



THE Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS BY NEIGHBORS

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Baptist Church Building Requires Major Repairs

The Bradford Baptist Church building was structurally weakened by changes made over a hundred years ago that were intended to “dress-up” the interior of the sanctuary, ie: tin walls and ceilings. While some attempts were made thirty-five years ago to correct the problem by adding buttresses to the west elevation, the problem still exists today. Recent structural evaluation has confirmed the magnitude of the problems. With the help of structural engineers and knowledgeable contractors, a plan of work has been developed that will make the building structurally sound for another hundred years. The scope of work includes reinforcement of the walls with steel beams, replacement of portions of the sills on the east side of the building, and structural repairs to the roof. Because the problems were discovered to be so urgent, the first stage of work on the walls has already begun.

The budget for these repairs is \$75,000. The bulk of this money will be raised from the congregation. However, this building is used in many ways to benefit the entire community beyond the immediate programs of the congregation. Space is provided for AA meetings, scouts and other youth organizations in town, and the July 4th fair. Many members of the community count on the church being available to them for special occasions including weddings and funerals. This building is one of the focal points of the village center of Bradford. The clock tower is one of the first sights that people see as they travel on Route 103, and along with the town hall, sets the tone for Bradford being a prototypical New England town.

A “Strengthening Our Foundation For Future Generations” campaign is being developed to raise the necessary funds. Keep your eyes out for opportunities to support the campaign.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Pursuant to RSA 31:5, IV, notice is hereby given that at their public meeting on April 1, 2008 the Bradford Board of Selectmen voted to petition the Merrimack County Superior Court for permission to hold a special town meeting to be held on or about June 3rd, 2008. The special town meeting will be asked to consider several warrant articles to address the needs created by the condition of the town’s current Highway Garage.

Residents Of Bradford

The Supervisors of the checklist will be in session on Wednesday, May 7 from 7:00 pm-7:30 pm at the Town Hall to register new voters and update the checklist. *The last day to change your party affiliation before the state primary is June 3. (per RSA 654:34)* Supervisors will be in session on June 3 from 7:00pm-7:30pm. Place will be announced in the next Bridge and posted at the Post Office, Town Hall, and Lake Sunapee Bank. Please bring proof of residency and age.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Ann Lucier Judith Marshall Ruth Marden

10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

EDYTHE CRAIG

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

Edythe Craig was born in Malden, Massachusetts and graduated from Reading High School in 1937. Pre-med at Boston University was followed by four years at the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy. After graduation she interned at the Osteopathic Hospital in Portland, Maine. She married Parker Craig in 1944 and stayed home to raise four sons. She kept up with her medical profession and in 1957 she obtained a position at the Massachusetts Department of Corrections as prison physician in Bridgewater, MA. In 1979 after a move to their Bradford farm she went to work as prison physician for the Concord State Prison. In 1986 she joined the Maxfield Clinic in Newport until her retirement in 2000.

Q. You grew up at a period of time when women didn’t often have careers and women doctors were rare and unusual. What steered you towards a career in medicine?

I enjoyed studying the sciences in school and always had a desire to help people. It was probably my Christian ethic of helping.

Q. What kind of preparation did you have prior to your actual medical training? Were you the only female in your medical school class? How did it feel to be a minority in a pretty much male profession?

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Submissions

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

From The Editor

What a difference a year makes! Last April, Bradford experienced major flooding with roads and property underwater. The extensive snows of this past winter could easily have resulted in a similar situation. Fortunately, mild temperatures and gradual melting, we have, so far, a very pleasant spring. Can summer and vacation be far behind?

The Bridge has written often of the value of those volunteers who have kept this community newspaper in operation for the past 17 years. The other, indispensable factors are the local businesses that advertise in the Bridge each month and provide the cash that allows the paper to be provided at no charge to all of us. We ask you to support these local merchants and individuals in Bradford and surrounding towns – without them, this source of local news could not continue.

We also suggest that other businesses in Bradford consider using this paper as a means of bringing their message to the public. As our economy changes – and fuel prices increase – shopping and doing business close to home makes sense for many reasons. Let Bradford residents know you are here and what services you offer.

Marcia Keller
May Editor

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New Quilt Exhibit in the library

The Bradford Art Group opened a new library exhibit, "Quilts: African & Amish Inspired," by Bradford quilt maker, Connie Clark.

Nomadic world traveler, Connie Clark, settled in Bradford last May with her husband, Don Clark, whose family began coming to Bradford more than 50 years ago to a "fixer-up" house on Rowe Mountain. Their family includes four grown boys who live elsewhere and 10 Tibetan Mastiffs.

Born in landlocked Burkina Faso on the African Continent, Connie began quilt making in Sri Lanka in 1982 when she belonged to an international women's group that did charity work to support health clinics, schools and health education. Fascinated with the dynamic color and complex patterns of the African printed fabrics of her childhood, she also discovered she had an affinity for the simplicity of Amish design. She delights in combining vibrant color and simple design.

For Connie, life has been like the quilts she designs and pieces together—a kaleidoscope of patterns and experiences with people from all over the world—travels that have made her life unique and rewarding.

The "settled in" life agrees with Connie. She likes Bradford in winter and wants to see the snow record broken.



