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Dickie Moore Superintendent of Bradford Cemeteries and Sexton Retires December 31, 2011 after 38 Years

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox



Dickie Moore has served the town of Bradford since 1974. He will end his position and in his words "learn to relax." If you ever wondered about the tall man wearing a baseball cap and eyeglasses and what he was doing with the tractor, hoe, and rake in our cemeteries, Lafayette Square, and other nicely tended green areas around town, that was our Superintendent of Cemeteries.

Dickie was born in Bradford, attended school at Bradford Elementary and Simonds High School in Warner. Then he went to Thompson Agricultural School at the University of New Hampshire with a major in dairying. He has tended to seventeen cemeteries in Bradford. "This is probably the only town where one person takes care of all the cemeteries and is a sexton. I'm part of a dying breed—a dinosaur."

As for retirement in January, he will be sixty five and he and his wife Sheila will relax, enjoy life and perhaps travel. "It's time for someone else to take over," he said with a smile. The question is who will follow in his very capable footsteps?

This month we interviewed Michelle Marson, basket weaver and organic farmer. Michelle is self-taught and has been weaving baskets for twenty years. What began as a hobby turned into a full time business. She sells her baskets at local galleries, fairs, festivals and from her studio. She is a juried member of several local artisans' organizations. Gardening also began as a hobby and then became a full time business. It is almost unbelievable to think that two things that began as a way to pass time turned into profitable ways to make a living and enjoy what you are doing.

Q. Tell me about your background. Where you grew up and went to school. Was there anything that turned you in the direction of your "green" and artistic way of living?

I was born in Wolverhampton, Great Britain. Then we moved to North Reading, Massachusetts, then to Hagersville, Canada where we lived on an Indian reservation. The moves were because my dad was an engineer. My next move was New Hampshire in 1979. Farming has always been in my family.

Q. You mentioned that you taught yourself how to weave baskets. How did this pastime evolve into a business and a life style?

After I moved here, I was interested in making baskets. One of my kids wanted a "pack basket" which is a basket with straps and used for hunting and fishing. That was the beginning and it evolved from there in the early 80's.

Letter from the Editor

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Snow, freeze, thaw. Snow, freeze, thaw. Twice already and it is not yet December, but that is weather in New Hampshire – unpredictable, changeable, delightful!! Or, at least it is if we don't have to be anywhere special at a set time. The early snow may be a boon to the ski areas and our skiers if Mother Nature lets it stay on the slopes or keeps temperatures cold enough to make snow. The efforts of all who keep our roads and driveways safe for travel are appreciated.

The holiday season began with a new tradition on Thanksgiving Eve at the historic Meetinghouse at Bradford Center. Fifty or more hardy souls enjoyed an hour of local history, songs, stories, and poems presented by Laurie Buchar and friends. The evening included welcoming remarks by Brackett Scheffy, music by Folk Fusion, readings by Louise Clark, Greg Johnson. Gretchen Bennett, Erik Burdick, Kathleen Bigford, Everett Kittredge, Linnea and Kristina Harrold, and meditation by Pastor Cindy Johnson.

The congregation was invited to light candles of thankfulness, refreshments were provided by Heather LaBelle and food donations were welcomed for the local food pantry.

Altogether a fine use of this historic building and a good tradition to add to Bradford's celebrations.

As 2011 winds down, thanks go to all the volunteers who contribute so much to keeping Bradford running. The new year will bring the need for new volunteers – elected officials filing for public office, volunteers to help at the Community Center, on the Parks and Recreation Committee, Historical Society, Women's Club and the many other groups so vital to our town. If you have lived in Bradford for awhile and have not yet offered a bit of your time, consider what areas are important to you and step forward.

The Bradford Bridge Board joins me in wishing everyone a joyful, peaceful and safe holiday season.



Marcia Keller
December Editor



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Bradford Bog Boardwalk Repair Day

A foot of snow lay on the Bog boardwalk on the day planned for the annual repairs. By the following Sunday, November 6, warm weather had returned and enough snow had melted to allow the volunteer crew to assemble. And this despite potential confusion over the semi-annual changing of the clocks.

Members of the Conservation Commission supplemented by Ed McCleod, Bill Duffy, Pam Grace and two hapless Bog visitors from Warner, Steve Chervinky and Erica Button, wrestled rough-cut hemlock 2x8's into place, removing broken boards and trimming vegetation from the trail. More repairs to the observation platform are needed.

The Bradford Bog Conservation Area encompasses 178 acres of quaking bog and rare Atlantic white cedar swampland in the southwest corner of town on the East Washington Road. The conservation easement that now protects this boardwalk-consuming habitat also protects the associated Bradford Springs Hotel site – the location of a large early hotel that prided itself on the restorative powers of its sulfur spring. At one time several farms, a store, a school, and a tannery were located in this area.

Thanks go to the volunteers and to the Lumber Barn for donating a generous discount on the lumber.

The Cemetery Trustees and the Town of Bradford
invite you to join us in a celebration
in honor of

Dick Moore's thirty-eight years of service

Open House at Applesseed Inn
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Kearsarge Area Preschool

by Nicole Wallace



Halloween has come and, sadly, gone. Despite the surprise snowfall and some costume malfunctions, our show went on! We donned our winter boots and layers and paraded down Main Street to the library and back, stopping along the way. We got to show off our awesome costumes and were delighted to receive some sweet treats in return. Thanks to Lake Sunapee Bank, Pizza Chef, the Police Dept, Town Hall and Brown Memorial Library for your hospitality! Thanks, also to Halloween evening trick-or-treaters for stopping by our school on your way through the Community Center.

After Halloween, we were on to the letter **I**. We learned about "inch" which gave us lots of practice measuring. We especially loved measuring "Our Gigantic Jumps" which we recorded on a line graph of the same name. At last check, our farthest jumper was

Gunnar, with an amazing 48-inch jump! We didn't restrain our measuring just to length. We also explored other attributes and tools of measurement; weight with a scale or a balance and temperature with a thermometer.

Now, with our math skills well in hand, we are working on our comedic timing and public speaking for **Joke** week. We aim to master the Knock-knock genre and dabble in some of the other varieties as well. If you have any excellent, less well-known, preschool-friendly jokes to share, we'd love to hear them! Find us on Facebook and drop us a line!

