

THE Bradford Bridge

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TOWN HALL UPDATE

In November of 2011, Bradford's historic Town Hall was closed due to health concerns and town offices were temporarily relocated to the Community Center. For the past year, the Town Hall Restoration Committee (THRC) has been working tirelessly to develop the plans and resources to restore, renovate, and re-open Town Hall by fall 2013. As we ring in the New Year, the committee is pulling together final plans to present at town meeting in March. During the past year, the committee has hosted town-wide forums to assess community needs, gather ideas and answer questions. We have solicited donations and held fund raisers like the 2012 summer raffle and "dining for dollars" at local restaurants. We have worked closely with the select board and regularly reported progress at select-board meetings.

THRC collaborated with architect Rick Monahan to develop an architectural plan that restores Town Hall to a fully functional municipal building that will serve Bradford for generations to come. Rick worked with town employees to address their needs and incorporate their ideas. Rick also worked closely with Jim Bruss, who has donated many hours of his time to the project at no cost. We are very grateful to Bruss Construction for being such a good and generous neighbor.

During the past month, the committee chose a construction manager for the project. A construction manager will work collaboratively with the town, selectmen, and the Restoration Committee from the start of the project to the finish. It allows the project to have a guaranteed maximum price – no unexpected expenses or overruns. Having a construction manager also allows us to give priority to the use of local businesses and labor in rebuilding Town Hall.

North Branch Construction has been selected as the construction manager for the project. North Branch has completed numerous local projects including the historic Newbury Center Meeting House, the New London Inn, Bradford Elementary School's kindergarten addition, and other projects in Warner, Sutton and New London. North Branch president Ken Holmes lives nearby in Newbury where he is a volunteer firefighter and EMT. North Branch Construction will provide a number of no-cost services to the town in order to prepare a detailed estimate. North Branch is enthusiastic about the project and is ready to begin work as soon as the town approves.

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

This month we interviewed Garrett Bauer, a Bradford native who graduated from the University of New Hampshire (UNH) in May 2012 and is home on a visit from Sitka, Alaska, where he will be for 10 months with "Americorps." Garrett's assignment is to coordinate recycling systems in the Sitka school system. Fortunately for his hometown, Bradford, he would like to work in this area and help to bring interesting ecological changes to the way food is raised and distributed.

Q. You were born and raised in Bradford and attended local schools. Tell me about those early years?

I remember that it was a great time. I thought the school system was good, I had a lot of friends. I ski and snowboard, which helped me to really enjoy the cold months. I never felt the need to live anywhere else.

Q You graduated from the University of New Hampshire (UNH) with a degree in Environment and Planning and Eco-gastronomy. It all sounds very 21st Century but what in practical terms does this degree prepare you for in your future life? Can you define Eco-gastronomy?

Ecogastronomy was started by UNH, It's a combination of ecology and gastronomy. To explain further, it's about food, how we grow and produce it. In the course of my education, I went to Bra, located in northwestern Italy, where I attended the University of Gastronomic Sciences. I learned about food culture, including how to make food and wine; production and transportation as well as processing and nu-

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Submissions

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.

Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - noon
Selectmen meet every Monday
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM
Special Meetings will be posted
24 hours in advance

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
Office Hours
938-2288

Monday: noon-7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am
12:30 pm-5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and
12:30 pm-5:00 PM
Saturday: (2nd & 4th) 9-Noon

Planning Board Circuit Rider
Wednesday
call 938-2253 for appointment

Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC

From the Editor

Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbors.

Here we are, starting a new year and looking back with sadness to those we have lost and forward to the fresh possibilities that are ahead. We've been through a rough patch with a poor economy, job losses, deflated home values and insecurity about our and our childrens' futures. We see a gleam of light in the dark tunnel though; more jobs and improving economy. Still, like our relatives who experienced the Great Depression, we are forever scarred by the realization that bad times can occur anytime. We can be encouraged about the health of our own town and the wonderful surge of improvements on Main Street that signal a resurgence of pride in our community, Homes, once abandoned, are being loved and tended to again. We have sidewalks that are both convenient and attractive. Our Town Hall Restoration Committee strives to bring new life to our downtown historic district.

Our son graduated from college last month and one of the speakers addressed the issue of community and how, when you move to a place, it becomes your community. We decide what the character of our community will be and how it will reflect our values and sense of unity and pride. Bradford is our community, we decide our identity.