The exhibit continues through June. The handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library located at 78 W. Main St., Bradford, is open: M: 10 – 8; Wed. 10 – 7; Sat. 10 – 3; & Sun. 11 – 3.

Connie Clark, right, with fellow Bradford artist, Amy Blitzer

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Bradford Happenings

Bradford Fish & Game

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Registration: \$5.00 with a 3 fish limit. All donations go towards maintaining the Fish & Game clubhouse.
Event in honor of the memory of Karen Blackman.

There will be a meeting on May 4 at 7 PM to discuss the trout tournament. For info, call John Belanger at 938-2858

Bradford Business Association
BBA Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 18 at 1:00 PM at the Candlelite Inn

2008-2009 Slate of Officers:
President - Marilyn Gordon, Candlelite Inn
Vice President - Laura Hallahan, Tall Pines Realty
Treasurer - Bob Stewart, Stewart Real Estate & Insurance
Secretary - Heather Turner, Forfeng Designs

Board for 3 years - Steve Pitman, Lumber Barn
Board for 2 years - Marlene Freyler, Marlene's Florist Shoppe
Board for 1 year - Kendra Messer, West Meadow Stables

Members are encouraged to attend.

Meetings scheduled for 2008:
Wednesday, September 10 at 4:00 PM at the Candlelite Inn
Annual Christmas Party, Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 PM at the Candlelite Inn

Bradford Country Squares
The Bradford Country Squares will host their monthly square dance on Saturday, May 17 at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in


Bradford. The dance will be from 8:00 to 10:30 pm with Mainstream and Plus tips.
Visiting Bradford from Maine will be caller Skip Brown and his wife Betty Ann Brown who will be cueing.
Admission for the dance is \$6 per person.

Spectators are free and always welcome. For more information call 603-763-0187.

Deadline for Bridge submissions is May 15. Please submit to bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com

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Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Karen Hambleton

April brought, at long last, the arrival of spring – a theme that we enthusiastically explored. As the snow melted, we talked about how the earth and its animals awaken from winter. Our playground emerged from the snow and we were very happy to be outside enjoying the fresh air and playing with the once-buried toys. Spring bulbs sprouted and bloomed around our fence, and we planted seeds in the classroom and pansies in our garden. Here one busy gardener plants a pansy.



In May we will be learning about creepy crawlies - focusing especially on ants, bees, and spiders. After observing some ants at work, children will have the opportunity to try being ants. From a “colony” made of tents and tunnels, children will gather food and care for “larvae” made from stuffed socks. We will learn how ants and bees work together for the good of their colonies, and how bees help pollinate the fruits and vegetables we eat. And of course, we will want to sample some honey products and do some cooking with honey.

Though it may seem so, it’s not too early to begin thinking about next year and we are very excited that the preschool’s program will be extended to include full-day activities for the 2008-2009 school year! In addition to our established preschool program, flexible early morning and afternoon sessions will be offered for families who prefer a full or partial day of age appropriate, child-oriented activities.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2008-2009 Preschool Plus program. We also have a few spaces available in both the three and four year old classes this spring. It’s not too late to come play with us! For more information, please call 938-2442.

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May Barn Dance

Last one of the season!

Put on your dancing shoes, and come to the last Bradford Community Barn Dance of the season. The Sugar River Band will entertain the dancers with their old-time tunes at the last barn dance, scheduled for Friday, May 16th. Alice Morris will call the dances. Meet new friends and neighbors – have fun. Over 60 folks gathered from near and far to dance at the March and April dances. Dances will resume in September.

The Bradford Barn dances are offered by the Bradford Parks and Recreation Department. Dances take place at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School; 7 to 10:30 pm. Beginner dances will be from 7pm to 8:30 pm followed by a potluck snack/ intermission, and raffle drawing. More complex dances follow the break. Admission is \$5.00, seniors and students \$3.00. Children under 5 are \$2.00. Bring a potluck snack or dessert to share.

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10 Questions- continued

I never looked for trouble. I had no problem being in the minority member of the class. We two women were accepted but basically ignored by the male students.

Q. You grew up in Massachusetts where your father was a furniture refinisher. Did one or both of your parents act as a role model for you? Were there others who influenced your choice of a career?

I was an only child. Neither of my parents were influential in my career choice. My father was treated by a female osteopathic physician for a shoulder problem. She was my role model.

Q. If you could live your life over would you still head in the same direction? What changes would you make if you had the opportunity?

I probably would have chosen medicine. It has been a satisfying career on the whole. The only changes I might make in my life would be to have more of a social life. Our life was centered around the family, church and the grange in that order. We lived far out of town here in Bradford but our lives were the same in Massachusetts. We were never involved in a "social whirl."

Q. What brought you to Bradford to live?

My husband wanted to retire here because of his family connections. We've been full-time residents for 29 years and tax payers for 49 years. Parker's family came to Bradford in 1810 and developed a farm "south of Bradford", our present location. His grandfather and uncle served as

selectmen here. Parker B. Craig was his grandfather and his uncle was Milton O. Craig.

Q. What kind of advice would you give a young woman today if she was interested in a career in medicine. Would you encourage her and why?

If you are looking to make money and be at the top of the social heap-forget it. If you are interested in helping people-it's a good career. We need doctors who care and are interested in people. It's what is happening in a person's life that causes illness and pills are not the answer. Concern, direction and even spiritual health are the answer.



