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Nathanial Bruss Awarded Scholarship

Nathanial Bruss, son of Michael and Debbie Bruss, has been awarded the Town of Bradford's annual scholarship. He is a 2003 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School. Applicants for the scholarship had to meet the following requirements: live in the Town of Bradford, plan to further their education in a university, college, school of nursing, or technical institute, and submit an application stating their academic goals, extracurricular activities, and how living in Bradford has helped promote their goals.

Nathanial's academic goal is to study environmental science and engineering. He wants to better understand how people relate to their environment and



use his knowledge in engineering and architectural fields, focusing on sustainable design. His extracurricular activities while in high school included playing soccer and also being a referee for younger teams. Nathanial credits the supportive school system with encouraging him to learn about the environment, natural history, and human influences on them. Living in a small community like Bradford made it possible to associate with all age groups. Between baby-sitting and helping older neighbors with chores around their homes, Nathanial came to know the extremes of generations. While volunteering to clear trails and maintain the Bradford Bog boardwalk, he met members of the Conservation Commission who share his interests. His passion for horses started when he was in elementary school. He was able to ride his horse into the backwoods and explore our beautiful community. When Nathanial was old enough to wield a hammer, he began learning carpentry skills. Big projects have included helping his parents build their home and barn,

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Jared Raymond Enlists in Marine Corps



Jared S. Raymond of Springfield, and formerly of Bradford, enlisted in the United State Marine Corps in August 2002.

Jared left on Monday, July 7, 2003, for Parris Island, SC for three months of Basic Training.

Jared, a 2003 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, Sutton, is the son of Barbara Raymond, Springfield, and Robert Raymond of Bradford. He is the grandson of James and Dolores Hansen of South Newbury.

Bradford Women's Club Scholarships

The Bradford Women's Club is pleased to announce that their annual scholarships have been awarded to Erica Blom and Kelsey Day Bundy, both residents of Newbury. Erica is a recent graduate of Kearsarge High School and will attend Boston University in Massachusetts in September. Kelsey, a Kearsarge High School graduate, will attend Wellesley College in Massachusetts in September.

Both young women were selected from an unusually able and impressive group of applicants. We congratulate Erica, Kelsey and all of our recent graduates and wish them good luck in all their future pursuits.

Rep. Barbara French Receives Award



Barbara French with NH Pediatric Society President Dr. Charles Cappetta

The New Hampshire Pediatric Society Public Citizen of the Year for 2003 is Barbara French, a Democratic state legislator from Henniker, who is serving her fifth term in the House and represents NH District 34. A school nurse for 27 years, she retired in 1990.

She is a tireless worker, strong advocate for children, and regularly receives a 100% rating in the NH Children's Alliance voting guide.

Among her legislative activities, she was a sponsor of the 1993 statute which set up the Healthy Kids Corporation to provide health insurance to uninsured and underinsured children. She also introduced legislation which expanded Medicaid coverage for children and pregnant women in families earning up to 185% of the poverty level. More recently, five years of work resulted in the 1999 establishment of the Primary Prevention and Wellness Council which works closely with Network New Hampshire and the Children's Trust Fund to coordinate funding sources, training, and peer review programs for family resource centers around the state.

A 1948 UNH graduate, she received her nursing degree from the Cornell University/New York Hospital School of Nursing in New York City in 1950. In 1967 she was awarded a Masters Degree in Education from Mount Saint Mary College in Allenstown, NH.

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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. The Bridge reserves the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to Beth Rodd/Bev Leo at the address, FAX number, or e-mail address above by the 20th of the month.

Local Students Attend St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program

Three Kearsarge area students, Amy Wolfe (Elkins), Aryn Conway (Bradford), and Zach Winslow (Newbury), who will be Seniors at Kearsarge Regional High School, have attended the St. Paul Advanced Studies Program (ASP) in Concord. These Kearsarge students were selected to apply in their junior year, among a pool of over 600 students statewide, and were chosen as part of a 200 member student body.

The ASP is a stimulating and challenging educational experience for those who attend. This summer session stresses academic and personal growth as students learn to live together and share in the school community. During the 5½ week program, each student takes one major course of his or her choice. These major courses meet for 19 hours per week, Monday through Saturday. In addition, each student takes Writing Workshop, which meets for four hours per week. The program is entirely residential. Athletics, participatory Chapel services, weekend social activities, and musical organizations supplement the class work. Summer school bands and a *cappella* singing groups are usually formed each year.

The ASP selects highly motivated students interested in academic challenges, hard work, and a stimulating environment that will encourage them to learn and grow. In each session, ethical behavior among students is expected. This program achieves a balance between structure and allowing students the freedom to mature in a new environment.

We recognize these three students and congratulate them in their quest for continued academic and personal growth. Congratulations Amy, Aryn, and Zach! Your school and communities are proud of your accomplishments.

—Maryse Conway



Here come the Clowns! at the 4th Parade
photo by Beth Rodd

Major League Soccer Camp

There are still a few slots left in Major League Soccer Camp. It's happening in Bradford, from August 11-15. "Nippers" is for grades K-1 and runs for an hour and a half. Half-day camp is available for children grades 1-4. Full-day camp is for children grades 5 and up. MLS Camps is the official camp of Major League Soccer, the nation's premier professional league. Coaches, primarily from Great Britain, bring loads of energy, humor, and skills to the playing fields in Bradford. For more information, please call Diane Gadoury at 938-2482 or Debbie Bruss at 938-2979.

