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Who's Your Farmer?

by Karen Booker

Who IS your farmer?. As you think about this statement, do you really know who IS the farmer producing the very food that you eat? At the grocery store you are at the mercy of the main buyer for that chain store, but at the farmers markets you can actually get to know your farmer. The person at the farm stand that you are talking to as you pay for a head of lettuce is most likely the same person who grew the lettuce.

Right here, in downtown Bradford located at the Community Center on Main Street, is a local Farmers Market on Thursdays from 3pm to 6pm. Come by and ask any vendor for a really nice collectable refrigerator magnet to use as a market reminder. We hope the Bradford Farmers Market is a great place to meet your neighbors and friends as you seek out fresh produce. Each week is like Christmas, as you never know what is coming in at the market. A new item at the market is Fair Trade Organic coffee beans from a coffee roaster in Fitzwilliam, NH. He roasts small batches of Colombian, Brazilian, Sumatra, Decaf and Webster Ridge Blend. If you are a coffee drinker be sure to check out a sample. To add to the taste of summer, the tomatoes, green beans, summer squash and corn will be coming in during the month of August.

When you come to the market, you will find a variety of products from vegetables, naturally raised meats, eggs, flowers, baked goods, jams and jellies, rabbits, soap, quilts and wool products. As you take a tour of the market, you will first meet Michelle who farms organically fresh produce, cut flowers, plants and eggs. She also produces hand made organic soap in different scents. Across from Michelle is Faye who makes quilts in different sizes as well as bags for shopping at the market. She makes delicious pies and wonderful jams. Visit Ewe

and I Farm where Cindy makes yarn, roving and hand knit garments from her own sheep's wool. If you have your own sheep, Cindy and her husband, Jerry, will be glad to come out to shear them for you. Old Mac Wylie's Farm is the home of friendly goats and rabbits. To the delight of the children that visit the market, Pam brings rabbits to sell (and pet, of course!). You can buy their homemade goat's milk soap, goat meat and dairy products.

Down the row see Webster Ridge Farm and The Traveling Farmer. Brandon of Webster Ridge brings his own naturally raised chicken and lamb. He buys his beef and pork from a friend here in NH. Karen, a.k.a., The Traveling Farmer, travels to Brandon's farm to tend to the vegetables and to Tilton for the garlic, corn and other vegetables. She accepts WIC coupons only on her vegetables. She also makes her own cards, soap and wool products.

Last but not least is Denise of JenDen Designs. She will be working on a mosaic piece or two as she visits with you telling you about her classes and pieces for sale. Be sure to ask her when the next class in this form of art is scheduled if you are interested. Denise also brings great cookies to the market to help keep the sweet tooth at bay. She will also be glad to take your order for cakes for that special occasion. This brings you full circle around the tour of the market of the regulars. Most weeks there is music or a demonstration and also vendors who bring occasional produce.

As you can see, there is a variety of products and produce at the market. Be sure to come so you can get to know the different farmers at this market. Only then can you truly know you where your food is coming from as you get to Know Your Farmer.

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

This month we are interviewing a summer visitor. Elayne Tobin has come to Bradford to write a book tentatively titled "The Accidental Reader-Twelve Books to Read Before You Die." Elayne is a teacher and writer currently residing in a Lake Todd cottage to work on this project. The cottage has served as a muse for other writers in the past and provides the serenity of Todd Pond's rippling water as inspiration.

Q. You were born and raised in New Hampshire and have gone to school and worked in other parts of the country and the world. Can you tell me about that?

I grew up in Keene, a mid-sized town. I was an only child and had to entertain myself. At a very young age the library was a magical place-physically the books were like religious objects. I escaped the little town in large part by reading books. Keene was white and working middle class. My living in other parts of the country and world helped me understand that I wanted to be in a place that was culturally vibrant.

Q. You are a full time professor at New York University (NYU). What subjects and levels do you teach? If you are working with freshmen, do you find that they are prepared for college level work?

I teach freshmen through seniors -non-fiction writing, history of celebrity and am currently working on a course about the New York City triangle fire (a story about factory workers who burnt to death in a horrible conflagration years ago). My students are bright. While they are high achieving on some levels, they do not take risks. They are children of "no child left behind"

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From the Editor:

Ah, summer is great. The weather has been perfect, seeing friends and neighbors again is a treat and the town is lively with activity. Fourth of July was wonderful, the Lettvin concerts fantastic, the Farmer's Market a hit and all in all its been a wonderful season. Though we've had our share of sad news (the Canada Goose extermination) and bad news (the Main Street fuel leak and a severe storm), we are generally in good shape. We at the Bridge thank our advertisers for their continued support and urge you to support local businesses, owned and run by neighbors, especially now that economic clouds continue to affect business negatively. Take time to take in the beauty around us, to breathe our fresh clean air and to enjoy all the goodness and bounty of the season

Have a wonderful rest of the summer. Support our community and stay involved!

Beth Rodd, August Editor

July 4th Parade Winners

RIBBONS: All children received participant ribbons

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Selectmen's Highlights

Highway Department At the end of June Road Agent Jeff Remillard advised the Selectmen that several pipes had been found running underground at the East Main Street drainage project. The consensus of the Board was to continue with the project, but be mindful of the budget. When fumes developed during the project, the ditch was backfilled and the project is on hold awaiting results from DES. (See article page ____ for further details.)

Health Office Trudy Willett reported that all tenants are out of the building at 122 East Main Street and will not be allowed back until it has been declared safe.

Breezy Hill Road has been prepared for shimming to deal with the deterioration of the pavement. Work will be done as soon as possible.

The old large culvert from Old Warner Road was sold for scrap at \$910.63.

There is a rental agreement with Road Agent Remillard for use of his excavator and a truck to move it around on.

A letter was received from UNH that Sam Fortune, a member of the

highway department road crew, had achieved the status of senior road scholar.

NFI Thomas Grinley, Director of the NFI facility on Route 103 presented a proposal for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the Board for consideration. This would freeze the property taxes at the \$10,000 tax level of last year and is being offered prior to appealing to the Bureau of Tax and Land Appeals. The Board asked for time to digest the material and thanked Mr. Grinley for the information provided.