Q. Considering your background in medicine, where do you see the health care system in the future? Do you believe that there should be universal, affordable health care in the United States?

Affordable health care is a goal. I don't know how we can make it happen because patients demand and expect too much. We use too many antibiotics and have for years. People expect physicians not to make mistakes but they're human. I'm ambivalent about this. It's like the school system. What is affordable?

Q. You've been a Bradford resident for 29 years. You have seen many changes in the town. Would you say that life here is better or worse since you first arrived here?

The roads are better even with the mud. Some things are better. The communication between people in the different parts of town is better. I'm disappointed that we lost the IGA in town. It was wonderful to have our own market especially now with the cost of gas. We also used to have the Concord bus stopping for passengers on Rte. 103. That's not here any more either.

Q You and your husband chose Bradford as a place to live. Was this a long term dream that you shared?

It was his family. I had no family elsewhere. My growing years were as an only child. It was family land and it was there. It was the Parker B. Craig place that we bought from Parker's uncle. And that's how we got the old farm.

Q. In your retirement you have been and continue to be an active volunteer in the community. Do you have time for pleasure and hobbies?

My hobby right now is knitting and a little traveling. I enjoy my volunteer work at the Bradford Community Center. I've been doing that for about six years.

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Area Happenings

Artists' Studios Open-House Saturday, May 3

The tour has been organized by the League of Women Voters of the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area. Proceeds will benefit the voter information programs of the League.

For more information contact the event chair, Janet Krueger, at 763-9251.

Warner

The Warner Head Start Preschool is now taking applications for the 2008-2009 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 30th 2008. The program is free to income eligible families that live within the towns of Warner, Bradford, Sutton, Newbury, Springfield, New London, Contocook, Webster, Henniker and Wilmot. Please call 456-2208 for an application or 225-3295 if after June 19th.

Newbury

May Programs at the Fells Friday, May 2, 1-3 pm

Trail-walk Series: Introduction to Geocaching

Wednesday, May 14, 3-4:30 pm

Introduction to Orchid Growing

Thursday, May 22, 3-4:30 pm

Landscaping at the Water's Edge

Friday, May 23, 5-7 pm

Opening Reception for Sunapee Lake Homes

Saturday, May 24 through Sunday,

July 6 An exhibition and sale of paintings that includes scenes done of and from the homes and cottages of Lake Sunapee.

Tuesday, May 27, 2-4 pm

Trail-walk Series: Wildflowers of The Fells. Contact The Fells - 603-763-4789 ext. 3.

Planning Board Notes

Gravel Pits: The application for a gravel pit permit for property owned by Bruce Edwards on Pleasant Valley Road was approved with an expiration date of April 8, 2010. All conditions of approval have been met. Bond information will be placed in the Planning Board files.

The Board discussed the application submitted by Barry Wheeler for a gravel pit permit for the pit on Center Road. Under state law and the recently adopted Bradford Earth Excavation Regulations, every gravel pit owner must submit a new application for a permit in order to continue when the existing permit expires.

Chair Phil LaMoreaux stated that this application does not deal with rock crushing. Mr. Wheeler responded to an abutter's question by stating that the gravel will be transported out on Center Road not on Water Street. The Board granted several waiver requests and continued the hearing until May 13.

The Work Session on April 22 continued a discussion of compliance with gravel pit regulations by several operations in town. Owners have been notified that they must keep their permits current or complete reclamation of the property as required by state law.

The Board agreed to ask the selectmen to assign the Code Enforcement Officer to look at the pits and evaluate them for compliance with the required standards.

Class VI Building Permit: The Board voted to recommend that Selectmen approve a building permit request for Eric Engheben for a lot on the Class VI section of Rowe Mountain Road with the stipulation that the building will not be for residential purposes.

Site Plan Review: Robin Sanborn presented a site plan for a transportation based business operating from her property on East Main Street. The Board granted several waiver requests and continued the hearing until May 13.

Site Plan Review: The Board has begun work on updating the current Site Plan Review Regulations. The consensus is to modify the existing regulations rather than a complete re-write. When the proposed changes are in place, a public hearing will be held prior to adoption by the Board.

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Selectmen's Highlights

Community Farmers' Market: Selectmen approved the operation of a community farmers' market to be held on the lawn of the Bradford Area Community Center on Thursdays from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm starting in June. Selectmen suggested that the abutters should be notified of this program.

Sprinkler Ordinance: Fire Chief Mark Goldberg presented the proposed sprinkler ordinance at a public hearing on April 15. The intent of this ordinance is to require residential sprinklers in newly constructed one or two family dwellings and manufactured homes based on the current NFPA 13D code. Many questions were raised by those in attendance. The issue will be re-visited at a later time.

Class VI Road: A letter of concern was read into the record from Phil LaMoreaux, Chairman of the Planning Board regarding the building of a barn on a Class VI section of Rowe Mountain Road. Selectman Charles Meany suggested town counsel be requested to look into the issue as strictly an agricultural building with no future possible expansion as a residence without returning to the Planning Board. Ann Eldridge, speaking for the Conservation Commission, wished to go on record as opposing construction on Class VI roads.

