

THE Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS BY NEIGHBORS

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July 2008

Special Town Meeting Possible On July 29

The following is a portion of the petition that was filed with the Merrimack County Superior Court requesting permission for Bradford to hold a Special Town Meeting. The Town has been notified that Superior Court will hold a hearing to consider this matter on July 7th at 10:00 AM. This will determine the town's authority to hold a special town meeting on July 29th, 2008. If the petition is approved, a bond hearing will be scheduled for 7 PM on July 14, 2008 at the Town Hall.

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Independence Day Celebration July 4th, 5th, And 6th

FRIDAY JULY 4, 2008

Bradford Parks and Recreation, Annual Beef Roast Dinner from 5-7p.m.
Dance under the tent at Brown Shattuck Field with DJ 6-9 p.m.

SATURDAY JULY 5, 2008

7 -10 a.m. Mason's Breakfast (St. Peter's Lodge)
7:15 a.m. Road Race Registration(Town Hall)
9:00 a.m. Road Race begins (Town Hall)
9:00 a.m. Brown Memorial Library Book Sale
9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive at the BACC
10:00 a.m. Cow Flop Bingo on the Lake Sunapee Bank lawn
11:00 a.m. Midway opens at Brown Shattuck Field, Rides, Games & Food
3:00 p.m. Line up for the BIDC Parade (Old Warner Rd.& Post Office)
Judging for parade entrants
4:00 Parade begins, RT. 114 and Main St. ends at Appleseed Restaurant on High Street
5:30 Bradford Country Squares under the tent
7:00 Music under the tent with the Bradford Boys
9:30 Fireworks by Atlas Fireworks

Summer Fair - First Baptist Church Of Bradford

8:00 a.m. Coffee and Baked Goods
8:00 a.m. Vendor booths open, Antiques, Collectibles, Toys, Crafts, Jewelry, Books, Plants
9:00 a.m. Kids Fun Run Registration-Race Start-10:30 a.m.
9:00-11:00 Children's Activities Booth & Petting Zoo
Sponsored by KAP and First Baptist Church
10:00-2:00 Luncheon Booth
11:00 a.m. Little Red Wagon. Family Entertainment Featuring Puppetry, Stories, Comedy, Music, funded by the E. Warren Smith Fund
Musical Entertainment throughout the Day
Huge White Elephant & Barn Sale
Hand Made Quilt Raffle

SUNDAY JULY 6, 2008

11:00-4:00 Midway Open for Rides and Games
Rides and Amusements provided by D & L Amusements

10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people in Bradford.

Bob Selig (Robert Emmett Selig, Jr.) was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts. He was smitten by military life early on and joined the ROTC at Gloucester High School. After graduation he joined the Marine Corps in 1950. Bob was stationed in many locations over his military service and served two tours of duty in Vietnam before he retired in 1970. He married in 1953 and had three sons. After retirement he returned to Pigeon Cove, Massachusetts where he worked in many jobs until he arrived in Bradford in 1973. His daughter Emily was born in 1985.

Q. In the 35 years you have been in Bradford you've been involved in a number of varied enterprises: chef at the Country Bumpkin in Newbury, sold tires and brush hogs and delivering Meals on Wheels, which you are still doing. How have you managed to wear so many hats and which job has been the most satisfying?

Of all the jobs that I've had, the most satisfying is delivering "Meals on Wheels." It's helping people in need. I've made many friends on the route in the twelve years that I've been doing this job. I've enjoyed the Marine Corps. It's enabled me to travel the world. I'd do it again in a heartbeat.

Q. In addition to gainful employment you've volunteered

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

From The Editor

July is the month of celebrations. We all look forward to the end of school year - the graduations and making plans for the year ahead – continued education, joining the work force.

Summer is officially here with vacations planned or just quiet days at home or on the lakes in town. In Bradford, we celebrate with the Independence Day festivities. This year they cover three days beginning with the beef roast and dancing at Brown-Shattuck Park on Friday evening, continuing with the many activities on Saturday July 5th including the parade and the Atlas Fireworks display that night. Sunday the midway is open for rides and games at Brown-Shattuck Park

We are fortunate to have a dedicated committee who work quietly through much of the year to plan and arrange these events for our enjoyment. Thank you Jane Lucas, Marlene Freyler, and Beth Von Beren. Pick up a schedule and make your plans for the weekend.

By the end of the month we may also celebrate the resolution of the “highway garage” dilemma. Superior Court may or may not approve the town’s petition, the voters may or may not approve the warrant articles. Take the time to read the articles, attend the meeting, listen carefully to the discussion, and make sure your vote counts. Our highway employees deserve a safe, efficient work place in order to keep our roads in safe condition for all of us. Help decide if this proposal is the right approach at this time. This is your town and your tax dollars.

Marcia Keller July Editor

Selectmen’s Office Hours

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Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd
Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

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Tuesday: 7am-11:30 am
12:30 pm 5 pm
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Residents of Bradford

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 from 9:00AM-9:30AM at the Bradford Town Hall. This will be for the purpose of registering new voters and updating the checklist. Please bring proof of residency and age.

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Bradford Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society has received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to co-sponsor a public program, *Camp Stark: New Hampshire's World War II Prisoner Of War Camp*.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will feature slides and a talk by Allen Koop, Ph.D., who currently teaches at Dartmouth College. Dr. Koop has published several articles and books, including *America's Family Doctor: Memoirs Of C. Everett Koop*.

Please join us at the Bradford Area Community Center, Thursday, July 24th, 7:00 p.m.

The roof of the Center Schoolhouse has been completed by Charlie Betz, thanks to donations from many sources, and a very generous donation by Dr. & Mrs David A. Cofrin.

A modified site plan for the proposed Blacksmith-Woodworking Building on the front Marshall lot was approved by the Planning Board.

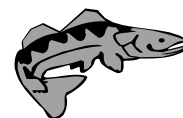


The Bradford Center Schoolhouse

Bradford Fish and Game News

The Bradford Fish & Game Club will have its meeting at the club house on Gillingham Drive on Monday July 7 at 7:00 PM. During the last meeting nominations were made and votes cast for new officers and board directors. The outcome of those votes are as follows.