Employee Manual and Benefits Review After several weeks of research, Jon Marden presented the Selectmen with a handout showing his analysis of data and suggested corrections. The topic of employee insurance was discussed at length.

Planning Board The Selectmen agreed to contact Corsair Realty with a deadline for reclamation of the gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road. A letter sent to Mosaic Artiques on Route 103 resulted in removal of a sign that violated the standards for a home business.

Selectmen appointed Building Inspector Trudy Willett to issue the permits required by the recently passed Sign Ordinance.

Boat Launch Extremely low water has caused some difficulty launching boats at the ramp this summer. Any activity within the

lake itself comes under the jurisdiction of NHDES. The Lake Hosts have been asked to alert people to be careful putting their boats in the lake.

Generator for Town Hall Four bids were received in response to the recent RFP. The contract was awarded to Fysh Electrical Contractors, LLC of Belmont, low bidder at \$5,771.23.

Tillie Wheeler Peter Fenton expressed appreciation for the many contributions made by Tillie Wheeler to the Town over the years.

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Area Events

Sutton

August Farm Days Celebration at Muster Field Farm Museum:

August 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Muster Field Farm, Harvey Road, North Sutton. Experience down-home farming demonstrations and exhibits dating back to the 1800s: dowsing, corn and ensilage cutting, barn loom weaving, rug hooking, a colonial life demo and Revolutionary War encampment, antique tractors, trucks, and gasoline engines, blacksmithing, hay rides, and much more! Take your chances at cow flop bingo on Saturday at 4:00, and enjoy the grande parade at 3:00 both Saturday and Sunday.

And don't miss the famous roast beef supper on Saturday evening from 5-7 p.m. Tickets for the supper are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, available by reservation (603-927-4047), or at the Farm Days information booth.

Lunch and snacks are available to buy on site, or pack a picnic to enjoy on the farm's 250 acres of open fields, gardens, and historic buildings. General admission is \$5, free for members. Information and directions: 603-927-4276 or 603-927-4440, and at www.musterfieldfarm.com

Muster Field Farm Museum in North Sutton – On Sundays from July 1 through October 3, the circa-1787 Matthew Harvey Homestead is open for free, docent-led tours from 1-4 p.m. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992, this grand old home features a second floor ballroom, where the military officers were entertained on Muster Day and town meetings were held in early times. The farm buildings and farm stand are also open. Hike the Farm's 250 acres, bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy the spectacular flower and vegetable gardens and beautiful views of Mount Kearsarge. Info: 927-4276

or www.musterfieldfarm.com. Please note: No homestead tours on Sunday, August 29.

Newbury

Every Thursday night this summer, Digby's is hosting the Bluegrass & BBQ series. Local NH bands including the Mink Hills Bluegrass Band, Bradford Bog People, Tyler Road Band, and many more are featured. To find out more about the summer Bluegrass & BBQ series at Digby's please review the Website schedule.

<http://digbys.sunapeeresortproperties.com/home>

Saturday, August 14, The South Newbury Union Church is making plans for it's 20th Annual Summer Church Fair. Rain or Shine. There will be something for everyone....9-2pm. Lots of Food, fleas, attic treasures, baked goods, green thumb table, Chinese Auction, Vendors, special raffle. It is sure to be lots of fun...Hope to see everyone there. For more information, call 938-2064

Warner

The United Church of Warner is sponsoring Events to be held at the church, at 45 East Main Street, Warner.

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Bradford Happenings



4-H Club

Yes, summer is her and the local High Spirits 4-H Club is taking a rest from formal business meeting and just having some fun. During June's meeting, the club reviewed its annual goals, listened to a short slide show presented by Kyle Lombard on entomology and for those members who were interested, signed up for entomology as summer project. June's meeting ended with a "make your own sundae" theme.

Some members participated in photography which was led by Donna Long and enjoyed a wonderful hike up Mt. Kearsarge for a photo shoot. Thanks, Mrs. Long, for taking your time to teach our members about photography!. They all learned a lot about their digital cameras and much information about what makes a good photo. Some members participated in gardening with Marie Hasey where they learned about what makes a garden grow, planted seeds at the BACC for the local food pantry and made scarecrows to keep the wild turkeys away (we hope). The club participated in Bradford's 4th of July parade and plans to go to Canobie Lake Park on Wednesday, August 11th.

4-H is run by its members and supported by its adult leaders. We are currently seeking a local adult to teach basic sewing skills next year as many members are interested in learning to sew. If you have 6 hours to dedicate to local youth, please contact: Marie Hasey at mhasey@tds.net to learn more.

Ice Cream Social:

Members of the Kearsarge Community Band will perform at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse in the historic district on Sunday August 15th at 2:00 pm. There will also be an ice cream social. All are welcome!!!

Historic Cottage Tour

The Lake Massasacum Improvement Association and the Bradford Historical Society are putting together the history of the cottages on the lake. There will be a tour of Barbara French's cottage 112 East Shore Drive Wednesday Aug. 25 6:30 pm. Bring pictures of your cottage and any others of the lake. Parking will be limited so please car pool or travel by canoe, kayak or motor boat. "Uptown" visitors could carpool from the Post Office.

Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Women's Club

Flower Power

Although it is still summer, it's time to think about fall plantings for the spring! Remember how we all look forward to and enjoy the spring flowers after a long New England winter.

The Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Women's Club (BNSWC) is now holding its annual Flower Bulb sale. Proceeds will support our annual scholarship that is awarded in May, local community service projects and provide assistance for families in need.

There are a variety of bulbs to choose from and new types of bulbs are available this year. If you missed seeing us at Bradford Corners on July 31st, there is still time to order. Deadline for purchase is not until August 27th. Just give Jackye Pehrson a call at 938-5951.

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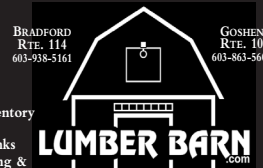


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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor

Thank You to Everyone who helped with the Independence Day Activities from Bradford Parks and Recreation

The response to the call for volunteers and donations was fantastic this year! Many people came out to volunteer for The Beef Roast, Bloodmobile and Baton Twirling group on the 2nd and 3rd of July. This was a wonderful example of how community can come together, work together and have fun doing it ! Volunteers, thank you so much for your time, efforts and

To The Editor:

They volunteer to fight our fires and help in emergencies all seasons.

