

THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

COMMUNITY NEWS BY NEIGHBORS FOR NEIGHBORS

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Town Meeting— Small Crowd Makes Decisions

Only about 100 of Bradford's 1,088 registered voters attended Town Meeting on March 18. Most warrant items were approved with the exception of \$25,500 for a new police cruiser and a request to turn over 100% of the revenue received from the land use change penalty tax to the Bradford Land Conservation Fund. Selectmen withdrew a request to donate two parcels of land to Habitat for Humanity after receiving word recently that the parcels are in a flood plain.

Three operating budget items were amended upward: an additional \$2,000 to the Community Action Program; an additional \$5,000 was added to the street lighting line item to replace mercury lights with energy-saving high-pressure sodium lights which should cut energy costs in half; and an additional \$1,000 was voted for "other conservation".

After some procedural complications, voters also decided with a paper ballot (52 in favor, 49 opposed) to add a \$2,700 contribution to the Bradford-Sutton-Newbury Youth Sports. Bradford has supported the group in the past but no money had been allocated.

Mary Beth Fenton, captain of the Bradford Rescue Squad, told voters that the \$5,000 in capital reserve and \$4,400 operating budget are not enough to guarantee the services of the squad past this year. Additional volunteers are desperately needed and she urged anyone who might be interested to give her a call.

Retiring selectman Marvin Rich was honored with a plaque commemorating his three years as selectman. Dick Vitale, who presented the plaque, also thanked him for 51 years of service to the Town of Bradford.

—Lyn Betz

For town election results,
see page 7



The gym at the Bradford Elementary School had a dancing-room-only crowd turn out for an intergenerational contra dance with Two Fiddles on March 28. After first graders demonstrated what they had learned in a workshop during the day, family and friends joined in for an hour of fun.

KRSD Votes for Kindergarten

Voters approved two articles that pave the way for the introduction of public kindergarten in the Kearsarge Regional School District this fall. Appropriations to cover building additions and first-year operating costs passed by a 2-to-1 margin district-wide. In Bradford, 131 voted in favor of the building costs to 117 opposed and the vote to approve operating expenses was 136 in favor and 110 against. A petition article to appropriate an additional \$467,000 to increase the size of the kindergarten addition at the New London elementary school was favored by voters in New London and Wilmot but was rejected by the majority of the district.

A new teachers' contract passed by a wide margin, 1,920 in favor to 763 opposed. Voters also approved the operating budget, \$100K for the Roof Capital Reserve, \$10K for the Building Capital Reserve and \$50K for a comprehensive facilities study.

BNKP Changing Gears

Parents at the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool met on March 20 to decide the school's future in light of the introduction of public kindergarten in the school district. They voted to continue the program as a preschool, serving three- and four-year-olds in Bradford, Newbury, Sutton and Warner. A name change reflecting the elimination of the kindergarten program will follow.

Parents voted to offer separate programs for three-year-olds (Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00-noon) and four-year-olds (Wednesday-Friday 9:00-noon). Registration will be held on Tuesday, April 10 from 6:30-7:30pm.

Susan Kingsbury, who has taught the program for the past nine years, will be leaving her position. A hiring committee has been formed to search for a new teacher.

For additional information about the preschool, contact Lyn Porter at 938-5108 or Deb Messer at 927-4071.

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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. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by April 20.

Selectmen's Update

The March elections and Town Meeting highlighted the month. Our Town Meeting took approximately three hours and was sparked by friendly debates. Our congratulations go out to those elected. We wish them well in their respective duties. This is the last update from this writer and I would be remiss if I didn't thank Lyn Betz, Editor and Publisher of the Bradford Bridge, along with her staff for their cooperation with the Board of Selectmen. As I stated at the Town Meeting, it is time for me to step aside. Once again I would like to thank the citizenry of our Town for making this a pleasant term of office. Selectman Chris Frey will continue with the updates. To Chris and Dick, it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board with you both. To Cheryl and Sue, many thanks for three years of cooperation, friendliness and professionalism.

"Walk toward the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you."

—Marv Rich

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

Quinn James Demain was born to Douglas and Kelly, March 20 in New London.

Sydney Carol Starr was born to Preston and Felicia in Concord.

Gabrielle Von Beren was born to Russell and Beth in Concord.

John Canty died in Bedford.

Dog licenses are due. Dog licenses can be renewed through the mail if I have a current copy of proof of rabies vaccination. Neutered and spayed animals are \$6.50. Puppies are also \$6.50. All others are \$9.00. Animals must be registered by May 30. Starting June 1, penalties will start being assessed.

NOTE FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: After June 1, the Animal Control Officer receives a list of unlicensed dogs and issues a Notice of Forfeiture under RSA 466:13. The owner or keeper of a dog who fails to renew a license shall, after notice, forfeit \$25 to the Town. If the forfeiture is not made to the Town within 15 calendar days, the case may be disposed of in a district or municipal court, with the possibility of the dog being taken into custody at the owner's expense. Please remember that no dog shall be licensed until proof of a rabies vaccination certificate is provided.

Liens will be placed on any property that is not up to date on taxes for 2000 on April 6, 2001.

Deeds will be issued on any property that is not up to date on taxes for 1998 on April 6, 2001.

The office will be closed April 24 so that the Tax Collector may attend a Tax Seminar.