President - Fritz von Beren,
Vice President - Pete Strickland,
Treasurer - Paul Flinkstrom,
Secretary - Paul Gross,
Directors - Joe Wilcox, Matt Ordway, and Paul Charbonneau.
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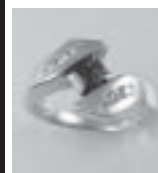
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Article 1: To see if the town will vote to rescind the votes on Article 15 and Article 37 at the March, 2008 Town Meeting and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 (Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the construction of a new town highway garage on the land currently occupied by the existing garage, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$200,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the New Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. The budget committee recommends this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

(NOTE: Article 15 at the March 2008 Town Meeting raised and appropriated the sum of \$25,000 to begin necessary repairs to the current highway garage. Article 37 at the March 2008 Town Meeting withdrew \$40,000 from the New Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of continuing research and preparation for a new highway garage and was

amended at the meeting to designate a portion of those funds to be expended to conduct a Phase I environmental site assessment, and if necessary, a Phase II environmental site assessment, on the lower dump site to assess the suitability of the area for the future location of town facilities.)

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to build a salt shed on property currently owned by the Town of Bradford, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. The budget committee recommends this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Article 3: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to conduct a Phase I environmental site assessment, and if deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, a Phase II environmental site assessment, on the lower dump site to assess the suitability of the area for the future location of town facilities.

A portion of the Court filing includes the following: Under RSA 31:5, I(b) an "emergency" that will justify such a special town meeting is defined as:

... a sudden or unexpected situation or occurrence, or combination of occurrences, of a serious and urgent nature, that demands prompt, or immediate action, including an immediate expenditure of money. This definition, however, does not establish a requirement that an emergency involves a crisis in every set of circumstances.

The intent of these warrant articles, according to the town website, would be to:

- § Appropriate funds for construction of a new 6,000 square foot facility (garage) on the site of the existing highway garage;
- § Appropriate funds for construction of a new 2,400 square foot facility on the site of the existing highway garage;
- § Appropriate funds for an environmental assessment of the lower transfer station lot.

The existing highway garage would be converted to cold storage use. The Town has received a proposal for construction of a new 6 000 square foot turnkey metal building on the site and received estimates on the costs to erect a compliant salt shed on the same lot.

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Bradford Happenings

NH DES Selects Bruss Construction as Environmental Leader

Bruss Construction, Inc. has been accepted as an Aspiring Leader in the Environmental Leadership Initiative, a program of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Bruss is the only construction company selected to participate. Aspiring Leaders is a program to encourage environmental performance that exceeds the minimum requirements of laws and regulations through the adoption of practices that lead to cost reductions and comprehensive environmental management.

Bradford Bog People

These new members of the Bradford Business Association provide lively foot stomping old time Appalachian music for entertainment and/or education at corporate, municipal, and private events. These include barn dances, bandstands, camps, craft fairs, coffeehouses, conferences, festivals, farmers markets, fund raisers, libraries, parties, parking lot pickin', picnics, restaurants, weddings, and school programs. The Bog People would like to establish working relationships with area businesses, organizations and residents, offering events for their customers, employees or families. Live music can add another element of value to any type of activity.

Nature's Circle – Summer Eco-Camp for Children

Nature's Circle Summer Eco-Camp for children will have two sessions: July 7-25 and July 28 to August 15. The program is a 5 days a week Day Camp from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. at the Bradford Area Community Center with visits to local sites to familiarize the campers with the area's interesting features. The program will guide youngsters to expand their relationship to nature and build community through fun outdoor activities. It is geared to children from 6-12 years of age. The cost is \$325.00 per session or \$600.00 for both sessions. Scholarships are available based on need. Registration is limited to 12 individuals. Registration for the first session should be made by July 4 and for the second session by July 25. Call the Center at 938-6228 further information.

Oil Picture in a Day -

Saturday, July 19th will be the day to come to the Bradford Area Community Center and learn the Bob Ross method of wet-on-wet oil painting. Linda Dumond of Caanan will be teaching the course from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The registration is limited to 12 people and will cost \$50.00 which includes canvas, paints and all necessary supplies. Come in the morning and take home a picture in the afternoon. For more information call Dottie Morin at 938-2415

Swimming Lessons in Bradford

This summer's Red Cross Swim Program will be held the weeks of July 21 and July 28 at French's Park on Lake Massasecum from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Sponsored by the Bradford Parks and Recreation Committee, the Red Cross Instructor is Nicole Wallace. Class size is limited and will be determined by the instructor based on the ability of the swimmer. Priority will be given to early registrants. The charge is \$30 (\$15 for additional children in the same family).

Registration forms are available at the Bradford Town Hall, Post Office, Brown Memorial Library and the Bradford Area Community Center. Completed forms should be left at the Bradford Area Community Center or mailed to Kate Dobrowski, PO Box 276, Bradford, NH 03221 no later than July 16, 2007

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and run the “Toys for Tots” program every Christmas since 1999. Tell me about that?
 “Toys for Tots” is run by the Marine Corps Reserve. I became involved through the Corps Reserve. We collect toys in Bradford and what’s collected here, stays here and is given out locally through the Baptist Church.

Q. You’ve raised a daughter on your own since she was very young and now she is 23 years old and working for the Kearsarge School District. How difficult was that? Do you have advice for fathers who are raising children alone?

I just did it. When my second wife Kathy left, I knew that it was up to me to raise Emily. She was 16 months old at the time. Actually it was pretty easy and something that I had to do and I did it. If there were bumps along the way, I don’t remember them. When Emily was five years old, I was delivering the Concord Monitor at 1 a.m. I had to get Emily up. She was able to put on her snowsuit and she’d get in the car and come with me. She’d help with the papers for a while and then get into the backseat and fall asleep. We managed pretty well and had fun doing it. My advice to fathers is to love them and be there for them.

Q. You could probably sit back at this point in your life and review your past performances. What makes you continue working and volunteering?

I need the money and I enjoy it. I’d have to do something. I had a First

Sergeant who said to me, “When you retire don’t just sit back in the old rocking chair or just go fishing. You have to keep busy.” I enjoy the volunteer work and I like to wear my uniform, which still fits me. I’m still the same size that I was in Boot Camp.



Q. Your career was in the military. What made you choose this path? Would you recommend it to young men and women today?

Yes, unequivocally yes. The way the world is today. My time in the ROTC made me think about the service. I enjoyed the discipline, the drill and the authority given. The military brings out the best in a person. My dad said when I went in, “Treat it as a job because other than war time, it’s like a job with good benefits.”

