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Beth Rodd and Beverly Leo Will Continue Bradford Tradition



Beverly Leo and Beth Rodd

The *Bradford Bridge* will continue a thirteen-year tradition of providing local news for neighbors, by neighbors, under the volunteer leadership of Beth Rodd and Beverly Leo. I asked each of them to give me a little background information I could use to write an article introducing them. Since their replies seemed to need no editing, I have included them below as written. Several other people who called to ask about the job will, I hope, form a new corps of volunteers who will not only continue but improve the *Bradford Bridge* in the years ahead.

It has been a privilege to serve as editor for the past five years, and the list of people who have helped out in one way or another is prohibitively long (see the mast head on page 2 for a list of the volunteers who currently produce and distribute this paper). Special thanks go to Andrew Pinard for teaching me what I needed to know to handle the technical aspects of producing a newspaper, to Susie Janicki for continuing that education and helping out when I hit a rocky stretch in my life, and to Meg Fearnley, assistant editor, for quietly doing most of the work while I got most of the credit.

—Lyn Betz

Beth Rodd:

I was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY and graduated from Notre Dame College and received a Masters Degree in Social Work from Hunter College School of Social Work. For many years I worked in the social services field in NYC with homeless people, psychiatric patients, and destitute families. I had a brief stint as a school social worker and worked at a prison (Riker's Island, Dante's Inferno) before coming to NH to recuperate from a car accident (I was hit while riding a bike, a fortuitous event as it turned out). After meeting Carey I decided to stick around for the next seventeen years and I'm glad

Rural Character Group Sets Agenda

The initial meeting of the as-yet-unnamed ad hoc rural character exploration committee was held on May 12th and was attended by twenty four landowners, some traveling quite a distance to be there. Present were people affiliated with the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historical Society, Conservation Commission, Women's Club, Community Center, and Central Regional NH Planning Commission.

The agenda focused on the potential mission and activities of the group. The consensus of the participants was that the mission should be centered on maintaining the rural character of the Town through preserving historic structures, recreational areas and trails, open space, and thus a "small-town" feel. The group also discussed what actions it could undertake to fulfill that mission. Four activities were decided upon, and it was suggested that the task force separate into four subcommittees which would:

- 1) Identify the features that are significant to maintaining the Town's rural character. These values could be identified through Town studies and surveys such as the last Master Plan survey and the Cornerstone Project of some years ago. Existing maps that identify natural, historic, and recreational resources would also be used. More public input would be solicited. Once priorities have been identified, the subcommittee would work with appropriate and willing landowners to try to find ways to preserve their properties in ways beneficial to them and to the Town as a whole.

- 2) Educate Town residents and landowners about the importance of development planning to retain a reasonable acreage in "open space". This allows the Town to grow while retaining the small-town quality of life and without overburdening the Town schools and services.

- 3) Interact with Town boards on a

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Beth Rodd/Bev Leo at the address, FAX number, or e-mail address above by June 20.

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Rescue Squad Member Profiles: Chuck and Bobbi Johnsen

Husband-and-wife team Chuck and Bobbi Johnsen are both EMTs with the Bradford Rescue Squad. Bobbi has a B.A. in education and is the Assistant Director of the Kearsarge Children's Center in Warner. Chuck, who has a B.A. in Electronics and Robotics, has a custom embroidery company in Warner with his parents, Max Recognition. He brought his expertise with automated equipment to the business, his father brought skills from the Harvard Business School and years of experience, and his mother brought fine sewing skills. After ten years in Warner, they will be moving the company to Rowe Mountain Road in Bradford in the near future.

Bobbi grew up in Hopkinton, and her grandfather was Commissioner for two Fire Departments in Connecticut; her brother has volunteered for local departments. She grew interested in emergency medicine after learning CPR for her job, and became an EMT on the Warner Rescue Squad. She is also a CPR and First Aid Instructor for the Red Cross. Bobbi and Chuck met when he was making the embroidered sweatshirts worn by the Rescue Squad, and they were married just a few months later in Bradford Center. They chose the date 9/11 (1999) to symbolize their commitment to rescue work. After they married they moved to Bradford; Bobbi joined the Bradford Rescue Squad as an EMT and Chuck volunteered as a driver. As his interest grew, Chuck went on to take the First Responder course, and this year he became an EMT himself.

Both Chuck and Bobbi feel strongly about giving back to their community, and get their reward from the connections they make with the people of Bradford and the surrounding towns. Chuck remembers having a car accident one very cold winter night ten years ago and being rescued by the Squad. He sees the donation of his time to the Rescue Squad as a chance to repay the care he received then. His compensation is seeing the smiles on the faces of patients' family members when he runs into them in the grocery store. Bobbi says it feels good to try to make a difference in people's lives. The Johnsens live on Breezy Hill Road with Bobbi's nine-year old son Nate.

—Deborah Bede

George Chase at The Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop is privileged to have George Chase speak to them recently about some of the problems the State Legislature deals with and legislation that will be coming up for a vote. Mr. Chase lives in Hopkinton and served his District in the legislature from 1999 to 2000. Before his retirement, he taught math at St. Paul's School for 34 years. His hobbies are tree farming, gardening, and ornithology. Although he does not now serve in the legislature, he discussed several items of interest to the Workshop such as the process a law goes



George Chase with Workshop members Shirley Markie and Elsa Weir

through before it is enacted, the fact that funding for the LCHIP program which strives to preserve historic and scenic treasures in New Hampshire is at risk for funding in an effort to balance the budget, and also concerns in the Dept. of Human Services such as: the cost of hospital care, needs of teenagers in areas such as substance abuse, child rearing needs especially those in single parent families, and the lack of public transportation.