Dunkin Donuts: Concern was expressed over differences in plans approved by the Planning Board and those submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer for the construction. It was noted that an occupancy permit cannot be obtained until the Planning Board has received the revised plan.

Town Sheds: Following the defeat of the proposed bond issue at the recent town meeting, Selectmen have focused on seeking a way of providing safe and adequate facilities for the highway department. Bill Cote from the Local Government Center reviewed the current building and outlined some areas of concern:

1. In ground septic
2. Bays open in the ground which is very serious environmentally.
3. Furnace
4. Fire separation regarding rooms
5. Room to maneuver around inside.
6. Lift needed – creepers used now, workers lay on backs under vehicles
7. Environmentally sound salt shed
8. Structure/leaning some

Thirty-five townspeople attended a walk-through of the highway garage site following Mr. Cote's presentation. Many volunteers signed up to provide some assistance if the building is to be rehabilitated. Discussion centered on the comparative costs of rehabilitating the old building versus building a new structure on that site. The majority in attendance felt that, if the difference is in the range of \$50,000, a new facility is preferable. The issue was raised of the proximity to the ball field on a small lot.

The discussion will continue as the petition to hold a Special Town Meeting is prepared for submission to Merrimack County Superior Court.

Minutes of all Selectmen meetings are on file at Town Hall

Bradford Resident To Graduate from Roanoke



Aryn L. Conway, daughter of Joseph & Maryse Conway, of Bradford, NH, has been inducted into the Roanoke College Chapters of the national honors societies for Alpha Chi; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Delta Phi French Honor Society; and Xi Theta Chi Foreign Language Honor Society. Ms. Conway is also on the College Dean's List, the 2008 Fintel Senior Scholar and the recipient of the Joanne Leohardt Cassullo Art History Scholarship. Ms. Conway, a senior at Roanoke, will graduate on May 3, 2008 with a double major in Art History and French. She is a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, class of 2004.

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The Candlelite Inn Celebrates 15th

The historic Candlelite Inn in Bradford will celebrate its 15th anniversary in May. Innkeepers Les and Marilyn Gordon have many fond memories of the numerous guests who have visited Bradford. Marilyn said "It has been a wonderful 15-year experience. We have met and made so many friends from all over the country and the world."

The Candlelite Inn, built in 1897, sits on three acres just off Main Street in Bradford. Since 1993 when the Gordon's took possession of the historic property, the inn has been renovated and restored in keeping with many of its original features, yet modern elements such as WIFI (for the convenience of business travelers and groups) have been added.

The award-winning Candlelite Inn received a 2006 Editor's Choice from Yankee Magazine's Travel Guide Inn Traveler Magazine, "Best Breakfast in New England." In 2001, the inn was awarded, "Inn of the Year" by Pamela Lanier's worldwide travel guide.

To celebrate this memorable occasion in the history of the inn, the Gordons are offering a midweek package as a special "thank you" to all guests during the month of May.

For more information, please contact Les & Marilyn Gordon at 603-938-5571 or visit their website at www.candleliteinn.com.

Flood Insurance Maps At Town Hall

Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) for Bradford are available for review at the Town Hall as part of a 90 day review period before final adoption.



Sandy Wadlington
"A Sense of Light"

McGowan Fine Art announces the opening of "A Sense of Light" featuring pastels, oil paintings & woodblock prints by Bradford resident Sandy Wadlington. The show will run from May 6 to June 13, with an artist's reception on May 9, from 5 to 7 PM. The public is welcome.

This exhibit will be on display at McGowan Fine Art at 10 Hills Avenue in Concord, NH. Please call Sarah Chaffee at 603-225-2515 for more information or visit our website at www.mcgowanfineart.com, or contact us at art@mcgowanfineart.com. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10-6, Sat 10-2, and by appointment.

French's Park Grant

Andrea Lamoreaux, educational outreach director for NH Lakes Association, will be implementing the plan for erosion control financed in part by the Mooseplate grant awarded to the Town of Bradford this spring. She can be reached for additional information at alamoreaux@nhlakes.org.



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Bradford Area Community Center News

Digital Camera Clique or The DCC at BACC

Looking for local users of digital cameras who like to take pictures and discuss them with other people to provide feedback, ideas and fun. Group will meet once a week or twice a month depending on interest and go on several local field trips per month to take pictures for discussion at the following meeting. All are welcome. Sense of humor is required! Knowledge of computer is helpful, i.e. being able to put your digital pictures on disk or thumb drive to bring for discussion. Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the Bradford Area Community Center starting on May 15th. Field trips time/dates to be discussed. Please call Heather 938-2433 for more information.

Sunday May 4th - THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS ~OPEN HOUSE ~ The Bradford Area Community Center will host an open house for all past, present and future volunteers of the Parks and Recreation Department and Community Center. If you have ever volunteered or would like to volunteer at the Bradford Area Community Center or Bradford Parks and Recreation, please attend the event from 2-4pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday May 6th - Baton classes begin this year on at 3:15 PM at the Bradford Area Community Center. The instructor, Donna Acker will help participants train for the July 4th Parade in Bradford. Please call Joni at 938-2224 for details. All ages welcome.