We are hoping to get a quick Kearsarge hike in before the nasty/awesome weather hits, but then let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! We can't wait for snowmen, snowballs, snow caves, snow angels... and the holidays and celebrating that come with it. As usual KAP will be hosting its annual Breakfast with Santa on December 10, 2011 8:30-11:00am. Come on down for a hearty breakfast and a photo-op with the big man. We'll see you there!



Town Hall Restoration Committee Meeting Minutes

Eileen Kelly was elected Chair the Committee and John Greenwood, Vice-Chair.

Grants A Letter of Intent for an Artplace Grant was submitted that would be used to bring the second floor of the Town Hall back to use as a cultural center, as well as benefiting the entire building. Notification will be given in January if the Committee can proceed to prepare a full application.

Audrey Sylvester discussed additional grants that might be available regarding rehabilitation of older buildings.

John Greenwood offered to contact a contractor who will look at the Town Hall building and suggest possible approaches that can be considered.

Trip to Walpole Members of the Committee traveled to Walpole, NH. to see the renovations that have been made to that historic town hall. They toured the building, which was lifted in the 1990's to allow a full foundation to be placed beneath it. This space is available for meetings and provides storage for community as well as official documents.

Andrew Dey consultant and project manager for a recent energy upgrade showed the group improvements that were made as part of a RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) grant. Work done was based on an energy audit and included insulation, tightening windows, and motion sensor lights.

Next Meeting will be on Monday, December 5, 2011, 7 PM at the Bradford Area Community Center.

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

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

As Trustees of the Bradford Cemeteries, we wish to thank Dick Moore for his thirty-eight years of dedicated care and maintenance of our seventeen town cemeteries. "Dickie" has worked tirelessly to keep our cemeteries in a condition that has attracted many positive comments. He has been on hand to touch base with families, funeral homes and stone companies, often at inconvenient times and days.

Our congratulations on a job well done and a well deserved rest. Thanks also to Sheila for her support and assistance over the years. As we actively search for his successor, we know how difficult it will be to replace him.

Tom Riley
Jan Riley
Carey Rodd



To Our Readers

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Respectfully,
The Bridge Board of Directors

To the Editor

On behalf of the Friends of Bradford Area Community Center board, our sincere thanks to Joan Lettvin and Lettvin Chamber Music Series committee for their continued support of our Bradford Area Community Center. Our BACC committee and Friends of the BACC have assisted the series committee in having these concerts in our community for all to enjoy during the summer for many years. Donations received by the Friends of the BACC will be used to continue programs at our intergenerational building.

Sincerely,
Dawn Rich, Chair



The Rosewood Country Inn Wins BnB Finder Guest Favorite Award

BnB Finder, one of the world's most comprehensive B&B directories, has named The Rosewood Country Inn (www.BnB Finder.com/Rosewood) located in Bradford, NH, a Guest Favorite for 2011. The Guest Favorite Award, based on guest preferences and independent reviews posted to the site, is the highest distinction awarded by BnB Finder.

"Guests at the Rosewood Country Inn gave it high marks for its charm and the peaceful setting provided by Innkeepers Richard and Lesley," according to Mary White, founder of BnB Finder and author of the book, *Running a Bed & Breakfast For Dummies*.

Planning Board Notes

Move to BACC Chair Marcia Keller thanked John Greenwood for transporting the many boxes of Planning Board files from the Town Hall to the temporary location at the Community Center.

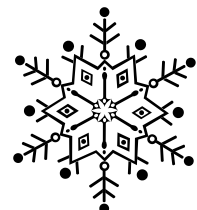
Corsair Realty The Planning Board voted to rescind its disapproval of the gravel pit application for property on Pleasant Valley Road, based on the lack of specific date for meeting the conditions set for approval. The final condition requires a Special Exception to be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The ZBA continued the public hearing until December 7, pending certification from the project's engineer that the SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan) is complied with.

WorkForce Housing Zoning Amendment The Planning Board will hold the first public hearing, December 13, 2011, 7 PM at the BACC on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add a Work Force Housing section as required by state law of all towns in New Hampshire. (See article on page 18 for details.)

A local Workforce Housing ordinance is necessary for Bradford to maintain some control over where and how such development occurs. Without the ordinance in place, a builder could ask a judge to approve the application as presented, taking any town guidance out of the picture.

Copies of the proposed Work Force Zoning Amendment are on file at the BACC, the Post Office, Brown Memorial Library, and Lake Sunapee Bank. Review the proposal and be part of the discussion at the Public Hearing on December 13th.

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



Selectmen's Highlights

Town Hall/Town Offices The Selectmen approved two committees to look into the question of where and how town offices should be housed in the near and longer term. The Mission Statements, Goals, and membership of the re-activated Town Hall Restoration Committee and the newly formed Town Office Relocation Committee (TORC) are included in this issue of the Bradford Bridge. Both groups will be reporting to the Selectmen on a regular basis and preparing recommendations for Town Meeting.

Artplace Grant Selectmen approved a request from the Town Hall Restoration Committee to submit a letter of inquiry and intent for a grant that would be used for a sprinkler system and elevator to upgrade the second floor of the town hall. The grant would involve local artists, increase the vibrancy of the town, and add local economic opportunities.

Fire Department Selectmen approved the request from Fire Chief Mark Goldberg to replace the impeller on Engine II that failed recently at a fire. The cost is estimated at \$3,000.

French's Park Selectmen approved a request for use of French's Park for a wedding on July 21, 2012.

Independence Day Marlene Freyler reported that the 4th of July Bradford celebration will be held on July 7, 2012.

Health Insurance Benefits A representative from the Local Government Center (LGC) discussed health insurance options that can be offered to town employees. Administrator Cheryl Behr has alternative plans that are available. A meeting will be held with town employees to review the plans before a decision is made.

Drainage Selectmen voted to instruct the Highway Department to divert the water from going under the police station at the Town Hall.

Enforcement Marcia Keller re-read a letter that she had sent to the Selectmen on Dec. 11, 2006 requesting them to deal with the "junk yard" at Auto Craft on Route 114, where junk yards are not allowed. There had been an agreement that the cars would gradually be removed, but this has not been completed. She respectfully suggested that a firm date be set.