—Debbie Bruss

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and the more refined project of designing and building a horse drawn sleigh. The \$500 scholarship will help Nathaniel with tuition and expenses at Hampshire College. Congratulations, Nathaniel.

Through the support of the following businesses the Bradford Scholarship Fund was able to award this scholarship. Thank you Stewart Agency, Bruce Bowie, Naughton & Son, Lake Sunapee Bank, Bradford Business Association, Breezy Hill Storage, Ayer and Goss, The Bradford Bridge, Mike Gadoury & Sons, Dumont Barber Shop, Walco Mechanical Co., and Klein Simon Associates. Sincere thanks also to Cheryl Behr, our administrative assistant, and Everett Kittredge, trustee for the Scholarship Fund, for their support and guidance to the students and us each year. A request goes out to our local businesses for their help and every year they are always there for the students seeking higher education. Please support our local businesses as they are helping our youth, the future citizens of our Town of Bradford.

—Mary Keegan-Dayton, Liz Bouley and Dawn Rich

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Bradford Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society will meet Wednesday, August 27, at 7:30pm at the Old Post Office with Sherry Gould and Perry Teele. The program will be about the old homes in Bradford and the families who lived in them. Sherry has spent several years working on Bradford genealogy beginning with her family. She is qualified as a researcher for D.A.R. genealogy. Sherry is also currently co-editing a Bradford genealogy book soon to be published. Perry Teele has always been interested in stone walls, land grants, and old homesteads in town. They will share some of their research with us. This program is free and open to the public.

Audrey Sylvester has made us aware that the "Carrigain Map" of 1816 was delivered to each town in New Hampshire. What happened to Bradford's? In 1803, a bill was passed to cause the several towns, parishes, and places within this state to make a survey for a map of the state. The map was to include roads, rivers, falls, lakes and other natural features. The towns would be fined if the surveys were late. The North Country tracts had yet to be thoroughly explored and, of the submitted maps from the rest of the state, 130 were sent back to be corrected. Phineas Merrill, an extremely competent surveyor, worked with Carrigain who was New Hampshire Secretary of State when the project began. The map, four feet by five feet, was engraved in Philadelphia. Of the 250 copies, the New Hampshire State Library, State Historical Society, State Archives, and Conway each have one. Others are at Dartmouth College, the Library of Congress, and Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville. Accurate and handsomely embellished, it would be a treasure to find stored in some forgotten place in town.

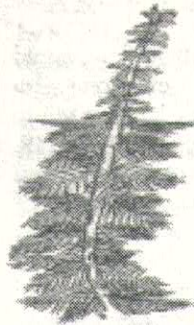
—Milly Kittredge

Your Editors would like to invite comments and suggestions for making this truly a neighborhood newspaper. Would you like to see more minutes of meetings (we'll need stringers to cover the events), more pictures of events, more listings of area events? What is important to you?

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Milfoil Update

As you look at Lake Massasecum—either from the road or the water—you will notice a net across the north end of the Lake. Once again, the 10-acre cove has been closed off by net and signs restricting the use of this area. Milfoil, an aggressive non-native aquatic vegetation, was first noticed here in 1996. In 1997, a chemical treatment,



VARIABLE MILFOIL

under State supervision, was ineffective in controlling the problem and the effort shifted to harvesting with the MV Milfoiler, which was developed specifically for this task. Since sunlight is a prime ingredient in this weed's proliferation, the objective of the harvesting is to keep the plant close to the bottom and limit its migration. Mesh net enclosures contain the fragments as the cutting progresses and the harvest is removed to a local farm as fertilizer (so far, the only beneficial use of this product).

The growth in the cove has not subsided, but the effort and inconvenience, at times, has kept the remaining 390 acres of the Lake free. Occasionally, a patch does take hold in other areas, but vigilance and quick response has kept it from spreading. Many lake shore residents serve as "weed watchers," clearing any floating fragments before they can take hold and reporting suspicious patches for further investigation. Such detective work is not limited to those who live on the Lake. Last fall, Betty Lalla, an avid kayaker, spotted a plant growing near the boat ramp at the south end of the Lake. This was marked and has been dealt with by divers from NHDES.

It does truly take the whole community, working together, to keep Lake Massasecum open for everyone to enjoy.

—Marcia Keller

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a casual dress square dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, August 9. Lee Kennedy will call A1 from 7:00–8:00pm and Mainstream/Plus from 8:00–10:30pm. Doris T-Bow will cue the rounds. Admission is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. Spectators are free and always made welcome. You may call Bob Trombley at 763–3044 for more information.



Bradford is proud of its volunteer fire and emergency services, and presents them gleaming for the Parade...

photo by B. Leo

Fish and Game Club T-shirts

The Bradford Fish and Game Club is raising money for their youth programs by selling T-shirts for both children and adults. The T-shirts are on sale at Dickie's Sporting Goods on Route 103 in Newbury or by calling Paul Gross at 938–5566. The club requests a \$10.00 donation per shirt.

—Paul Gross

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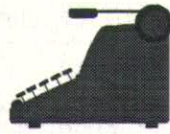
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Letters

To the editor:

Joan Lettvin and Phyllis Wilcox would like to say thank you to everyone who helped make the Lettvin Chamber Music Series a smashing success on July 18 and 19. We have had the biggest crowds ever and we're still reveling in the remembrance of the wonderful music that was provided by the artists: Cellist Agnieszka Dziubak and pianist Olga Talrose on Friday night, and duo pianists James Winn and Ken Osowski on Saturday night. The music was extraordinary on both nights with standing ovations during the performances. What a wonderful treat we had on two cloudless nights at the Bradford Center Meeting House.