Bradford Community Farmer's Market – A NEW Farmers market will take place on the front lawn of the Bradford Area Community Center on Thursdays beginning June 5th from 3-7pm. The market will provide a venue for the sale of locally grown, locally made products and contribute to a sense of community. Vendors are encouraged to apply for spaces now. Call the Community Center at 938-6228 for more details and to obtain an application. Or see the webpage at baccnh.com

May Health Fair –Displays of health informational materials and handouts will be set up at the Community Center each week. A new speaker will discuss a variety of subjects every Thursday in May at 6 PM. Some of the scheduled topics are as follows:

May 1 -

Pre-hab – with Judy Thackaberry, licensed Physical Therapist. What is Pre-hab? The latest in preparing for total joint replacement. VNA

Caring For Mom and Dad ~ with Maureen Strachan, RN, and Ellen Brownson, Outreach Liaison. Ideas, options and support for caring for mom and dad, in your home or theirs. VNA

Telemedicine ~ What is it? How can it help prevent emergency room visits and hospitalizations? VNA

May 8

Family Nutrition with Ann Merritt, Registered Dietician. Learn how you and your family can eat well and make conscious healthy food choices. VNA

Infant and Child Health, with Judy Morrissey, RN, Pediatric Specialist. Judy will discuss the basics of health during the formative years. VNA

May 15

Dental care May 22nd - TBA

May 29

The Benefits of Stress Reduction, with Lisa MacLean RN, C, and MED., school nurse at Kearsarge Regional High School.





Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

On Saturday, May 10 at 11am trustee Penny Ulrich will provide a program especially for Mother's Day. Hear a story about mothers and make her a present! The program is suitable for children of all ages. A similar program for Father's Day will be held on Saturday, June 14. Our annual book and plant sale is on Saturday, May 24 from 9am until 2pm. My best ever tomato plants were bought at last year's sale! May's book-to-movie comparison is on a short story by Farley Mowat "Walk Well my Brother" and the movie The Snow Walker. Join us Friday, May 2 at 7 pm.

The international movie selection on Friday, May 16 is from Morocco. In June we will replace the international series with a documentary series for the summer.

Also this month the library is co-sponsoring a program with the Mountain View Senior Center. Come and meet Agatha Christie at the Senior Center at 11am on Thursday, May 22! She will talk about her writing and her remarkable life.

New books added to your library in April:

For adults:

Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri
 Hold Tight by Harlan Coben
 Lush Life by Richard Price
 Human Smoke by Nicholson Baker
 Buckingham Palace Gardens by Anne Perry
 Hot Topic by Gabrielle Walker

For children:

Ivy + Bean Take Care of the Babysitter by Annie Barrows
 Smash! Crash! by Jon Scieszka
 Tree Shaker, the Story of Nelson Mandela by Bill Keller

Agatha Christie Visits Bradford, NH.

Thursday May 22, at the Bradford Area Community Center, 11:00AM In this living history performance, Agatha Christie tells you how a typewriter in Torquay spawned over 80 mysteries and created Miss Jane Marple and Hercule Poirot. Learn what influences in her life informed her creation of her famous leading detectives; some personal information about her family; and why she went to Yorkshire under an assumed name.

Agatha Christie mysteries are available at the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford. Read a mystery and discuss the book with Agatha. Living history performer Helene Lang, Ph.D., was born in Massachusetts and educated at Boston University. She has taught public school and for the United States Navy overseas. For many years she has been a professor of literacy and literature at the University of Vermont. This event is open to all the surrounding communities.

You must register early as space is limited. Call 938-2104 to make a reservation or more information.

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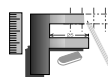
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French's Park Clean-Up –The Parks and Recreation Department seasonal clean up of French's Park will take place on May 31st at 9AM. Meet at French's Park with rake, shovel, and gloves to help get the park ready for summer fun. Lunch will be provided. Call Kate at 938-6228 for more info.

Recycling: The Bradford Area Community Center is recycling and composting! Paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and cans are being recycled using the wonderful containers provided by Steve Pitman of the Lumber Barn. Composting is taking place in the EarthWay Garden composter (fondly known as Darth Vader) which was donated by Ken Anderson and Lois Kilnapp of the Bradford Transfer Station. Thank you to Bindy and all the folks who support our efforts.

Community Gardens at the Bradford Area Community Center –raised garden beds are being created to inspire and promote organic gardening for people of all ages. If you would like to help or be involved, please call Kate at 938-6228. Educational and fun activities will be planned around the gardens.

Colonial Fair at KRES



Fourth graders at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford held their annual Colonial Fair on Thursday, April 17, 2008 in the multipurpose room at the school. Students chose a topic of interest about the life and times of the American Colonial Period. They researched the topic, wrote reports, and created hand made projects to enhance their reports. Topics included: music, cooking, blacksmithing, crime and punishment, quilting, weaving, pottery, broom making, candle dipping, and others. "The children always have so much fun with this traditional event," stated Ms. Miller.

All students in the school visited the fair as fourth graders presented their projects and answered questions. Parents, grandparents, and friends attended the fair in the evening from 6:30 till 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Sweet announced that this is the 19th year that the Colonial Fair has been held at the school, a tradition that was started by Mrs. Jan Riley, a retired fourth grade teacher.