Celebrate Bradford this year. Embrace the charm and great possibilities of the year ahead. Our town is special and wonderful. So are we.

Beth Rodd
January Editor



Residents of The Kearsarge Regional School District Bradford, N.H.

Supervisors of the checklist will hold session to correct the checklist January 22nd 2013 at 7PM in preparation for the Annual 2013 Kearsarge School Meeting.

Checklist Supervisors:

Judith Marshall
Ruth Marden
Jackye Pehrson

Selectmen's Highlights

Road Agent

As reported in town records, Marlene Freyler said that as of early December Jeff Remillard has been paid \$68,500 including salary and benefits as well as \$14,000 to Barry Wheeler as Supervisor to the Highway Department. Later in the month, she questioned \$5,000.00 paid out to Mr. Remillard. Chair Harry Wright advised that he no longer works for the town and that as far as the town is concerned this is all done. Ad for a new Road Agent will be forthcoming.

Personnel:

It was reported that the Local Government Center considers 30 hours to be a full work week. In response to a question from Chris Frey, it was stated that Department Heads and the Selectmen determine the number of hours to be worked.

Another change in personnel policy is that salary increases would take effect January first rather than waiting until April.

Flags:

The Cub Scouts were thanked for taking over the flags on a regular basis. The State House alerts them with information on special events as needed

Dog Ordinance:

Selectmen approved adding the following language to the current dog ordinance:

All dog handlers are required to con-

trol and remove any defecation for the safety, health and welfare of personnel using the sidewalks and designated areas for sport and/or recreation and walking.

Mandatory dog leash areas includes all sidewalks and Brown Shattuck Field. Penalty is a warning for the first offense and a twenty dollar fine for the second offense. Service dogs are exempt from the ordinance.

Health Officer

Warner Health Officer Paul D. Geronimo will be on call as needed by Bradford at \$75.00 per hour.

Town Hall Restoration:

The THRC Review Committee recommended North Branch Construction as the Construction Manager for the Bradford Town Hall Restoration project with the understanding there will be no risk to the town. Selectmen agreed with the recommendation and will send a letter of intent to Ken Holmes, President of North Branch Construction.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Hall and online at bradfordnh.org.

Town Hall - *continued from p.1*

Our 1797 Town Hall is Bradford's most valuable property asset, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In 1863 the "meeting house" was moved from Center Bradford and reconstructed with additions in its present location at 75 West Main Street. Then as now, citizens of Bradford have valued Town Hall as a cornerstone of our community. Let's work together to restore and renovate this beautiful building for Bradford's generations to come.

Happy New Year, everyone! ~
Eileen Kelly, Chair THRC

Join the Town Hall Restoration fundraising efforts by dining at the **Appleseed Restaurant on Thursday, January 17, 5-9 PM**. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the restoration project. Many thanks to the Fenton Family for participating in this fundraiser.

Want to follow the progress of the Town Hall Restoration Project? Go to www.bradfordnh.org. See the plans or watch a sideshow. Thanks to Andrew Pinarad for putting the restoration progress online.



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Area Events

Bradford

Moonlight Hike/Snowshoe at Battles Farm, Bradford. Join Ausbon Sargent and the Bradford Conservation Commission for a moonlight hike or snowshoe on the new Battles Farm loop trail. We will hike through the fields, then up into the woods to see Hoyt Brook, the varied wildlife habitats on the property and reach the top of the Jewett Hill where we will enjoy a snack. Round Trip will be about 2 miles. Terrain is moderate with some short, steep sections. By Thursday January 24, we will choose the evening that is forecast to be most clear and we will be in contact with those who have signed up in advance and provide parking information at that time. Please RSVP to Nancy Smith at nsmith@ausbonsargent.org or 526-6555. Be sure to leave your e-mail address and phone number so we can be in touch about which is the final date.