Some people have worried that we will not be able to handle crowds of people in future performances at the Center Meeting House, but part of the charm and ambience is largely due to the pastoral setting and the historic meeting house. It is impossible to think of another place for the Lettvin Series.

Thank you to the Committee of the Lettvin Series, the boards of the Union Congregational Society and the Bradford Area Community Center, special thanks to: Carol Conforti-Adams, Edythe Craig, Mary Keegan-Dayton, Bev Leo, Beth Rodd and Audrey Sylvester. And many thanks to the helpers: Bob Blank, John Greenwood, Susan Smith, Carol and Doug Troy and Brian Wilcox. Special thanks to ushers: Loretta Adams and Elizabeth Betz.

Also thanks to our advertisers, underwriters, angels and sponsors. Many of the people who purchased tickets at the door said, "Keep the change." The money is going to a great program and two worthwhile organizations: the BAAC, and the UCS. Once again the 1838 Meeting House has rung with the music of Beethoven, Shostakovich, Brahms, Mozart, Ravel, Chopin and Schubert. Boston, Hanover and all the great seats of classical music performances can never duplicate our powerful two days of world class classical entertainment.

Phyllis Wilcox



Phyllis Wilcox and Joan Lettvin spearheaded the Lettvin Chamber Music Series Concerts.



BWC Update

Thanks to Marlene Fryler and Jane Lucas, two Bradford Women's Club members, for a great July 4th celebration. The cutest parade couple was Tracy Foor and husband Rob in their Navy whites. Thanks to all the BWC ladies and their husbands who helped make our sausage and meatball stand a success.

The next executive meeting will be August 12 at 9:30am downstairs at the Community Center. A craft workshop will follow at the Mountain Lake Inn at 11:00am. Bring a lunch. All are invited. There will be no membership meeting in August.

—Barbara Vannata, President

BWC Craft Workshops

The Bradford Women's Club Christmas Craft Workshops are currently underway at the Mountain Lake Inn. Below is the current schedule. Hope to see you there.

August 12, 11:00am (Bring a bag lunch)

August 26, 7:00pm

September 9, 11:00am (Bring a bag lunch)

September 23, 7:00pm

September 30, 11:00am (Bring a bag lunch)

October 14, 11:00am (Bring a bag lunch)

October 28, 7:00pm (Wrap-up)

We need as many able hands as we can get. For further information contact Jean Gaito at 456-3779 or Erica Gross at 938-5566.

—Tracy Foor

Planning Board Notes

Time for a brief update of Planning Board activities over the past few months. Following the March Town Meeting, the Board re-elected Bob Foor as Chair and elected Edythe Craig, Vice-Chair.

Action continued on various aspects of applications from OE Trucking on Breezy Hill Road (the former Kearsarge Reel property). A modified site plan was approved to allow Classic Cut Stone to conduct operations at one of the lots created by an earlier subdivision. In June, the Board conducted a site walk and determined that the conditions set for approval of the overall site plan had been met. The Board voted approval, but brought an issue of sand that had been pushed over the bank near the Warner River to the attention of the Conservation Commission. The Commission will work with the owner, Martyn Chivers, to correct the problem.

A preliminary consultation was held for the Solitude Ridge project on Fairgrounds Road. The developer, Mike Carter, working with NHDES, is addressing issues relating to wetlands violations. The Board reviewed the plans and offered comments, but no action will be taken until the application is submitted and reviewed by Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.

On July 10, the Board accepted an application for a four lot subdivision on Center Road, land owned by the Thalia Brown

Trust. Three lots will be for residential use, with an existing house on one lot. The fourth lot surrounds an old cemetery on Burial Hill and will be offered to the Town at next year's Town Meeting. The access to that lot was approved as a modified street plat in order to allow the Town to more easily maintain the cemetery.

A Site Plan application was presented by RCS Designs for a dog breeding facility operated by Wanda Watson on Ring Hill Road. Abutters present expressed concern about continuing noise from the facility, the delay in presenting the site plan, and disruption of the neighborhood. Because several items were not complete, the application was not accepted and the hearing was continued to August 12 at 8:00pm.

A site plan was presented for Breezy Hill Storage to add a fourth building in a location different from the original plan. After discussion of setbacks and the size of the new building (24' x 100'), the Board determined that the plan represented a modification of the existing plan and that no public hearing was required. Approval was unanimous.


Over the next few months, the Board will review the 1997 Master Plan and update it as needed to meet Bradford's planning objectives for the near future. A community survey to gather public opinion will be one of the first tasks in this project. Stay tuned.

—Marcia Keller, Planning Board



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We invite all to become involved as volunteers for activities in the Center. If you have any suggestions to assist us in improving facilities or planning programs at the Center, please call or stop in to see our Director. The Governance Board meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5:30pm. Thank you for your continued support.

—Nancy Hibbard and Dawn Rich

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

July 5 was a fun day for the library. We had another very successful book sale and won first prize for our Independence Day Parade float! A million thanks to the "Float Committee": Erica Gross, Lynn Horigan, Rod Jones, and Paul and Bruce of Bradford Excavating. They worked like maniacs and did a spectacular job.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for organizing the Summer Reading Program. We had four weeks of good stories and fun dinosaur crafts. Lost River Gorge has offered a special deal to participants in the program. Each child has free admission with a paying adult. Come by the library to pick up a letter that certifies your child's participation in the Summer Reading Program if you are interested in this offer. Thank you Debbie Bruss, Denise Fairbank, Lyn Betz, and Sarah Harvey for leading the four programs.