On a very, very hot 6 July 2010, I received a phone call from a young man with the Bradford Fire Department asking if we were "ok". Yes, we are ok but would he call a neighbor who might be suffering. She had no air conditioning at the time. He said he would and I thanked him.

Later that day I received a call from that neighbor saying she did not hear the phone but looked out her front window to see a Bradford police car in her driveway. What had she done? was her first thought. To her relief he wanted to know if she was "ok". Did she need any help.

What a great bunch of people we have in this small town. I have lived in many states and parts of the world and no fire or police department has called to see if I am "OK". This is a thank you to the young man who called and the entire Fire and Police Department for their concern. I am sorry to say I do not know the name of the caller. I failed to ask.

Don and Jane Johnsen

Letter to the Editor

Until recently high speed internet service was not available in areas around Lake Massasecum. Over the past eighteen months Iamnow, Inc., a Bradford Internet Service Provider, has worked to change this. A solar-powered tower was erected and the technology developed to provide high speed service for those of us still dialing-up.

As an editor of the Bradford Bridge, a proof copy is emailed to me before final publication. The download time with dial-up connection has been 45 minutes. With the tower activated and in service, the proof copy of the July Bridge arrived in 2 ½ minutes!

Thank you IAMNOW for bringing this backward part of Bradford into the 21st Century.

Marcia Keller

To the Editor:

I am writing regarding the recent decision to install ramps filled with crushed stone in two places to access the beach at French's Park.

As a lifelong resident of Bradford and one of the most frequent users of the park I ask you to please reconsider this decision. Past projects to spread crushed stone and wood chips throughout the park have, in my opinion, destroyed the beach. Swimmers are unable to walk around the park or in the water without stepping on sharp crushed rocks or chipped pine wood chips covered in pitch. I don't believe the fire department needs another emergency pump fill when the boat ramp is less than a mile away and has ample access. I think that this project is completely unnecessary and a waste of taxpayers money.

Please re-assess the necessity of these ramps and the impact to the beach. I also ask that you please advise me of any actions I can take to try to prevent this from occurring.

Thank you,

Heather LaBelle

To the Editor

A great big THANK YOU to John Mock and his demonstrators at the Village Smithy Shop, Doug Webb and workers cooking lunch, Steve Hansen and his crew for all the hours at the Historical Society Building and all the workers at the chicken barbecue. We appreciate you!

Bradford Historical Society

To the Editor,

I too like Canada geese, however, uncontrolled, they wreck havoc with the local environment. I would suggest Ms. Kelly check with the NYS Dept of Environment Conservation and check the extensive damage these geese have done to beautiful Rockland Lake, as well as many others in the area.

Rockland Lake is about twenty times larger than Todd Pond and yet, over a period of years the Canada geese have managed to extensively pollute (run-off from droppings and the resulting nitrogen explosion) about twenty-five percent of the lake. The DEP is in an on-going battle to contain them and reverse the damage.

As an aside, people can no longer walk, nor children play, in those areas these geese have settled.

Bill O'Hara
Pearl River, NY

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August is National Immunization Awareness Month!

August is recognized as National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). The goal of NIAM is to increase awareness about immunizations across the life span, from infants to the elderly.

August is the perfect time to remind family, friends, co-workers, and those in the community to catch up on their vaccinations. Parents are enrolling their children in school, students are entering college, and healthcare workers are preparing for the upcoming flu season.

Why are immunizations important?

Immunization is one of the most significant public health achievements of the 20th century. Vaccines have eradicated smallpox, eliminated wild poliovirus in the United States, and significantly reduced the number of cases of measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis and other diseases. But despite these efforts, people in the U.S. still die from these and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccines offer safe and effective protection from infectious diseases. By staying up-to-date on the recommended vaccines, individuals can protect themselves, their families and friends and their communities from serious, life-threatening infections.

Who should be immunized?

Getting immunized is a lifelong, life-protecting community effort regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic background or country of origin. Recommended vaccinations begin soon after birth and continue throughout life. Being aware of the vaccines that are recommended for infants, children, adolescents, adults of all ages and seniors, and making sure that we receive these immunizations, are critical to protecting ourselves and our communities from disease.

When are immunizations given?

Because children are particularly vulnerable to infection, most vaccines are given during the first five to six years of life. Other immunizations are recommended during adolescent or adult years and, for certain vaccines, booster immunization are recommended throughout life. Vaccines against certain diseases that may be encountered when traveling outside of the U.S. are recommended for travelers to specific regions of the world.

Lake Sunapee VNA and Hospice has or can easily obtain most vaccines and will conduct numerous Seasonal and H1N1 vaccine clinics beginning in October 2010. If you have any questions about what vaccines you should have or if you have any questions about vaccines in general, please give us a call and one of our knowledgeable staff will speak with you.

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and high stakes testing (tests are everything). I spend the first year teaching them to forget some of those habits.

Q One of the highlights of your stay here seems to be your early morning cup of coffee from “Dunkin’ Donuts.” You live in Greenwich Village that has many offerings that are simply not present here. How do you cope?

I miss certain things like the deli on the corner, sushi, musicians in the park and the craziness of life in the village. I enjoy the peace here and the fact that many great writers like Maxine Kumin and Robert Frost live and lived in New Hampshire. I do love the coffee at “Dunkin’ Donuts.”

Q. I understand that you have a contract with “Penguin Publishing” to write your book. I do not imagine that many agents from “Penguin” are scouting the halls of NYU looking for authors. How did they find you?

It was a happy accident. I did a segment on “Studio360- (Public Radio International)”. It was about using contemporary psychology to analyze classic literary characters. Some one at “Penguin” heard it and asked me to write about the joys and pleasures of literature.

Q. Can you tell me about your connection to Bradford?

One of my best friends, Beth Rodd, moved here in the mid -1980’S. They ran the kind of house where people were constantly in and out. I have been coming here since 1987 and except for my favorite donut shop and the closing of several businesses on Main Street; it is much the same as it was. New York City does not have a community. You cannot have it in a city of 8 million people.