What to wear/bring: snowshoes, warm comfortable boots, hat, gloves, dress in layers. Bring something warm to drink and a head lamp. We will provide a snack for everyone. **January 25, 26 or 27, 2013 (Fri, Sat, Sun) - 7 PM**

Sunapee

Wendell Marsh, North Field Trip, Sunapee Saturday, January 26, 2013, 1:00 – 3:30 pm
1000 acre unfragmented block of forest land, wetland, streams and fields lie between NH Route 11 and Ryder Corner Road in Sunapee. Join the Sunapee Conservation Commission and Ausbon Sargent as we explore 136 acres of this area which will be the first conserved land in this block. We'll walk along a recreational trail and bushwhack our way off trail to Wendell Marsh, learning about trees, forest and wildlife habitat as we walk. Participants will also learn about the efforts to conserve this property and what remains to be done to complete the project. Bring snowshoes if conditions warrant it. Dress warmly in layers with good boots. Refreshments will be served. Participants should be in good physical condition, able to walk up and down hills in potentially slippery conditions and be willing to walk off-trail. Please RSVP with your name, the names of all in your party, your phone number and e-mail by calling our office at 526-6555 or e-mail nsmith@ausbonsargent.org. Shortly before the field trip, we will provide directions and parking information based on the current snow conditions.

2013 Winter Hikes In The Srk Greenway Region

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's seven winter hikes begin on January 19th. All hikes are free to the public. For SRKGC information go to www.srkgc.com. Please call the volunteer hike leader at least two nights before to learn starting location and time. Be prepared for winter conditions: clothing layers, food, and water. Snowshoes are the presumed mode of transport.

January 2013 hikes:

Jan 19 (Sat) Andy Hager (526-2846)
Cross-country ski on logging road from Wilmot to Bunker Place in New London. 4 mi. For experienced skiers. (M)

Jan 26 (Sat) Nick Baer (526- 8233)
Bog Mountain fun family hike. Children's activities along the way include animal tracking, games and hot cocoa at the summit. Starting at Stearn's Road, the hike will finish at the Wilmot Library. 3.1 miles (M)

February 2013 hikes:

Feb 2 (Sat) Dave Anderson (763-5958) danderson@forestsociety.org.
Dave's Winter Wildlife Tracking snow shoe hike will take place on the lower slopes of Sunset Hill in Newbury. Dave promises to teach tracking patterns and natural history for common local wild mammals. 2 miles. (E-M)

Feb 9 (Sat) Brian Faughnan (526-7838) Snowshoe over winter trails in Wilmot's Patterson Road area. Refreshments afterward at the Faughnans. 3 miles. (M)

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Sunapee

Feb 16 (Sat) Peg Bastien (456-2347) Snowshoe in Warner's Chandler Reservation up to the old fire tower. Some trails are rather steep. (M)

Feb 24, 25 or 26 David Cook (456-4570) Fifth Annual Moonlight Madness! Full moon snowshoe in New London to ridge-top skyline vista. Sponsored by SRKGC, ASLPT and New London Conservation Commission. Date selected for best moonlight conditions. 2 miles; two hours. (M) Not for novice snowshoers.

March 2013 hike:
Mar 2 (Sat) Gerry Gold (526-2857)
From Andrew Brook Trail to Lake Solitude to Sunapee Ridge to Lucia's Lookout. Beautiful and strenuous. 10 miles (D)

Greenway Trail Guides are available at local book stores. The SRK Greenway Coalition is a ten-town all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge region and beyond.



Local Holiday Gifts from the Bradford Historical Society

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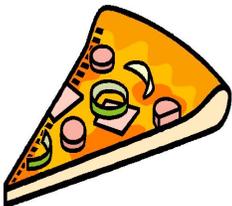
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Bradford Art Group

The Bradford Art Group announces a new exhibit, *In Retrospect: Photographs by Robert (Bob) L. Shevett*, opening in mid-January, 2013, in Brown Memorial Library.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in the Bronx, Bob acquired his first camera at age 12 (a Baby Brownie). He began a career taking pictures on film. At 13, he was given an ABC Developing Kit and began developing film in what would have been his darkroom using the “back of a toilet” as a counter. The photos (sports and neighborhood activities) were submitted to local neighborhood newspapers.

In 1948, Bob attended the U.S. Naval School of Photography in Pensacola, Florida. He was assigned to the USS Leyte aircraft carrier in its photo lab for three years during the Korean War. The lab supplied Central Command in Tokyo with aerial maps and gun camera films as well as public information photo regarding ship-board operations. Movies were also produced.