—Sue Pehrson

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Senator Smith Visits Bradford



(left to right) Don Johnsen, Chris Frey, Senator Smith, Dick Vitale and Bruce Edwards

On March 17 United States Senator Bob Smith of New Hampshire toured an abandoned industrial site (the Marshall Property) in Bradford that state and town planners and the community hope to transform into a town park and greenspace—the "Bradford Green." Senator Smith also came to promote passage of his proposed federal legislation, known as "Brownfields," aimed at cleaning up abandoned industrial facilities and revitalizing communities across the country. Don Johnsen, Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee Chairman, began the meeting with a condensed and effective presentation outlining the town's engagement since the early '90s to confront Main Street's physical and economic downturn. He described how elements in the planning puzzle are beginning to connect including: the Master Plan; ideas from a Vision 2000 forum; a PLAN NH Design Charrette; soil and groundwater testing and site assessment by the state, state and federal grants, volunteer efforts, and the revitalization of two of Main Street's public buildings: the Bradford Area Community Center and Brown Memorial Library.



Smith listens to a presentation by Don Johnsen

legislation represents a win-win for all involved and that taking this critical step toward protecting the environment, promoting economic redevelopment and providing an incentive for preservation of green spaces will go a long way to preserve the environment and our local communities. The bill (co-sponsored by 12 senators of both parties) recently passed out of committee and will be voted on in the floor of the Senate in the very near future.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 14 at 11:00am in the library. Librarian Maggi Ainslie will read stories in the children's area. The Easter Egg Hunt follows. Children should bring their own decorated baskets. Prizes will be given for The Best, Most Inventive, Most Wonderful, Most Unique Easter Baskets. The event is suitable for pre-school to 3rd grade age children. Older children attending will be encouraged to help the little ones find their eggs.



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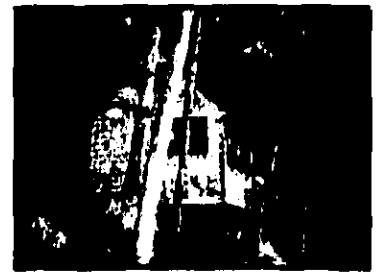
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Letters

BNS Youth Sports thanks Bradford voters

On behalf of the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports organization, I extend thanks to the residents of Bradford for your support of our organization at the Town Meeting. BNSYS provides the children of our town and surrounding communities with the opportunity to participate in team play, learn good sportsmanship, and master skills that will serve them well in their future endeavors. Through our baseball, soccer, and softball programs, parents and volunteer coaches develop a safe, nurturing environment for our youth and contribute to the sense of community caring that is so very important in raising our children in a sometimes difficult and dangerous world. As a legislator on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, I am daily exposed to the challenge of engaging children in wholesome activities that defer children from less positive temptations. Our jails are overflowing with inmates who long ago were left without the direction and security of involved adults. Community involvement in sports solidifies the sort of adult commitment children need to thrive and prosper. BNSYS as well as the Community Center programs are vital to the health and safety of our community. The generous, ongoing support of all of us, working together, benefits all of us, youth and adults alike. Working together and promoting

common values makes our community a wonderful place to live, work and raise our families. Thank you all for your commitment and support.

Rep. Beth Rodd

Thank you from the Bradford Police Department

The officers and staff of the Bradford Police Department wish to thank Mike Pugliese of McPuter on 102 E. Main Street in Bradford and MCT Telecom Inc. Mr. Pugliese donated a computer modem to the department as we were trying to get the department online. With Mr. Pugliese's donation and the donation of MCT Telecom Inc. to provide the Internet service, we are now on line. MCT also gave the department an e-mail address (BPD@conknet.com).

In the near future the department is going to attempt to establish a web page about the department with other important information you may need. Thank you again.

—Bradford Police Department

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**Warner Program for Seniors:
What's New in Banking?**

On Tuesday, April 10 the Pillsbury Free Library and Kearsarge Senior Meals Program will present a Lunch at the Library program for seniors entitled "What's New in Banking!" Ginger Marsh of Sugar River Savings Bank will present this program.

Lunch is at 11:30 with the program following at noon. A bag lunch will be provided for Seniors for \$2 (call 456-9200) or you may bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. CAP bus transportation is available for Seniors for a \$1 fee. The program will take place in the Frank Maria Room at the Pillsbury Free Library, 18 E. Main Street in Warner. The library is wheelchair accessible.

Backyard Compost Bin Sale

Bradford will hold a backyard compost bin sale for Earth Day 2001. Turn your kitchen scraps into a rich soil amendment.

Through April 23, a home compost bin and how-to guide with a combined retail value of \$80 can be purchased for only \$30. For each bin sold, the Bradford Area Community Center will receive \$5 of the purchase price. The bin is black, has a ten-year warranty and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It is estimated that 25 percent of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps that can be easily composted.

Bradford residents save \$40 for every ton of waste they compost because it is not shipped out of town for disposal. Look for order forms at the Town Hall.

**First Baptist Church
Raises \$474 to Benefit
Earthquake Victims**

On March 17, the First Baptist Church held an old-fashioned St. Patrick's Day church benefit supper that raised \$474 for earthquake victims in India and El Salvador. More than 75 Bradford folks and two visitors from Ireland enjoyed a New England traditional home-cooked boiled dinner of corned beef and cabbage, carrots and cornbread. Jackie McLeod baked a cake. Following dinner, Phyllis and Dick Whall, Wally Brown, Merrill Ehler, Clark Phillips, Tommy Pits, Bob Shevert, Steve Pierce and John Harris led an Irish "Sing-a-Long." Judi and Jim Mott made decorations. Cheryl McDonald, Jim and Dolores Hansen, Tom and Judy Marshall, Addy Stewart, Clark and Mim Phillips and Steve Pierce manned the kitchen. Organizer Judy Marshall said, "The people who attended are just as important as the people who worked. You can have many people organizing, setting up, preparing, cooking and cleaning up, but if no one comes to the dinner, it's all for naught! Thanks, everyone, for coming!"