Mr. Chase encouraged us to make a trip to the State House to attend a public hearing and emphasized that there are many opportunities for citizens to impact the legislative process; among them are testifying at hearings, writing letters and making phone calls to one's representative. Most Senators and Representatives welcome phone calls at home since many don't have offices at the State House and have little or no staff to help them gather information. In New Hampshire each legislator represents just 3,000 citizens. This low ratio, which is better than any other state, illustrates the importance of the impact citizens can impart to their representatives.

—Clare Bensley

New England Shakespeare Ensemble in Bradford



Bradford resident Laurie Buchar

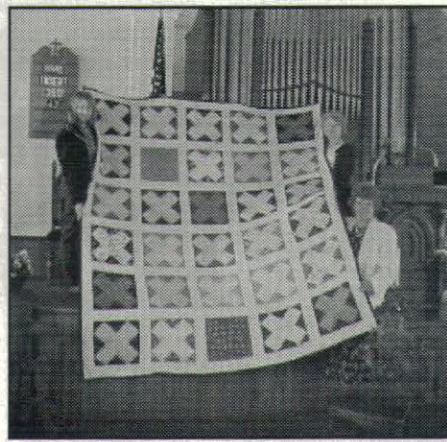


Michael Littman and Terry Stoecker

Spend an evening with the New England Shakespeare Ensemble on Saturday, June 21 from 6:00–9:00pm at the Bradford Center Meeting House. A troupe of salon players will provide 40 minutes of scenes from Shakespeare's comedies to delight you. Refreshments will be provided. Donations appreciated. For information call Laurie Buchar at 938–5372.

Church Fair July 5

On July 5 from 9:00am until 3:00pm the First Baptist Church on West Main Street in Bradford will hold its Annual Church Fair in the church parking lot. We will open at 9:00am with used books, plants, antiques and collectibles, jewelry, children's toys, baked goods, cookies, crafts, white elephant items, games for young children to play, and a hand-made quilt raffle. At 11:00am the Little Red Wagon from UNH will be performing for young children (sponsored by the E. Warren Smith Fund). At 11:30am ice cream sundaes will be available and our hotdog luncheon will be served. At 3:00pm we will close with the drawing for the quilt raffle. We have a limited amount of space available for vendors. If you are interested, please call Cheryl McDonald at 938–2879 for more details.



Sheila Denoncourt, Cheryl McDonald, and Marcia Strout display the quilt made by the women of the First Baptist Church of Bradford. It is called "Light and Dark" and is made of colorful prints of light squares surrounded by darker triangles. It will be raffled off on July 5, 2003 at 3:00PM at the First Baptist Church Fair.

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

April 28. Adelyne Elyse Hayward was born to Mark and Meloney in Lebanon, NH.

May 3. Glenn August Slatunas was born to Glenn and Heidi in Concord.

May 5. Joseph O. Battles died in New London.

May 19. Reilly Nicole Swislosky was born to Peter and Kimberly in Concord.

Starting June 1st there will be a \$1.00 penalty for each dog registered. As of July 1st, there will be a \$2.00 penalty plus a \$25.00 forfeiture fee. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOG(S) NOW.

The first half tax bills went out May 16. If you did not receive one or if there is a problem with your bill, please call this office or the Selectmen's Office. The bills are due July 1, 2003.

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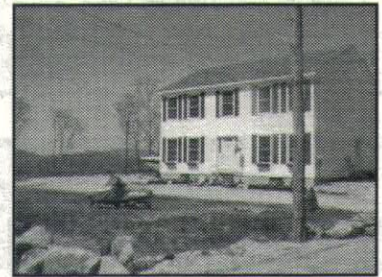
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To the editor:

THANK YOU LYN: You have been a wonderful and dedicated friend to the Bradford community as editor and publisher of the Bradford Bridge. We all have looked forward to its publication each month. Thank you for all the time, effort and patience you have given to the Bradford Bridge. You did an excellent job. Good luck and much happiness in your next venture.

Sincerely, Dawn and Marv Rich

To the editor:

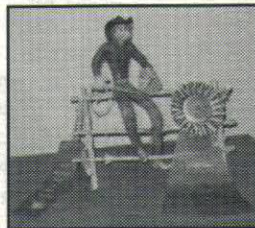
Moving to Florida? Please be careful. A commission, named Destination Florida, has been formed by Governor Jeb Bush to help lure retirees to the Sunshine State when they retire. The words being used describe the state with many positive thoughts, and not one negative item is ever mentioned. It seems like a retiree's paradise. Well, I would like to warn you on just one little item, which could cost you plenty.

There is a state law; Florida Statutes 713, which is named the Florida Construction Lien Law. This is an anti-consumer law from the word go. If you are planning to retire here and build that dream retirement home, you could wind up "paying twice" for that home. Here's how it works. If you sign a contract with a builder to construct a new home for you; pay him and he, the builder, fails to pay suppliers, sub-contractors and any bills generated by the building of the home; then you the owner may face liens that will be filed against you as the owner. You can be forced to pay twice. In cases over years, many guilders have closed their doors suddenly, skipped town or have filed for bankruptcy protection. They leave unpaid bills for materials and work performed which you the homeowner are now left with. All those who have unpaid bills will look to you for payment, even though you paid the guilder already. You can be forced into court and have your property sold against your will to pay the debts.