After military service, Bob continued photographing weddings and advertising photos, but he was primarily involved in retail photographic, industrial and professional equipment sales for many years. After relocating to New Hampshire in 1986, Bob continued shooting weddings, portraiture, advertising, family events and even taught basic photography classes. He owned The Photo Bug Camera Shop in New London for 10 years and eventually joined Flash Photo as a salesman.

In his bio, he wrote: “I am especially drawn to situations of existing light, shadows, lines and expressions.” He remains a “film camera” person.

The exhibit, *In Retrospect: Photographs by Robert L. Shevett* continues thru mid-April 2013. The barrier-free Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 West Main St. is open: Monday 10–8; Wednesday 10–7; Saturday 10–3; and Sunday 11–3. For more information, call 938-5562..

Planning Board Notes

Boundary Adjustment:

The Planning Board approved a boundary line adjustment for Map 9, Lots 45 & 58 for property on Rowe Mountain Road owned by William Churchill Heselton.

Site Plan:

A site plan to operate a hair salon at Map 2, Lot 112 was approved for property on Old Sutton Road owned by Jennifer Critch.

Building Inspector:

Selectman Sonny Harris reported on a meeting between the Selectman and the building inspector based on letters of concern sent by the Planning Board. It was stressed that applicants for a building permit should be aware of zoning requirements. The Building Inspector should inspect the location of footings before any further construction takes place.

CEDS:

Planning Board members Jim Bibbo and Caryl Walker and local realtor Laura Hallahan attended a meeting of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). They will continue to monitor this new group organized by two regional planning commissions and share ideas for improving economic development in Bradford.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the town office and online at bradfordnh.org.



Newly elected representatives celebrate after being sworn in to the N.H. House of Representatives. From L to R: Representative Geoffrey Hirsh, his wife Sarah, and Representative Barbara French. Senator Bob Odell was reelected and will represent Bradford for the next 2 years. Congratulations to our elected officials.

Town Clerk Update

The 2013 Dog Licenses have arrived, so make sure your dog's Rabies shot is up to date and come on in and register your little darling.

Our office will be open the following Saturdays, Jan. 12th and 26th from 9 – 12:00. We will be closed for Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 21st.

Town Elections are coming up on March 12th, 2013 – If you wish to run for one of the following offices please sign up at our office on any of the following days January 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th and February 1st, 2013.

Selectman – For Three Years (1 Opening)

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library – For Three Years (2 Openings)

Scholarship Committee – For Three Years (1 Opening)

Budget Committee – For Three Years (2 Openings)

Planning Board – For Three Years (2 Openings)

Zoning Board – For Three Years (2 Openings)

Cemetery Commission – For Three Years (1 Opening)

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Erica Gross, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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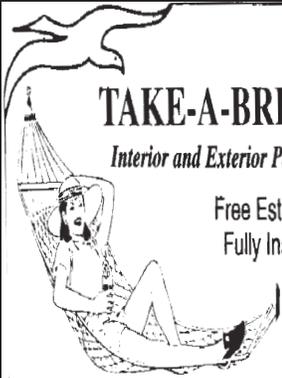
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A Culinarian's Column by Caryl Walker

The holiday food was yummy! "Eat, drink, and make merry." I did. Now it's time to make amends. Here's my plan: 1) Eat plenty of lean protein. 2) Cut portion sizes of carbs in half. 3) Replace high fats with low fats (ie. Use low fat or non-fat dairy; eggbeaters for whole eggs; olive oil for butter.) 4) Use lots of herbs, spices, garlic, and gingerroot for flavor, variety, and good digestion. 5) Get moving--go for a walk on our beautiful new sidewalks!

I love coconut chicken. Here's my trimmed-down version.

Baked Coconut Chicken

- ¾ cup low or non-fat plain yogurt
- (optional) 1 teaspoon **each** minced fresh garlic **and** gingerroot
- 1 tablespoon **each** Worcestershire sauce **and** lemon juice
- freshly ground black pepper to taste, 1 cup flaked coconut
- 4 (6 oz.) skinless, boneless chicken breasts

1. In a pie pan or flat casserole combine first 4 ingredients yogurt mixture
2. Dip each chicken breast in mixture
3. Place on foil lined baking sheet.
4. Spread any remaining yogurt mixture evenly on top. Sprinkle coconut flakes evenly over chicken.
Bake at 375°F. for about 30 minutes (depending on size). Check internal temperature with an instant- read thermometer—165°F.
Bake pineapple spears along side and serve with a tossed baby spinach salad dressed with freshly squeezed lemon juice and a splash of olive oil. Add a half-portion of quinoa. Envision your svelte new self on a beach with balmy breezes...