BEOC Update

The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC) continues with the information gathering and planning phase of the many projects on the agenda for this year. As the snow retreats, some projects on hold or being hampered will get into full swing. With very little new information to put forward on any specific project, I put together a review of some of the efforts under way. Should you want to become involved, I hope you will join us at the next meeting.


Among the projects that are in the works is a Capital Improvement Program that will help in anticipating predictable expenditures and to stave off taxpayer surprise increases. The Highway Department Garages/Sheds are also to be relocated. This undertaking creates a number of interesting possibilities for Bradford's long-range view. The Village Improvement Program hopes to launch the first phase with improvements at the corner of Route 103 and Main Street. The Bradford Green Project continues to move forward with much preliminary information coming in from the EPA/DES in the site assessment. The final information from the EPA/DES will refine the options on the property and serve to direct the future design.

This was just a thumbnail sketch of the undertakings the BEOC has coming up. If you want to be involved in any way, our next meeting is Thursday, April 12, 7:00pm at the Community Center.

—Stephen Manley

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From the "secret" recipe files of

Chef Jim Horigan



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Last Monday I found a great little restaurant for lunch and they had hermits on the menu for dessert. I haven't made them for a long while, but if you like them you'll enjoy this recipe.

HERMITS

Cream:

- ¼ cup butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar

Add:

- 1 egg

Add:

- ¼ cup molasses

Sift together and add:

- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. allspice
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/8 tsp. mace

Stir in:

- ½ cup raisins

Divide into three pieces and put on two cookie sheets. Shape into logs ¼" thick, 2" wide and 10" long. Make into an even thickness.

Bake at 350°F for 15 minutes until dough is firm to the touch.

Remove from the oven, cool two minutes, and cut into 1½" pieces. Enjoy!



BWC Update

The Bradford Women's Club is again offering two scholarships to any female in Bradford, Sutton or Newbury seeking higher education. For more information call Jane Lucas at 938-2570.

Our April 17 meeting will be at 7:30 in the Church Vestry. Our guest speaker, Catherine Nikiforow will speak on "You and Your Pets."

Get out your favorite recipes. The BWC is working on a new edition of our cookbook. Forms will be coming with your May luncheon cards.

Looking ahead, starting in June we will be working on craft items for the Holiday Fair the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, the time and place will be announced.

Spring is near, after all the snow. I hope you can join us.

—Jean Gaito, President

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 141 calls for service between February 18 and March 14. The breakdown is as follows: One alarm activation, four ambulance calls, five assists to other agencies, 43 business checks, nine public business checks, two residential business checks, one check welfare, one citizen assist, two civil problems, one case of criminal threatening, two cases of driving after suspension, one case of driving while intoxicated (2nd offence), two family fights, three follow-up investigations, one paper service, one pistol permit issued, one public building check, one simple assault, one snow machine accident, four stray dogs/cats, two stranded motorists, one suspicious person, one case of theft, one threat to bomb, 19 traffic citations, 73 traffic warnings, one 911 hang-up and one VHC check.

Library Lantern



April is Amnesty Month at Brown Memorial Library. Bring in any overdue books, audios or videos and we promise not to fine you or even to make you feel guilty! So start those spring-cleaning projects and see what you can find.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Friends of the Library will be on Saturday, April 14 at 11:00am in the library.

The Pink Flamingo Show, an art show sponsored by the Bradford Art Group, continues through April. Artwork includes paintings, photographs, a computer-generated drawing, lawn ornament, stuffed critters and a construction made with clementine crates. Kindergartners added color and humor to the exhibit by bringing three-dimensional flamingo balloon figures that festoon windows in the library.

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School Funding Forum April 5

Come to the Henniker Community School on Thursday, April 5 at 7:00pm for a bipartisan presentation on school funding options. Senator Clif Below will discuss the Hager Below Fernald plan that includes an income tax. Rep. Peter Burling, House Democratic Leader, will present Governor Shaheen's Excel Plan and its sales tax component. Rep. Andy Peterson will explain his consumption tax and Rep. David Hess will speak to the Republican leadership's support of HB 50. There will be ample time set aside for questions and answers. Your state representatives, Beth Rodd and Barbara French are sponsoring this forum in conjunction with the Kearsarge and John Stark School Districts. This will be an interesting evening and will clarify the questions you may have about the funding issues confronting our state. If you would like more details or need a ride, please call Beth Rodd at 938-2692.

Scholarships Available for Bradford Graduates

The Bradford Women's Club is pleased to again offer a \$1000 scholarship to a female student pursuing higher education. Applicants from Bradford, Sutton and Newbury who are pursuing post secondary education for college, technical school, or other opportunities are invited to apply. Applications are available at Kearsarge Regional High School Guidance Department and at Dodge's or Bowie's stores on Main Street, Bradford. Applications are due by April 30, 2001.

The Town of Bradford is offering a \$250 scholarship to Bradford residents graduating from Kearsarge Regional High School. The application should be in the form of a typewritten request to Mark Fairbank, 28 Main Street, Bradford.

In addition to these awards, the Sprint Company, through the National Conference of State Legislators, is offering four \$2500 scholarships to college students entering graduate school for the first time in Fall, 2001. The graduate field of study must be in Public Policy, Political Science, Public Administration or a related field. Details and more information for this scholarship as well as applications should be directed to Beth Rodd at 938-2692.