Q When you consider the times we are living in and think about

reading books, do you have any thoughts about how many people still read books the old-fashioned way with the trip to the library or bookstore and the perusing of actual pages and print?

I have no scientific data on this. I would guess that one fifth of the people who actually read books twenty years ago with the printed pages in their hands are still doing the same thing. Just look at the state of the bookstores. People still read but there are so many challenges to our attention span now. We need to re-evaluate how we are living our lives.



Q. You mentioned the effects of technology on reading. Are you talking about books on tape, “Kindle” or some other technical breakthrough?

I am talking about text messaging and the hyper-connectedness of Twitter and Face Book. Literature is still of interest to an increasingly rarified community. Kids will get more benefits from things like books on tape than from a video game. Things like “Kindle” are okay because they tell a beautiful story

Q. Will your book be ready for editing at the end of your month’s stay in Bradford? Have you been given a list of requirements such as word count, chapter size, etc?

I am hoping for early December. They have not set limits I am certain that they would not look favorably at more than 200 pages for the book.

Q. You recently became engaged. Is it difficult to be separated from your fiancé for the tenure of your stay here?

I became engaged at 40 and am now 44. The readers will be the first to know when it becomes official. We might even get married at the Bradford Meeting House. I might be the first bride to marry there using a cane. When I asked my fiancé if he wanted to spend some time here he answered, “I’d love it but what would I do on the second day.”

Q You mentioned teaching a course on “Celebrity.” What exactly is that?

Celebrity began in the Roman Empire. The very word “celebrate” is a Latin word. I study the history of phenomena. In modern times so much has changed that it is impossible to distinguish people who are famous for doing something and some people who are famous for being famous. The “paparazzi” is defined as the “buzz of an insect” in Italian. They are part of that entire economy of fame. It is no better or worse than “reality television.” In a way it is the true test of democracy. Can we stand having our views taken over by this culture? Is there a way to re-evaluate that? If I had the answer, I would be a millionaire.

Q. What is your most memorable experience in Bradford?

Well, many years ago when I was babysitting the Rodd kids, a SWAT team rushed into a downtown huose to apprehend a murder suspect. It was terrifying to me but the neighbors were nonplussed and went about their normal business.

Matilda "Tillie" Wheeler

Matilda "Tillie" A. (Anderson) Wheeler, 96, formerly of Old Sutton Road, died July 11, 2010, at Hillsboro House Nursing Home in Hillsboro, where she had resided for the past six years.

She was born in Warner on June 22, 1914, the daughter of Frank and Ann (Gilmore) Anderson. Tillie graduated as valedictorian of her class at Simonds Free High School in Warner, Class of 1932, and attended Plymouth State College. She had lived in Bradford since 1948 and worked for many years at Dodge's Store on Main Street. She had served as a supervisor of the checklist for the Town of Bradford and was a past president of both the Bradford Women's Club and the PTO in the Bradford schools.

Tillie was past chairwoman and member of the Bradford Conservation Commission for more than 20 years. Many tree-planting projects and the protection of the Bradford Bog property were accomplished under her direction. The Conservation Commission dedicated a walking path, the Tillie Wheeler Trail, in recognition of her accomplishments in preserving many natural areas in Bradford. Tillie had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford for more than 50 years. She had served as superintendent of the Sunday school, a member and secretary of the board of trustees, past president of the Women's Christian Guild, and a member of the American Baptist Women. Tillie provided the flowers for church services every Sunday for many years.

She was named Citizen of the Year in January 1992 by the Town of Bradford. Tillie acted and was involved in many plays with Moon Mountain Arts. She enjoyed hiking, reading and travel, and she was known for her good home cooking.

Her husband of 56 years, Clarence L. Wheeler, died in 1991. She was also predeceased by two brothers,

Obituaries

Gordon and Carroll Anderson. Members of her family surviving include two sons, Stanley G. and his wife, Juanita Wheeler, of Concord, and Bradley O. and his wife, Jean Wheeler, of Sutton; two daughters, Clare J. and her husband, Jim Seidensticker, of Lebanon, and Vicki A. and her husband, Walter Simonds, of South Sutton; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a brother, James Anderson of Sutton; and nieces, nephews and cousins.. Burial was in Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford.

Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 57, Bradford 03221; or Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221.

Galina Leonas

Galina (Juodakis) Leonas 102, of Bradford died, July 12, 2010, in Hillsboro House Nursing Home. She was born Oct. 17, 1907, in Czarist Russia, the daughter of the late Petras and Olga (Lapina) Juodakis. Also predeceased is her husband, Algirdas Leonas, who died on April 28, 1983.

She graduated from college and conservatory of music in Lithuania and was a concert pianist and piano teacher. Galina escaped the Soviet occupation of Lithuania in 1944, then came to the United States with her husband and son in 1947. From 1950 to 1970, she was a piano teacher at Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, MD. From 1963 to 1978, she was employed by the government on a classified project in Linguistic Research near Washington, D.C. She is survived by one Son, Algird P. Leonas of Bradford; four grandchildren, Michael, John, Mark and Kate Leonas; three great-grandchildren, MacKenzie, Grayson and Maghan Leonas.

Donations may be made in her name to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 318, Bradford 03221.

Ralph Jackson

Ralph W. Jackson, 88, formerly of Bradford, died July 15, 2010, at the Harris Hill Nursing Home, with his family at his side. He was born on Aug. 24, 1921, in Springvale, Maine, the son of the late Henry and Ada (Goodwin) Jackson. He was a graduate of Lexington High School in Lexington, Mass. Ralph was a mechanic by trade and was also owner operator of several service stations. After serving his country in World War II, Ralph became a life member of the American Legion and VFW. He was an avid golfer, loved playing cribbage, dancing and tending to the garden at Harris Hill. Ralph was predeceased by his wife, Barbara (Thomas) Jackson, who died in 1974; a daughter, Marilyn Cacciola; a grandson, Stan Kasiola Jr.; his brothers, Clarence "Larry" Jackson and Fred Jackson; and a sister, Louise Reynolds.