Happy New Year!

Cemetery Commission Notice

We have recently learned that the waste barrels at Sunny Plain Cemetery are being filled with household trash. At our last meeting the Cemetery Commission has decided to implement a "carry in, carry out" policy for plants, ornaments, decorations, etc, from now on. We thank you for your consideration and apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you to Lois Kilknapp for helping to clean up the refuse and removing the barrels.

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Focus Factor Grades 6-12
in the office building
every Sunday in January,
4 -5:30 pm

Moms Support/StudyGroup
 Tuesdays starting Jan. 15, 10 am
 in the office building with Pastor
 Lynne

Study on Prayer Tuesdays 1:00 pm
 With Arlene Lubrano / office building.

Discipleship Tuesdays 6:30 pm,
 office building with Sandy Richard



Men's Prayer Breakfast,
 January 5, 8 am in the office
 building

Community Food Pantry,
 Open on Wed., Jan. 16,
 5:30-6:30 pm. All welcome

Men's Fellowship: January 30,
 6:30pm , home of Fred Hubley

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10 am
 with Sandy Richard in the office building

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Tues. Jan. 1st

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mt. View Senior Center Closed

No Meals on Wheels Today

Wed. Jan. 2nd

4-6:00 PM – Special Group #5

7:00 PM – Zoning Board

Thurs. Jan. 3rd

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

6:30 PM – Budget Committee

Fri. Jan. 4th

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch

raffle, live music, door prizes

7:00 PM - Book-to-Movie, BML

Sun. Jan. 6th

2 – 4:00 PM – Special Group #1

Mon. Jan. 7th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

1-4:00 PM - Bridge

5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. Jan. 8th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor Class

4:30-6:30 - BACC Governance

Board

6:30 -Department Head Meeting

7:30 PM – Planning Board

Wed. Jan. 9th

6:30 PM - Budget Committee, as necessary

7:00 PM - Library Book Group,

BML

Thurs. Jan. 10th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00-7:30 - Bible Study

6:30 – Finance Committee

7:00 - THRC

Fri. Jan. 11th

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sat. Jan. 12th

9:-11:00 AM -Writing Group

Mon. Jan. 14th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

1-4:00 PM – Bridge Group

5:30 PM – Selectmen's Meeting

7:00 PM – Rural Heritage

Connection

Tues. Jan. 15th

9:00-12:00 - Community Outreach

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor Class

5:30-7:00 PM - 4-H

Wed. Jan. 16th

4:00-6:00 PM – Special Group #5

6:30 PM – Budget Committee

Thurs. Jan 17th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic LSVNA

12 Noon Senior Dining - Health-South's "Blending Technologies with Traditional Therapies" followed by Mahjong

1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic

LSVNA Call 526-4077 for appt.

5:00 – 9:00 PM - Town Hall Fund

Raising Dinner -Appleseed Inn

Fri. Jan. 18th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic

LSVNA at North Ridge - appt.-526-

4077

10:00 AM -Friday at the Movies:

Portrait of a Lady

12:00 noon - Brunch - Nicole

Sylvester "Cooking for Fiber"

7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie, BML

Sun. Jan. 20th

2:-4:00 PM - Special Group #1

Mon. Jan. 21st

Martin Luther King Holiday

Senior Center Closed

No Meals on Wheels today

Library Closed

1:00 PM – Bridge Group

5:30 PM – Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. Jan. 22nd

9:30-11:30 AM -Foot Care clinic

Warner Pharmacy-526-4077 for appt.

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor Class

7:00 PM – Planning Board

7:30 PM – Public Hearing on

Petition Zoning Amendment

Wed. Jan. 23rd

10:30 AM –12 Noon -Blood Pressure

Clinic Warner Senior Room LSVNA

6:30 PM – Budget Committee, as

necessary

Thurs. Jan 24th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

6:00 PM – Bible Study

7:00 PM - THRC

Fri. Jan. 25th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sat. Jan. 26th

9:00 AM – Writing Group

1 – 3:00 PM – Baby Shower

Mon. Jan. 28th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

1-4:00 PM – Bridge Group

5:30 PM – Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. Jan. 29st

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor Class

Wed. Jan. 30th

6:30 PM – Budget Committee, as

necessary

Thurs. Jan. 31st

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00PM - Mahjong Group

For scheduling activities at the BACC, please call 938-6228 or 938-5900

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.