Town Election Results

Budget Committee, for three years
 ·Diane Gadoury elected 174
 ·Cheryl Kordas elected 162
 ·M. Lee Leppanen 81
 ·Jeffrey Russell 41

Cemetery Commission, for three years
 ·Mildred Kittredge elected 256

Planning Board, for three years
 ·Jane Johnsen elected 220
 ·Marcia O. Keller elected 164
 ·Jeffrey Russell 61

Planning Board, for two years
 ·"Bob" Foor elected 230

Scholarship Committee, for three years
 ·M. Lee Leppanen elected 232


Selectman, for three years
 ·Bruce E. Edwards elected 219
 ·Jeffrey Russell 21

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library, for three years
 ·"Meg" Fearnley elected 226
 ·Jane Lucas elected 235

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library, for one year
 ·Laurie A. Brown elected 248

Trustee of the Trust Funds, for three years
 ·Everett Kittredge elected 250

Zoning Board of Adjustment, for three years
 ·Lester Gordon elected 213
 ·Mildred Kittredge elected 234
 ·Jeffrey Russell 30



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Parks & Recreation News

Spring is here and we're ready to go. Grace Nelson is back with her Line Dancing starting Monday, April 2, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Baton Twirling, with Donna Acker from Jenkins School of Dance, begins Thursday, April 5, at 3:30pm at the Town Hall. Pre-registration is required. For more information please call Jane at 938-2570. Scholarships are available.

If you are interested in adult Ping-Pong please call Barbara at 938-2691.

We are working on a Summer Program in partnership with Bradford Area Community Center (BACC) and the Kearsarge Regional School District. The program will consist of Field Trips and In Programs at the BACC for six days this summer. More detailed information will be available in May. Parks & Recreation is hoping this is the beginning of a growing Summer Program in our town. Heather Lane, who is in charge of the school grant, is working very closely with us on this project.

The Bradford Women's Club, in partnership with Parks & Recreation has set the dates for the summer Swim Program at French's Park. The Program will be from July 16 through July 27.

Parks & Recreation's Kids' Dance will be on Friday, April 13, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Local talent Brad Coré will be the DJ.

—Jane Lucas

Kearsarge Community Band

The Kearsarge Community Band will rehearse on April 3, 10, 17 and 24. All Rehearsals will be held in the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Music Room, New London from 7:00-9:00pm. New members are welcome. For more information call 763-8944 or 526-2942.

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Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Women's Christian Guild: The ladies will meet on Friday, April 6 at 8:30am at the Church to travel to Stonyfield Farm Yogurt Plant and Gift Shop. They will then go to the Cracker Barrel for lunch and visit the gift shop. They will be back at the Church by 3:15pm. If you plan to attend, please call Judi Mott by April 1 at 456-2572.

Palm Sunday: On April 8, Dan Rhoda from Camp Sentinel will be at the Church from 9:00-10:00am to talk to the children and parents about Camp Sentinel, our American Baptist camp. He will bring a video and share camp songs. Our Palm Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:00am and is entitled "Make a Joyful Noise." The service is primarily music with a brief meditation entitled: "What Must God Do?"

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The women will hold their April meeting on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00pm. Marilyn Rollins will come and speak on "Missions in the Heartland" and talk about her trip to some Indian reservations.

Maundy Thursday Service: This worship service begins at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 12. Highlights from the service include: "Stations of the Cross, Litany of Nails and Last Supper."

Good Friday: The sanctuary will be open from Noon until 3:00pm on Friday, April 13 for quiet meditation and reflection.

Easter Sunrise Service: An Easter Sun-

rise Service will begin at 6:00am on April 15 at the Lake Sunapee State Park Beach (South Newbury Union Church if the weather is bad). This is an ecumenical service sponsored by First Baptist (Bradford), First Free Will Baptist (Sutton), and South Newbury Union Church. A breakfast will be held at South Newbury Friendship House immediately following the service with a freewill offering.

Easter Morning Worship Service: Our service will begin at 10:00am. There will be special music by our Sunday School children, as well as a guitar duet. We will be lighting the Christ Candle and the title of the message is "Come and have Breakfast."

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday or April 22. Children are asked, however, to come to Church on Easter Sunday at 9:00am to practice their song.

Food Pantry: The April distribution date is Wednesday, April 18 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can be picked up at other times as well by calling the Church office at 938-5313.

Youth Group: Grades 4-12 are invited to come to the Church on Wednesday, April 25 from 6:30-8:00pm and enjoy a Scavenger Hunt that will take place in the Church, the Fiske House, and a few local establishments. Permission slips are required. We will be eating pizza from the Pizza Chef for a snack.

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Real Estate Hints:

Tax Time and Springtime

by Laura Hallahan

It's time to pay the piper once again, and home ownership can help ease the overall burden. One reason why many people aspire to own in place of renting is because home ownership provides equity accumulation and tax benefits over time. You save taxes when you buy, while you own and even when you sell. The primary tax benefit of home ownership is that you can deduct all the mortgage interest you pay. This reduces your taxable income and ultimately, your tax bill. Some first-time homebuyers can also benefit from a mortgage interest tax credit depending on the mortgage program they selected. As with any tax matter, ask your financial advisor.

Homebuyers can also deduct all points associated with a home purchase mortgage; a point is equal to one percent of the loan amount. Points on refinanced mortgages are also deductible, but over time. Those dreaded property taxes are also deductible from your income. When you sell a home, the expenses known as "selling costs" can be deducted from the gain. These include the

commission as well as legal and administrative fees. Under the 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act, sellers get to keep, tax free, up to \$250,000 in capital gains (\$500,000 for married sellers who file taxes jointly) on sales of homes used as a principal residence for two of the prior years.