Intentions to Cut were signed for Map 5, Lot 114, Richard Messer and Map 11, Lot 49 Chip Meany.

RFP Two Requests for Proposals will be posted. A landscaping contract for the town's 17 cemeteries, Town Hall, Community Center, Lafayette Square, and the Fire Station to run from March 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012. A cleaning contract for the calendar year for custodial services at the common areas of the Community Center, Highway Department office area, and meeting rooms at the Fire Station. Interested parties can contact the Town Office.

KAP The Kearsarge Area Preschool has filed for a lease for the year beginning July 2012 to continue to use the space at the Community Center. Motion was approved for the Selectmen to handle the lease negotiations.


Master Roads Scholar The UNH Technology and Transfer Center advised that Jack Meany has achieved the status of Master Roads Scholar, the highest level of the program.

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First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

Christmas Caroling: The church will go Christmas caroling to houses on West Main Street on Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. We will then go back to the church and enjoy hot cocoa and Christmas Cookies. The residents whom we visit will be invited to join us for caroling and cocoa and cookies.

Focus Factor: Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join our Focus Factor group on Sundays, December 11 and 18 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Ham and Bean Supper: Our traditional ham and bean supper will be held on Sunday, December 11 with 2 seatings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Toys for Tots: Tags are available at the church with wish lists from the children of the families who receive Christmas baskets. We ask that the wrapped gifts be dropped off at the church by December 10.

Christmas Baskets: Our Food Pantry will distribute the Christmas baskets and gifts on Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Fellowship: The women will meet in the vestry on Saturday December 17 at 2:00 p.m. and are asked to bring 2 dozen Christmas cookies to swap.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, pool and refreshments.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Our service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship Service: Our Worship service on Christmas Day will be held at 10:00 a.m. and will include Christmas hymns and readings. Children are invited to come in their pajamas.



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Q. If you were explaining your craft to someone who knows nothing about weaving baskets, how would you do this? Can anyone learn how to weave? You mentioned the ash splint style. What does that involve?

Anyone can learn but patience is required. The ash splint style is a hand pounded black ash. It's a very simple style of weaving. We do have black ash trees here in Bradford. I also use a reed which is rattan. This keeps the price down. Reed baskets are economical and functional.

Q. Earlier, you mentioned that baskets can make life easier. You spoke about this as one use and the other was using baskets for decoration. Can you explain the two different uses?

It's really quite simple. Baskets help you collect your vegetables. Pack baskets are sturdy for hiking, camping and fishing. You wear the basket on straps over your back. The baskets that are decorative are used for mail on the doors. There are baskets used as centerpieces or anywhere on a shelf as a decoration. If you think about it, you can see them as very useful and lovely additions to your home.

Q. Have you taught classes in basket weaving? If I said that I wanted to learn how to weave a basket would you teach me and how long might it take to learn?

I have taught classes both group and individual. It is not my favorite thing to do but I have done it. There are all kinds of baskets to make. For example, a market basket, in any size, would take about one full day to teach the method. There are mostly women and children that I teach. I have taught classes at the Bradford Area Community Center. I haven't had any men interested in learning how to weave baskets. I don't know exactly why that is but there is no reason that they couldn't learn how to do this.

Q. You are also an organic gardener. The gardening began as a hobby and turned into a business. Were you growing your own garden and discovered that it was a

way to make some money?

I've always grown my own vegetables. I found that I was growing too much and decided to sell the excess. This past summer I took my produce to four markets each week. They were all nearby and included Bradford, Henniker, Warner and Newbury. The business was a little down this year due to the economy. I start in the spring with lettuce, spinach and scallions and then we go to beans and potatoes, carrots and broccoli. Once in a while I try new things but it's safer to stay with the basics.



Q. The air that we breathe is becoming more unhealthy with people developing allergies to the environment. It doesn't seem to matter where you live. The problem appears to become more toxic as global warming increases. Do you see this as a fixable problem any time in the future?

I would like to think that it would be fixable. The need is to educate people to the pollution and the chemicals released into the air and water. There are too many convenience things around with electronic gadgets for everything. People no longer know how to live a without electronics for all things. . My life is simple .I do have a computer and a cell phone but I could get along without them if I had to.

Q. Gardening and basket weaving are solitary pursuits. How do you manage to have a social life and interact with people? Do you sell your produce and baskets out of your home as well as the markets, fairs and galleries?

I do sell produce from my home until the farmer's markets open in early spring. I begin selling produce in the spring, flowers, herbs and plants. I usually put a sign at the bottom of my road. A lot of what happens is word of mouth. I interact with people at the markets. I am very happy with the way that I live. There is always something to take care of from raising chickens, turkeys and all kinds of produce. I heat with a wood stove and that takes a lot of time.

Q. You mentioned that you have children. Do they live nearby?

I have two sons and a daughter. My daughter is an engineer and lives in Northfield. One son is in Hillsboro and is a foreman at Rugers and the other one lives in Utah where he has a job with an environmental testing company.

Q. If you were to be granted one wish by a benevolent being, what would you wish for?

I am happy with what I am doing. I can not think of anything that I want or need. My son phoned recently and asked what I want for my birthday? I couldn't think of a thing. I am happy all the time. There are no men in my life right now but if Prince Charming came along, I wouldn't turn him away.

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Santa To Visit Brown Memorial Library

The Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Women's Club invites you to ring in the Holiday Season at a special celebration on Sunday, December 11th from 4pm to 6pm at the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford.

In addition to story time, Santa and his elves will be passing out toys from Santa's workshop. Christmas carols will be enjoyed outdoors while "Cover Girl", a miniature therapy horse, dressed in her Santa hat and red blanket stuffed with candy canes will be greeting children of all ages. The evening will end in a blaze of light and color as we light the tree.

And don't forget the ever popular Ham & Bean Supper next door at the Baptist Church after your visit with Santa. Seatings at 5pm and 6pm.



HELP WANTED: Looking for carolers to lend their voices at the Brown Memorial Library Tree Lighting Celebration in Bradford. No experience necessary. Sunday, December 11th from 4pm to 6pm or anytime in between.

