rationing sharply curtailing the use of private automobiles. By necessity, routine shopping trips were curtailed because of the shortage of gas. All of this would change with the prosperity of the 1950s.

Two Hundred Plus, Bradford, New Hampshire in Retrospect was published 25 years later. What is interesting to learn from our town history is that in 1976 the townspeople considered Bradford to be on the cusp of great change. Celebrating the recent influx of people from elsewhere—Long Island New Yorkers, others from Connecticut and Massachusetts—the book concludes, "it is (now) hard to find a native Bradfordite."

Whether you're nostalgic or not for the past, the town has continued to evolve in response to outside forces. Today people commute long distances to work, while others commute to all corners of the globe via Internet without leaving home. People are used to driving to Warner, Concord, Manchester, Claremont, even Boston for purchases and entertainment.

Does this mean there's no future for a small New England main street? Not necessarily.

The Plan New Hampshire Charrette for Bradford, carried out in 1998, incorporated the view of experienced town plan-

ners and developers, along with many local residents, identifying our Main Street as a "treasure" that can be built on and should not be abandoned. Increasing numbers of persons drive through Bradford on their way to Sunapee. The question is whether there are reasons for them to stop in Bradford, or even to make it a destination for a trip. There's abundant evidence that clusters of activity generate more activity.

Future generations of historians will record the further evolution of Bradford. It is a future we can only conjecture, but we can plan for it.

-Ruth-Ann Harris



Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

Next Book Sale
Saturday, May 27

"Ladies in Lavender"
Book-to-Movie Talk
April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to your donations of so many great books, audios, videos and puzzles, we had a successful book sale on March 25. Join us on Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. for a book-to-movie discussion of *Ladies in Lavender*. This movie is based on a short story by William J. Locke. You don't have to read the story to come and see the movie. Refreshments will be served.

Spring leads to thoughts of gardening. Your library has many garden design and how-to books. Also, the library is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to keep our garden looking its best this summer. Can you help? We need weeders, waterers, dead-headers and someone with a good eye for garden design.

Here's some new books to add to your library:

For children:

Spirit Walker by Michelle Paver
Evangeline Mudd and the Great Mink Escapade by David Elliott
Stars Beneath Your Bed
by April Pulley Sayre
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First Baptist Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

Journey with God program: Everyone in our church who is doing the "Journey with God" program (reading through the entire bible) is invited to come to the church at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 5 for an evening of music, prayer and a chance to share reflections on how the reading is going.

Women's Christian Guild: Ladies in the Guild will meet at the church at 11:30 am on Friday, April 7 for a potluck luncheon and to make "Spring Greetings" for shut-ins.

Palm Sunday: We will celebrate Palm Sunday with a special worship service on Sunday, April 9 at 10 am. We are calling this "Invite a Friend" Sunday and encouraging members to invite friends to worship. Our Ladies Ensemble will make their debut during the service.

Maundy Thursday: We will have a Maundy Thursday Worship Service on Thursday, April 13 at 7 pm, which will include The Last Supper.

Good Friday: The church sanctuary will be open from 12-3 pm Friday, April 14 for prayer and meditation.

Easter Sunrise Service: Our church will be teaming up with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sutton and hosting an Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 am on April 16 on Keyser Lake in Sutton. There will be special music, a children's story and the message for the morning will be: "And God Laughed". A breakfast will be held at the First Free Will Baptist church immediately following the service with a free will offering.

Easter Service: Our Easter Worship service is on April 16 at 10 am

Food Pantry: The April distribution date is Wednesday, April 19 from 6 - 7 pm. Food can also be obtained at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Spring Cleaning Day: We will be doing a "spring cleaning" of the church, the Fisk House and the grounds on Saturday, April 29 beginning at 9 am.

South Newbury Union Church News

Upcoming 175th Anniversary!

The South Newbury Union Church is making plans for its 175th anniversary. Residents of Newbury or surrounding communities who have stories, articles or pictures that have anything to do with the church in the past or present should contact Gail Bostic at 938-2064. The committee planning the anniversary is anxious to learn as much as possible about the church's history to make the celebration a more meaningful event for all.

-Gail Bostic



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Outside

A decade ago, the New Hampshire Heritage Inventory people sent letters to a few dozen towns inquiring about gum trees. Included was a map with potential areas identified by specific topography and soil type. They suggested a location on the eastern slope of the Rowe Hills. Always looking for an excuse to take a walk, I looked, but found nothing unusual growing there.

Black gum, sour gum, buttonwood, umbrella tree, pepperidge, and beetlebung tree are common names for *Nyassa sylvatica*. Its scientific name means 'water nymph / of the forest'. This is a tree that is more familiar in southern landscapes - the Okefenokee Swamp, for instance. There, it is known by its Native Creek name, black tupelo. 'Gum' does not have anything to do with mastication; indeed, for weak-toothed species such as ours, it is not chewable at all. This medium tall tree has a hard, uneven grain that warps wood as it dries. "A most disagreeable vegetable" is how one older forestry book describes it.