Q. Does your erect posture and stern look reflect your military training? Does this stay with you forever?

Yes, I would say yes. I’ve always stood up straight. I was never one to slouch. It was great training in every way. And, yes it will be with me forever.

Q. You’ve chosen Bradford as your permanent residence. What made you decide to come here?

I came here because I saw an ad for a four seasons cabin on a mountain top for sale. We called the realtor and discovered that it was on the top of Rowe Mountain. When my friend and I hit Exit 5 on I-89 and saw the view from there, we fell in love with the area and bought the camp.

Q. What lessons have you learned in the military?

If you are going to do something, do it right. There is no other service like the Marines for brotherhood. We always stick together. No matter where you go, if you run across another Marine, he’s always your friend and will do everything he can for you.

Q. Usually people’s lives are determined by background, influence of others or just plain happenstance. How would you describe your path to the present day?

My family wasn’t thrilled about my going into the service. It’s embedded in my head. The Marine Corps is its own best propaganda machine. “Once a Marine, always a Marine.”

Q. Do you have time for hobbies in your spare time?

I play a little golf. I enjoy fishing and bowling. I have plenty of time for those things. It’s not exactly a hobby but I enjoy wearing my uniform and marching in parades.

Bob has been riding in the Bradford 4th of July parade for the past nine or ten years.

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Happenings - continued from page 5**Farmer's Market**

The Bradford Farmers' Market, open Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 6:00 PM thru October, has gotten off to a good start with vendors of fresh early vegetables, meats, preserved produce, baked items and home made crafts including a demonstration of spinning of lambs wool.

Space is available for additional vendors for any of the Thursday afternoons. Those with items of interest are encouraged to apply for a space on the front lawn of the Bradford Area Community Center. Applications are available at the office of the Community Center (938-6228)

Residents and friends will find the Market a good place for family fun and a chance to try the items that their neighbors have been working hard to produce.

Bradford Art Group

In July, The Bradford Art Group will open a new library exhibit, "Spirit of New England," photographs of jewelry created by Bradford goldsmith Jim Papuga. Jim, a self-taught goldsmith, followed his love of making jewelry after spending 25 years in the computer service and repair industry. He has lived in New England for more that 25 years. In 2001, Jim and his wife and business partner, Maureen, moved to Bradford.

In describing his work, Jim said, "Each piece of jewelry I create is like a small work of art; a marriage of metals and gemstones that brings out the best of each. I like to think of the theme of my work as 'simple but elegant'. He uses a variety of techniques, including lost wax casting. Other pieces are hand-wrought using traditional jewelry

tools. A state juried jeweler of the League of New Hampshire Craftsman, Jim will display his work at the League's annual Mount Sunapee Craft Fair in August. "Spirit of New England" will continue through September. Library hours are: Mon. 10 - 8; Wed. 10 - 7; Sat. 10 - 3; and Sun. 11 - 3.



The first Bradford Farmers Market, with entertainment by the Bradford Bog People and friends, was held on June 5th on the front lawn of the Bradford Community Center, East Main St. in Bradford. The Market is sponsored by The Friends of the BACC and will run every Thursday through mid-October from 3 PM to 7 PM.

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Selectmen's Highlights

Much of the Selectmen's meeting time has been devoted to discussion of, and plans for, a possible Special Town Meeting. Topics discussed include a full survey of the existing highway garage site that would designate the best location for a new building. Also, discussion of building a new salt shed or the possibility of moving the existing one to the Jones Road gravel pit. The proposed warrant articles to be presented at a Special Town Meeting (if approved by the Superior Court) can be found on pages 1 and 4.

Community Center and

Kearsarge Area PreSchool -

Representatives of both groups met with the selectmen to discuss a proposal to provide extended hours for preschool children to meet the needs of some of the families. Sue Rayno, owner of Live Wire Day Care, questioned the use of the community facility at a reduced rental for this purpose. Selectmen Andrew Pinard suggested that there is need for further dialogue to explore this issue. Selectmen have signed the contract with the KAP for this year, but it could be re-visited for another year.

Lake Massasacum Flooding -

Barbara French spoke of the major flooding in the 2006-2007 years and an Army Corps of Engineers study done in 1987 that should be updated. She presented a Scope of Work for an "Upper Warner River Watershed Study" that had been prepared by NHDES. Grace

Lovergood and Jim Gallagher from the NHDES were in attendance along with Jennifer Gilbert from the NH Office of Energy and Planning. Much discussion ensued with comments by residents who have experienced the many changes around the Lake in recent years. Selectman Pinard pointed out that there are no funds for such a study at this time, but an appropriation could be considered for the March town meeting. Representative French will introduce legislation for the next session of the NH Legislature that could involve the State in such a study.

Bement Bridge - Selectmen agreed to post signs on the Bement Bridge advising bicyclists to walk across the bridge because of gaps in the floor that can catch the tire and cause injury to the bikers.

Budget - Following discussion of anticipated increases in expenses for the coming year, the Selectmen agreed to request each department head to meet with the Board to discuss the situation and possible cuts that need to be made. They chose to begin with the BACC Governance Board and the Parks and Recreation Director followed by the Executive Budget, Financial Administration, Police, Fire and Rescue.

Selectmen's Coffee - Scheduled for the date of the Bond Hearing July 14, 2008. Time to be announced.

Complete minutes of all Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall

Letters to Editor

Nearly all of you have heard the corny joke, "What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence (chair, bed, etc.)? Answer: "Time to get a new fence (bed, chair, etc.)" Time - We all seem to be governed by it. Sometime, Now's the time, about time.

Maybe now IS the time for you to look into foster care and foster-adoption. Look into it! Call your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

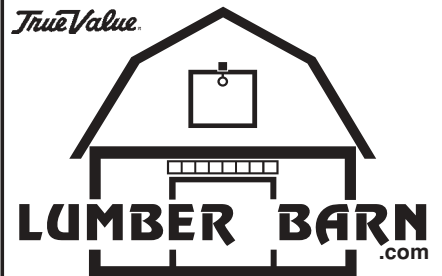
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Area Happenings

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Sunapee/Ragged/Kearsarge Greenway Summer 2008 Hikes

July 5 (Sat) Barbara Dziura (763-4729) Mt. Sunapee Summit Trail

July 12 (Sat) Brian Faughnan (526-7838) Explore Farnum Hill Reservation in Lebanon.