Obituaries

Ralph C. Carroll, 81, formerly of Route 114, South Sutton, died October 31, 2011 at the New Hampshire Veterans' Home in Tilton. He was born in Fall River, MA February 19, 1930, son of Edward V. and Florence (Connors) Carroll. He graduated from Monsignor James Coyle High School in Taunton, MA and attended Northeastern and Boston University. Ralph worked in the electronics industry. He was an auto mechanic owning and operating Ralph's Texaco in Bradford and later Carroll's Auto Repair from 1965-1992. He drove a school bus for the Kearsarge Regional School District. Ralph lived in Bradford before moving to Sutton in 1968.

He served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of St. Peter's Lodge #31 F & AM of Bradford and a longtime member and Deputy Chief of the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department.

His wife, Veronica (Quimby) Carroll, died in 2002. He was also predeceased by a stepson, Morris Reginald Wheeler; a stepdaughter, Maureen Casper; and a stepgrandson, Aaron. He is survived by a stepson-in-law, Stewart Casper of Loudon; four step grandchildren; and five step great grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Fire Department, P.O. Box 206, Bradford, NH 03221 or to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.



Mark J. Beach, 47, died, August 17, 2011 in Concord. His brother, Francis A. "Butch" Collins, 55, died at home in Sutton on October 12, 2011.

Mark was born in Danbury, CT, May 14, 1964. Butch was born in Bridgeport, CT, on December 11, 1955. Mark was predeceased by his father, James Beach, and Butch by his father, Anthony Collins. Butch is survived by his son, Jason Collins of Falls Village, CT. Both are survived by their mother, Melinda (Mel-len) Lasczak of Bradford; a sister Kathleen Knicely of Alstead, NH; a brother, Michael Collins of Sebring, FL; nieces and nephews.



David P. Giamperoli, formerly of Bridgewater, MA and Bradford, NH, died Nov. 3 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer at age 41. He was the son of Robert A. and M. Virginia (Blowers) Giamperoli, brother of Robert E. Giamperoli of Taunton and loving husband of Julie M. Lutter.

He grew up in Bridgewater and was a graduate of BR High School, class of 1987. He graduated from University of Massachusetts at Lowell with a degree in civil engineering. He worked at Anderson Nichol in Boston, working on many New England Development shopping malls and was the captain of the Cape Cod Mall renovation project. He was a CAD designer for the Gillette Co. sites in China, Russia, and Indonesia. He was project manager for The Mill Pond subdivision in Londonderry and was owner and operator of Giamperoli Design and Construction – "Green Building Practices." He offered top of the line spray foam services.

David loved the outdoors, enjoying fishing, hiking and winter sports. He especially loved the seashore. He was a gifted base guitarist playing in a variety of bands in Boston and New Hampshire. He will be remembered for his compassion, generosity, sense of humor and friendship.

Donations may be sent to Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London, 03257. A memorial service was held in New Hampshire on Nov. 12. Interment will be held at a later date.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Thurs. December 1st

12 Noon-Senior Dining

Fri. December 2nd

11:30AM-First Friday Brunch
raffle, music, door prizes!
Reservations please!
7:00PM-Book-to-Movie The Dead,
BML

Sun. December 4th

1:30PM-Girl Scouts

Mon. December 5th

No Fitness Group All Month
1:00PM-Bridge Group
6:30PM-Bible Study call 938-2777
for information
7:00PM-Town Hall Restoration
Committee

Tues. December 6th

9:00AM-Noon-Fuel Assistance Call
456-2207 for appointment
10:00AM-Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon-Senior Dining w/salad bar
1:00PM-Watercolor class
4:00PM-Sidewalk Forum
6:00PM-Yoga Class

Wed. December 7th

5:30PM Zumba-KRES

Thurs. December 8th

12 Noon-Senior Dining
6:00PM-BBA Holiday Party Potluck
Candlelite Inn

Sat. December 10th

8:30-11:00AM-Breakfast with Santa
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ing and caroling, BML

Mon. December 12th

1:00PM-Bridge Group
6:30PM-Bible Study
7:00PM-Rural Heritage

Tues. December 13th

10:00AM-Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon-Senior Dining
1:00PM-Watercolor Class
5:00 PM-BACC Committee meeting
6:00PM-Yoga Class

Wed. December 14th

5:30PM Zumba-KRES

Thurs. December 15th

10AM-1PM Blood Pressure Clinic
LSVNA
12 Noon -Holiday Dinner Reception
for Meals on Wheels clients
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ited! Reservations please!
1:00-3:00-PM Foot Care Clinic
LSVNA 526-4077 for appt.
4:30PM-Parks & Recreation mtg.

Fri. December 16th

9:30-11:30AM-Foot Care Clinic-
North Ridge
10:00AM-Movie:Holiday Inn
Enjoy nostalgia.
12 noonish-Café Bienvenue

Sat. December 17th

10:00AM-Bradford Improvement
Association

Sun. December 18th

1:30 PM-Girl Scouts

Mon. December 19th

1:00PM-Bridge Group
5:30-7:00PM-4 H

Tues. December 20th

9:00AM-Noon Fuel Assistance
call 456-2207 for app't.
10:00AM-Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon-Senior Dining Holiday
singalong with Pat Trader
1:00 PM-Watercolor class
6:00 PM-Yoga Class

Wed. December 21st

5:30PM Zumba-KRES

Thurs. December 22nd

12 Noon-Senior Dining
Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels

Sat. December 24th

9:00AM-Writing Group

Mon. December 26th

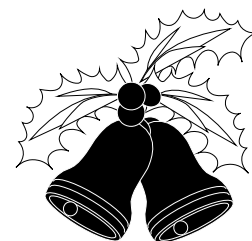
No Meals on Wheels
Senior Center Closed
1:00PM-Bridge Group

Tues. December 27th

9:30-11:30 LSVNA Foot Care
Warner Pharmacy
10:00AM-Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon-Senior Dining
6:00PM-Yoga Class

Wednesday December 28th

10:30-12PM Blood Pressure Clinic
Warner Senior Room
5:30PM Zumba-KRES



Meetings of all Town Boards and Committees

will be held at the
Bradford Area Community Center
until further notice.

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.