Now that Spring is in the air, the Federal Reserve has once again cut interest rates in an effort to stimulate the economy. As a result, banks are busy refinancing and you should look into this option if you bought when rates were high. Overall, the real estate market still looks good with housing activity expected to remain near the same levels as 2000 according to the National Association of Realtors. Projections are for existing-home and new-home sales to decline a bit, while median prices are expected to rise slightly. Even though there have been some sharp changes in the financial markets over the last year, housing is still considered to be a solid, long-term investment and a safe choice for consumers.

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Million Dollar Hotel, R, Mel Gibson

An FBI agent investigates the death of the son of a billionaire media mogul in a fleabag hotel populated with drug addicts and thieves.

Legend of Bagger Vance, PG13, Matt Damon & Will Smith

A golfing hero tries to recover his failing game and life with the help of a mystical caddy.

Bounce, PG13, Ben Affleck & Gwyneth Paltrow

A rising executive seeks and falls in love with the widow of a man who died in a plane crash using his ticket.

Billy Elliot, R

The life of an 11-year old son of a coal miner changes when he stumbles upon a baller class during his weekly boxing lessons.

—Peter Kimball

Soo-Nipi Audubon News

Please join Bob Quinn on Friday, April 6 at 7:30pm for a pictorial journey of West Texas and Big Bend National Park to see the birds and plants which flourish in this remarkable environment. Along the way Texas cultures will be explored. The public is cordially invited to attend this Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter program being held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Please note the change from the usual meeting date. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Fred Sladen at 526-4321.

A migratory waterfowl field trip is being sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, to take place on Saturday, April 14 at 8:00am. Please meet leader Peter Newbern at Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89, for the trip to birding "hot spots" in the Concord area and at Elm Brook Park in Hopkinton. In addition to observing waterfowl, which may only be seen this time of year, local and migrating songbirds will also be noted. Remember to bring binoculars and a scope if you have one. Call Peter Newbern at 763-4308 for more details.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream Square Dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 until 10:30pm. "April Showers" will be the theme of this dance to be called by Ed Renauld and cued by Marilyn Renauld. Admission is \$5 per person. For further information, you may call Norma or Arlo Burns at 954-4455.

—Shirley Trombley

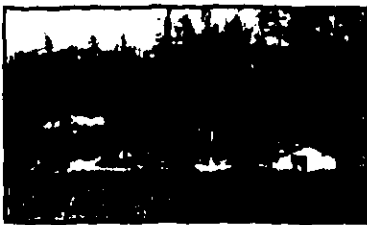
Bradford Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30pm at the Old Post Office, Rt. 114. The video *New England* by the Dolphin's Eye Productions will be shown. Locally produced, favorite scenes around the New England region, from the ocean to the hills, are captured on this video. This event is free and the public is invited.

Copies of the Town History are still available. Call 938-5386 for information.

—Milly Kitredge

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Basketmaker Alice Ogden will give a workshop for elementary school age children, "Tree Star Weavings", on Wednesday April 18 from 3:00 to 5:00pm in the Brown Memorial Library, Bradford. The program is part of The Friends of the Library's Adventures in Arts Series: A New Hampshire Arts Sampler. Since 1978, Alice Ogden of Henniker has been a full-time basketmaker. Specializing in traditional black ash baskets, she harvests her own trees, pounds out splints by hand, shaves and shapes fine, fine splints to suit the basket's use and pattern. She carves and whittles every handle.

Before her basket-making career began, she caned chairs for an antique business. Then, after studying weaving with Edna Blackburn at the Albion Hill Farm School in Toronto, Canada, she became a hand weaver for the Juniper Ridge Fabric Shop in Dunbarton. Next, she taught herself how to make baskets. A business was born. Ogden makes nests of baskets with swing handles, kitten heads, rectangular, round, and beveled baskets that are used for cheeses, tarring, harvesting and picking.

In 1980, Alice's baskets gained recognition when she was accepted in the Boston Society of Arts and Crafts and the



League of New Hampshire Craftsmen as a juried member. She won a "Best in Traditional Design" award at the 1991 Mt. Sunapee Crafts Fair. In 1993, her basket ornament was featured on the White House Christmas tree. She teaches basket making workshops at historical societies, craft studios, museums and adult education programs. The handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library is located at 78 West Main Street, Bradford. For more information, call Adventures in Art Project Director, Sue Rayno at 938-2849.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool

Preschool Openings 2001-2002

BNKP is currently accepting registrations for 3 and 4 year olds for its preschool program for the 2001-2002 school year. Registration night will be Tuesday April 10 from 6:30-7:30pm in the classroom at the Bradford Area Community Center. For more information contact either Lyn Porter at 938-5108 or Debbie Messer at 927-4017.