KRMS Dedication Ceremony Planned

The public is invited to attend the Dedication Ceremony of the new Kearsarge Regional Middle School, Sunday, May 4th, at 2pm. The ceremony (approximately 30 minutes long) will be held in the new KRMS gymnasium at 32 Gile Pond Road, North Sutton. Refreshments and tours of the building will immediately follow the ceremony. Parking is available behind the new middle school near the gymnasium. For more information check the school website at www.kearsarge.org and click on KRMS or call the school at 927-2100.

KRHS Adult Diploma Program Fun Walk and Road Race

The Kearsarge Regional High School Adult Diploma Program (KADP) is sponsoring a fun run and road race, May 18th at 10 am.

The course begins and ends on the high school track behind the school and is primarily on the road surrounding the school.

Registration forms are available on the school website

www.kearsarge.org and click on KRHS. Runners may also register the day of the race at 8am.

Registration is \$15 before May 15th and \$20 the day of the race.

For more information contact Beth Stern, KRHS Guidance Office at 927-4261.

KEARSARGE DISTRICT NEWS

School District Report

Jon Steiner

“Two Tier busing... what is it and how does it affect me?” is a question I have been hearing with some frequency. There is a plan coming to the Board on May 8th that would change our busing and start times across the district. It will affect all students, parents, employers, coaches, scout leaders...just about everyone. Here it is in a nutshell.

All the elementary schools will start earlier: somewhere around 7:45 with the schools opening around 7:30 for kids to get breakfast, be dropped off etc. The elementary school day would end around 2:15.

The middle and high schools would start later: somewhere around 8:45 and end around 3:30.

The pros are that all kids should have shorter bus rides; elementary kids would not ride the buses with middle and high school kids; middle and high school kids would get to sleep a little later and there is a little more time built in to the day for education.

The cons are that the 3:30 dismissal time affects sports, jobs and other activities; the early start for the younger kids may be disruptive to their sleep patterns; we don't yet know if it costs more to run the two tier system.

I have voted no to the changes unless we can switch the timing so the middle and high schools are the ones starting early...but have been told that the routes would not work in that way. My concerns are that the kids who work to save for college or help out with their family's bills will be affected. Kids who play sports will also either be out later or miss a lot of school for early dismissals. And a longer school day (3:30) just means that the kids will stay up later to keep up with sports, work and homework

and may still get the same sleep they are currently getting.

Also, Live Wire in Bradford may not offer a morning program as the short time frame (7 to 7:30ish) does not make it feasible.

In short, I think the changes required to switch our busing system produce too little in guaranteed positives to make it worth the effort and upheaval.

If you have concerns please come to the May 8th meeting at 7 p.m. at the High School. I believe the meeting will be held in the auditorium to accommodate the number of concerned people who plan on attending.

KRES at Bradford

Mary Keegan-Dayton

Writing is important to us. It's a critical part of our curriculum along with math, science, reading and social studies. We celebrate writing quarterly at an all school assembly called Writers Spotlight.

Here's how it works. Four times a year, students in grades K through 5 are given a writing prompt, providing them with a topic to write about. The third quarter prompt asked students to convince their parents to keep a lost animal. The fourth quarter prompt (this month) asks students to write a response to a poem. Every student completes a piece (grades K and 1 draw a picture and write a few words or sentences). The goal of the

different prompts is to help students develop an awareness for the different kinds of writing they are expected to do, according to Bradford Reading Specialist, Kathy McKenna.

Writer's Spotlight is held to feature student's writing and celebrates quality work, according to McKenna. Parents, faculty and students are invited to the Writer's Spotlight. A student from each grade is selected to read their piece from the writing prompt in front of the whole school. They can practice with Mrs. McKenna or have an adult read the piece aloud for them. "I hear kids say I want to write something so I can get up and read it," said Connie Powers KRES Teacher. Katie Toro, Kaitlin Gregg, Colton Wilhelm, Sarah Long, Sarah Clark and Kylie O'Keefe read their writing recently at the Writer's Spotlight.

"The spotlight has really motivated students...there is more writing, more thinking and better quality," according to Principal Jim Spadaro. "Part of it is the recognition from their peers and their ability to share their own writing. We are trying to develop a culture where kids feel safe and have confidence to share their work. I want a school where everyone is recognized for their gifts."

Stop by the school to hear a few good writers share their work. Call the office for details, 938-5959.



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Obituaries

Nellie Hayden

Nellie Way Hayden, 86, died April 6, 2008, at the Arches in Northfield after a long illness.

Born in Boston, June 13, 1921, she was the daughter of Arthur Way Hayden and Juliana (Crowley) Way Hayden. She had been a full-time Bradford resident since 1980. She lived there part-time since her birth. For 41 years, she worked for Eaton Vance as an executive secretary. She loved gardening and needlepoint.

Survivors include her niece, Julie Anne Cox of Prudenville, MI, two great-nephews and one great-great-nephew.

Lottie Cline

Lottie Naomi Cline, infant, died Mar. 30, 2008, in Lincoln, NC. She was born Mar. 2, 2008, the daughter of Amanda and Matthew Cline of North Carolina. She is survived by her grandfather Ron Bourassa and great-grandparents Lawrence and Theresa "Meme" Bourassa, all of Bradford.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

Women's Fellowship: On Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m., the Women's Fellowship will hold a "Tea and Beauty Night". There will be different kinds of teas to sample and Susan Montminy will join us to share some beauty secrets. Cosmetics will be available for purchase and the proceeds will go towards our Building Fund.