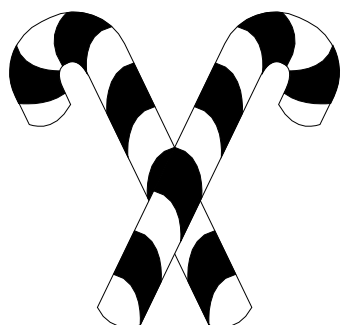
Abbreviation Key

BACC-Bradford Area Community Center
BBC-Bradford Baptist Church
BML-Brown Memorial Library
FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse
Gillingham Drive
KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
KRES-Bradford Elemen. School
MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr
TH-Bradford Town Hall



Sidewalk Update

Meeting will be held with the Sidewalk Engineers on December 6, 2011 at 4 PM (just prior to the scheduled Selectmen's meeting) at the BACC to provide an update on the East Main Street Sidewalk Project.



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Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-5539 for info

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, /BACC or BML

Fish and Game Club - 1st Monday 7PM at Fish and Game Club

First Friday Bunch - 11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/
call 938-2104 for info

Historical Society - Saturdays, 10 am-noon, or by appointment, call 938-5372

Library Trustees - 1st Wednesday at 6:00PM @ BML

Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC

Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC

Selectmen's Meeting - Every Tuesday, 5:30PM, BACC

Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

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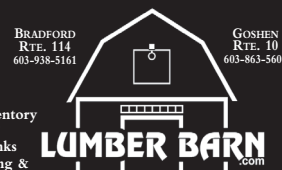


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Area News

Hopkinton

Wednesday December 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM - The Hopkinton Town Band will present their Annual Holiday Concert at Hopkinton Middle/High School Auditorium. Admission is free!

Hopkinton Town Band will perform at Presidential Oaks at 2:00 PM on Wed. December 7 and at Havenwood Retirement Center at 6:30 PM on Wed. December 14.

Warner

Saturday December 10, 10 AM-4 PM Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum's Winter Celebration will be held in the museum at 18 Highlawn Road on Mt. Kearsarge in Warner. Visitors can stroll through the arboretum, walk the trails in the Medicine Woods, play in the teepee and tour the museum itself, in addition to all the festival activities.

Saturday December 10th 10AM -4 PM at United Church of Warner - Artisans Sale Handmade gifts and delicious baked goods. Something for everyone. Creative and unusual items that will make gift-giving easy for everyone. Browse with a cup of coffee at our unique gifts and enjoy viewing some unusual nativity scenes.

Newbury

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens in Newbury, NH is pleased to announce that Mary Rose Boswell has accepted the position of Executive Director effective November 14. Mary brings to The Fells a proven track record of success, a can-do attitude, vast grant-writing skills, historic preservation experience, and numerous connections throughout the state of NH. The Fells is located on Lake Sunapee and consists of 84 conserved acres, a 22-room Colonial Revival house and 5 acres of landscaped gardens and grounds. Over 10,000 guests visit annually to enjoy the house, trails, woodlands, and gardens and to participate in a variety of education programs. For more information visit www.thefells.org.

High Spirits 4H Club

The Bradford High Spirits 4H Club met on Monday October 17th at the Bradford Community Center to elect officers. Pictured from left to right are: Rachel McGirr, Reporter; Gillian McGirr, Secretary; Caleb Hasey, Treasurer; Matthew Noyer, President; Joseph Baldassaro, Vice-President. Not pictured is Sarah Clark, Sunshine Person.



On Monday November 14th, 2011. Mrs. Dubriel talked to us about color wheels and posters. We had a great night! On December 4th we are going to have a Christmas party at the Clark family home.



Toymaker Hal Liberty Readies Toys for Holiday Giving

by Phyllis Wilcox

Hal Liberty, Bradford resident, has been making wooden toys since 1988. He moved to Bradford and built a huge barn expressly for the purpose of continuing his tradition of making toys and distributing them to needy children. A visit to his capacious workshop shows that the various doll cradles, airplanes, buses and trucks are ready to gladden the hearts of many children who otherwise might not have any gifts for the holidays.

In 2007, Hal's toy barn was completed and he donated his first toys to the "Toys for Tots" program. He expanded his largesse with deliveries to food pantries, churches, and wherever he saw there was a need in Bradford, South Newbury, and Jaffrey. Hal has a dedicated corps of volunteers who help by donating their time and doing the variety of jobs that finish the toys prior to delivery. Anyone with an interest in the project can volunteer and some have worked since 2008 faithfully each year in this project.

The volunteers come from the Midway School in Bradford, Parker Academy in Concord, and the wood to produce the wooden toys is donated by Lumber Barn, Lavalley Building Supply and Durgin Crowell Lumber Co..

Hal belongs to the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and the New Hampshire Woodworkers Guild. He demonstrates for the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. The toys are never sold and no one is ever turned away.

Community Cornerstones Project

The Rural Heritage Connection (RHC) has launched the Community Cornerstones Project to provide support for current and future efforts to protect and preserve some of Bradford's vulnerable, but vital Community Cornerstones. The Cornerstones were identified by Bradford residents in 1991 as those aspects of the Town "that are essential to our quality of life, and that your children and grandchildren should have the opportunity to enjoy."

The protection of some Cornerstones has been addressed by Conservation Easements – the Bradford Bog and, most recently, Battles Farm. Bradford Center has been designated as an Historic District. Others, have been lost or threatened – the Soda Fountain at Dodge's Store, several of the Town's Inns, and other farms.

The mission of the Rural Heritage Connection is: "To promote the preservation of properties that have historic, recreational or environmental significance. This is accomplished through education, fundraising and interaction with Bradford's citizens, governing board and related organizations."

In this capacity the RHC has stepped forward to act as a catalyst for the Community Cornerstone Project, designed to provide a source of funding for ongoing protection of Cornerstones that are in danger of being lost. Topping the list is the historic Bradford Town Hall currently closed due to a mold issue, but in need of major restoration once the mold has been addressed. Through this Project, the RHC solicits and welcomes donations or pledges that can be used as matching funds for grants that are available to address some of the needs of this building.

Some of the other Cornerstones that could be included in the Project, as needed, include Bradford Center, Bement Bridge, Brown Memorial Library, Bradford Bog, Lafayette Square, French's Park, Bradford

Springs, Baptist Church, and Brown Shattuck Memorial Field.