He is survived by one daughter, Barbara Jean Kasiola of Pittston, ME; a son-in-law, Dominic Cacciola and his partner, Cynthia Fraser Graves, of Kennebunk, ME; sisters-in-law, Joanne Jackson of Burlington, MA, and Nancyann Gile of Sanford, ME; five grandchildren, Tony Cacciola of Epsom, Dawn Marie Allen and her husband, Jim, of Bradford, Vinnie Cacciola and his wife, Lisa, of Concord, Jean Marie Myshrall and her husband, Dan, of Pittston, ME, and Jamie Lamson of Cape Coral, FL; ten great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Burial was at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Burlington, MA with military honors provided by the United States Air Force. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA, 01701.

Busy Highway Department



Replacing a culvert on Old Warner Road

The Highway Department's road maintenance and repair schedule was interrupted by a fuel leak at the Ploettner property on Main Street, causing an emergency evacuation of the tenants living in the building. The property, long an eyesore since the fire that destroyed the Bowie store, a community favorite, has had a lengthy history as an environmental problem and is symbolic of the blighted condition of the Main Street

appearance. Mr. Ploettner, an absentee landlord, was quoted in a local paper as describing the residents of Bradford as "wacky environmentalists" and assessed the emergency reaction to be an "overreaction". While the leak is being contained, abated and repaired by local, state and federal authorities, the former tenants of the building have sought alternative housing. Indications of mold also make the multi-dwelling building uninhabitable.

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Planning Board Notes

Ledgewood Pines : A request for a further extension of time to meet outstanding conditions for the over 55 subdivision on Old Warner Road was received and discussed. The Board voted to notify the developers that an extension could be considered only if they present a re-drawn plan and mylar showing 22 rather than 24 lots, surety for building the road, and proof of current DES permits at the Planning Board meeting on August 10.

Alternates The Board received a letter of resignation from Jane Johnsen as an alternate member. The Planning Board continues to seek additional alternates to fill out its allowed roster of five. Anyone interested in learning more about the position is invited to attend a meeting of the Board the second or fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Master Plan/ Zoning Amendments The Board continues to discuss possible amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as part of implementation of the Master Plan. Anyone with ideas, suggestions, or comments is invited to attend the monthly work sessions on the fourth Thursday of each month.

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

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Loon Time Once More

By Allene Hamilton

Lake Todd is pleased to announce the birth of two new loon chicks born on June 29th, 2010. So far mother, father, and two chicks are doing well. They are all over the Lake and giving forth their nightly and daily loon sounds of communication.

In early August the chicks have a coat of light brown down, and by ten weeks they have the basic grey plumage. Then they leave in December for the ocean when the ice covers the Lake here.

If you are using Lake Todd by boat or raft or kayak, please go softly through the water and

observe our latest family, but don't scare them or go directly at them as they ride along in their watery home.

It will be such good fortune to keep the two chicks safe for the whole season.



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Bradford Fire Department News

Heat Stroke

Summer is in full swing! But remember along with the summer months comes the increased chance of hyperthermia (heat-stroke). We have all thought it at one time- "I just need to run in to get the mail or go to the bank, I'll only be a minute, and the kids/dogs will be fine."

Did you know that hyperthermia is the leading cause of non-crash vehicle related deaths for children under the age of fourteen?

Here are some simple steps to prevent this from happening to you.

- If you see a child alone in a hot vehicle, call the police. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Warning signs may include: red, hot, and moist or dry skin, no sweating, a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, nausea or acting strangely. Cool the child rapidly. Call 911 immediately.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle even for a minute.
- Do not let your children play in an unattended vehicle.
- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open or with the engine running and the air conditioning on.
- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back - before locking the door and walking away.
- Always lock vehicle doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach. If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk. Even on mild days, temperatures inside vehicles can rise to dangerous levels in minutes. A young child's core body temperature can increase three to five times faster than that of an adult, causing permanent injury or death.

More information can be found at: www.fastlane.dot.gov and www.nhtsa.gov

We have all of our previous Bradford Bridge articles posted; Announce **the Daily Fire Danger Rating** and lots of other great information. www.facebook.com and search Bradford Fire & Rescue.

Police Report

The fourth of July went very well. The organizers are congratulated for a job well done.

The department has received a number of applications from those interested in part time positions. A testing process is being developed and a job screening should be conducted within the next few weeks.

The police department would like to pass along some information that has come to their attention about money scams. A Bradford resident received a phone call from someone stating to be a family member who was in trouble in Canada and in need of some money. If you receive any calls similar in nature try to get a return phone number and **DO NOT** send ANY money. Call the Bradford Police Department 938-2522.

Scams like this are not really new but there are different spins. If you are concerned about a call or you would like assistance with verifying information please call the Bradford Police Department. You will be given assistance or referred to the proper authorities who may be able to assist.

Jim Valiquet, Chief of Police



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Bradford Improvement Association News

The Bradford Improvement Association (BIA) is a group of Bradford citizens who have come together with the common goal of improving our town in a variety of ways.

We work to improve the town's physical appearance, foster strong community bonds, promote business growth and development, revitalize unused resources and find new ones, all while preserving the rural spirit of the town.

We meet monthly on the third Saturday of the month at the BACC. We invite community members to attend to learn more. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Eileen at 938-2779. Come help our community grow and prosper.

The BIA held a July 4th raffle to raise funds to place plaques on the historical homes on Main Street. Winners of the raffle were:

Amish made rocker - Joe Wilcox
Handmade clowns - Carol Troy
Homemade jams and jellies - Pat Magistro
Maple Syrup - Pat Magistro
Note cards and envelopes - Paula Morse

Many thanks to Eileen Kelly and Beth Rodd for the Amish rocker, Sandra Wright for the home-made clowns, Caryl Walker for the jams and jellies, Dick and Marcia Keller for the maple syrup and Susan Smith for the note cards and envelopes. The raffle raised over \$350! Thanks to all who participated in the raffle and made it a success.

Bradford Barter News



Bob Richard sporting the Bradford Barter logo

Did you happen to catch up with us at the fair? You may have seen our sandwich board wandering through the crowds. We had a blast! Lots of fun conversation was shared. Many people expressed an interest in our service pool. We sincerely hope that you take advantage of the help that we are here to provide. Remember, membership is free! Please join us at our next meeting on Saturday, August 14th at 10:00 A.M. at the Bradford Area Community Center. For more information you may check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/bradfordbarter>.