July 15th (Tue) Gerry Gold (526-2857) Ragged Mountain

July 19 (Sat) Frank Perrotta (763-9380) Enjoy NH Trails Day

July 26 (Sat) Andy Hager (526-2846) - New London

The New London Garden Club will hold its 42nd Annual Antique Show and Sale, featuring select New England dealers, on Saturday, July 26, 2008 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. on the Town Green, Main St., New London, NH. Plants and cut flowers will also be for sale. Delicious homemade lunch and snacks will be available at the "Garden Cafe" tent. Proceeds from the sale are used to support local civic beautification projects and UNH scholarships. Donation: \$5.00. Early admission will be available from 8 A.M. to 9 A.M. for a \$20 donation. For further information call: Bonnie Guterl at 763-2840.

Warner - The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS) will host a model rocket launch on Saturday July 26th from 1PM to 4PM. The rocket launch will be in Warner, NH. All are welcome to participate or spectate. There is no charge. For directions and any other details, please visit www.KARSNH.org on the web or call Mike Bellino at (603)938-5129

Newbury - Celebrate Summer with a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, July 26th from 5-7 pm at the Friendship House of the South Newbury Church (corner of Village and Sutton Roads). \$10 for 1/2 chicken, homemade salads, rolls and watermelon. Come, and enjoy a great bbq with friends and neighbors. Tickets will be on sale for a great raffle and Chinese Auction (to be drawn at the Church Fair on August 9th. You do not have to be present to win. The Friendship House is handicap accessible, and the Barbecue will be Rain or Shine. For more info call 938-5369...See you there!

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July Calendar

Tues. July 1

10:00AM Stitches from the Heart Join us with your own project or help with our new project of making placemats for our meals on wheels clients. It's lots of fun.

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Stuffed Peppers

6:00 PM – Yoga Class – call Fran at 456 3099 for information and registration

7:30 PM Zoning Board of Adjustment, Public Hearings on two Special Exception requests. TH

Thurs. July 3

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Hot Dog & Roll, Baked Beans

3:00-7:00 PM – Farmers' Market

Fri. July 4

MVSC is closed in observance of the Independence Holiday.

5:00-7:00 PM - Beef Roast & Dancing at Brown – Shattuck Park

9:00 PM – Lake Massasecum Flare Night

Sat. July 5

9:00 AM- 2:00 PM –Red Cross Bloodmobile

9:00 AM -2:00 PM - Book Sale BML

Mon. July 7

7:30 AM-5:30 PM – Kid's program -"Nature's Circle"- begins for first week .

8:45 AM - MVSC Steppers

10:00AM Ceramics with Doris

10:30 AM – Knitting Group

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Summer Salad Plate

1:00PM Yoga with Fran

1:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. July 8

7:30 AM – Kid's Camp

10:00AM Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Meatloaf

6:-00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. July 9

4:30 PM - BACC meeting

5:45 PM – Parks and Recreation meeting

Thurs. July 10

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves BBQ Chicken

12:30PM Adult Ed. Gardening Series # 4 "Companion Planting"

3:00 – 7:00 PM – Farmers' Market

Fri. July 11

9:00 AM – Tai Chi Dance, call 938-2115 for info

9:30AM Tour and Herbal Tea Luncheon at Sage Knoll in East Washington. Meet at MVSC to car pool. Cost: \$10 per person. Call 938-2104 before July 7 to register.

7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie BML

Saturday, July 12

9:00 AM – Lake Massasecum Improvement Association Annual Meeting - @ the Casino

9:00 AM – Writing Group

10:00 AM – Summer Reading Program BML

Mon. July 14

7:30 AM – Begin second week of Kid's camp program "Nature's Circle"

8:45AM MVSC Steppers

10:00AM Ceramics with Doris

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Hamburger on Roll

1:00PM Yoga with Fran

1:00 PM – Bridge Group

7:00 PM – Rural Heritage Connection

7:00 PM – Bond Hearing – TH (if Special Town Meeting petition approved)

Tues. July 15

10:00AM Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Chicken Breast. July birthdates celebrated with cake and ice cream.

6:00 PM – Yoga Class

Deadline for the submissions to the Bridge

Wed. July 16

7:00 PM – Fisher Cats Baseball game. Tickets at Center

Thurs. July 17

11:00AM – 12:30PM Blood Pressure Clinic provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA

12 Noon -Senior Community Dining Picnic at John & Elaine's. Call 938-2104 by July 8.

3:00 – 7:00 PM – Farmers' Market

Fri. July 18

9:00 AM – Tai chi Dance

7:00 PM – Movie Night

7:00 PM – Documentary movie BML

7:30 PM - Lettvin Concert - Bradford Center

Sat., July 19

10:00 AM – Summer Reading Program BML

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Oil painting class with Linda Dumond

7:30 PM - Lettvin Concert - Bradford Center

Mon. July 21

Beginning of Swimming first week.

7:30 AM-5:30 PM – Kid's program -"Nature's Circle"- begins for third week.

8:45AM MVSC Steppers

10:00AM Ceramics with Doris

10:30 AM – Knitting Group

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Pork Loin

1:00PM Yoga with Fran

1:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. July 22

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Stuffed Cabbage
 6:00 PM-Yoga Class

Wed. July 23

8:45AM MVSC Outing Club – Meet at MVSC for a walk along Lake Todd.
 Bring binoculars to get a closer look at the loons.

Thurs. July 24

11:00 AM – Foot Care Clinic – for appointment call LSRVNA at 1-800-587-3382
 12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves a Soup and Sandwich Bar
 12:30PM Adult Ed. Gardening Series # 5 “Edible Weeds”
 3:00 – 7:00 PM – Farmers’ Market
 7:00 PM – Bradford Historical Society- presentation by Allen Koop of Camp Stark BACC

Fri. July 25

9:00 AM – Tai Chi Dance
 7:00 PM - Movie Night

Sat. July 26

9:00 AM – Writing Group
 10:00 AM – Bradford Improvement Association – All Welcome BACC
 10:00 AM – Summer Reading Program BML
 Final session August 2
 7:30 PM – Duck Race @ the Casino to benefit the Lake Massesecum Improvement Association

Mon. July 28

Beginning second swimming week
 7:30 AM -5:30 PM – Kid’s program -”Nature’s Circle”- begins for fourth week
 8:45AM MVSC Steppers
 10:00AM Ceramics with Doris
 12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Pot Roast
 1:00PM Yoga with Fran
 1:00 PM -Bridge Group

Tues. July 29

10:00AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Pork Choppette
 6:00 PM – Yoga Class

Wed. July 30

8:45AM MVSC Outing Club – Meet at MVSC for a walk through the “Newbury Cut.”
 Car pool to Newbury. After our walk we’ll stop at Marzelli’s for refreshment.