To date, more than \$4400 has been pledged to the Project. The RHC is a registered non-profit organization - any funds donated are fully tax deductible. Donations or pledges can be sent to The Rural Heritage Connection, P. O. Box 296, Bradford, NH 03221. For questions, please call 938-2199.



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Town Hall Restoration Committee Mission Statement

The mission of the Town Hall Restoration Committee is to restore the Town Hall to a functional building for municipal services and community use. The best investment for the town is to modernize the building to provide for the town's present needs, as cost effectively as possible, so that it can continue to serve Bradford for many years to come, consistent with its historical character.

Background

The 1797 Town Hall is Bradford's most valuable property asset. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In 1863 the "meeting house" was moved from Center Bradford and reconstructed in its present location at 75 W. Main Street. The citizens then, as now, valued the Town Hall and its central role as an architecturally distinctive and functional community cornerstone.

The well-attended Bradford Town Forum held November 6, 2010, polled the citizens with voting results supporting Town Hall as a viable space for town functions. Although the building was not originally built for office space, that is what the town's current and future needs are, and with a well-designed space, the Town Hall will be a functional and economic asset once again.

Goals

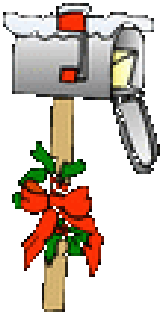
Town Hall Restoration Committee welcomes the opportunity to review previous research, documents and studies to develop a plan for the restoration of the building. The Committee will reach out to others in the community and professionals for advice. The Committee will research grants that might offset the cost to the town of items such as universal barrier-free access, fire extinguishing systems, and energy efficiency. If the Committee decides it is appropriate, we will move forward with the preparation of a bond warrant article for town meeting. The Committee will report to the Selectmen on a regular basis.

Statement of Significance from the National Register of Historical Places Inventory Form – September, 1980

The Bradford Town Hall is an important element to town life. It has long been the focus of community and government activities, and continues as such in a time when many town halls in New Hampshire are passed over for active use. In Bradford the town hall still serves as a, meeting place for municipal and volunteer boards and organizations of all kinds.

The town hall is a focal visually as well. It is a substantial structure which fits nicely with the character of the town. The structure blends well with the materials, scale, and massing of the surrounding neighborhoods, with their predominantly frame buildings, in addition, it exemplifies vernacular public buildings in New Hampshire rural communities which combine institutional scale with domestic detail.

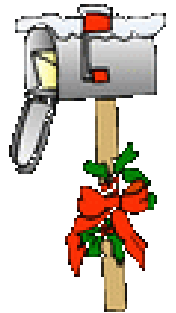
Committee Members: Eileen Kelly, Chair; John Greenwood, Vice Chair; Michele Halsted; Dick Keller; Marcia Keller; Andrew Pinard; Beth Rodd; Audrey Sylvester; Caryl Walker; Phyllis Wilcox; Sandra Wright



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TORC Mission Statement

The mission and purpose of the Town Office Relocation Committee (TORC) is to determine the most cost effective and least impactful way to relocate the town offices until a decision by the voters of Bradford is made regarding the future use of the Town Hall.

TORC Recommendations

Relocate the Town Administrator, Selectmen's Secretary, Town Clerk and Tax Collector & her Deputy, their equipment and files along with files for the Planning and Zoning Boards utilizing the lower level of the BACC.

- 1) Maintain specific existing activities in other rooms at the BACC, e.g. CAP, meeting space, etc. which are an essential part of the building's usage and potentially increase the number of activities offered due to the building being open set hours.
- 2) Buyout the existing BACC grant so that the entire lower level may be used for town offices and other configurations may also be considered.
- 3) Raise funds so that a bathroom with OSHA required amenities can be installed in the lower level of the BACC for town employees; such action is also needed to allow the BACC to be eligible for use as an emergency shelter.
- 4) Investigate, if requested by the Selectmen, future options for relocating the town offices which can include the Police Department, in preparation for a time when the economy has improved and the voters of Bradford are open to considering more costly options.

Committee: Marlene Freyler, Chair; Jane Johnsen; Laura Hallahan; David Camire, Jr., Dawn Rich, Representative for the Friends of the BACC



Town Hall – Status Report

There were some concerns that the headline in the Bridge last month was premature when the actual move from the Town Hall to the Community Center did not take place on November 1. The Bridge extends apologies for any inconvenience to officials and to the public, but the move is now complete. It took the efforts of many people, gratefully appreciated, for boxing up and moving all of the records and equipment necessary to run our small town.

Alterations have been made to the Community Center. On the lower floor, the Community Room and the office of the Mountain View Senior Center Director have been combined to form offices for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, the Administrative

Assistant and the other functions of the Board of Selectmen. The MVSC office was relocated to the Community Center office across the hall and the BACC volunteer coordinator moved into the Health Room. Other commitments of space requires many public meetings – Selectmen, Planning Board – to be held in the Youth Room on the lower floor. This space may also be needed for additional storage as the Town Hall is completely shut down and vital records must be placed in a safe location.

Discussion of where and how to house the Police Department adequately is being addressed through ongoing negotiations to use space at Bradford Corners (the Post Office building) recently vacated by a consignment shop.

Until further notice, meetings will be held at the Community Center, unless the large venue at the school is required – elections, Town Meeting, etc. The Selectmen have appointed two committees to look into future space needs. Mission statements from both groups appear elsewhere in the Bridge. The Town Hall Restoration Committee will deal with rehabilitation of the historic town hall building to allow its continued use for town offices and cultural activities. The Town Office Relocation Committee will suggest alternative locations. Both groups will report to the Selectmen on an ongoing basis with recommendations presented to the voters at Town Meeting.

The Selectmen have directed the Highway Department to correct the immediate drainage problem at the Town Hall. They will also respond to the request from the Kearsarge Area Pre-School for negotiations of the lease for the pre-school room in the Community Center.



Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Santa Claus is coming to the library! Join us on Sunday, December 11 at 4pm for holiday stories and a visit with Santa followed by the tree lighting and carol sing with our special guest "Cover Girl" the therapy horse. Thank you to our friends in the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Women's Club for putting on this fun event.