BUBBA HERE: Hey, if you're on the lake and get a hankerin' for some fried clams, call us from your cell and we'll have them ready for you when you pull up to the dock! But don't stop there...how about a thin crust clam pizza...."wicked good"....or just a dog and some fries! Jolly Molly's window during August...quick and easy!

August Line up

Weekends....choice cuts of Prime Rib...12oz cut...\$17...16oz cut \$21.00
8/5...Chef's Choice....All you can Eat...Annie Law for 3 hours of entertainment!

8/6..Karaoke w/ Sherilynn and her "band of revelers"....great way to kill a Friday night!

8/12...The Shrimp Buffet...Pete's in house (better than outhouse)...

8/19...Chefs choice....All You Can Eat!...The "Kane" Machine at the mic....Bud Promo Night!

8/20...Karaoke w/ SheriLynn

8/26..The Shrimp Buffet....Annie Law (last Thursday this summer)

Menu Suggestion:

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AUGUST CALENDAR

Mon. August 2nd

10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran
1-4:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. August 3rd

10:00AM - Stitches from the Heart
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
6:00 – 7:30 PM - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099 for information

Thurs. August 5th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer's Market – entertainment TBA
5:00 PM – Weight Watchers

Fri. August 6th

11:30 AM - 1st Friday Brunch - musical entertainment, 50/50 raffle, and door prizes
Please call for reservations.
7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie *The River*, BML

Mon. August 9th

10:00 AM -Ceramics Class
10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran
1-4:00 PM - Bridge Group
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. August 10th

10:00 AM -Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
6:00-7:30 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. August 11th

9:30 AM - Sunapee Crafts Fair Outing - meet at MVSC
4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center – Committee meeting

Thurs. August 12th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer's Market – Doc Rogers – guitar and vocals
5:00 PM Weight Watchers

Sat. August 14

9:00 AM – Bradford Barter

Sun. August 15

2:00 PM - Kearsarge Community Band & Ice Cream Social
Center Meetinghouse

Mon. August 16th

10:00 AM -Ceramics Class
10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran
1-4:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. August 17th

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

Thurs. August 19th

10:30AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic at MVSC provided by LSVNA
12 Noon - Senior Dining followed by vision expert Rose Prescott
1:00-3:00 PM Foot Care Clinic at MVSC by LSVNA
Call for appointment at 526-4077
3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer's Market –with Duane D'Agnesse –singer, song writer
6:00 PM – Yoga Class

Fri. August 20th

10:30 AM -Friday at the Movies: *Lovely Bones*
7:00 PM – International Movie (France), BML

Sat. August 21

9:00 AM - Writing Group
10:00 AM – Bradford Improvement Association

Mon. August 23rd

10:00 AM -Computer Help Group
10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran
1-4:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. August 24th

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

Wed. August 25th

8:15 AM - Leave Warner/Bradford Portsmouth Harbor Cruise!!!!
Lunch at Weathervane in Kittery
6:30 PM – Historic Cottage tour – 112 East Shore Drive, car pool – parking limited

Thurs. August 26th

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer's Market – Fiona Shea on Fiddle

Fri. August 27th

9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic by LSRVNA at North Ridge Senior Housing.
Call for appointment at 526-4077

Sat., August 28

5:00-7:00 PM – Library Fundraising Dinner, St. Peter's Lodge, Main St.

Mon. August 30th

10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran
1-4:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. August 31st

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
6:00 PM – Yoga Class

AUGUST CALENDAR

Don't forget the Ice Cream Social at 2 pm on August 15th t the Center Meetinghouse!



Town Clerk Announces Friday Hours

Town Clerk Susan Pehrson has resumed Friday hours and will be open 8:00 – 11:30 AM and 12:30 – 5:00 PM.

Tired of our old beige paper? Try getting the Bridge online and enjoy the pictures in vibrant color. Go to the new Bradford Bridge web site, <http://bradfordbridge.com> and download the latest Bridge as well as some of the older ones which are being put on line.

ServiceLink

ServiceLink is a Merrimack County resource that provides information about various programs in the state that can help with certain costs. Programs are based on income eligibility. You may be eligible for help paying for doctor's visits, hospital stays and/or deductibles for pharmacy costs. Contact ServiceLink for more information at 866-634-9412 (toll free) or 228-6625

Abbreviation Key

BBC - Bradford Baptist Church
 BML - Brown Memorial Library
 FGC - Fish & Game Clubhouse -Gillingham Drive
 KAP - Kearsarge Area Preschool
 KRES - Bradford Elementary School
 MVSC - Mountain View Senior Center
 TH - Bradford Town Hall
 ZBA - Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter - 3rd Saturday at 11 am at BACC
 Children's Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30 am BML
 Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6 PM. Call 938-5539 for information
 Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday 7 PM, Town Hall or BML
 Fish and Game Club - 1st Monday of each month - 7 PM, Fish and Game Club
 First Friday Bunch - 11:30 am MVSC, reservations appreciated, call 938-2104 for information
 Historical Society - open most Saturdays, 1:30 - 3 PM, or call 938-5386
 Library Trustees Meeting - 1st Wednesday, 6:00 PM - BML
 Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7 PM, Town Hall
 Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7 PM, BACC
 Selectmen's Meeting - 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Town Hall

Laura Hallahan Honored



The Sunapee Region Board of Realtors has named Laura Hallahan, CBR, GRI, an Associate Broker with Tall Pines Realty, Realtor of the Year at a recent meeting. Linda Rosenthal, Chair of the Realtor of the Year Committee, awarded Hallahan with a plaque and commended her on her many years of dedication at the local and state levels.

Hallahan has been a realtor for eleven years and has been active in the Sunapee Region Board since joining, serving as a member and chair of several committees and as President from 2001-2003. She has given her time at the state level for years and currently serves on the Legal Committee and two of its sub-committees and as Vice President of the New Hampshire Realtors Disaster Assistance Foundation. Hallahan has been a member of the Honor Society for 10 years. This is her third time being recognized with this honor. She has also been active in many civic organizations and is President of the Bradford Business Association. Hallahan's name has been submitted to the New Hampshire Association of Realtors statewide competition for the state Realtor of the Year, to be named at the Fall Convention in October.