Youth Group: Youth who are in grades 5-8 are invited to come to youth group on Friday, May 9 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, May 23, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Both gatherings will take place in the Fisk House.

All God's Daughters Banquet: Our annual banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be chicken, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, ceasar salad, rolls and home-made desserts. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for girls under the age of 12. Reservations must be made by May 11. Proceeds will go towards the Building Fund.

Spring Clean up: Our spring clean-up of the church will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m. We have a rain date of Saturday, May 31.

Childrens Sunday: Our children will lead the Worship Service on Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m., incorporating things they have learned during the past year.

Crop Walk: Our annual walk-a-thon to raise money for Church World Service will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Church of Warner.

Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open on Wednesday, May 21 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Mens Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, prayer, and outreach planning. At 7:00 p.m., they will enjoy pool and refreshments.

Vital Records for April

- 04-06-08 Chase Roger Paquette was born in Lebanon to David & Sarah
- 04-10-08 Cooper William Bocash was born in Claremont to Jeffrey & Meghan
- 04-12-08 John Rogers Jr., died in Concord
- 04-13-08 Michael Stevens, died in Franklin

Also, I can accept changes of party in the office until June 3, 2008. If you did not change your party affiliation after the last primary and want to be able to vote for your choice of candidate in the upcoming September Primary for Governor, please mark your calendar or come into the office for the proper paper work. Susan Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Letters

To the BBA

On behalf of the Bradford students and scholarship committee we thank the Bradford Business Association for their continued support of donating to our scholarship fund. Please support our local businesses as they are always there supporting our children of the community to further their education... Thank you, BBA members.

Sincerely,

Dawn Rich



Dawn Rich accepting a check for the scholarship committee from Bradford Business Association members Bob Stewart and Steve Pitman

Honour Society Membership


Bonnie R. Wrisley of Bradford, NH has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during an induction ceremony on February 24, 2008 at the University of New Hampshire. "It is only fitting that a top academic achiever like Bonnie be recognized by Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key's Chief Executive Officer.

Golden Key International Honour Society is the premier college/university honor society in the world, with more than 1.7 million members and over 350 chapters in the United States, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. The global nonprofit organization provides academic recognition to top-performing college and university students, as well as scholarships and awards, career and internship opportunities, networking, service and leadership development opportunities. Membership into the Society is by invitation only, to students in all fields of study.

Mrs. Wrisley, formerly of Troy, PA, will graduate in May of 2008 with a Masters in Social Work. She currently resides in Bradford, NH with her husband, Bob. Mrs. Wrisley is employed by the NH Division of Public Health Services in the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services.




A recent Mountain View Senior Center Brunch featured speaker Sargent Glenn Drewniak, member of Charlie Co., 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry of the Army National Guard. Sgt. Drewniak, a resident of Newbury spoke about his recent service in Afghanistan. Pictured with Sgt. Drewniak is his wife Melinda Drewniak (back left) and I. to r., Marcelle Richard, Bradford, Claire Thomas and Ruth Ahlstrom, both from Newbury. For more information on Mountain View's brunch and other programs contact Sandi at 938-2104.



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Bradford Improvement Association (BIA)

The BIA invites you for a Main Street Walk on Saturday, May 3 at 10:00 am at the Community Center. Neighbors and friends interested in assessing the need for sidewalks will get a closer look at our Main Street and a bit of exercise at the same time. Front porch refreshments will be served en route at 46 West Main Street. Join the fun!

Evening of Music



Kearsarge Regional High School will present a musical program under the direction of Ernie Mills. This is the twelfth year the department has shared many talented young people with Bradford. Each year our area students have presented a professional and enjoyable program and each year have won state and national awards. The Music Department has several groups, including a Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Band, and Jazz group. The program is free, sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society. Please come and support your student neighbors.

Don't miss this outstanding evening of music. Sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society. Thursday, May 22nd. First Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

Meet Your Neighbors, The Quiet Ones.

Interested in genealogy and town history? The Cemetery Commission is looking for volunteers to adopt a nearby cemetery by visiting a few times a year and checking on the condition of the stones, shrubs and fences. For information call Tom Riley at 938-5539



Governor Lynch, Marilyb Ziffrin and Dr. Susan Lynch

Congratulations to composer Marilyn Ziffrin of Bradford who was presented with The Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure Award given for her lifetime achievement as a composer, performer, and arts educator at the Governors Arts Awards ceremony on April 24, 2008 held at the Colonial Theater in Keene. Internationally renowned potter Gerry Williams of Dunbarton created Ziffrin's special "Eagle Award" sculpture.

Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Since 1999 in every corner of North America, trained volunteers are eavesdropping on mating frogs and toads. Four times a year, participants follow pre-defined routes and at ten specific “stops”, identify calling species and estimate their numbers. The information gathered will eventually determine which populations are increasing or decreasing. One route extends from Newbury into Bradford. The following notes were taken during run #1.