The library will be closed on the following dates this month: Saturday, December 24 and Sunday, December 25. (For those of you who plan ahead, we will also be closed on Sunday, January 1). The librarians and trustees would like to thank organizer Brian Wilcox and volunteers Adam Way, Chris Way and Bob Blank and the Lumber Barn (materials) for our nice new hours sign in front of the library. The Library Book Group is taking a break in December and will meet on Wednesday, January 11 at 7pm to discuss two books *A Moveable Feast* and **The Sun Also Rises** by Ernest Hemingway. Copies of both books are available at the circulation desk.

Our December Book-to-Movie is short story *The Dead* by James Joyce. Join us for the movie on Friday, December 2 at 7pm. Next month we will read *Fair Game* by Valerie Plame Wilson and watch the movie adaptation on Friday, January 6 at 7pm.

Taking a break from subtitles, Second Friday Movies will focus on documentaries for the next few months starting with a bio-pic about the original "horse whisperer" on Friday, January 16 at 7pm. The following months will feature films on music from gypsy to gospel.

This month we say "see you in the spring!" to Barbara McCartney and we welcome Laurie Buchar on Mondays to temporarily fill Barbara's shoes.

New books added to your library in November:

For adults

- The House of Silk : a Sherlock Holmes Novel* - Anthony Horowitz
- A Killer's Christmas in Wales : a Penny Brannigan Mystery* - Elizabeth J. Duncan
- City of Whispers* - Marcia Muller
- The Vault : an Inspector Wexford Novel* - Ruth Rendell
- The Litigators* - John Grisham
- The Sense of an Ending* - Julian Barnes
- The Marriage Plot* - Jeffrey Eugenides
- Boomerang : travels in the New Third World* - Michael Lewis
- Travels in Siberia* - Ian Frazier

For children and young adults

- Inheritance : or, The Vault of Souls* - Christopher Paolini
- Bats! : Strange and Wonderful* - Laurence Pringle
- Stars* - Mary Lyn Ray and Marla Frazee
- Facing the Lion : Growing up Maasai on the African Savanna* - Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton
- The Apothecary* - Maile Meloy



Local Girl Honored

Local sixth grader Lydia Pinard recently earned her Bronze Award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. For the Bronze Award, girls design a project that is new, needed, and sustainable and benefits their communities. Girls must complete a minimum of twenty hours of independent work on the project and write a reflective final report evaluating their own work. Stephanie Erickson from the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains stated that Lydia Pinard's "sense of commitment and willingness to strive for excellence, demonstrated in earning this award, distinguishes her as a young woman who is making a difference in our world."

Miss Pinard created a local authors review page for the Brown Memorial Library's website. She read and reviewed works of local authors like Maxine Kumin and David Elliott. Pinard feels that "It is important to review local authors so we can appreciate the great writers around us and all of the books are available at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford." Librarian Meg Fearnley said, "I'm really excited about Lydia's Local Author Page. Her Bronze Award Project adds a fun dimension to Brown Memorial Library's website. Check it out at www.brownmemoriallibrary.org." Pinard is currently a member of the Kearsarge Cadette Girl Scout troop #12579.

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- Eat breakfast daily
- Pack along snacks
- Practice paying attention to when your body is hungry and comfortably full, and respond accordingly. You may find that you need smaller portions.
- Try to put less focus on the food and enjoy the conversation and activities at parties
- Watch the amount of alcoholic drinks as they can inhibit your ability to feel your body's hunger and fullness signals and you may end up over eating
- Enjoy the more exotic treats and leave the ordinary ones for another day
- Set up walking dates instead of lunch dates with friends
- Try to save some room for dessert, or consider eating it first if that's what you really want
- Send "Happy New Year" cards in the middle of January instead of holiday cards
- Consider low calorie and low fat options of certain foods and drinks
- Don't go ravenous to parties; have a snack or small meal before you arrive
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Work Force Housing

A state law that took effect January 1, 2009 requires all towns/cities in New Hampshire to amend their zoning ordinances to provide for work force housing in a “majority” of the residential areas. The Bradford Planning Board has developed a proposed zoning amendment to meet the requirements of this state mandate. A public hearing on the proposal will be held December 13, 2011 at the Bradford Area Community Center.

The ordinance would allow the Planning Board to relax (when necessary) some zoning requirements in order to make construction of housing more affordable in Bradford. Workforce Housing is not low income housing, but rather is designed to ease some unnecessary “exclusionary” roadblocks to building more affordable housing. This will enable our young families and working people such as teachers, police officers, and firefighters to live in our community where they work.

A home is considered affordable when it is available to a family earning the average wage in our area. Income and purchase price guidelines are set by state law. For 2011 the HUD Median family income for the Bradford area is \$78,400. Owner occupied workforce housing would allow for up to \$1,960 per month to cover principal, interest, taxes and insurance for qualifying families. Renter occupied workforce housing would allow for up to \$1,059 per month for rent and utilities for qualifying families.

Since this state law is enforceable in all towns in New Hampshire, it is important that Bradford have a zoning ordinance that fulfills the requirements of the law while keeping in place locally approved zoning protections. Without a local ordinance in place, Bradford would be a greater risk of being faced with a court imposed “builders remedy” where local control would be lost.

Workforce Housing is proposed for the Residential Rural and Residential Business Districts of Bradford. All underlying zoning protections still apply. Property owners are not “forced” to do anything and lose no rights. Guarantees are included to ensure that the housing remains affordable through subsequent sales.

Copies of the proposed amendment are posted at the BACC, Post Office, Brown Memorial Library, and Lake Sunapee Bank. You, the voter, have the opportunity to read the ordinance, ask questions and voice your opinion at the Public Hearing and by ballot vote at the March 2012 Town Meeting. /Come to the public hearing on December 13th or contact 938-2877 with questions.



Budget Committee

Election of Officers Dick Keller was elected Chair and John Marden as Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee.

CIP: The Planning Board presented the Budget Committee with the completed Capital Improvements Program for the 2012 budget year. The CIP is a planning document, but Dick Keller advised that it works to bring all the capital items forward. The time line established this year worked well to gather the requests in a timely manner and can serve as the basis for the process in the coming year.

Municipal Budget Law: The state law was reviewed to better understand the format that should be used to present the budget. Specifically, RSA 32:5, IV states that budget forms for town meeting should include comparative columns showing appropriations from the previous town meeting, actual expenditures for the recently completed fiscal year, and all appropriations, including those for special warrant articles, recommended by the Board of Selectmen, as well as recommendations from the Budget Committee.