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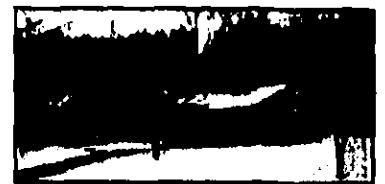


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Legislative Report

By Representative Barbara Conner French



The session is full of many interesting and frustrating challenges, the major one being the funding of an adequate education. The school funding issue, of course, is still in the works. There are several approaches being proposed. The Governor's EXCEL plan, which includes a 2.5% narrow-based sales tax, coupled with a \$4.90 property tax (down from the current \$6.60) with a circuit breaker for low and moderate income homeowners along with several tax cuts is one option. The Hager/Below/Fernald Plan is an excellent income tax plan which has a 3.3% income tax with substantial exemptions for taxpayers and dependents, has a property tax circuit breaker, and also includes tax repeals. Representative Andy Peterson has also introduced a bill, HB 766, establishing a New Hampshire education tax on receipts from the consumption of sales of goods and services at a rate of one percent. These are all possible solutions. I do favor the income tax as it is based on our ability to pay, however, we in the Legislature need to keep an open mind and consider all the options. All of these bills will be heard in the House by mid-April and hopefully will be sent over to the Senate. We need to put a responsible and reasonable budget in place and I will work hard to get this job done.

The budget is a big item as the Governor's budget has been put in the wings while the Finance Chairman develops the Finance Committee's budget. It's terribly important to watch this process and be aware of the consequences. The Finance Chairman's budget would affect many of our citizens' services such as the Veteran's Home which will not be able to hire the staff it needs to open its new wing, that is intended to serve 100 veterans with mental impairments. The Finance Chairman's budget cuts \$1.6 million in Department of Safety funding that would allow citizens to register their cars in just one stop at their local town halls. These are just two examples of the many budget cuts that could occur if the Finance Chairman's budget is approved.

As you know, I am the prime sponsor of HB 592FN, the milfoil bill. This bill creates a grant program administered by the Department of Environmental Services for aid to lake associations and towns which seek to administer a milfoil and other exotic plants prevention program, and insti-

tutions of higher learning which seek to conduct research on milfoil and other exotic plants remediation techniques. This bill also creates a special milfoil and other exotic plants prevention and research grant fund to provide money for the program. Funding for the grant program is provided by an increase to the boat registration fee. The bill passed the House on March 22 by a voice vote and is now on its way to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Many of you will remember LCHIP, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program that was created by the legislature in 2000 and is designed to help communities conserve New Hampshire's most important natural, cultural, and historic resources. This program would provide matching grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations to help save locally determined open spaces and historic sites. The legislature appropriated \$3 million for the first year for land conservation and historic preservation projects while recognizing that at least \$12 million was going to be needed annually for the program to be successful. The bill to continue this program was before the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee this month and as part of their work they changed the funding mechanism. It originally was to be funded from the Real Estate Transfer Tax, a dedicated amount, and was changed to an "investment" in tourism that, at present, doesn't have a line item in the budget but does have the potential to raise more. This might work out to be very good. On the other hand, I well remember the legislature passing the Augenblick formula to solve our education funding problem and then renegeing on the promise and never fully funding Augenblick. The LCHIP bill passed the House last Thursday with the Tourism funding mechanism. But this is just the beginning, as it now goes to the House Finance Committee and then to the Senate. I will be following the bill all the way to make sure we have *certain* funding for at least \$12 million annually.

Maybe you wonder why this program is so important. Each and every year our state loses 20,000 acres to development. Consequently each person's share of open space is getting smaller and smaller—from 11 acres in 1950, to 5 acres today—and will be down to 4 acres per person in 2020.

Loss of open space has serious economic consequences. Open space directly and indirectly generates \$8.2 billion for New Hampshire every year, which is one quarter of all economic activity. For more information about this program, contact Citizens for NH Land & Community Heritage, PO Box 4206, Concord, NH 03302, phone: 230-9729 or visit their web site, www.specialplaces.org.

Our committee is dealing with several bills relating to the medication Methylphenidate, better known as Ritalin. I'm sure you've seen and heard items on the news about this and the controversy about its use. Ritalin can make the difference between success and failure in school for some of our ADD and/or hyperactive children. However, there may be times that it is not appropriately used and therefore we will be studying the issue.

Our committee has dealt with other issues such as providing a fund, under the Housing Finance Authority, focusing on the prevention of homelessness, particularly of families with small children who are at high risk of losing their housing. This fund would target low-income families and others at risk of becoming homeless. The bill will have to go to the Finance Committee for the state funding. The appropriation for this purpose would be up to one million dollars, with private sector funding for 75% of the fund matched by 25% of state funds. Affordable housing and the homeless situation in this state are very serious and I hope we can do something to help.

There are some bills dealing with some gun control issues to "protect children and try to keep guns out of the hands of criminals." Of course, there is a lot of controversy about this issue and the legislation is still in committee. I support responsible gun ownership and the rights of sportsmen and hunters.

Representative Beth Rodd and I will be hosting a school funding forum in Henniker on Thursday, April 5 at 7:00pm at the Henniker Community School. Representative Peter Burling, Democratic House Leader, Representative David Hess, Representative Andy Peterson and Senator Cliff Below will all be there to present their education funding plans. Please plan to attend and be part of the discussion. If you have any questions, please call me at 428-366.