This law was enacted to home construction in 1963 and there is zero defense from it for the consumer. This letter is being sent to hundreds of newspapers in hope that you can be alerted to this danger. To view, go to www.flsenate.gov/welcome, then click on bills and documents, scroll to senate bill SB-2458, scroll to Bill Text and click on Web Page dated 4/11/2003. Warnings appear on page two.

Casimir J. Smerecki, Inverness, FL

Bradford Craftswomen Win Top Prizes



Bradford craftswomen Lynn Horigan and Caroline Verity both took Blue Ribbons (First Prize) at the Annual Sheep & Wool Festival held in May at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds. Lynn won in the Three-Dimensional Needle Felted category with her cowboy figure named Chet. Caroline won with her hand-spun vest made from Blue-faced Leicester sheep's wool. The winners competed against 81 entries submitted from 45 contestants. Lynn (co-owner of the Thistle & Shamrock Inn) created the stick cowboy figure named Chet using a barbed needle

that causes the wool to stick (called felting) that she felted onto a wire structure. Since the photo is in black and white, readers might imagine Chet in a brown wool hat, a red shirt, and blue pants. Lynn whittled the boots from cork. Whittling was a skill Lynn enjoyed as a child. Caroline (a spinner for 18 years who demonstrates at Canterbury Shaker Village and the League of NH Cratsmen's Fair) won with a vest whose hand-made deer antler buttons were made by her weaver husband, Bob Verity. Congratulations to Lynn Horigan and Caroline Verity.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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I did because otherwise I would not have gotten the opportunity to be *Bridge* Editor. Or to meet all of the other people who enrich my life including my patient husband and two great boys, Will and Holly.

Every day I wake up and am astonished that I live in this wonderful place that has mountains and lakes that change every day with the weather, one day more magnificent than the next. Sure we have black flies, mud season and too much snow, and none of my old NY friends care to visit much, but hey, it's a magical place and every time I leave I yearn to come home after a very short time (with the exception of our annual February trip to Jamaica).

Since coming here I've worked at New Hampshire Hospital but left to raise the boys and I've been involved with many organizations as a volunteer- Women's Club, Fresh Air Fund, NH Women's Lobby, Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports, PTA, and CASA (where I continue to advocate for abused and neglected children in court). Also, I served as a state rep for four years on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. What an experience! If people realized how effective their voices were in NH, there would be a lot more involvement of citizens in government.

When it looked like the *Bridge* was doomed, I felt a sense of impending loss. It's such a wonderful paper and the primary means of Bradford citizens communicating with each other and letting all of us know what's going on in town. It's a treasure, really, and I know that we all look forward to the first of the month to catch up on news and happenings. The *Bridge* is a very important Bradford specialty. We may fight about politics, religion, and a million other things, but we all agree that the *Bridge* is a part of our local culture and a means of preserving our colorful local community spirit. I would feel terrible if we lost this treasure and when Rupert Murdoch didn't immediately grab the opportunity to publish the *Bridge*, I thought I'd beat him to it. When Bev took on the challenge, it was thrilling since she knows all things about the mystery of computers and we really like each other and work well as a duo though she's much smarter than I am and understands where cyberspace is and how to lure back disappearing e-mails and documents.

Beverly Leo:

My connection with Bradford goes way back to my father's childhood, when his family came here summers. They lived in Beverly, Mass. My Dad married a Texas gal, and they named their first-born Beverly. I have memories of Bradford from my earliest childhood but I did not move here until 1982 when my sons were 5 and 7.

After graduating from UNH with a degree in Animal Science, I joined the Peace Corps and served three years in Nepal, a magical kingdom where I learned that cultures may differ but we are all human underneath. I also learned to cook there, so my favorite foods are rice and curry! I married another volunteer, we returned to New York City, his home, and lasted for only two years of apartment dwelling and subway commuting. We moved to rural Massachusetts and had our two wonderful sons.

The idyll did not last and, after a divorce, I moved here with the boys, a cat, and a horse. I became Executive Director of the Concord SPCA, indulging my lifelong interest in animals and their welfare. I also developed an appreciation for our legislative system and have been active in animal issues in the Legislature to this day.

I met Bill Hatt, a physics professor at New England College, in 1986 and we were married in 1988. He, too, is retired now, and we love to travel.

When I retired from the SPCA, I developed my business, Chaos Design, doing graphic design and desktop publishing. I also teach computer skills, with a weekly class at the Bradford Area Community Center. I continue to be active in various organizations. I am on the Board of the NH Federation of Humane Organizations, guiding their legislative efforts to develop enlightened laws protecting animals. I am on the Board of the NH Horse Council and the NH Equine Humane Association, and a member of the Granite State Carriage Association. I am a member of the Monadnock Friends of Tibet, and publish their newsletter. And I have just joined the NH Women's Lobby!

As my plate seems so full, I resisted for several months grabbing the *Bradford Bridge*. But the last-minute appeal pulled my heartstrings and I knew with my design and layout experience I could not let the challenge slip by unanswered. I was delighted, when I volunteered, to learn that Beth Rodd had also stood up to the plate and we would be batting in tandem!

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Now that summer is finally here, take a moment to notice our garden that has been planted and nurtured by Very Special library volunteers. Our entrance is so lovely thanks to them.