Thurs. July 31

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serves Baked Chicken
 12:30PM Adult Ed. Gardening Series # 6 “Weed Walk”
 3:00-7:00 PM – Farmers’ Market

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted.

Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change in the submitted information.

KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
KRES-Bradford Elementary School
MVSC -Mountain View Senior Center
TH - Bradford Town Hall
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustment



Ongoing Events

CHILDREN’S STORYTIME - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 PM. BML
CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2ND THURSDAY AT 6 PM - CALL 938-5539 FOR INFORMATION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 3RD TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL
FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH - 11:30 AM MVSC - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, CALL 938-2104
HISTORICAL SOCIETY-OLD P.O BUILDING, OPEN MOST SATS. 1:30-3 PM OR CALL 938-5386
LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING - 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM - BML
PLANNING BOARD - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM - TOWN HALL
RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION - 2ND MONDAY 7 PM - BACC
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ZONING BOARD - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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Restored Henry Backdrop Displayed

The restored 100 year old Charles Washington Henry Painted Backdrop has been installed on the Bradford Town Hall stage. Professional conservators from the "Curtains Without Borders" team and local volunteers meticulously restored the backdrop (an imaginary street scene —9'H x 15'W) in October 2007 and April 2008. The Henry Backdrop Restoration Committee completed the Town of Bradford's \$10,635 NH State Council on the Arts Cultural Conservation Grant with Open House celebrations. Selectmen granted special permission to allow public access to the second floor during the events.

Festivities included a slide show (written by performer Andrew Pinard, historian Ruth-Ann Harris with photographs by Audrey V. Sylvester), souvenir photos by Bob St. Hilaire, and the sale of commemorative Henry Backdrop postcards that will benefit historic preservation in Bradford.

Charles W. Henry, an itinerant artist and musician in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in Vermont, painted the backdrop. It was the first Henry backdrop found in New Hampshire. Henry was one of the most prolific and accomplished Vermont artists of painted theater curtains. He also wrote songs, plays, produced vaudeville and sold paintings of local scenes. He married Martha Fisk and had seven children who became the family's traveling

orchestra.

Although Henry was primarily connected to Vermont, the family summered on Lake Sunapee where Martha waited tables at a hotel. They moved to Sugar Hill, NH, for Charles's health. They gave shows in Grange Halls, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows and churches. The family moved to Butterhill near the Old Man of the Mountain where Charles sold sketches and paintings of the White Mountains and hand-painted china plates with scenes of the Presidential Range. The cost of a pair of curtains in 1903 in Harwich, VT, was \$162 plus \$30 to a local merchant for "good cotton" canvas.

Committee Co-chairmen Audrey Sylvester and Ruth-Ann Harris said, "We are pleased to showcase the historic backdrop and art created for Bradford's 1987 Bi-Centennial celebration: the Town Quilt and a mural painted by KRES 5th graders. The historic photographic portraits of Bradford's notable citizens displayed in the auditorium give us a glimpse of Bradford in the late 1800's. The Henry Backdrop Project has allowed us to imagine the lively times in town hall—the many graduations, theatrical performances, movies, town meetings, forums, concerts, anniversary parties, and square dances that took place on the magnificent town hall stage and in the auditorium since those earlier vaudevillian days. We hope to bring the second floor to life again in the future."

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

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Brown Memorial Library now offers a FAX service. Think of us the next time you need to send or receive a FAX.

Do come in to the library to see our restored display case. The case currently features South American artifacts from the collection of Carlos Meise. These mostly pottery pieces are definitely worth a look!

On Friday, July 11 at 7:00pm, we will compare the book *Cold Comfort Farm* by Stella Gibbons with the 1995 movie version. Next month we will tackle *The Woodlanders* by Thomas Hardy.

The next documentary movie in our series is on Friday, July 18 at 7pm. See the list of movies in this series at the library.

Many thanks go to trustee Penny Ulrich for organizing the Mother's and Father's Day programs. Look for these fun craft programs again next year. Mark your calendars for this year's Trustees Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, August 23 from 5-7pm at St. Peter's Masonic Lodge on Main Street. Yes, the Bradford Bog People will serenade us again!

Here are some of the books added to your library in June:

For adults:

Lavinia by Ursula K. Le Guin

I Shall Not Want by Julia Spencer-Fleming

The Girl With no Shadow by Joanne Harris

The Spies of Warsaw by Alan Furst

Shopping for Porcupines by Seth Kantner

For children and young adults:

Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You by Hanna Jansen

Outcast by Michelle Paver

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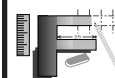
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Obituaries

Robert Stauffer

Robert Groff Stauffer, 69, passed away at home June 13, 2008, after a courageous and determined fight with the aftermath of a metastatic melanoma to the brain and the side effects of whole brain radiation. Born in New Holland, PA Jan. 31, 1939, he was the son of the late Lee W. and Evelyn Groff Stauffer. He grew up in a family hardware business in Lancaster County, PA.

Robert was in the last graduating of New Holland High School. Before graduating from Penn State University with a liberal arts degree and a commission in the U.S. Army, he was a Penn State 1958 tour escort through eight countries in Europe. He learned Persian (Farsi) at the Army Language School in Monterrey, CA, and served as staff analyst on Middle East related matters. At that time, Iran had the largest U.S. military advisory group, next to Vietnam. Robert became a captain while serving in Iran.

In 1967, he completed a master's degree in public administration at Indiana University. Upon graduation, he worked in the federal civil service in Washington, DC, as a Navy management intern, and as budget analyst in the Naval Ship Systems Command, Naval Ship Systems Command and Economic Development Administration.

In 1969, Stauffer moved his family with two small children to Northfield, VT. He did research with consultants Mathematica on President Nixon's plan to reform the welfare system. Stauffer joined the Vermont Agency of Human Services, where he formed a network of Agencies on Aging that enabled senior rental housing, legal services for the elderly, long-term care, nursing home ombudsman protection, and in-home and community services for the elderly.