We expect to have one more book sale this summer, look for flyers announcing the date.

Here are some of the latest books added to your library in July.

For adults:

To the Nines by Janet Evanovich
Parting the Desert by Zachary Karabel
The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
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July Selectmen's Meetings

July 1. Bruce Bowie met with the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police to question the long response time to vandalism at his store on East Main Street. Mr. Bowie presented the Board with a letter outlining his complaints and listing the events of the day in question. Selectmen asked the chief to respond. The chief stated he would not discuss the matter in a public session and would meet with the Board in a non-public session to discuss the situation.

Bob Stewart met with the Selectmen and the Chief regarding security for the rides for the Independence Day celebration. The Chief indicated the Town Selectmen established the coverage times, and other coverage would need to be done as special details because of his budget. Mr. Stewart questioned the possibility of getting officers to volunteer their time. The Chief did not feel the possibility of volunteers was very promising.

The Highway crew will start their summer hours on July 7. The crew will be working four ten-hour days per week. The crew will not be working on Fridays.

Selectmen received a copy of the letter from Ken Brown regarding the subdivision of land on Center Road to include the donation of land to access Burial Hill Cemetery. Selectmen will need to place a warrant to accept donated land on the March 2004 Town Meeting agenda. Conditions on the gift are pending acceptance of the subdivision by the Planning Board and earmark the land for use as an access to the cemetery.

Selectmen received a copy of a recorded deed from the Lamach's to the Town of Bradford, forwarded by the Town attorney, to correct the intersection of Cheney Hill Road and Center Road.

Selectmen signed a current use penalty warrant for land owned by Dave Pickman.

Cheryl reported the July school pay-

ment, made on June 30, 2003. Area newspapers have reported Bradford as in arrears with its payments. The fiscal year 2002-2003 balances were all paid by June 15. The Town is not in arrears at this time.

July 15. Selectmen met with Fred Hubley regarding the installation of a play yard for the preschool at the Bradford Area Community Center. Mr. Hubley presented a plan with specifications for the Town to submit to the NH Municipal Property Liability Insurance for review. Cheryl will call Ken Ward of NH Municipal Assoc. to review the plan.

Phil Byfield of Massasecum Avenue requested the posting of "no parking" signs on Rte 114 either side of Massasecum Avenue. Parking for the boat launch has crowded cars around the entrance to Massasecum Avenue and makes exiting very dangerous. Selectmen signed a letter requesting "no parking" signs on Rte 114 as discussed above.

Selectmen received report on the Naughton Landfill testing.

Intent to cut for Cersosimo (map 15 lot 8) reviewed and signed.

Intent to cut for H+H Investments (map 15 lot 3) reviewed and signed.

—From the public minutes. Complete minutes available at the Selectmen's Office

Bradford Board of Selectmen

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Real Estate Hints:

Buying a Second Home

by Laura Hallahan

The National Association of Realtors reports that buying patterns in the first quarter of 2003 show a marked shift toward second homes purchased as an investment. 15 percent of homebuyers were either purchasing a second home, already owned a second home, or were buying a new primary residence and keeping their existing property as a second home. Typical second homebuyers are 47 years old and have a household income of \$85,900; 66% are married couples; 58% bought detached, single-family homes; 21% purchased in a resort or rural area; and 66% purchased in an urban area. While 78% of second homeowners used the home for recreational purposes, the number who are purchasing purely as an investment has risen from 20% in 1999 to 37% last year. The median price for a second home during the first quarter of 2003 was \$150,000, up 6.1% from 2001 figures, and this figure may continue to increase as inventory for vacation and investment properties is low and demand is high.

Experts advise that, if you are thinking about purchasing a second home, remember that you have two friends on your side: time and your primary home's equity. You already have a place to live, so you don't need to rush into buying the first home you see. You can actually weigh all the pros and cons and determine if it is the right house for you. Ask yourself if you will really use the second home enough to make it worth the money. Many people join a health club with great enthusiasm and are no longer working out a few weeks or months later. Also think about how the house will appreciate and how much you will have to spend for any association dues, landscaping and other maintenance, and taxes. If you do decide to buy, purchasing a second home isn't much different from buying a primary residence if you aren't planning to rent it out regularly. You can use the equity you have built up in your primary residence to help you purchase the home; the mortgage rate will be the same or better than with your primary home and, depending on your circumstances, you might be able to deduct the mortgage interest. Finally, if you find a house you love, buy it. Don't wait around hoping that the price will be lower for a waterfront cottage in the winter as most home values don't fluctuate by season.



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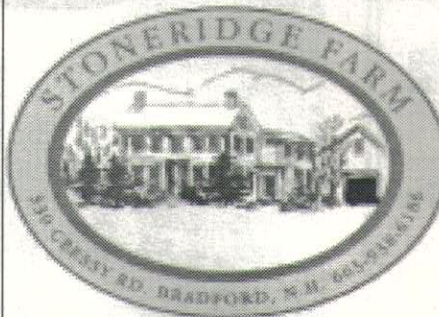


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It's Hot!