Our new expanded hours are generating a lot of positive remarks from library patrons. We were very busy in May, and we really love that! Come in to the library to "check out" our newly added books.

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George Beaton Sr. Memorial Dedicated

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—Jane Lucas



Beaton Family on bench.
 Front row: Sandra Bravo, Mom
 Joan Beaton, Rachel Connerty
 Back row: George Jr., Paul, and
 Michael Beaton. Laura Beaton
 of Santa Barbara, CA and
 Charles Beaton of Bedford, NH
 were unable to attend.

George Beaton's grandchildren.
 First row: Ryan and Shannon
 Beaton, Erin Connerty and
 Caroline Beaton. 2nd row:
 Kevin and Dylan Connerty,
 Stephanie Bravo, Andrew and
 Taylor Beaton and Kale
 Connerty. 3rd row: Shane
 Beaton, Cole Connerty and
 Samuel Bravo. Last row (big
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 Beaton of Bradford, NH. Not
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 Courtney and Madeline Beaton.






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Band and Berry Festival June 21

The Bradford Historical Society will hold the Annual Band and Berry Festival at Old Bradford Center on Saturday, June 21. Strawberry shortcakes will be sold, and the Hopkinton Band will play from 2:00 to 3:00pm. The Concert is free and on the Common if the weather is good; inside the Meeting House if it rains. Enjoy the old band favorites. Bring a chair and maybe bug spray.

—Milly Kittredge

Conservation Easement Monitoring Workshop

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) will be holding a Conservation Easement Monitoring Workshop on Monday, June 16 at 3:00pm. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer easement monitor is encouraged to attend. The workshop will involve a short lecture session and then a hike on an easement property. If you are interested in helping the ASLPT with their volunteer easement monitoring, please call 526-6555 and sign up for the workshop.

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a square dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, June 21. Dona Prudhomme will call A1 from 7:00-8:00pm and Mainstream/Plus from 8:00-10:30pm. Vera Prudhomme will cue the rounds. This dance is casual dress. It is also the Annual Ice Cream Social. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, you may call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

—Bob & Shirley Trombley



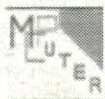
Real Estate Hints:

Home-Buying Mistakes

by Laura Hallahan

With the busiest real estate season upon us, it's a good time to provide some useful and timely advice to all those buyers out there trying to find a home. While rates are the lowest in years, prices are fairly constant and the inventory of houses for sale is at its highest. David Weekley, one of the country's largest homebuilders from Houston, Texas, has just written a book entitled, "How to Buy a Home Without Getting Hammered." In it, he describes the ten biggest mistakes in home buying based on his 25 years of experience. Some of these may seem obvious, but you'd be amazed how the most practical person can overlook things at a time that is ripe with emotion. Here goes:

1. Not doing your homework. With so much information available, especially on the Internet, there is no excuse for entering the market unprepared. Your realtor can also provide you with a wealth of information about the market.
2. Trying to make a shrewd investment. Buy based on what is best for you or your family.
3. Choosing a poor location. You know the old real estate adage, "location, location, location". Even within the same neighborhood, it matters. Are you on the busiest street? What can you see from your windows?
4. Going for an attractive exterior over a good floor plan. Since you don't live on the lawn, curb appeal is important but not critical. No matter how good it looks outside, you need to have a floor plan inside that works for everyone.
5. Overlooking how the house will function for your family. Have you truly thought about how you live? Would you be happier with an eat-in kitchen and no formal dining room? Would you prefer a finished basement to a small office upstairs? Keep in mind that you may have to compromise if no house has all that you want.
6. Not having the property inspected before buying and again when preparing for resale. Don't wait for surprises to happen. For buyers, this is a huge investment and you should know what you are buying as well as learn about routine maintenance. For sellers, knowing the issues ahead of time means you can make repairs and get top dollar.
7. Not checking out the builder's reputation on a new home. Check out as many resources as possible and talk to at least three references. If the builder has built other homes in the neighborhood, talk to the residents and get their input—you'll also get to see what your neighbors will be like!
8. Not getting what you want because you are impatient. Quick decisions can lead to mistakes, plain and simple.
9. Waiting for a better market and interest rate. No one knows what will happen with rates or the market—there could even be a turnaround.
10. Not buying at all. If you can afford a home and hesitate to purchase, remember that you will lose the benefit of tax deductions, building home equity, and the appreciation in value. Go for it!



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regular basis. Research ways to help the Town boards plan for Bradford's development so that the sense of community is preserved even as it grows.

4) Write grants for State and Federal funds, as well as to private foundations, to preserve particular properties. Begin to raise funds which could provide the monies necessary for matching grant requirements.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19 at 7:30pm at the Bradford Community Center. Carol Foss of the Minimum Impact Development Partnership will speak on what other NH towns are doing. All are invited to attend, and there will be refreshments including, again, Oreo cookies. The agenda will be as follows:

- * Choose a name!
- * Invited speaker.
- * Set up a loose structure and develop a process by which the subcommittees will work.
- * Schedule next meeting.

The more people who participate in this project, the better it will be. If you are unable to attend the meeting, here are ways you can participate at any time:

Help identify areas that are important to Bradford. The Town has an abundance of information on the location of flood plains, wetlands, drinking water sources, existing trail systems, and significant plant

and animal communities. In addition, there is a strong nostalgic and spiritual presence to the old mill sites and homesteads, the relic foundations, and their remnant agricultural and forest acreage. These are often interconnected with environmental values necessary to carry a community into the future such as good aquifers and fertile soils. Although much is known about many of the obvious natural and historic resources in Town, there will be some hidden treasures.