He moved to New Hampshire and was executive director of Community Action Programs in Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties and the Exeter Housing Authority. Through the NH Association for the Elderly and Elder Rights Coalition he advocated many changes in state and federal policies.

Robert is survived by his wife, Joan M.S. Perry; two daughters, Margaret of Brooklyn, NY, and Catherine of Portland, OR; a sister, Christina G. Shoffner of Ocala, FL; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and two great-grand-nieces. His brother, Lee G. Stauffer, died May 30.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one's favorite charity in his memory, or a tree should be planted in his honor.

Teacher Honored



Recently honored at the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards (the "Ed"ies), Jill Pinard of John Stark Regional High School is English Teacher of the Year as named by the NH Council of Teachers of English. Her colleagues have described her as the "consummate educator." Her ability to engage all students from those who struggle with reading to those in advanced placement courses is second to none. One student said that Mrs. Pinard cultivated her love for English and pushed her to explore her abilities as a writer. Jill provides students with a variety of opportunities to succeed in poetry slams and poetry coffees while coaching this year's Granite State Challenge John Stark Regional High School team on to victory.

The Board of the Bradford Bridge joins many Bradford residents in offering condolences to the Town of Warner and the family of Jim Mitchell on the untimely death of Mr. Mitchell, co-founder of Main Street Bookends. This popular bookstore and artists' venue has been and will continue to be a vital part of our regional community.



Lettvin Chamber Music Series

By Phyllis Wilcox

This is the 16th consecutive year for the Lettvin Chamber Music Series at the Bradford Center Meeting House. Joan Lettvin carries on the tradition of bringing world class classical music to area residents on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th at 7:30 pm in the 1836 meeting house. The rural setting coupled with the acoustically splendid sound present an impressive concert for music lovers of all ages.

The first concert took place in the 1980's when Ted Lettvin played at the request of Betty Cilley, then town clerk, who owned a Steinway piano and played and loved classical piano music. Over the following years many artists were invited to play at the Meeting House. After Ted's death in 2003, his widow, Joan, continued the yearly summer concerts with the help of the townspeople and a small committee of dedicated classical music enthusiasts.

The Bradford Area Community Center with The Union Congregational Society have been the series sponsors for many years. Although the concert is locally supported the word has spread and people from other towns and neighboring states are among the loyal attendees.

The program this year will feature harpsichordist Linda Skernick and cellist Julie Ribchensky on Friday evening, playing music of Bach, Vivaldi and Scarlatti. On Saturday,

July 19th pianist Chad Bowles and bass-baritone David Ripley will perform some Haydn, Schumann, Poulenc and Brahms.

About three years ago a Lettvin Piano Scholarship committee was formed to provide scholarship money for three winning students each year. Although this has become a part of the series effort all the funds are raised by selling refreshments at the concert and donations to the scholarship fund.

Tickets for the concert will be on sale at the Meeting House door prior to each concert. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years old and under.



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Anticipation

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Celebration

Above: members of the Class of 2008 await presentation of their diplomas while watching the skies for impending thunder showers.

Above right: caps go up in the air in celebration at the end of ceremony, rain free.

Right: graduates relax with family and friends after the ceremony. At right, soccer friends line up for family photos. Left to right: Jake Seidel of Newbury, Tanner St. Pierre of Warner, Devin Whitcomb of Sutton, Kevin Coyle and Holly Rodd of Bradford.

The class then went on a late night and much enjoyed cruise on Lake Champlain, courtesy of the PATS club.



Relief

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KEARSARGE DISTRICT NEWS

School District Report

Jon Steiner

Often times sitting on the School Board means lots of long meetings and lots of nights out doing a lot of work and making decisions that affect many people whom I don't even know. I hope that the decisions we make have positive consequences for the district. So it is refreshing and rewarding for me when I get to attend an event that showcases a program I have voted on or heard about and to see what a huge impact it makes in people's lives.

I recently attended the commencement ceremonies for the Kearsarge Adult Diploma Program. This 5 year-old program is unique in that it gives kids and adults who, for whatever reason could not make a traditional high school program work for them, a second chance to go back to school and earn their high school diploma. Nearly 50 graduates of varying ages and backgrounds walked across the stage, receiving their diplomas and hugging their teachers. The auditorium was packed with family and friends who brought flowers and balloons to celebrate the occasion. We heard the stories of how these graduates had struggled and were ready to give up but succeeded in making it through classes like geometry and writing... and the confidence that completing this program has given them and how that will translate into better opportunities for them moving forward.

I was very proud of the graduates as well as the staff and teachers who put so much work into this program. And for me, the reward was in knowing that the time I spend on the Board helps make these programs viable... being a small part of changing someone's life for the better is the best reward I can think of.

KRES at Bradford

Mary Keegan-Dayton

What are you reading this summer? Fifth grader, Harry Gross, is going to read Peter and the Shadow Thieves, a sequel to Peter and the Star Catchers. A classmate, Matthew Meattey plans to read Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince. Third Grade teacher, Pam Castor is planning on reading board books to her baby due to be born in July.

According to Reading Specialist, Kathy McKenna, KRES at Bradford, students are encouraged to read every day and keep track of the books they've read. According to U.S. Department of Education, children who read 30 minutes each day, 5 days a week can dramatically increase their reading and writing skills.

KRES at Bradford has two, important summer reading goals for all students. The first goal is that 85% of students will do an adequate amount of summer reading and keep a list (Summer Reading Log) of books they read over the summer.

The second goal is that 85% will return their Summer Reading Logs on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 26th. In addition, the KRSD

School Board set a policy several years ago requiring that students entering grades 5- 12 complete reports on two books that they read over the summer.

Reading and Library Media Specialists at each school in the district have compiled a Suggested Summer Reading List. McKenna says it represents student's favorite books and authors. Use it as a guide. Library / Media Specialists from the Bradford and Newbury town Libraries, Meg Fearnley and Rosie Johnson came to the Bradford school last month to talk to students about summer reading. The libraries have planned a wide variety of summer reading programs and we are encouraging our students to attend.

Each student in the Kearsarge Regional District will go home with a report card and the Suggested Summer Reading List. Lists will also be available in local libraries, bookstores and on the KRSD Website.

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Bradford Scholars



Kathryn Raymond, daughter of Margaret and James Raymond, is the recipient of 2008 Town of Bradford School Scholarship award. Kathryn, a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, was very active in school and community activities while being employed in the work field. She will be attending New England College, Henniker. Her academic goal is to be a high school math teacher.