BACC April Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

- **Senior Social Gathering**, Senior Room, 1:00-4:00pm (each Sunday through the month of April)

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

- **"Taking Charge of Your Finances,"** Senior Room, 4:00-6:00pm
- **CAP Fuel Assistance**, Counseling Room, 9:00am-noon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

- **Tough Love**, Counseling Room, 7:00-9:00pm (each Wednesday in April)

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

- **BACC Governance Board**, Senior Room, 5:30pm
- **Creating Lasting Family Connections**, Community & Youth Room, 5:45-8:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

- **Computer Class**, Senior Room, 9:00am (Beginners); 10:00am (Advanced)

MONDAY, APRIL 9

- **Bridge Group**, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

- **"Taking Charge of Your Finances,"** Senior Room, 4:00-6:00pm
- **BNKP Registration Night**, Kindergarten Room, 6:30-7:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

- **Community Action Food Distribution**, 12:00 - 1:00pm
- **Creating Lasting Family Connections**, Community & Youth Room, 5:45-8:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

- **Computer Class**, Senior Room, 9:00am (beginners); 10:00am (advanced)
- **Beth Rodd**, our State Representative for District 3 will present a Q & A period for all citizens, 10:00am-noon
- **Senior Council**, Senior Room, 1:00-3:00pm (Public invited) Holy Land Travelogue by the Milton Brennans

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

- **CAP Fuel Assistance**, Counseling Room, 9:00am-noon
- **"Taking Charge of Your Finances,"** Senior Room, 4:00-6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

- **Make-up snow date** if necessary for either ADD/ADHD awareness nights

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

- **BACC Governance Board**, Senior Room, 5:30pm
- **Creating Lasting Family Connections**, Youth Room, 5:45-8:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

- **Computer Class**, Senior Room, 9:00am (beginners), 11:00am (advanced)
- **Healing Touch Offerings**, Therapeutic Touch with Susan Kraeger, Youth Room, 10:00am-noon

MONDAY, APRIL 23

- **Bridge Group**, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

- **Senior Luncheon Program**, 11:00am, Speaker Catherine Lord of Service Link. Noon, luncheon served. 12:30-2:00pm Personal Touch Home Health-Blood Pressure and Foot Care. This is open to the community.

BACC Youth Center Programs

All activities are sponsored by the Kearsarge Regional School District in cooperation with the Bradford Area Community Center and are free of charge. Pre-registration is required a minimum of five days before the date of the program and space is limited. Please take notice of the grade levels permitted to attend each event. Parents are welcome to stay and participate in any of the activities listed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Parents and professionals in contact with Kindergarten through 5th grade youth that have Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) are invited to attend an informational night. Useful tips and strategies will be offered. You will have an opportunity to have your questions answered. Refreshments and child-care is provided at no cost. 7:00-9:00pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

ADD/ADHD informational session for parents and professionals in contact with 6th through 12th grade youth. The same details as above apply, 7:00-9:00pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Come for the Easter Extravaganza after school! Second through eighth graders can paint their own eggs, win a prize in the Easter egg hunt and make a foam ball bunny to take home. Snack is provided. 3:00pm-5:30pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

While your friends are going to Florida for vacation (boring), you can say that you built your very own space station! Fourth through eighth graders can take part in building a space station under the instruction of John Taylor of Children's Design Collaborative. You have to bring your lunch, but the rest of your day will be an adventure you're sure not to forget! 9:00am-5:30pm.

Please remember to pre-register at least 5 days before the date of the event by calling 938-6228. Space is limited.

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March Selectmen's Meetings

MARCH 7. Minutes of the February 26th meeting were corrected to reflect the selectmen accepted the resignation of Pennie Spooner as police secretary and part time police officer.

Selectmen discussed the land at Box Corner under consideration for donation to the Habitat for Humanity. In 1988 the land was denied a building permit because of its location in a flood plain. Selectmen will request a representative from Habitat attend the March 12 selectmen's meeting.

Cheryl reported on the PSNH energy grant status. Costs must be assembled for the replacement and a pre-construction appointment with a PSNH representative completed before the town can apply for the reimbursement offered by PSNH.

Selectmen approved an updated personnel policy. The policy will be distributed and discussed with all employees.

Bob Foor, representing the Planning Board, met with selectmen to discuss contacting the town's attorney for a legal opinion on the road plat issue as it pertains to the Sayre project currently before the board. Selectmen reviewed the letter drafted by Mr. Foor and approved the Planning Board's request. Selectmen suggested the attorneys for the two parties involved be notified. Bob Foor agreed to notify Seiple and Donovan of the Board's investigations.

Selectmen met in non-public session per RSA 913A to discuss personnel matters with Chief Bert Spooner.

MARCH 12. The Bradford Selectmen's meeting time was changed to 7:00pm for this meeting.

Caroline Verity, representing Habitat for Humanity, met with selectmen to discuss Warrant article 28, donation of land at Box Corner. Further research into the matter has revealed the land in question is in a flood zone and not suitable for building. In 1988 the property was denied a building permit on that basis. The Veritys thanked the selectmen for their consideration, and hoped in the future to be able to find a suitable spot. The selectmen will withdraw the article from the warrant at town meeting.

Selectmen thanked Marvin Rich for his three years as selectmen and all his many hours of service to the Town of Bradford. Marvin chose not to run for re-election. We will all miss him.

Selectmen signed a contract for road sweeping with Mike Rabbitt. They have chosen to schedule the work prior to May 31, 2001.

Selectmen signed a contract for portable toilets with Henniker Septic for the Independence Day Celebration.

MARCH 19. The meeting was called to order by Chris Frey. Dick Vitale made a motion to elect Chris Frey as Chairman of the Board for the next year. Motion was seconded and vote passed.

Treasurer's report was presented. Selectman discussed the town's cash requirements from March 19 to May 15th, the anticipated mailing of the first billing. Payment of the capital reserve items from surplus must be done within 30 days of town meeting. Purchases will be scheduled to postpone large ticket items until May when the first tax billing will be mailed.

Chris Frey reported on the meeting with Senator Bob Smith at the Community Center and the Brownfields site. Chris also reported on the collapse of part of the roof and damage to the western end of the garage door at the former Naughton garage. Cheryl will check on insurance and pursue a claim if possible.