With the hot summer weather upon us, it seems like a good time to talk about the effects of overheating. The most common result of exertion in hot weather is dehydration. If you are working or playing hard in the heat, drink plenty of fluids before, during, and after your exercise. If you are sweating profusely you can easily become dehydrated. Dehydration can also occur in situations that don't produce much noticeable sweating, such as swimming hard in an indoor pool. Thirst is a poor indicator of dehydration—by the time you feel thirsty you are already significantly dehydrated. A headache and becoming dizzy when you stand up suddenly are signs of serious dehydration. Drink cool water slowly and rest in a cool place until you feel better.

There are three more serious effects of overheating: heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. If any of these occur, call 911 to summon the Rescue Squad. Oxygen and fluid therapy are required for these conditions, as well as hospital evaluation.

Heat cramps are caused by loss of water and salt, and happen most often in the young. Cramps or pains in the abdomen and

legs are accompanied by nausea and vomiting, weakness and sweating. People suffering heat exhaustion are pale and sweating profusely. They also have the headache and dizziness associated with dehydration, thirst, and normal or slightly elevated temperature.

Heat exhaustion occurs often in young children and people taking diuretics.

Heat stroke, the third condition, is an extreme medical emergency. The body's temperature regulating mechanism has failed and can no longer get rid of heat. People suffering heat stroke usually have hot, dry and red skin, and are usually not sweating at all. They may be confused or irrational, nauseous, and short of breath. Sometimes a person may be lethargic, nauseous, and dizzy for a few days before developing heat stroke, or it may occur suddenly during a period of heavy exertion.

Be aware of your fluid intake in this hot weather, and make sure your children get adequate fluids. If you suspect heat cramps, heat exhaustion, or heat stroke call 911 right away.

—Deborah Bede, EMT-I



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South Newbury Union Church

The South Newbury Union Church will hold its thirteenth annual Church Fair and Flea Market on Saturday, August 9 from 9:00am-2:00pm. The fair will be held, rain or shine, at the Friendship House in South Newbury. This year's fair features a Chinese auction, a raffle, food, music, entertainment, and a miniature flower show.

All are cordially invited to submit arrangements to the Miniature Flower Show in two sizes: up to five inches tall, and up to seven inches tall. Fair visitors will have the opportunity to vote for the best in each category, as well as "best in show". Entries should be received Friday, August 8 from 6:00-7:00pm or Saturday, August 9 from 7:00-8:00am.

Our raffle this year features four great items: Adirondack chairs; a two-month free membership at "Curves for Women" in Newport; a Talking Caller ID with Voice Announce; and a 20" by 30" professional floral photograph. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The drawing will be held the afternoon of the Fair. Winners need not be present. The proceeds will benefit the South Newbury Union Church work and mission.

For more information call Gail at 938-2064.

—Gail Bostic



First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Men's Fellowship: The Mens' Fellowship Group will meet Wednesday, August 6 at 7:30pm at the home of Fred & Lynne Hubley.

The Young Continentals: This young energetic singing group will be back at our church on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00pm. There will be a free will offering taken.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The August meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13 at 7:30pm. The program will be installing the new officers for the year 2003-2004 and approving the budget. Light summer refreshments will be served.

Post 4th of July Fair Meeting: On Sunday, August 17, immediately following the worship service, we will have a "Post Fair Meeting" to discuss suggestions and new ideas on how to make the fair even better.

Fellowship Dinner: On Monday, August 18 at 6:00pm the church will have their monthly fellowship dinner. The menu will be lemon chicken breast, rice pilaf, garden vegetables, rolls, and a summer dessert. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12. Children under the age of 3 are free.

Bradford Community Food Pantry: The August distribution date is Wednesday, August 20 from 6:00-6:30pm. Food can also be picked up at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Bradford Center Meeting House Worship Service: On Sunday, August 24 at 10:00am, we will hold our worship service at the historic Bradford Center Meeting House.

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Obituaries

RAYMOND A. HAMILTON

NEWBURY - Raymond Arthur Hamilton, 79, of Gillingham Drive, died July 23 from a massive stroke.

He was born in Warner, the son of William and Ruth (Flint) Hamilton.

He graduated from Simonds Free High School in Warner and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire, where he played semi-pro baseball for the *Portsmouth Herald*. He earned master's degrees from Keene and Plymouth State colleges and a CAGS from Boston University.

He served in the 15th Army Air Force during World War II. He was a B-17 pilot and flew 50 missions over Europe while stationed in Foggia, Italy.

He received Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as a Presidential Unit Citation.

He summered in Newbury and wintered in Holiday, Fla.

Hamilton worked as a teacher and coach in Bristol and Goffstown; as a high school principal for seven years in Bradford, Vt.; as a high school principal in East Bridgewater, Mass., for four years; and as superintendent principal for Whitman-Hanson Regional High School in Whitman, Mass., until retiring in 1985.

While living in Bradford, Vt., he served as a Little League coach, as a Webelo Boy Scout troop leader, and as president of the Vermont Math Association.

He actively attended church, enjoyed sports of all kinds, and was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Allene (Simpson) Hamilton of Newbury and Holiday, Fla.; two sons, Wade Hamilton of Yarmouth, Maine, and Jere Hamilton of Paris; a brother, Donald Hamilton of California; three sisters, Marion Hall of Bradford, Emma Tillotson of Concord and Eleanor O'Sheske of Connecticut; eight grandchildren; a great-grandson; and nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours.

Memorial Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Bradford on July 26. Burial with military honors was held at Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Bradford, P.O. Box 57, Bradford 03221; or the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221.

KATHLEEN ANDERSON

Kathleen C. Anderson, 82, of Old Warner Road, died July 6 at New London Hospital.

She was born in Middletown Springs, Vt., the daughter of Clement and Gertrude (Ballard) Mitchell.