Abbreviation Key

BACC-Bradford Area Community Center

BBC-Bradford Baptist Church

BML-Brown Memorial Library

FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse

Gillingham Drive

KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool

KRES-Bradford Elemen. School

MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr

TH-Bradford Town Hall



We can't do it without our volunteers! The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust just completed its final event for 2012. Members of the Ausbon Sargent Special Events Committee who helped to organize and work at the Holiday Party, are (L-R): Marcella Starkey, Midge Cross, Bonnie Guterl (co-chair), Kathleen Belko, Nancy Smith, Nancy Brazier (co-chair) and Andrea DeAugustinis. Thank you to our loyal volunteers.

From the MVSC Newsletter

Do you know someone who needs a companion? We now have two senior companions ready to serve those in your community who would benefit from a weekly visit providing caring friendly support, and it's free! If you know of someone whose quality of life could improve with a little sup-



Ongoing Events

- Bradford Barter-2nd Saturday at 10AM at First Baptist Church/call 938-2777 for info
- Children's Storytime - Mondays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 10:30AM at BML
- Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-5539 for info
- Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML
- Fish and Game Club -1st Monday 7PM at Fish and Game Club
- First Friday Bunch -11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/ call 938-2104 for info
- Historical Society - Saturdays, 10 am-noon, or by appointment, call 938-5372
- Library Trustees -1st Wednesday at 6:00PM BML
- Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC
- Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC
- Selectmen's Meeting - Every Monday 5:30PM, BACC
- Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

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trition, Italy was amazing, I switched to eco-gastronomy after my senior year and decided that was my direction, I traveled to New Zealand in my junior year and attended a program that UNH sponsors which involved traveling and studying wildlife. It was useful and a great experience.

Q Americorps has so many different facets. How did you become involved?

It is similar to a college or a job application, You can explore the different offerings and choose what you are interested in and where you want to go. I found the direction I wanted to go in and a match was made. They give you a stipend and a house to live in and some living expenses for a 10 to 12 month period or 1700 hours. It's not a job with a salary.

Q. Can you give me your impression of Sitka? Do you feel welcome? Have you had the opportunity to travel and see other places in Alaska?

My first impression was unbelievable. Sitka is located right on the ocean with a huge mountain range behind it. It was breathtaking. Everyone was welcoming. It's a small city with about 9,000 people. Americorps is welcome there. The people in the program came from many places including New England, Portland, Oregon, New York City and Seattle, Washington, and the Mid-west.

Q. Your volunteer work for Americorps is the coordination of recycling programs in the school system. Do you find that challenging and will it be useful for your future career?

It is challenging. Recycling started on the island about seven years ago. Sitka is located in the center of Sitka Sound. I'm working with after school programs and mostly with the younger children. The idea is to work on a project and bring it home

to the families so that the education spreads into the home and family. They have trash pickup in Sitka but not pickup or recycling, Americorps has a contract with a recycling company. If I suggest a good idea, they will use it. For example, we worked on recycling paper and the students brought home the idea.



Q. You did say that you and some friends wanted to remain in Bradford and work in local food initiatives. Would you explain please?

One of the ideas we are considering is how to increase food productivity. Currently, companies cater food to the schools. Our idea would be to simplify the system by moving the food around more efficiently and involving local farmers in the growing process. Investing in local farms makes sense because the profits stay in the community. The food is fresher since it doesn't have to travel too far. Bob Bower has a farm in Warner. I have worked there.. They do veggies, flowers and maple syrup. It's investing in the natural environment and using what is already in the community,

Q. It is good that you want to stay in the community, How will you achieve your goal of revitalizing the community?

We already have Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) here with the example off Stone Ridge Farm. My ultimate goal would be to have a small restaurant so that people can enjoy the taste of fresh food that hasn't traveled here from Argentina or Chile.