Where do you take a walk or ride a horse? Where do you hunt? Where is the birdwatching particularly good? Maybe there's a view that gives you a sense of place, some scene that defines "home" to you. Unless it is known how Bradford's resources are being used, the Town can't make intelligent decisions about what to preserve.

So, please let us know what places or kinds of places are special to you. Send these and your brilliant ideas for a name for this group to Miranda Levin at inthering@conknet.com or at 938-6095. The work of this task force will be on-going. If you can't make our regular meetings but want to participate in some way, volunteers of all types will be needed regularly. We will list the subcommittee liaisons in our next Bridge article, and we encourage you to contact them. Many thanks go out to the Bradford Women's Club for their pledge of financial support.

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BWC Update

The annual Bradford Women's Club luncheon was a great success. Thanks to Peter, Peter, Tim, and Marybeth for their great food and hospitality. There will be no general membership meetings until September. The next executive meeting will be on June 10 at 9:30am at the Community Center in the downstairs room.

—Barbara Vannata, President



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Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Spring Cleaning Day: Immediately following the church service on Sunday, June 1, we will be cleaning the church from top to bottom. Ice Cream Sundaes are the reward for all that stay to help.

Women's Christian Guild: Ladies will meet at the church on Friday, June 6 at noon and carpool to The Country Spirit Restaurant in Henniker for an annual luncheon. A scholarship will be presented to Melissa Spiegel.

Children's Day: Children will lead the entire worship service on Sunday June 8. The theme will be "The Banquet." The service begins at 10:00am.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The annual dinner will be held on Wednesday evening June 11. The place and time will be announced closer to the event.

Meatloaf Dinner: Our monthly fellowship dinner for June will be held on Monday evening, June 16 at 6:00pm. The menu will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, rolls, mixed vegetables, and a variety of homemade strawberry desserts. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and under, children age 3 and under are free. Proceeds will benefit the church budget.

Food Pantry: The pantry will be open Wednesday, June 18 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

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Obituaries

SUSAN J. MORSE

Susan J. Morse, 58, of Route 114, died Monday, April 7 at home. She was born in Milford, Conn., the daughter of Kenneth and Charlotte (Unwin) Gaito. She graduated from Milford (Conn.) High School in 1962. She moved to Bradford in 1971. She earned an associate's degree in business from New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord and a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in accounting from the University of New Hampshire.

Morse helped to start and operate the family business of Bremco in Kellyville, which works in mechanical contracting and served as treasurer for many years. She was a member of the Friends of Brown Memorial Library in Bradford, where she was involved in the renovation of the building, and she was a member of ORFS and The Greenway. She enjoyed hiking, knitting, kayaking, and the outdoors. She was one of the first five people to do the 70-plus miles of The Greenway in the winter.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Reggie Morse of Bradford; a son, Robert Morse of Newbury; a daughter, Samantha Pollock of Goshen; a brother, Kenneth Gaito of Pittsboro, N.C.; two sisters, Jean Gaito of Warner and Edith Reed of North Palm Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, and cousins. A brother, Robert Gaito, died previously.

Memorial donations may be made to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, P.O. Box 2209, New London 03257.

JOSEPH O. BATTLES

Joseph O. Battles, 62, died Monday, May 5 in Bradford of heart failure. He was born in Brockton, Mass., the son of Joseph and Elsie (Bube) Battles. He graduated from Norfolk Agricultural School in Walpole, Mass. in 1959 and from Stockbridge Agricultural School at UMass Amherst in 1961.

He moved to Bradford in 1960. He started Battles Farms, where he was active in agriculture for 43 years. He milked 60 head of cattle and began a dairy, trucked agricultural hay and supplies from Canada throughout the East Coast, and hauled hay from the early 1960s until his death. Battles served in the Police Department in Bradford and Newport, served as a selectman for the Town of Bradford for a five-year term in the 1990s, served on the New Hampshire Agricultural Advisory Board for the State of New Hampshire, and served as trustee for the Eastern States Exposition. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America, the New Hampshire Farm Bureau and the National Hay Association. He was a supporter of 4-H. He coordinated the Hay Lift Project with Governor Sununu in 1986 in which the New Hampshire National Guard 744th Transport filled Battles Barn with 25,000 bales of hay from New England farmers to be sent to North Carolina during a drought. He was honored by North Carolina and the local Grange for those efforts.

He played in the Polo League in Brockton, Mass., enjoyed tennis, and was a member of the IGA and Battles Farms Softball Team in Bradford.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Juanita (Wiggins) Battles of Bradford; a son, Joseph Battles of Bradford; a daughter, Amanda Battles of Bradford; two adopted children, Justin Battles and Morgan Battles, both of Florida; a sister, Nancy Wright of Massachusetts; and a granddaughter. Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221.

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clear.

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with the sauce and cook 5-10
minutes on each side until done.

Serve with extra sauce.

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

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May Selectmen's Meetings

May 6. Sue Pehrson met with the Board to comment on the planned office improvements. The contractor has rescinded his bid, and previous bids are subject to change. Sue has re-measured and finds she will not have ample space for Clerk/Tax Collector records and workspace. It was agreed that construction would have to be done outside office hours. The Selectmen discussed the problem of windows and walls in the rearrangement and will do more looking at the layout after the meeting.