Selectmen voted to post roads for 8 tons effective Monday March 19, 2001. Selectmen discussed the issuing of daily operating tickets to be picked up by haulers at the town shed each morning. Road Agent Arnold Anderson has a supply of these tickets.

Arnold Anderson met with selectmen to discuss personnel changes. Dave Brown has submitted his resignation with two week notice. Selectmen questioned the Road Agent on the type of qualifications

needed to replace Dave. The Road Agent will review the department's needs. He noted two possible candidates. Bruce Edwards requested a salary scale for each of the current employees. Cheryl will provide this information.

Highway Department Sander costs are being reviewed.

Inventory forms are being returned by residents. Anyone with questions is asked to call the town hall for assistance.

The PSNH energy study is being discussed and will begin soon. Cheryl was asked to contact Sue Blottenberg for the location of various types of outdoor lighting so the selectmen can see the color and effect before changing the outdoor lights in town.

Chief Bert Spooner met with selectmen to discuss both public and non-public matters. Selectmen discussed personnel matters in non public session per RSA 91A:311. Selectmen discussed police budget items. Chief Spooner presented the selectmen with scheduling items to maintain the current budget police budget. Bert has given the selectmen a schedule of covered hours and limits he has imposed on his officers. These schedules should correct the projected shortages in the part time payroll and fuel budgets. These schedules assume no emergency situations. The selectmen discussed the repair of the Crown Victoria cruiser, and Chris Frey and Bruce Edwards will bring the cruiser back into town. Bert suggested the town could take \$3000 from the general fund and buy a used State Police Cruiser to replace the Crown Vic. Selectmen explained there was no general fund of extra money and the repairs would need to come from the police budget. Bert explained the cruiser needed a tie rod bolt, and the problem of the transmission slipping out of park. He felt the cruiser had been costly to repair in the past and would probably be expensive to repair the transmission. The selectmen discussed getting an estimate for repairs and revisiting the use of and need for the Crown Vic for summer traffic control on construction projects. Bert provided the selectmen with the written accident report from the February accident with the Crown Vic.

Selectmen voted to move to non public session per RSA 91A:311 to discuss a legal matter. Selectman Frey will meet with the police chief to pursue an investigation on highway department matters.

—excerpted from the public minutes prepared by Cheryl Behr

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The Fresh Air Fund is seeking host families from Hillsborough to Hopkinton, Warner to Wilmot, and all points in between. The children will arrive in Warner on July 26 and return home on August 9. "We have so much here in a New Hampshire summer," says Joyce Foley of Warner. "These kids have never been swimming in a lake or picked a fresh tomato."

You may select a boy or a girl age 6-12. "It's a wonderful feeling to share everything we take for granted with these children. They are so appreciative of our kindness and they are all just wonderful little kids." All it takes to be a host family is an extra bed and a plate at the dinner table. Last year 152 children came to our region. For information contact Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

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For our subscribers who are reading from warmer climes, here's what you're missing! There seems to be light—and probably plenty of mud—at the end of the tunnel. Photos taken April 2, 2001.



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April Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 9:00am
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY APRIL 3

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm (Public Hearing, variance for Marden, 7:10pm)
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

MONDAY, APRIL 9

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

BWC Board Meeting, BACC, 9:30am
BNKP 2001-02 Preschool Registration for three- and four-year-olds, 6:30-7:30pm, BACC
Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, Candlelite Inn, 7:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Parks & Recreation, BACC, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm
BECC, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Kids Dance, Town Hall, 7:00-10:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Meet Your Legislator Beth Rodd, BACC, 10:00am-noon

MONDAY, APRIL 16

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

BWC, General Membership Meeting, Church Vestry, 7:30pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Country Capitalist, call 938-2787 for details
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Historical Society Program video "New England", Old Post Office, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Spaghetti Supper, Saint Peter's Lodge, \$6 adults/\$3 children 10 and under, 5:00-7:00pm

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

Baton Twirling with Donna Acker, Thursdays April 5, 12 and 19, Town Hall, 3:30pm

Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, Mondays April 2, 9, 16, and 30, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Thistle Spinners, Every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle & Shamrock Inn

Bradford Historical Society, Open every Saturday, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386.

To list events for the May Calendar,
please call Lyn Betz at 938-2722
or e-mail bradfordbridge@conknet.com before March 20.

Classifieds

WANTED. Reliable person to drive from Bradford to Lawrence, Mass 3 to 5 days a week. AM drop-off, PM pick-up. Our car or yours. Call 938-2659.

FREE. Upright piano, you pick up. Call 938-2965.

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-2692.

Thanks for waiting...

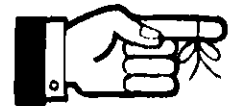
Yes, the Bradford Bridge was a little late getting out this month. The computer's motherboard developed a terminal illness and just barely got the March issue out. Mike Pugliese of McPuter came to the rescue with a new machine, and then donated many hours to perform the computer equivalent of a bone marrow transplant on the old hard drive. (He saved what he could, then wiped it out and started over.)

My thanks also to Andrew Pinard for helping me recreate some of what was lost.

If anyone has the story about the computer contest between Jesus and Satan, which Jesus wins because, of course, Jesus SAVES!—I need a copy to post above my machine.

—Lyn Betz, Editor

Don't wait
until it's too late!



Bradford Bridge
May deadlines

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| Display ads | April 20 |
| Classified ads | April 25 |
| Articles | April 20* |

*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after the deadline, please contact Lyn Betz at 938-5029.

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