Q. Bradford has some new sidewalks and the goal of revitalizing town hall. Do you see this as a step in the right direction? How would you continue this effort?

I think the small improvements makes the place better, Sidewalks makes people want to walk around, I'd like to see services more centralized so people wouldn't have to drive everywhere. Walking makes for more human interaction and enhances society. I would like to see roundabout here instead of stop lights.

Q. How would you encourage young people to stay here instead of heading for big cities?

Some people do stay. You need a connection like the Fire Department or EMT's. You have to keep up the interest,

Q. What is the best part of living here? Where do you think the town will be in ten years?

I like the peace and quiet and the people, the recreation availability, the lakes and the hills. I'm worried about sprawl and subdivision and the big farms disappearing, I would like to see it stay the same but also develop in a good way. You have to understand what you are doing. We need to look at every avenue and prepare for the future more efficiently.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Happy New Year to all our library users. You make our job fun and rewarding! If you have never been to your library, please make a point of visiting us this year. We have books, magazines, audiobooks on CD, movies, and digital downloads of audiobooks and e-books all available for you to borrow for a two-week period, for free.

BOOK-TO-MOVIE: Join us on Friday, January 4 at 7pm for a movie the *New Yorker* describes as a “comedy of generosity, money lust, and skewed perception.” The film is based on an actual event detailed in an article in *Texas Monthly*. Next month on Friday, February 1, we will watch a classic Margaret Rutherford movie adapted from Agatha Christie's *After the Funeral*.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: On Wednesday, January 9 at 7pm we will dissect Joyce Carol Oates' *Missing Mom*. Next month we discuss *The Lifeboat* by Charlotte Rogan on Wednesday, February 13. Copies of the books are available here at the library.

THIRD FRIDAY MOVIE: We're back this month with *Brave* on Friday, January 18 at 7pm. *Rolling Stone* calls this animated feature “a rousing, gorgeously animated good time.” In February, we will show a comedy about a college women's acappella group . Singing along will be allowed!

The library will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Some of the new books added in December:

For adults:

Sweet Tooth / Ian McEwan

The Last Man / Vince Flynn

Notorious Nineteen / Janet Evanovich

The Violinist's Thumb / Sam Kean

The Twelve Tribes of Hattie / Ayana Mathis

Elsewhere / Richard Russo

For children:

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs / Mo Willems

Under Wildwood / Colin Meloy

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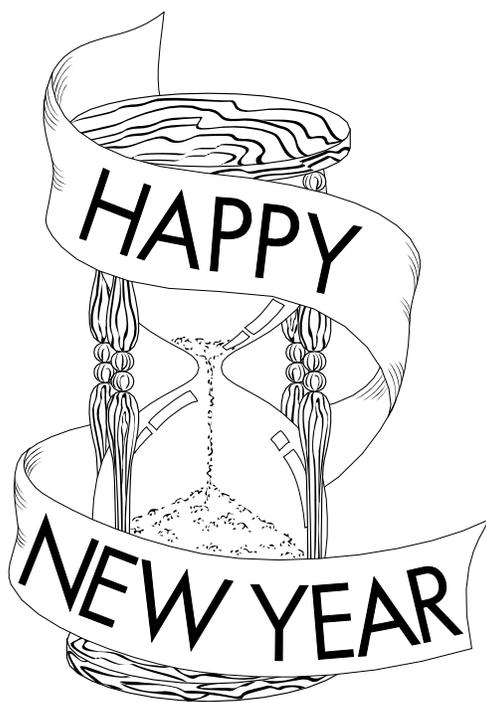
Consumers, in turn, have a choice of what agency they choose for their home care or hospice services. If you're in a hospital and it is recommended that you go home with home care or hospice services, you have the right to choose who will provide this care. If you don't have a preference for a particular agency then the professional helping with your discharge plan should offer a "choice list" of agencies that provide services to your town of residence.

It's your choice! If you have a preference, make that clear. If you don't have a preference, ask questions about your options to be sure that your needs will be met once you're home and healing. Discharge planners and Social Workers are a great source of knowledge about community resources and can usually guide you well if you're in need of care at home.

For more information about services and programs offered by Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice and by other VNA and Hospice programs, give our office a call. We'd be happy to speak with you.