She lived in Vermont until moving to Bradford in 1934.

She loved to cook and have people over for a meal.

Anderson liked gardening. She also was fond of wild turkeys, dogs, and cats.

Survivors include two sons, Arnold Anderson and Kenneth Anderson, both of Bradford; a daughter, Beverly Anderson of Newbury; three sisters, Maida Rogers of Warner and Della Chadwick and Meta Greenough, both of Concord; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Her husband, Gordon Anderson, died in 1994; a sister, Dorothy Barker, and a brother, Clement Mitchell, also died previously.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221.



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transfer to a bowl and chill

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

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August 1, 7:00pm Charlie Brown, 100 Years of Main Street Warner Businesses

August 3, 1:00pm Brad Marion, Poetry Reading from his book, *Still the Thrush Sings*.

August 8, 7:00pm Richard King & Friends, Outdoor Concert - Donations

August 10, 1:30-4:30pm, Shape Note Singing, Early American tradition of unaccompanied group singing - All Welcome

August 15, 7:00pm, Carter Mountain 20 Piece Brass Band. Free, bring a lawn chair.

August 17, 1:00pm, Scenes from Shakespeare, presented by Alchemist Workshop

August 24, 1:00pm, Maxine Kumin, discussing and reading from her newest collection of poetry, *Bringing Together: Uncollected early Poems 1958-1988*.

August 29, 7:00pm, Breezy Hill, Eclectic & Original Acoustical Tunes. Outdoors - Donations



"Bright And Beautiful" Exhibit Opens At Fells

The Fells will be bright and beautiful as New London artist Jennifer T. Hansen unveils some of her latest work July 25 at The Fells Main House Gallery, Route 103A, Newbury. Hansen has a growing reputation for her work in landscapes of both the West Coast and New Hampshire. Hansen's exhibit, aptly titled "Bright and Beautiful," includes a variety of local scenes and landscapes in all four seasons, including some paintings of The Fells. The exhibit will be on display at The Fells through Sept. 1.

New London Barn Playhouse, 84 Main Street, New London
2003 Summer Season

Chicago, July 29-August 3

42nd Street August 5-10, August 12-17

Brigadoon August 19-24, August 26-31

Forever Plaid, August 11 & 25

On Golden Pond September 2-7

Tom Sawyer August 11, at 11:00am and 2:00pm



Newbury Harbor Summer Concert Series

August 7 **Tom Pirozzoli**: folk singer/songwriter. 7:00pm

August 10 **East Bay Jazz Ensemble**: 40's Swing Band 1-3:00pm

August 14 **SmackDaddy**: Rock N' Roll 7:00pm

August 21 **Saylyn**: Reggae 7:00pm

August 28 **October Sons**: Folk Rock 7:00pm



Meg Fearnely on the library float is our Miss Information.

photo by Beth Rodd

Independence Day Thanks

The Impendence Day Committee would like to THANK BARRY WHEELER for letting us use his property for the fireworks for our Independence Day Celebration. When we were looking for a place to shoot off the fire works for our celebration we called Barry asking his permission to use his property. Without hesitation, he said yes. If he had said no, there would have been no fireworks; he said that he would let us do it so that the town could continue on with a tradition that has lasted for the last 40 or so years. He demonstrated what is so good about Bradford. When you see Barry thank him because he said that he would allow us to do it again next year.

The whole town supported us; some gave through the Bradford Patriot's letters that were sent out. Some came and gave money the week before the fire works when we had a \$3,000.00 deficit. You know who you are, so thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. There are numerous people to thank, I have only a short space and we say THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The success of the celebration is what our Town is all about, people working together for the good of the town. Let's continue by attending an open meeting for next year's celebration. The meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2003, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. If you have any ideas on improving the parade, or the whole event, please come. If you do not want to come to a meeting but would like to express your thoughts on the matter, you can e-mail them to freyley@iamnow.net

Marlene Freyler



Veterans, in a veteran car.

photo by Beth Rodd

Then...

by Milly Kittredge



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At the top of the list of re-done, pulled-down and resurrected buildings is the West Main Street "Messer Block" on the corner of Sunset Lane. First built in the mid-1800s, it had tenements, several businesses including dry goods and groceries, and the Sanitary Mattress Company. Porches were added and subtracted. The building was completely demolished in the mid 1950s. Its last business hurrah was as a garage, which then had several different managers.

Mandatory Recycling

Here's a reminder of items you must separate and recycle at the Bradford Transfer Station. If you have any questions about proper disposal of an item, please ask the attendant.

Glass—all colors, any kind of glass object
Steel cans—food cans. Please rinse cans and bottles to reduce odor and pests.

Aluminum beverage cans—beer, soda

Scrap metal—any metal item that needs to be disposed of. Ask for attendant assistance.

Newspaper—Newspaper print only, no glossy inserts

Residential Mix—Magazines; glossy inserts; cereal, beer, soda, and other food boxes; old mail; wrapping paper; shredded paper; egg cartons; and any and all clean paper

Corrugated cardboard is recycled, and includes corrugated cardboard only.

Construction & Demolition—Treated wood, painted wood, sheetrock, shingles, furniture. There is a disposal fee, see attendant

Burn pile—untreated, unpainted wood only, brush accepted

Refrigerators/Air Conditioners—accepted. There is a Freon removal charge, see attendant

Mattress/Box springs —accepted if stripped. Springs go into scrap metal, foam and material go into regular household trash

Clothing & textiles—Planet Aid container on premises

Used motor oil—accepted, see attendant

The Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, October 19. Please deliver waste to the Henniker Highway Department, Ramsdell Road, Henniker.