Marlene Freyler gave an update of the Independence Day celebration. A site for fireworks is awaiting final approval.

Several letters from the Transfer Station management addressed to citizens who needed disposal corrections were presented for the record. It was suggested that more visible signs for the recycling areas be posted.

The first half of the tax warrant was signed and the Tax Collector will bill by the weekend.

Pike Industries contract for the construction work for East Main Street was signed.

Permit for cemetery repairs using an off road vehicle to bring in equipment was signed.

A highway safety grant was signed.

An estimate for masonry repair work for the Community Center for bricks needing repointing over the entrance was discussed. Someone will check to see if the weep holes have been filled in on other areas of the building.

Fenton and Edwards signed a Current Use tax for land change for Pickman.

An Intent to Cut for New Forestry LLC on Mountain Road was signed; a question of what roads would be used for hauling. Six hundred thousand board feet is the estimate for the cut.

The quote for portable toilets for Independence Day came in a \$110 each, and handicapped at \$195 each.

Chris Frey explained the emergency lock box system for the town buildings, which has retrievable information.

The grant for Fifty-percent State reimbursement for software for the Bradford Police Department was signed.

The Highway Department will reset granite posts at Moonraker Farm which

were misaligned by the snowplows.

There was a question of sump pumps being pumped to run onto Main Street. Cheryl will contact the households.

The Town Audit was completed Wednesday.

Peter asked about the State's comment on not "signing off" on the Naughton property and why the Town should be funding the tests. It was the understanding that the State still has the authority to guide what can be done on the property.

The SEA consultant, Mike Croteau, opened the bids for bridge 100/141 over West Branch on Fairgrounds Road. The four bids were: E.D. Swett, \$427,986; Miller Construction \$395,402, BayView \$378,466 and Whitcomb \$306,835.25. Pending the review of the numbers and wording controls, the Whitcomb bid was accepted.

May 20. Marlene Freyler met with Selectmen to discuss the permit for the fireworks to be held on July 5th. Mrs. Freyler expressed her concern regarding the chances of obtaining approval from Mark Goldberg, Fire Chief. Selectmen suggested the necessary permits and forms be forwarded to the Chief for his review as soon as possible. Mrs. Freyler reviewed the other activities planned for the day. The Country Squares will participate, and music will be preformed following the barbecue to be held at Brown Shattuck field. Mrs. Freyler indicated there will be rides at the park, but she was unsure of the number at this time.

Intent to excavate forms for Peter Isham (map 7 lot 27 and map 6 lot 106) were signed by Selectmen.

Notification of Road Work Permits (wetlands) were signed by Selectmen for culvert work on Center Road, East Main Street, and Davis Road.

Letter from Janet Clark, attorney, was discussed. The letter pertains to the intersection of Cheney Hill Road and Center Road. Property owners are requesting the intersection be changed to a 90-degree stop. Selectmen instructed Cheryl to draft a letter to Mrs. Clark and inform her that signed documents showing easements from all property owners need to be delivered to the Town before the Selectmen

can proceed.

Letter of Award for the Fairgrounds Road Bridge (100/141) was signed. Frank Whitcomb construction has been awarded the contract with the low bid of \$306,835.25. The contracts will be signed in about two weeks, and the pre-construction meeting will establish the exact start date of the project.

An abatement to correct the first half billing on a boundary line adjustment for Steve Hansen was signed by Selectmen.

Letter from Lake Todd Association regarding a meeting on the formation of a Village District for the property owners around Lake Todd was discussed. The increasing cost of insurance on the dam was given as the reason for the formation of the district.

Fire Bill was signed for the recent fire in Sutton.

Intent to cut for New Forestry LLC on Old Mountain Road (map 4 lot 36) was signed. A road bond of \$10,000 will be required on Old Mountain Road.

Swim line permit for Lake Massasecum has been received.

Request for appointments to Central NH Regional Planning Commission was discussed. Selectmen instructed Cheryl to call the CNHRPC and inform them of our current members. Marlene Freyler and Bill Glennie currently represent the Town.

Intent to cut for Jack Sheehan of County Road (map 14 lot 13) was signed by Selectmen.

The reimbursement grant for software for the Police Department was signed.

Latvian Church Camp BTLA for A-9 was discussed. The late filing was discussed and Cheryl will investigate further. No action taken.

Cheryl reported the conversation with Neil Cannon of Concord Regional Development Council in which he refused to submit financial information requested by the Town CPA for audit. The issue of ownership of the money was the reason given. Cheryl has contacted Pat Herlihy for procedure to move the fund to another management firm. She will contact Debbie Sias of the Revolving Loan Committee to arrange a meeting regarding these issues.

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

Then...

by Milly Kittredge



Eight Grade Graduation
Bradford Central School
June 1939

Left to right: Vernon Hall, Mildred Craigie, Kenneth Stoddart, teacher Edward Tucker, Rita Verge, Howard BAgley, Lorette Lemire, Enid Cilley, Jacqueline Ansart, Alice Cilley, Kathleen Cressy, Florence Ayer, Kenneth Cressy.

Poet Laureate Nominations Sought

The Poetry Society of New Hampshire is now accepting nominations for the position of State Poet Laureate for the term 2004–2009. The position of New Hampshire Poet Laureate was established in 1967, with Paul Scott Mower serving as the state's first poet laureate. Other laureates have been Eleanor Vinton, Richard Eberhart, Donald Hall, Maxine Kumin, Jane Kenyon and Marie Harris. While the position is honorary, the mission of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire is to promote poetry and so candidates will be selected based on both their achievements and their ability to advance poetry in the public domain.