Lettvin Concerts Review

by Marilyn Ziffirin

The annual Lettvin chamber Music Series took place at the Bradford Meeting House on Friday evening, July 23, and Saturday evening July 24. On Friday Laura Kargul, pianist, and Ronald Lantz, violinist, gave a delightful program consisting of music by Jean-Marie Leclair, Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, and Johannes Brahms. They are both fine musicians and have excellent rapport with each other.

One of the interesting pieces on their program was the Louis Camrebat arrangement of Debussy's "Suite Bergamasque" which contains the famous "Clair de Lune." Most of us know this work as a very famous piano solo - indeed one of Debussy's most well known. But the arrangement for violin and piano sounded gentle and lovely, and the performers played it with just the right feeling.

The Brahms Sonata No. 1 in G Major, opus 78, was the major work, and it was performed after intermission. It was written in 1878 and includes a quotation from one of Brahms earlier songs, the "Regenlied" theme in the last movement. The artists performed the work wonderfully; with much feeling and verve. The appreciative audience was rewarded with an encore by William Bolcom.

The Saturday evening concert was given by the Newstead Trio, Michael Jamanis, violin; Sara Male, cello; and Xun Pan, piano. They wisely shifted the order of the program, and the entire first half of their program was the "Trio in B Flat major, opus 99, D.898" by Franz Schubert. It is a major work consisting of four contrasting movements which the artists played with much feeling and enthusiasm.

After intermission they performed the "Elegie in D Flat," opus 23 by Josef Suk, and concluded their program with the "Trio in C major, K. 548", by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. This work dates from July, 1788, just three years before his early death. It is a major work, and the musicians gave a moving and superb performance of it. Their rapport with each other was wonderful to behold, and they passed the melodies seamlessly back and forth between them - a true example of a chamber ensemble. The Lettvin Chamber Series is a wonderful addition to the cultural life of the Bradford area. One hopes they will continue for a long time.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

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The librarians and trustees would like to thank these wonderful volunteers for donating their time and expertise to Brown Memorial Library: Tom Turner (carpentry and bench refurbishment), Sarah Chaffee (garden), Fritz Von Beren (landscaping) and Janet Sillars & Brian Carter (plant sale). We couldn't survive without our volunteers.

We also send a big thank you to Outspokin' Bicycle and Sport for donating a bike rack for library users. No more piles of bikes by the front steps!

The library now has a Facebook page with updated listings of library activities, book and movie reviews and links to various websites. Let us know if you like it, and please post suggestions.

Library events in August:

Friday, August 6 at 7pm: Book to Movie *The River* by Rumer Godden (next month, *Julie and Julia*)

Friday, August 20 at 7pm: International Movie (France)

Saturday, August 28 from 5-7pm: Library Fundraising Dinner

New books added in July

For adults:

What is Left the Daughter? by Howard Norman

The Lion by Nelson DeMille

Birdology by Sy Montgomery

A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan

Brilliant by Jane Brox

For children

Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

Mouse and Mole by Wong Herbert Yee

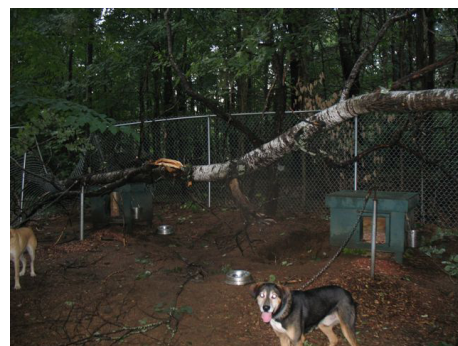
City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Meyers

Shark vs. Train by Chris Barton



Microburst Hits Bradford



Wild winds blew through Bradford on Monday, July 19. The microburst caused power outages and fires throughout town as strong winds hurled across the lakes and up through the local hills where trees broke in half and driveways became impassable. As quickly as the storm arose, it peaked and was quickly over as the sun shone at the same time as the wind, rain and thunder exploded. It was a splendid show of nature, unusual in its fury and breathtaking to observe.



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Bradford Artists at the Fair

Bradford artists and artisans participating in the 77th Annual League of NH Craftsmen’s Fair at Mount Sunapee State Park, August 7 thru August 15 are printmaker Ann Eldridge, blacksmith Garry Kalajian, braided rug maker Sandy Luckury, and photographer Audrey V. Sylvester.

Ann will display traditional intaglio etchings at her own booth; Garry will demonstrate blacksmithing daily; Sandy will demonstrate rug braiding on Saturdays, and Audrey will display framed photographs and a new portfolio in the NH Art Association’s Tent. Former Bradford resident Jim Papuga will also display jewelry. The Fair is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, directions, admission, and times for daily demonstrations and musical performances, visit: www.nhcrafts.org.

Community Cornerstone – The Casino



The large frame building at the south end of Lake Massasecum is the Casino, built by Max Israel in 1919. Originally built as a bath house, the sale of refreshments was soon added, followed by a dance hall, an arcade, a wharf with canoes and a speed boat for rent. Movies, band concerts and fireworks on the fourth of July were features added over the years. The Casino has remained a popular social spot for summer activities.

A stone boat was used to clear the pickerel weed along the shore, forming a large sandy beach for swimming. The pine grove surrounding the beach was severely damaged in the 1938 hurricane,

but many replacements have grown back since then. A campground was established in 1966 and is a popular place for weekend and longer-term campers.

There have been several owners and many changes over the years since the Casino first opened. Current owners Linda and Roger Dowling and Melodie Rogers purchased the property in 2003. They provide a welcoming atmosphere for all visitors; updating the area as needed while retaining the original features of the building. Stop by and visit or re-visit what is one of only a few remaining historic lakefront casinos in the State.

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The Latest Statistics & Trends by Laura Hallahan

We are all looking for some good news in the housing market and there hasn't been all that much of it lately, especially if you follow the national media. Every day I am asked by sellers what I think their house will sell for and there is just no way of knowing in this volatile market. Buyers still hold the cards, especially if they have their financing in place and no house to sell.