Budget Committee Goal: The following motion was moved, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1: “The Budget Committee supports a goal of keeping the Town Tax Rate level and that the total warrant for the 2012 Town Meeting, including operating expenses and all warrant articles, will not exceed the 2011 level of expenditures approved by the town meeting.”

Meeting with Board of Selectmen: Selectmen Harry Wright and Barry Wheeler accepted the Budget Committee’s invitation to meet with them. Selectmen’s Representative to the Committee, Jack Meaney, was unable to attend. The purpose of the session was to familiarize the Selectmen with the approach the Budget Committee is using to deal with the operating budget and warrant articles in light of the Budget Committee’s goal of keeping the tax rate level.

The Committee continues to review budgets as they are approved by the Selectmen and forwarded for action by the Budget Committee.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2011, 6 PM at the BACC.

Minutes of all Budget Committee meetings are on file at the BACC and online at bradfordnh.org.

Bradford Historical Society

The BHS met in the freshly heated Old PO building for their annual meeting on Oct. 26th to celebrate a productive year. Repairs were made to the several historical structures, including the Center Schoolhouse, Town Privy, Center Meetinghouse, and Village Smithy Corn Crib. Several new acquisitions were made, including a branding iron and quilt from the Civil War era.

Several rousing events were hosted, including a KRHS concert, a talk by Steve Taylor, July 4th festivities and demonstrations at the Smithy. Plans are being made for Bradford's 225th birthday in 2012!

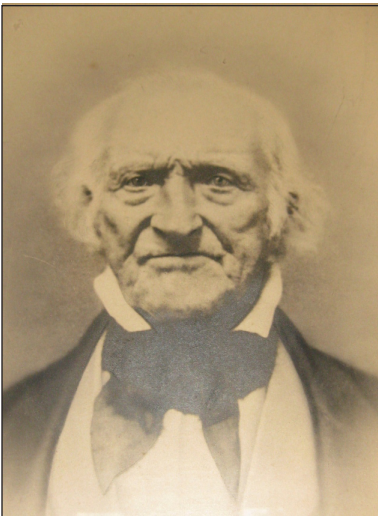
Visit the BHS at the intersection of Rtes 114 and 103 to find out more. Anyone who has ideas to share, hours to spare, stories to tell, or items to donate, or just to view the collection, please stop in any Saturday from 10 am - noon or call 938-5372.

The BHS is always looking for more members. It's fascinating to look at the past, reflect on the present, and inform the future! Join the fun by contacting Harriet at 938-5314.

Officers elected to guide the Society in the coming year are: Steve Hansen and David Wadleigh, co-presidents; George Cilley, Vice President; Janet Riley, Secretary; Everett Kittredge, treasurer; Laurie Buchar, archivist and UCS representative; Harriet Douglass, membership chair; Laura Hallahan, publicity chair; and Board members Marge Cilley, Maggie Ainslie, Tim Rodd, and John Mock.

Bradford's history has been recorded in two volumes, which are available for sale. "Two Hundred Plus" is a hard-back volume with many photos....\$15.00

"Early Families of Bradford" is a comprehensive genealogy available in paperback (\$35.00) or hard-back (\$50.00). Watch for the publication in fall 2012 of a paperback update entitled "Bradford and Warner" (\$20.00).



Hoyt Family in Bradford History

The Hoyt family included many prominent figures in history. Hoyt's Brook was named for them. Stephen Hoyt was one of Roger Ranger's in the French and Indian War. His son, Lieutenant Stephen Hoyt, served with General Stark at Bunker Hill. He also built the first sawmill in Melvin Mills. His son, General Stephen Hoyt became Bradford's first school teacher (see photo) and built a saw mill on West Meadow Road.

At a public address naming Lake Massasecum for the native Chief who lived on its shores, General Hoyt told an anecdote that speaks to our town's meager beginnings. He said that at one time there was only one greatcoat among all the inhabitants of Bradford and Fisherfield (Newbury) and that one garment was handed from one dignitary to another to be used for public occasions.

It was his son, William, who made the bass viol. And it was his son, Elbridge, Sr., who played it at the dedication. Subsequently, his son Elbridge, Jr. played the viol at dances. That was one of the few instruments available at the time for entertainment.

And we have Elbridge, Jr.'s daughter, Laura Hoyt Sanborn, to thank for many memories and artifacts kept at the Bradford Historical Society!

Right - This bass viol was made by William Hoyt in the early 1800s. It can still be seen today in the newly restored Meetinghouse, which boasts excellent acoustics and hosts many musical events throughout the year. The original list of the sixty musicians who performed for this dedication ceremony is also on display.



A True Cat Story

From our Transfer Station

"The ten R's" - If it can't be Reduced, Reused, Repaired, Rebuilt, Refurbished, Resold, Recycled, or Composted, then it should be Restricted, Redesigned, or Removed from production.

Wanted

The Town of Bradford is seeking a Cemetery custodian. The job is part time and involves coordinating requests from the cemetery trustees, funeral homes and families. A detailed job description can be obtained by calling 938-5539.

New Bridge e-mail address:

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A magnificent feral cat, Puss 'N Boots had taken up residence. We captured Puss who snarled and hissed until bowls of cream and tuna were presented. After two humane societies tartly responded to our offer to deliver him and a third never responded, we freed the animal. Puss took four steps, looked back at us, and headed into the wild. Days later, Puss reappeared curled up on the doorstep. Ferocious Puss was gone. This was new Puss who purred and wanted pats as well as Meow Mix. He followed us as we did our chores. Puss enjoyed hiking in the woods, winding a sinuous course along the top of stone walls as I padded on the ground. Dr. Brust examined and vaccinated Puss, and treated minor maladies. Lois found Puss the most loving home a cat could ever dream of, here in our town. An anecdote to illustrate how, day in and day out, without fanfare, Lois makes life better for Bradford.



As everyone knows who has allowed cats to manage them, felines like privacy. So in deference to Puss' wishes, both the finder and the keeper will remain nameless.

This story, along with last month's True Truck Story, are examples of thoughtful, kind deeds so special to our small town. Please send along your tales of "random acts of kindness" in Bradford for future issues of the Bridge.

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