Elizabeth Betz of Bradford, daughter of Katie Betz, has won the 2008 Bradford Women's Club Scholarship. Elizabeth graduated from KRHS this year and is enrolled in Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island for the Fall 2008 semester. Congratulations to Elizabeth for her hard work and great success and to all our young graduates in this year's class. We're proud of you!



First Baptist Church News


From Lynn E. Hubley

Church Fair: Our annual Church Fair is Saturday, July 5 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. featuring a hand-made quilt raffle, many outside vendors, huge barn sale, antiques and collectibles, crafts, jewelry, books, childrens' items, coffee and baked goods, luncheon booth, ice cream sundaes, Little Red Wagon, Musical entertainment, childrens' activity booth, petting zoo, Kids' Fun Run, Silent Auction (Yankees-Red Sox tickets, car detailing, dinner party, floral arrangement class, plus more.

Food Pantry: The pantry will be open on Wednesday, July 16 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313. The guidelines for eligibility as of July 1 are as follows: You qualify to receive food if you are receiving 1 or more of the following services: Fuel Assistance, Women, Infants and Children, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families; Aid to Permanently and Totally disabled, Head Start, Food stamps, Medicaid, Aid to the Needy Blind, Old Age Assistance, Subsidized Housing or County, City or Town Welfare. You also qualify if your income is as follows: (Gross yearly household income at or below the following): Family of 1: \$19,240.00; family of 2 - \$25,900.00; family of 3: \$32,560.00; family of 4: \$39,220.00; family of 5: \$45,880.00; family of 6 - \$52,540.00; Family of 7: \$59,200.00; Family of 8: \$65,860.00.


Leadership Planning Session: On Saturday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m. leaders from the Board of Trustees, Deacons and Christian Education will meet at the home of Tom & Judy Marshall on Lake Massasecum.

Car Hop: On Saturday, July 26 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. come to the First Baptist Church of Bradford for our Car Hop. You can eat in your car or at a table. Hotdogs, hamburgers and ice cream goodies will be on the menu.



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Bradford Author Memorializes Bradford's Fourth of July Celebration

Geoffrey Douglas of Bradford has published his most recent non-fiction work, *Classmates*, a book that examines the coming of age of five classmates (including Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts) and himself, their lives at an elite prep school and their journeys to adulthood. All were part of the 1962 class of St. Paul's School in Concord and the social revolution that dominated that era and formed their characters in unique and surprising ways. Part of Mr. Douglas's memoir speaks eloquently of his life of personal struggle and his coming to terms with himself before finding a home in Bradford.

It is on the main street of a small town in New Hampshire, a town not so different probably from the farm town in Pennsylvania where Arthur (one of the classmates) spent his early years. And in this town, every July fourth morning in a field in back of the local bank, two black Hereford bulls are enclosed inside an orange plastic fence. The field is divided into numbered chalk-marked grids; tickets are sold and the small crowd waits outside the plastic. And after a time one of the bulls does its business in one of the grids. There is loud applause; the holder of the winning ticket claims his prize.

The game is called Cow Flop Bingo. It's followed later in the day by a hayride, a sausage roast by the local women's club, a parade of old fire engines, Miss Americas, Uncle Sams, large farm machinery, costumed people on floats, veterans playing calliope music from the backs of antique cars, and the best fireworks for thirty miles around.

The rest of the year the town is very quiet. I came here twelve years ago, left for three years, then came back. There's a good chance I'll die here. It might be the only place I've ever felt at home.



Agatha Christie Visits Bradford At a recent Mountain View Senior Center luncheon, co-sponsored by Brown Memorial Library, seniors were treated to a living history visit by Miss Agatha Christie. Portrayed by Helene Lang, Ph. D., Miss Christie described how a typewriter in Torquay helped her to write over 80 mysteries and created Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot. Many of these mysteries are available at the Library in Bradford. Dr. Lang is a professor of literacy and literature at UVM. Above Sandi Bandieri, Director, Mountain View Senior Center (l) and Meg Fearnley, Librarian, Brown Memorial Library (r) look on as Miss Christie reads from one of her many mysteries

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Planning Board Notes

Approvals: A two-lot subdivision was approved, pending receipt of state permits, for property owned by George Carafa on West Road at the Newbury Town Line.

A site plan was approved for the Bradford Historical Society to construct a Blacksmith-Woodworking Shop on the front portion of the Marshall lot on East Main Street.

A site plan modification was approved for George Naughton to construct an additional building on Jones Road to allow on-site recycling and consolidation of dumpster loads prior to transportation to waste disposal locations. Conditions that must be met include receipt of all necessary state permits and compliance with fire protection standards.

Conceptual Consultations: Geoffrey and Sarah Hersh discussed their proposal to open an antique shop in a barn on Old Sutton Road. Concerns expressed by the Board involved use of an existing, non-conforming sign. The Hersh's were advised that if the sign is to be used, a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment should be requested and a site plan filed with the Planning Board.

Jessica Selby approached the Board to inquire about opening a child care

center on West Main Street in the building formerly occupied by Video Pursuit. The Board requested a copy of the state license requirements for this type of business and mentioned the need to talk with NHDES concerning both septic and well requirements that might be involved.

Letters The Board voted to send several letters addressing issues that need to be resolved:

- Dave Pickman regarding a revised plan.
- Board of Selectmen requesting them to contact DPX2 regarding non-compliance with the approved site plan.
- Mark Brunelle outlining information that needs to be provided to complete approval of the "over 55" subdivision on Old Warner Road.
- Board of Selectmen requesting that the Code Enforcement Officer check on all the listed gravel pits in town to confirm their status as open or abandoned.

Minutes of all Planning Board meetings are on file at the Town Hall

Zoning Board of Adjustment

A public hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, July 1st, 7:30 pm at town hall for two Special Exception requests:

- Matt Gerald, 67 West Ma in St., to rebuild a barn, M16,L30.
- Dennis & Cheryl Roberts to use an accessory dwelling, Pleasant Valley Rd., M7, L 30.

Flood Maps

Digitized maps of Bradford's Floodplain have been prepared by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and are currently available for review at the Town Hall. Anyone who lives in or near the flood prone areas of town or who has been inconvenienced by the recent floods should review the maps. They can only be as accurate as the "on-site" information provided to FEMA.