Peter Francese, Demographer for the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS®, says our state is bucking the trend...again. Home sales and median sales prices are increasing in nearly every New Hampshire county, with statewide residential home sales up 10% over June of 2009. The median price was up 2% over last year and condo sales, which had been slow, are doing even better with sold listings up 14% and prices up 6%. If you look at the first 6 months of the year, statewide residential home sales reached almost 5,300 units, up 18% and prices rose 4% over the same period last year. In Merrimack County, 590 units sold from January to June, up 26%, with the median price of \$196,500, up 1% over the same period in 2009. Two of our sales in the last month were above that median average.

Peter thinks our gain is because the characteristics of home buyers in our state are significantly different from those in the other 49 states. For example, 22% of adults are 45 to 54 years old, compared to just 19% nationally and this is the age range where household income is the highest. New Hampshire also has 175,000 adults aged 55 to 64 years old and that age range is most likely to buy a

second home. This age group is growing and may lead to a sharp demand for retirement homes, many of which may be condos. The other age group showing an increase is young adults from 18 to 24, which may lead to an increase in small starter homes. A new website was just launched for young adults, highlighting available jobs and housing and touting our quality of life. Our state is also first among New England states and 6th in the nation in the percent of two-earner married couples, leading to a greater demand for homes with high speed internet and at least one home office. Peter also sees a robust market for second or vacation homes in our state, another positive note. So, while we may still be in the middle of a downturn in the real estate market nationwide, New Hampshire continues to do better than most states and our future certainly looks bright.

Recent Sales in Bradford

17 Fairgrounds Road, 1800 New Englander on 1.10 acres for \$80,000
249 Cressy Road, 1991 Contemporary on 1.02 acres for \$246,500
159 Pleasant View Road, 1976 Cape on 2.32 acres for \$253,000

There are 54 active and 2 pending residential listings ranging from \$75,000 to \$2.8 Million, 31 active and 0 pending land listings ranging from \$25,000 to \$500,000, 3 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging from \$339,900 to \$725,000 and 1 active and 0 pending multi-family listings priced at \$299,000 in Bradford.

Canada Geese—The Ugly Truth

Excerpted with thanks from an article prepared by Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES Education Director

Canada Geese are beautiful birds. Unfortunately, they are known for having a few ugly habits, but humans are unwittingly encouraging these habits. A few geese along the shoreline of a lake, pond, river or stream seem acceptable to most people. Problems including overgrazing of grass and ornamental plants; accumulation of droppings and feathers; attacks on humans by aggressive birds; and the fouling of water bodies, swimming areas, docks, lawns, and recreational areas quickly develop as the bird numbers increase and when the birds no longer migrate. Probably without even realizing it, most of us, particularly those who live along lakes, ponds, rivers and streams, are putting out a "Welcome" mat to these majestic birds. The Wildlife Services Program recommends using multiple tools, each effective for different concerns, to balance the positive values of bird populations with the conflicts that they sometimes cause. Exclusive use of only one tool will not have a long-term impact. The management techniques they recommend include lethal and non-lethal methods.

Discontinue feeding.

Modify landscaping. Allow grass to grow longer. Leave native vegetation,

Install barriers along the shoreline. They have been known to work.

Use scaring devices and move them around the property periodically. Try large helium-filled balloons, strobe lights, scarecrows with moveable parts, and Mylar flags.

Utilize dogs. Most effective are free-ranging dogs trained to chase birds as soon as they land.

For the full article by Bradford resident Andrea LaMoreaux, go to <http://www.nhlakes.org/wtimes20100715.pdf>

What Bradford Transfer Station Recycles

Glass & Ceramics: Whole or broken (please place bottle caps in steel can barrel)

Steel cans, lids & caps

Aluminum beverage cans

Aluminum cat food cans, lids

Aluminum foil and foil pans

Corrugated cardboard

Mixed paper – anything that rips

Plastic #1 bottles & jugs, bottom bigger than the top, remove caps

Plastic #2 bottles & jugs, bottom bigger than the top, remove caps

Clothing, shoes

Aerosol cans

Packing material: Peanuts, bubble wrap, Styrofoam

Any organic waste-Compost

Vegetable oil, mineral oil, motor oil, oil filters

Gas

Car batteries

Re-chargeable batteries

Ink cartridges

Scrap metal

Copper, brass

Telecommunications wire

Insulated wire

Books

Windshield wiper blades

Swap shop

If in doubt about anything, please ask.

Classified Ads:

For Adoption:

Female spayed kitty named Maggie, tortoise shell, five years old. Needs to be the only animal in the home and no little children. Loving with strong independent personality. Must be an indoor kitty and I will be picky about who she goes to, I don't really want to let her go but she and her sister no longer get along and I live in a house divided. Call Linda after 6 pm or weekends 763-0158.

FOR SALE 20" Magic Chef electric stove. Good condition. Great for camp or small kitchen. Call 938-2877.

For Sale:

Pillow-top Serta twin Mattress and box spring, clean, \$300
938-2820

For Sale:

Warner wood stove. Firebox : 26" x 12". \$100 or best offer
938-5539

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Saturday October 16, 2010 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Henniker Highway Department

Save the date and save all hazardous materials for safe disposal at that time.

From the Workbench

Oil based paints

Stains and varnishes

Wood preservatives

(exc. Penta)

Paint strippers/thinners

Solvent adhesives

From the Garage

Fuels/gasoline/kerosene

Engine degreaser

Brake/transmission fluid

Driveway sealer

Motor oil,

Antifreeze, Car batteries

Furniture polish

Floor & metal polish

Oven cleaner

Drain & toilet cleaner

Rug & upholstery

cleaner

Hobby & artist supplies

Photographic chemicals

Mercury thermometers

Rechargeable batteries

Fluorescent bulbs

From the Yard

Poisons, insecticides

Fungicides weed killers

From the House

Rubber cement/airplane

glue

Chemistry sets

no more than 10 gallons of each category – in a box not a bag

Pick up a flyer at the Transfer Station with complete list of materials allowed, tips for safe handling and Recipes for Less Hazardous Alternative Household Cleaners