It’s been a dry spring with virtually no mud season. Snow melt was heavy, long and late, streams are high, the trees not yet taking up the melt. The air is full of pollen and stale road sand. Every pebble in the road looks like an anxious toad and the newly snow-released leaves dash across the road like mice. Clearly, I’m too tired to be out tonight. Its ten o’clock.

Stop #1. A forested streamside, a series of shallow pools. Wood frogs are quacking urgently. A code 3 by the protocol. This breeding area will not be successful without a lot of rain. Frogs can regulate their growth though, based on water level stress. Larger froglets emerge from abundant water, smaller but faster-growing frogs emerge from low water. The wood frogs are darkly colored tonight due to the cold water.

Stop #2. Snow on the ground. Wood frogs call from a pool near a culvert. Spring peepers in the distance. Most frogs (most animals!) have at least two calls, a call to repel rivals and a call to attract females. The wood frogs are vernal pool species, they cannot thrive where there are fish. They and the toads, pickerel frogs and gray tree frogs will avoid the brook’s current, but later there will be green and bull frogs here.

Stop #3. Man-made lake. Spring peepers in the distance. The wind is gusting 4 on the Beaufort scale. If it keeps up, this run will be canceled. In the perennially windy Great Plains states they count frogs during wind, they have to.

Stop #4. A roadside swale that, depending on the vagaries of weather and road crew, is successful for some vernal pool species and visiting green frogs. The culvert this year is still clogged with sand and garbage. The water is high and the wood frogs are vocal. The tangle of brush in the pool is good for attachment of amphibian eggs tonight.

Stop #5. Another roadside swale, snow still sits on the edges. There is no sound here, appears doomed with

sand and road salt. It is assumed that any small wetland within 500’ of a road will lose species. This study will add more information. A lonesome newt buries itself under the leaf litter. Salamanders don’t get counted because they don’t speak, it is hard to see them and guess their silent numbers.

Stop #6. Man-made pond. Ponds are almost always made by deepening natural wetlands formed over poorly-drained soils. This pond still functions somewhat as a vernal pool though it is stocked with fish. Nearly all the local amphibians take turns in these waters – first the wood frogs and peepers, then the toads, gray tree frogs, pickerel frogs. Finally by summer the green and bull frogs have the location to themselves.

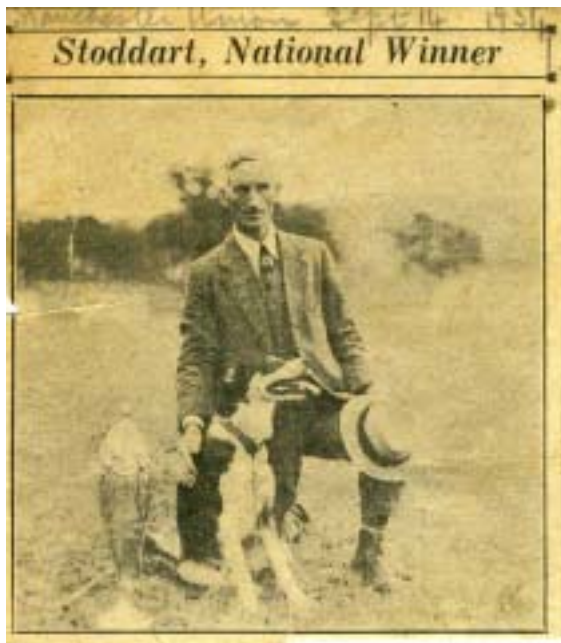
Stop #7. Level, forested wetland. A small bulldozer is parked menacingly. Fish are visible in the stream but wood frogs and peepers are calling frantically further back in hillocky wet pockets. Soon there will be toads here.

Stop #8. Landscaped fire pond. Spring peepers call loudly. Peepers are mini-ventriloquists, and despite their obvious numbers they are very hard to spot. The dust/pollen covered water is pocked with the air gasping of spotted salamanders. Wood frogs sprawl everywhere on the surface but are too shy of the flashlight to speak. Oddly, this is not true in other states. Rafts of frog eggs are visible.

Stop #9. Shallow, thinly forested wetland. Criss-crossed with skidder tracks, this vernal pool area is in temporary decline. As the trees grow back with more shade some of the deeper pools may successfully rear amphibians. The wood frogs are still trying. Amphibians are surprisingly long-lived, spotted salamanders and toads might live for twenty years.

Stop #10. An area of both natural and man-made pools and ponds. It’s getting quite windy though I do hear some distant frogs. New Hampshire frogs don’t call in high winds – perhaps because they can’t hear each other, or they can’t hear approaching predators or people with flashlights.

It is now half past midnight. I won’t bother them again until run #2 in a couple of weeks.



Bradford Historical Society

Samuel S. Stoddart imported the first registered Border Collie in this country and continued a run of championships with one exceptional collie for 13 years. In 1929, they won the International Championship at Boston Gardens before a crowd of 10,000 people. In 1934, he won another American Championship. A well known importer, breeder and trainer of sheep dogs, Mr. Stoddart and his family lived in Bradford on Johnson Hill Road on the former Cofrin property which was once an established sheep farm, now the home of Laurie Sweet Brown. A Sam Stoddart Trophy in his honor is awarded at the U.S. Championship Sheep Dog Trials. All our pictures of Mr. Stoddart show him in gentlemanly attire of vest and tie.