Black gum is the oldest species of hardwood tree on the North American continent. Other cultures have their castles, fortifications, and artworks dating to the 1300s - New England has a few monumentally old trees. The oldest gum dated is located in Northwood and has been analyzed at about 679 years old. Yet it is barely twenty inches in diameter, much older and much smaller than the celebrated Bradford Pines in the tiny state park on route 103. Black gum adds only a miniscule ring to its girth every year but preliminary studies indicate that gum cores could be used as an accurate record of local climate conditions for hundreds of years.

The key to this tree's survival (besides its commercial inavailability) is its ability to weather storms. Here, at the northern edge of its range, they are usually found in high, acidic, nutrient-poor swamps where the competition from red maple, yellow birch, and hemlock is reduced. In these unsheltered spots, the more common trees tend to fall over in a tempest. Not so the gum. These stand their ground. The brittle branches of the crowns offer little resistance to the wind by simply snapping off in a good blow. This leaves the gum looking rather like a pear tree that has been repeatedly porcupine-pruned - lots of little sprouts going every which way. Prevailing bad weather drives from the NW and sleet and snow assaulting from this angle often leans trees to the SE. Eccentric gum trees are smooth on the weather side and extremely corky and rough on the leeward edge.

The gum swamp can also be tied together at its base. Like poplar and beech, these trees send up shoots clonally from the root systems. It is possible that in some environments, all the trees are genetically the same tree. The total age of the

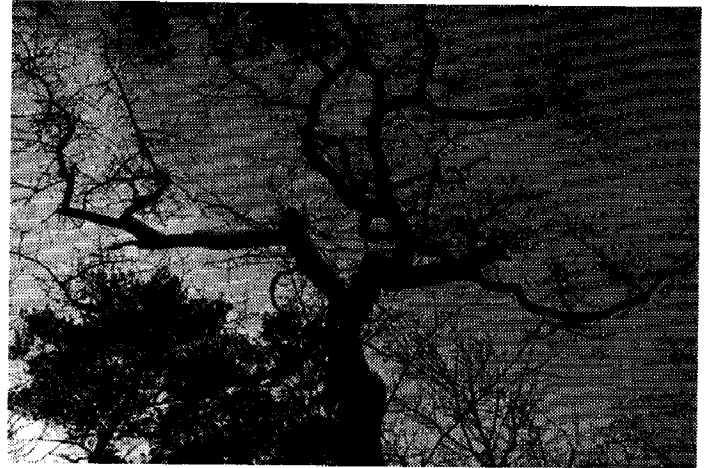


photo by Bill Duffy

related individuals and the root system itself may approach an incredible 1000 years old.

The seeds of gum/tupelo are bluish and oval. Ripening in late summer, they provide high quality lipids for migratory birds shifting from summer carbohydrate diets to fats for traveling. Gum leaves are variable in shape and ordinary in appearance except for their brilliant autumnal colors that rival the crimson of the swamp maples.

The town of Nottingham recently overwhelmingly approved the borrowing of \$850,000 towards the purchase of an easement on two thousand acres of land harboring a series of gum swamps. Protecting these ancient trees is a point of pride and the site will have other benefits to the town as permanent open space.

Elevated nutrient inputs from septic systems and fertilizers, as well as dredging and filling are the major threats to these rare ecosystems. One of the best NH examples of gum swamp, however, was recently inundated and destroyed by beaver activity. Beaver, themselves beleaguered by frequent logging and development, have been attempting to use wetlands such as gum that they had historically never occupied.

A long-time resident of Bradford had for a long time pondered the weird trees in his back forty. One evening, NH public television aired a short piece on the rare occurrences of black gum swamps in New England. As the camera slowly panned from the alarmingly furrowed trunk up to the stag horned top of the tree, the mystery was finally solved.

Meanwhile, I was milling about dutifully looking for gum trees in all the wrong places on the ridge above Massasecum.

by J. Ann Eldridge

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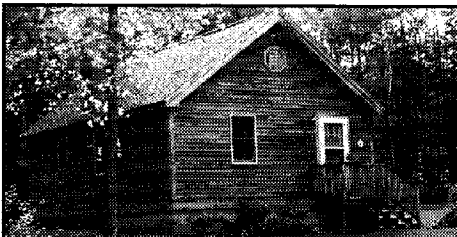
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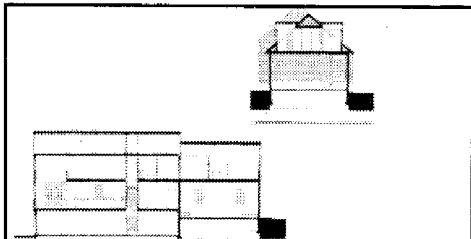
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