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Bradford Area Community Center

August Calendar

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Senior Center: Movie "Emperor's Club," 12:30pm, everyone is welcome

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Senior Center Enrichment Program Series: John Brennan lithographer, Newbury Public Library, 10:00am

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Long Term Care Questions & Answers with Claudia Messier, 10:30am by appointment, call 938-2104

Senior Center: Card Games, 12:30pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Bradford Community Corporation, 7:00am
Senior Center: Dave Poisson "Mr. Fixit," 10:00am-noon

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Linda Howes of "14 Carrots" discusses the natural approach to maintaining memory, 12:30pm

Rural Community Preservation Group at BACC, 7:00pm. Summer residents are encouraged to attend.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Basket Making Workshop (lunch included), 10:00am-3:00pm, \$45.00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Conclusion of Basket Making Workshop (lunch on your own), 10:00am-2:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Car Pool to Merrimack County Council on Aging, 8:30am

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Personal Touch Home Health Care, free blood pressure and foot care, 11:00am-12:30pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Senior Center: Picnic & swimming at Elaine's in Newbury. Meet at Senior Center 10:30am to car pool. Call 938-2104 to reserve space.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Senior Center: "The Honeymooners" TV show, 12:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Senior Center: Trip to the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough. Lunch on your own with time for shopping and browsing. Price \$7.00 per person. Meet at Senior Center to carpool at 8:45am

No lunch at Senior Center today!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Senior Center: Final Registration for Tufts Strong Living Program, 1:00pm
BACC Governance Board, 5:30-7:00pm

Note: The Senior council meeting at BACC for August has been canceled. Fall activities of the Saturday Seniors begins September 6 with a pot luck picnic at the home of Jean and Dick Kennedy, Chittenden Road, Lake Massasecum. There will be a grill ready for you to cook your own hot dogs and hamburgers. For other dishes, please call Marion Hall at 938-5387 to discuss what is needed. For directions to the Kennedy's please call Ona Ruchti at 938-5330.

Ongoing Activities

Senior Center Craft Club, Mondays, 10:00am-noon

Bridge Group, Mondays, 1:30-4:00pm, Community Room

Senior Center Luncheon, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, Community Room (except Aug. 12)

Yoga Class (Not Advanced), Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am, Community Room (except Aug 13). Call Fran at 456-3099 to register.

Walk around the Block, Thursdays, 11:00am

Weight Watchers, Thursdays, 5:15-7:00pm, Community Room

Computer Tutoring, Fridays, 10:00am. Beginners: first and third Fridays, Advanced: second and fourth Fridays. For information call Bev Leo at 938-2996.

Heirloom Birth Certificate Art Contest

The State of New Hampshire's Bureau of Vital Records is sponsoring a statewide art contest to create New Hampshire's first-ever Heirloom Birth Certificate. The contest, which is open to artists of all ages and abilities, runs through **September 2**. The only requirement is that the artist, or his or her parents, must currently live in New Hampshire. The purpose of this art contest is to design a colorful birth certificate that embraces the heritage inherent of being a New Hampshire native as well as promoting parental nurturing.

The winning design will be unveiled at a press conference held at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester on **October 31**. The artist will receive an honorarium. The top five designs will subsequently be displayed at the Anderson-Soule Gallery in Concord during the month of November.

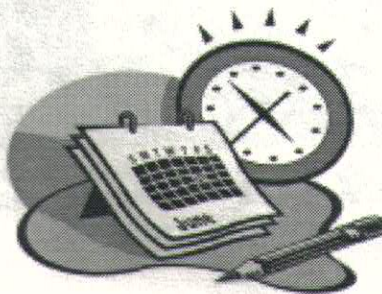
To learn more about this contest, including the submission requirements, simply download the Application Kit (PDF) at the state health department's website: www.dhhs.state.nh.us.

Program Information

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

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

For Kearsarge Area Pre-School information, contact Heather Cooper at 938-2668.



Outside

by Ann Eldridge

The Turtle

by Ogden Nash

The turtle lives 'twixt plated decks
which practically conceal its sex.
I find it clever of the turtle
in such a fix to be so fertile.

Yes, assigning the correct pronoun to a turtle, he or she, is difficult unless one looks for clues less blatantly sexual but, with turtles, more obvious.

It is the wood turtle, *Clemmys insculpta*, that I wish to speak of here.

"Insculpta" refers to the carved wood appearance of the carapace. This top deck is an adaptation of fused ribs which affords a degree of protection. Unlike its close relation the smooth-shelled spotted turtle, the wood turtle's scutes are raised like eroded pyramids. The annual growth rings are prominent. Similar to the spotted turtle, males have longer tails, heavier heads, and larger forelegs than the females. The plastron of both sexes of the wood turtle has dark perimeter blotches. The lower shell of the male, however, is slightly concave, the better to adhere to the female's convex carapace. Long toenails are considered very masculine among turtles while the females have short claws for digging nests.

One of the earliest turtles to appear in the spring, those early days of peaceful sun absorption are critical for the wood turtle. Both sexes have attractive reddish orange legs and necks which they may extend in elaborate poses while basking. Sunlight is necessary for metabolizing vitamins in their diet. As ectotherms, they rely on external warmth rather than internally generated heat. Over the course of a day and the changing of the seasons, they vary their movements specifically to these needs.