To be considered, a poet must be a resident of New Hampshire and be nominated as outlined in guidelines available from the PSNH. While a poet may be self or other nominated, the latter will be given preference. For a nomination form and guidelines, please send a request to the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, 282 Meaderboro Road, Farmington, NH 03835. The postmark deadline for nominations is August 1, 2003. Applications will not be accepted by FAX or electronically. Nomination guidelines and forms will also be available for downloading at the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Website at <http://www.state.nh.us/nharts/>.

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, anything glass that needs to be disposed of.

Steel cans—food cans

Aluminum beverage cans—beer, soda

Scrap metal—any metal item that needs to be disposed of

Newspaper—Newspaper print only, no glossy inserts

Magazines—Magazines, glossy inserts, colored advertising

Corrugated cardboard is recycled. Light cardboard, such as cereal boxes and six pack cartons, is not recycled and should be disposed of with regular household trash

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 spring—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

June Calendar

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Massage with Pamela Monaghan, 10:30am

New London Hospital presentation "Hernia Awareness", 12:30pm, Senior Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Senior Council, 1:00-3:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Armchair Travel Series "Australia" with Jan Caskey, 10:00am, Senior Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Claudia Messier, Long term care coordinator will be available to give assistance in planning, 10:30am-noon, Senior Center

Brownies, 3:00-4:30pm

BACC Governance Board meeting, 5:30pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Bradford Community Corporation meeting, 7:00am

Dave Poisson from Mr. Fixit will discuss services and answer questions, 10:00-noon, Senior Center. Call 938-2104 for an appointment.

Father's Day lunch and Flag Day Celebration, noon

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Piano recital, with pupils of Phyllis Wilcox, 1:00pm

MONDAY, JUNE 16

Susan Kuhn will present "Senior Centers—Then and Now," 12:30pm, Senior Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Car Pool to Wolfeboro for lunch and shop at Milligan's Pendleton Shop, 8:30am, meet at the Senior Center. Call 938-2104 for reservations.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Reiki, 10:00-12:00am

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

Presentation by Charles Zoeller of Life Wise Personal Advocates, 12:30pm, Senior Center

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Presentation by Rita Dooley Mann and David Herlicka "Simple Answers to Frustrating Questions on Taxes, Interest Rates and Protecting Your Assets," 12:30am, Senior Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Presentation by Charlie Hauser about "Granite State Senior Games," 12:30pm, Senior Center

Creating a Scrapbook, 1:00-3:00pm (for information call 938-6228)

BACC Governance Board Meeting, 5:30pm

Tall Pines Summer Program

Five weeks of extreme fun are planned at the Bradford Area Community Center with returning Program Director Christine McCloskey. All sessions are for rising 3rd, 4th, 5th 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Program hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Session One, July 7-18, \$150

Session Two, July 21-25, \$75

Session Three, July 28-August 8, \$150

Discounts will be given for two or more children from the same family and/or for several sessions. Registration forms are available at KRSD schools, at the BACC, and by mail.

For more information call Susan Cowan at 526-2051 x232 or Jim Bibbo at 938-6228. Tall Pines Summer Program is a collaborative effort of Kearsarge Assets Network, Kearsarge Regional School District, Bradford Parks and Recreation, Bradford Area Community Center and the Town of Bradford Police Dept.

Program Information

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

Ongoing Activities

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

Creative Writing Course, Mondays, 2:30-4:00pm

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

Senior Luncheon, Mondays and Thursdays, noon

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm

Yoga Class (Not Advanced), Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am. Call Fran 456-3099 to register

Walk Around the Block, Thursdays, 11:00am

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

Computer Tutoring, Beginners, first and third Fridays, 10:00am

Advanced, second and fourth. Fridays, 10:00am in the Senior Room (For information call Bev Leo 938-2996)

NOTICE

The BACC is growing in use. The parking lot has become inadequate. We plan to expand and resurface parking areas. The overall cost will be \$15,600. We have raised \$1,000 through a grant from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust. We do hope that local businesses and individuals will help in this effort. All donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the BACC and the parking project should be noted.

Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Black flies. A hundred or so of them for each one of us. They can dictate the what and where and when of the vernal outdoors for those of sensitive temperament, delicate tissues, slow reflex, or hyperopic vision. They've been living successfully on this planet since the mid-Jurassic Era. Entomologists formally call this family of more than 1500 species *Simuliidae* which translates to mean "little snub-nosed beings". Though this knowledge brings no relief, only about forty of these species worldwide would even consider biting us.