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Capital Comments from State Senator Bob Odell

During the week, a couple of people came up to me and spoke of the tough decisions the state faces preparing a new budget. That is the reality in Concord as more and more people see limited revenue bumping, or possibly more appropriately, crashing into current spending and additional state needs.

The summary point: putting together a new budget could be tougher than it was to build the last two budgets. Governor-elect Hassan has put down a marker asking each department to come forward with a plan that is 97 percent of spending last year. That would reduce spending across state government even as debt service costs, salaries and health care expenses rise.

This is the time of year where not-for-profit agencies and other service providers start to line up at Senators' doors making pleas for "restored" funding or increases in the budget that affect them. I have a standard line which suggests they work with the Governor on her budget because my belief is that if the money they are seeking is not in her budget, it will be nearly impossible for the legislature to add it to the budget later.

I wrote here a couple weeks before the election that both candidates for governor proposed restoring some cuts made in the current budget. I simply did not see any revenue

projections over the next two years to cover that spending.

I see revenue growth of \$30 to \$40 million in each of the next two years. Just to fund current operations, called maintenance budgets, the built in increases were around \$375 million as first proposed by agency heads.

Funding for the University System of New Hampshire is a top priority for many leaders. The state's annual contribution had been around \$100 million but in this biennium it was reduced to \$50 million each year and would have been \$8 million less had the state not taken money from a scholarship program.

Tom Horgan, President of the New Hampshire College and University Council, came by last week to drop off a paper titled, "2013, Positioning Higher Education as the Cornerstone to New Hampshire's Future." It points out that New Hampshire has one of the most highly educated populations with 33 percent of the residents 25 years of age or over having earned a bachelor's or higher degree. That puts us 9th in the nation.

Looking at the native New Hampshire population, however, the numbers are terrible. Those who grew up here who have earned a bachelor's or higher degree are

just 19 percent of the population, 46th in nation. The contrast between overall higher education achievement and that of native New Hampshire residents indicates that those who have made the state so highly educated have moved into the state, they did not grow up here.

The report suggests that as "the state's ability to 'import' highly educated workers from neighboring 'aging' states diminishes, educating its own (New Hampshire's) will become an economic imperative."

How does the New Hampshire stack up with other states. We rank 50th in state funded scholarship aid; "ranked 1st in the nation with the most expensive community colleges with average tuition and fees of \$6,262, more than double the national average of \$3,029;" and we are ranked 3rd in the country in the cost of attending our state university.

These statistics raise many public policy issues. Money is not the only question but it is a critical factor in determining what the state's role will be in advancing higher education. There is no growth in our current revenue streams to even make a dent in turning around our commitment to higher education. We eagerly await Governor Hassan's budget address in February.

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RING IN THE NEW!

Seasonal Recycling Tips

from Lois

1. Recycle your Christmas tree at Springledge Farm in New London. They accept discarded Christmas trees that are ornament and tinsel free and will reuse them for mulching their strawberry and blue berry beds.
2. Cooled wood ash, an organic fertilizer, sprinkled on snow helps ensure a greener lawn and healthy well performing plants & flowers.
3. Producing new plastic from recycled material uses only two-thirds of the energy required to manufacture it from raw materials (EPA).

Historical Society Notes



This cluster of buildings, known as Knight's Farm, is typical of farm architecture here a century ago. Each structure served a specific purpose in the running of a self-sufficient farm. Jonathan Knight was one of 55 men from Bradford who fought with the Seventh Company under Colonel John Stark's at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He lived on this farm with his wife, Mehitable, and their children until his death at age 90. His grave stone can be seen in the Center Burying Ground and Knight's Hill is named after him. If you explore the trails through Low State Forest off the old Dunfield Road, you will come upon the stone foundations left behind by these industrious farmers. Winter is a great time to get out and explore our town, while views are unobstructed and your imagination of the past can soar.

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Random Notes from the Bradford Historical Society

Sept. 4, 1929: Two men are arrested on slot machine charges at the Bradford Fair a day after a visit from Willoughby Slattery, the county solicitor. The fair is in danger of being closed because of excessive gambling on the midway, a move the *Monitor* would not oppose. "The Bradford fair this year really isn't a fair in any way, certainly not an agricultural fair," the paper says. "There are no exhibits with the exception of a single pumpkin of huge proportions."

From the 9/12 Concord Insider, submitted by Deb Bruss



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