The deadline for submitting alterations, changes, or corrections is July 28.



Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Last week I set out to set out the broccoli sets. The usual hysteria ensued amongst the invertebrate population as I opened and closed holes around each adolescent vegetable. I've often wondered in particular what sort of dent I might be making in the earthworm population. Though bereft, near as I can tell, of facial expression, they exhibit every other aspect of forlorn confusion. Astonished to immobility by the sudden, damaging light, some give up ambition entirely. Trowel as home-wrecker.

And worms do have homes. Deep in their tiny, multiple hearts certainly lies an affection for territory and tunnel. Earthworms are much more than small, mobile subterranean tubes that randomly consume dirt. In their quest for the comestible bacteria, protozoa, and fungi found in decomposing vegetable matter, and in the construction of their burrows, they do in fact ingest dirt. Soil particles enable their gizzards to grind up any tough fibers they encounter. Though not as simplified as a garden hose, there isn't much internal equipment between mouth and anus, and yet earthworms are capable of remarkable feats in terms of both physical strength and chemical alchemy.

Each segment of an earthworm has a number of tiny stiff hairs called setae that it can direct forward or backward. Waves of muscular contraction alternately shorten or lengthen its body, propelling the worm to or fro depending on the positioning of the setae. They can heft stones weighing many times their own weight. A thin film of mucus continually forms to grease its motion and protect the tender skin as it moves through the rough edges of the underground labyrinth.

This labyrinth, this worm neighborhood, the 'drilosphere', is what was temporarily shattered with the planting of the broccoli. Their home sweet homes are extremely beneficial to our survival on this planet. The construction of their mucus-lined burrows and their continual ploughing of the soil improves both the permeability and water retentiveness of the soil. Chemical magic happens in their bacteria-laden guts which causes the excreted castings to be more enriched with nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium and less acidic than the surrounding soil. Tons of this prime fertilizer can be added to an acre each year.

Charles Darwin devoted his last years and perhaps his favorite scholarly effort to the study of earthworms, resulting in his 1897 book *The Formation of Vegetable*

Mould (humus), Through the Action of Worms, with Observations on their Habits. Though he did not have the technology to analyze their chemistry, he attempted to calculate their prodigious earthmoving abilities. Using the familiar nightcrawler as his focus, Darwin concluded by his experiments that worms were actually making decisions based on experience as they maneuvered plant matter into their underground dens.

What was not understood in Darwin's time was that the once-glaciated regions of the world had been emptied of native earthworms during the last big freeze more than ten thousand years ago. All of our most common earthworms here in NH are colonists. Released as excess fish bait or introduced with nursery stock, the spread of these non-native worms can be accelerated. The northern woodlands in particular can be altered within just a few years. These forest ecosystems rely on a large amount of slowly decaying leaf litter. An infestation of nightcrawlers can munch through the accumulation of years of leaves and quickly kill most of the understory ferns, wildflowers and tree seedlings. The habitat of duff-dwelling insects and small animals is altered. Surface composition, and possibly the chemistry, then changes along with temperature and humidity. Invasive non-native plant species can take advantage of these new openings in the forest floor.

It remains to be seen how our northern forests and other once worm-free global habitats will change over the long term by the arrival of earthworms. For now, gardeners and farmers must sing praises of the worm. They produce the most balanced compost in the shortest time, and with less cost and effort than any other method known.

I straightened finally to admire the almost straight rows of my six inch plants. As I did, an eastern mole surfaced in the lawn and trundled purposefully to the freshly disturbed soil. Moving like a drunken sailor, with front limbs warped for excavation, not perambulation, he plowed his way down the rows, intermittently surfacing to shake off the dust. Just off his bow I could see dozens of millipedes, sow bugs, and 1-2 inch earthworms fleeing. Exhibiting none of their previous listlessness, they streamed away overland in purposeful exodus. The hoe is relatively new to the collective worm experience – moles are not. Despite the moles and I, there will still be plenty of worms here to assist in the growing of good food.

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"What, No Bird Seed?"



Photo: Bea Howe

A bear cub stops by a house on Marshall Hill Road for a drink. Remember to take down your bird feeders during the summer.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Thule car top carrier \$100.00. Young girls bikes (2) Huffy and Mountain Cub - (set of training wheels too) \$35.00 each. Propane BBQ grill - (Char-Broil - Quick set) w/ tank \$50.00, Maple Grandmothers Clock - case only - needs clock movement \$50 Call 938-2303

Recycle your Vinyl Records, 45s and CDs! Donate your old records, 45s and CDs to the 2008 Concord Market Days Record Sale Fund - raiser. All proceeds will benefit PlusTime NH, a statewide non-profit dedicated to improving and sustaining afterschool programs in NH. Donations can be dropped off at Arnie's Ice Cream on Loudon Road in Concord. Call 1-800-432-5851 for more info.

YARD SALE - rte.114 across from Books By The Lake, July 5, 8 til noon, lots of good stuff, milk bottles & cans Early Birds welcome.

For Sale: Jogging Stroller. Never been used. Front wheel swivels or locks. Bug net. Universal car adapter. Adjustable height handle. Easy to fold \$180 value for \$125. 938-2979 (Debbie Bruss)

Found: On Lake Todd shorefront in Fall, 2007, a 14 ft canoe. Please call to identify and claim. 938-2692

2008 Newbury Concert Series

- June 19 - Roxanne and The Voodoo Rockers
- June 26 - Tammy Jackson
- July 3 - Chris Kleeman Band
- July 10 - Saylyn
- July 12 - Lunch at the Dump - 3: 00 p.m.
- July 12 - The Fountain Square Ramblers - 7:30 p.m.
- July 17 - Putnam-Pirozzoli Guitar Duo
- July 24 - Bruce Marshall Group
- July 31 - Amoskeag Strummers
- Aug. 7 - Chill Set
- Aug. 14 - Mink Hills Band
- Aug. 17 - Roxanne and The Voodoo Rockers - Noon
- Aug. 21 - Dr. Harps Blues Revue Band
- Aug. 28 - East Bay Jazz Ensemble

All concerts will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the gazebo at Newbury Harbor, unless otherwise noted. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be postponed until the following Wednesday. For further information contact Travis Deazottell at 763-4940 ext. 210.

St. Peter's Lodge Annual
4th of July Breakfast
Saturday, July 5th
7:00 - 10:00am
All proceeds go to the local
food pantries