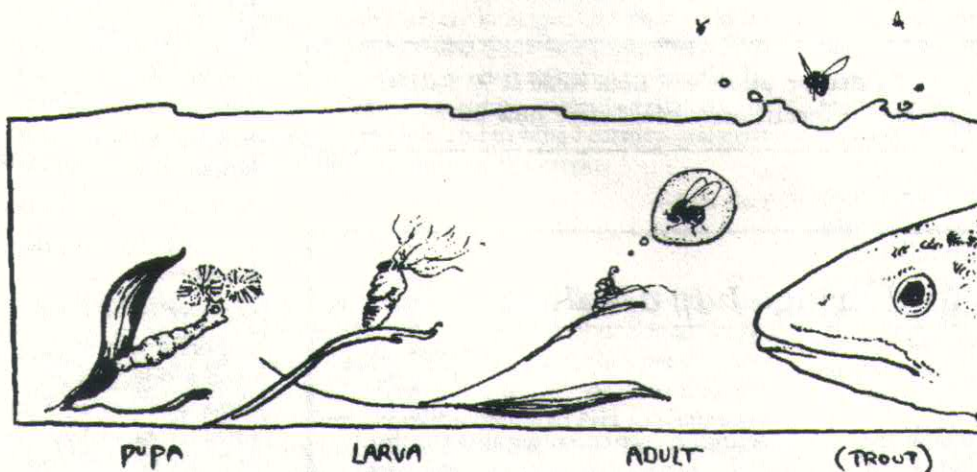
And are *they* having a good time? Whirring about distractedly they appear around the ears never seeming to be sure how to proceed efficiently. Those of more focused mindset manage to finally decide on a landing spot, usually on an edge of clothing or hairline. Those who foolishly opt for more open ground usually don't survive to pass on their foolish genes. The sneaky ones often do.

The adult males of most of our local species busy themselves innocently and usefully sipping nectar and pollinating small flowers. The anxious females crowding around us however need a protein rich meal in order to form eggs. (I can tell you're not sympathetic.) Eggs are laid on the banks of clear moving streams in the late afternoon or evening where the hatching larvae can attach themselves to some secure leaf, rock, or twig. Looking like delicate sea creatures, there they wave in the current about a quarter of an inch long with fragile fans decorating their heads sifting organic debris from the water into their mouths. They are capable of sending out a new thread and slowly shifting themselves to a better location if need be.

And as you might guess with something existing in such profusion, black flies and their larvae are themselves food for a great many other organisms such as fish, sometimes comprising 25 percent of the diet of trout for instance. They are considered to be "good bugs" to a whole host of mites, fungi, protozoans, nematodes, and the like who couldn't live without them. Bats, birds, amphibians, certain wasps, dragonfly and their aquatic larvae, Dobson fly larvae, and caddis fly larvae also eat them. These are, in their turn, consumed by larger and smaller creatures. And so it goes.

In due time the larvae retreat into a pupal state, the same contemplative and reformatory state of caterpillars when they become chrysalises in preparation of transforming into butterflies and moths. Now this next part seems utterly fantastic to me. When the adult black fly is ready to emerge, a bubble of air forms around its larval encasement. The mature black fly splits its larval skin and rides its protective bubble to the water's surface. Bursting into the air it flies away perfectly dry and aerodynamically adept. It brings to mind some biblical ascension or perhaps superman emerging from a phone booth. I'd love to witness this if it didn't require probably long hours lying still next to a black fly infested stream bank.

I will end this writing on a quote from the book *The Forest*, 1903 by Stewart Edward White, where he compares black flies favorably to mosquitoes..." [the black fly] holds still to be killed. No frantic slaps, no waving of arms, no muffled curses. You just place your finger calmly and firmly on the spot. You get him every time. In this is great, heart-lifting joy. It may be unholy joy, perhaps even vengeful, but it leaves the spirit ecstatic. The satisfaction of *murdering* the beast that has had the nerve to light on you just as you are reeling in [a fish] almost counterbalances the pain..."



June Calendar



MONDAY, JUNE 2

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Zoning Board of Adjustments, Town Hall, 7:00pm. Public Hearing, 7:10pm
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

BWC Board Meeting, BACC, 9:30am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm
Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Road Committee, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm
Carol Foss, Speaker from Minimum Impact Development Partnership, BACC, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Band and Berry Festival, sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society, Old Bradford Center, 1:00-3:00pm
Bradford Country Squares dance, Town Hall, 7:00-10:30pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

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

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

Bradford Bridge July deadlines

Display ads	June 20
Classified ads	June 24
Articles	June 20*

*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after the deadline, please contact Beth Rodd at 938-2692. See page 2 for more submission info.

Classifieds

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

Independence Day Parade July 5

The Independence Day Parade and activities will take place on Saturday, July 5. The parade is looking like it will be bigger and better. The committee is still working on where the fireworks will be shot from. The Committee has decided they would like to honor all veterans and servicemen by having them lead off the parade as Grand Marshals. If you know of any, please call Marlene Fryler at 938-2530 or Jane Lucas at 938-2570. If you have ideas or wish to participate in the celebration, please call Marlene or Jane.

BWC Craft Workshops

Yes club members, it's that time again to think of the BWC Christmas Craft Fair. In honor of the Craft Fair, the BWC Craft Fair Workshops are in full swing. The workshops will be commencing in June and ending around the end of October. We need many able hands to assist in the workshops. The workshop classes will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The schedule will be posted far in advance. The workshops will be at the Mountain Lake Inn as follows:

June 10 at 11:00am—bring a bag lunch.
June 24 at 7:00pm

July 8 at 11:00am—bring a bag lunch.
July 22 at 7:00pm

August 12 at 11:00am—bring a bag lunch.
August 26 at 7:00pm

September 9 at 11:00am—bring a bag lunch.

September 23 at 7:00pm

October 14 at 11:00am—bring a bag lunch.

October 28 at 7:00pm.

For further information or assistance or even a ride, call any of the Craft Workshop Committee Members: Jean Gaito, Erica Gross, Jackye Pehrson, Linda Winn, or Tracy Foor. We have a lot of new ideas and new projects in the works! See you at the workshop!