As the name might suggest, wood turtles spend a good deal of time out of the water. They range in uplands along slow-moving rivers and streams, also making use of other wetland systems. They relish a wide variety of vegetation and invertebrate life: berries, mushrooms, moss, larvae, small fish, slugs, and even carrion. Extremely patient observers note that they employ a stomping technique to bring earthworms to the surface. More aquatic species, like the painted turtle, are unable to eat if out of the water.

After spring warm-up, a wood turtle soon contemplates the important business of reproduction. Courtship rituals among turtles involve a good bit of following, chasing, and face to face head bobbing. Wood turtles may engage in this head swaying for

several hours before proceeding to the water for consummation of the relationship. Unusual among North American turtles, wood turtles are said to vocalize in soft whistles when courting.

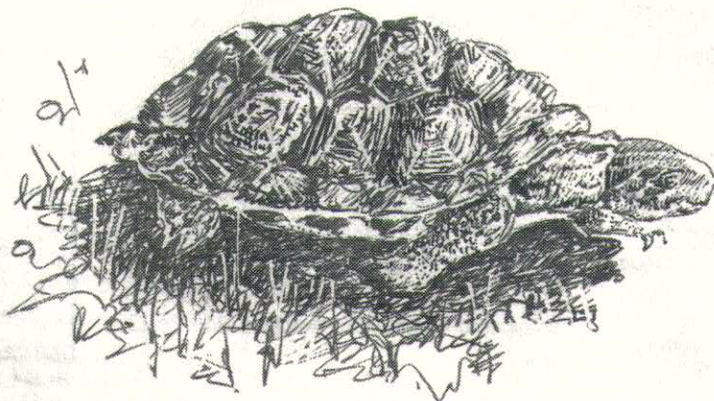
In May or June the female painstakingly digs a nest in a suitable sandy/gravel matrix, the process consuming several vulnerable hours. In addition, she may have spent extra energy digging "false" nests. On average, six to eight elliptical white eggs are deposited. Within hours or days the developing embryo rises up to attach to the upper shell membrane. Any turning or addling of the egg at this time could disrupt this fragile attachment. Relocating a nest constructed in a hazardous site can only be attempted with extreme care. Nestlings may over-winter frozen in the nest before departing in the spring. Unlike related turtles, the sex of wood turtles seems to be determined genetically and not by the temperature of the nest site.

As many as half of the nests will be destroyed by raccoons, skunks, weasels, canines, and domestic dogs and cats. Few nestlings will survive to maturity. Young wood turtles are rarely seen and their habits are not well known. All turtles are long-lived under decent circumstances. The eastern box turtle is the longest living vertebrate on this continent. Sometimes surpassing 120 years, they tend to outlive the researchers studying them. A wood turtle might

achieve sexual maturity in perhaps seven to ten years and then, if all goes well, live on into its thirties. (One is documented as reaching fifty-eight years of age.) Though the survival of nestlings is low, until fairly recently they have been able to maintain a constant adult population by having a long reproductive life.

Once as common in New England as painted turtles, wood turtles are now listed as a "species of concern." Their numbers are in steep decline due to habitat loss and overcollection. Bradford is notable as a location for some of this dwindling population. Lawns, roads, and logging operations are some of the obvious hazards for these unassuming, slow-moving animals.

It is neither the plated decks nor a lack of fertility that has them in such a fix.



August Calendar

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Bradford Economic Opportunity Commit-
tee, Community Center, 7:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Bradford Independence Day Committee,
Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Bradford Women's Club executive meet-
ing, BACC, 9:30am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm
Brown Memorial Library Fundraiser,
Texas BBQ at Thistle & Shamrock,
5:00-8:00pm
Navy Band from Narragansett, RI. Concert
at Brown Shattuck field, sponsored by
Bradford Independence Day Commit-
tee. 7:00-9:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

BEOC Meeting, BACC, 7:00-9:00

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall,
7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 6:30

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Historical Society Program "Bradford's His-
toric Homes & Their Families," Old Post
Office, 7:30pm

Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at
Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post
Office, open most Saturdays from
1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call
938-5386

Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: Noon-7:00pm
Tuesday: 7:00-11:30am, 12:30-5:00pm
Friday: 8:00am-12:00noon, 1:00-5:00pm

TELEPHONE: 938-2288, 938-2094



To list events for the September Calendar, please call
Beth Rodd at 938-2692
or e-mail bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com before
August 20.

Classifieds

FOR SALE. Beanie Babies & Beanie Bud-
dies, mint condition. All have been kept
in collection condition. Many are originals
produced for a short time only. Babies \$5
each, Buddies \$7 each. Call 938-2056
evenings if interested in viewing.

FOR SALE. Two complete day beds. Clas-
sic white wrought iron with brass accents.
Beautiful piece of furniture which will
compliment any room. Retail \$250 a piece,
will sell for \$150 each. Call 938-2056
evenings for viewing.

FOR SALE. Oak baby crib, excellent con-
dition/like new. Purchased at Tiny Tots
Land, Manchester. Asking \$75. Available
to view by calling 938-2056 evenings.

BABYSITTER available. Experienced, 16
yrs old. CPR/First Aid Certified. Call
456-2565

CONSCIENTIOUS HOUSEKEEPER
looking for a few houses to clean;
reliable, reasonable, flexible. Call Dotty
at 938-5930. Leave message if no answer.

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

Bradford Bridge September deadlines

Display ads	August 20
Classified ads	August 23
Articles	August 20



Bradford Independence Day Parade

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