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HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY BRADFORD BRIDGE!!!

BRADFORD INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friday July 1, 2011

5-7:00 PM Bradford Parks & Recreation – Annual Beef Roast
Bradford Area Community Center

Saturday July 2, 2011

7:00 AM Mason's Breakfast (St. Peter's Lodge)
7:00 Road Race Registration (Town Hall)
8-2:00 Brown Memorial Book Sale
9-2:00 Smithy Shop open
9:00 Road Race begins (Town Hall)
9:00 Red Cross Blood Drive (BACC)
9:00 - 4 PM Bradford Art Show - Town Hall
10-1:30 Wagon Rides-Church to Marshal Property
10:30 Odds Bodkin - Brown Memorial Library
First Baptist Church Fair
8:00 Fair Opens
9:00 Kids Fun Run registration
10:00 Fun Run Race and children's activities begin
10-2:00 Lunch Booth - Desserts and Ice Cream
Musical Entertainment, Hand-Made Quilt Raffle,
Silent Auction, Mesa Products Booth



Afternoon Activities

1:00 Line up for Parade & Judging for Entrees
(Old Warner Rd. & Post Office)
2:00 Parade Begins
3:00 Midway Opens
3:30 Band Concert (Bavarian Band & Military Band)
5:00 Chicken Barbeque (Historical Society)
BNSYS Food Hut, Pizza, Ice Cream, French Fries and more
Bounce House and other vendors
9:30 Fire Works

WATCH THE DISPLAY FROM BROWN SHATTUCK FIELD!

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

Our interview this month is with Bruce A. Edwards owner and operator of "Bruce's Auto Repair" since 1980. Although Bruce was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, he has lived and worked in other towns and states.

Q. Bruce, you have been involved in other places but you wound up in Bradford and in 1980 you opened your auto repair shop. What motivated you to come here to work and live?

My mom rented a cottage in Melvin Mills for about a year and then bought a place there. My dad was working in Ireland building airfields from 1951 to 52. Ten years later he was working for the state of New Hampshire building bridges. My brother, sister and I went to elementary school in Bradford. The school was the building that is now the "Bradford Area Community Center." In 1970 I married and bought this place that was a blacksmith shop years ago and is now my work place. Ralph Messer used to come here and get his horses shoed and now the Messer family brings in their cars for repair.

Q. You have been here for 50 years and have experienced all the ups and downs of small town living. Do you think this up and down curve is symptomatic of all small towns?

I believe that it is the way of small towns. We had the train coming through and the station and then it was just freight coming here. It is called "transportation technology." The train made us viable and its departure contributed to the downturn. People don't work here anymore. The train was still here in 1961 and then it was 1970 and it was gone.

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

Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
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Selectmen meet the 1st and 3rd
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12:30 pm-5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and
12:30 pm-5:00 pm

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Letter from the Editor

The Bradford ????

July 1991, Volume 1, Number 1 of this newspaper appeared 'on the streets' of Bradford to bring local news to the community complete with a contest to choose an appropriate name. Volume 1, Number 2 said, "The Bradford Bridge was selected because our covered bridge is a landmark of our town and, like a bridge, our newspaper's goal is to link people together within our community." Laurie Buchar submitted the winning name and the front page then and now includes a sketch of our historic Bement Bridge.

The staff for the first few issues included: Nancy Scribner, Editor & Publisher; Marjorie Cilley, News Editor; Louise Signorino, Calendar Editor; Mildred Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator; and Tom Scribner, Advertising Manager. There have been many changes over the years in the staff and the contributors, and many changes in our town. Reading early issues of The Bradford Bridge is a history of the past 20 years in our small town.

The first advertiser was The Candlelite Inn followed by Walco Mechanical who has continued support for the past 20 years. Some early advertisers have consistently supported the Bridge, some are no longer in business, but other local businesses have stepped in to ensure that The Bradford Bridge continues as a free publication. We thank the many businesses and individuals who have provided this support over the years.

Stop by one of the local sources – Post Office block, Bradford Market, Bradford Junction, Pizza Chef, Lake Sunapee Bank, Lumber Barn, Brown Memorial Library, Town Hall, Dunkin Donuts, Applesseed Restaurant, Iamnow, Fitness Center, or the Transfer Station - and pick up your copy on the first of each month. Subscriptions are available or you can read it online at <http://bradfordbridge.com>.

May The Bradford Bridge continue for the next 20 years and beyond to bring our town:

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS BY NEIGHBORS

What appeared to be a very rapid decline of Bradford's Main Street as businesses closed is beginning, slowly, to come back starting with the re-building of the sidewalks on East Main Street. Come to the forum at the Highway Garage on July 12 at 5:30 PM to get the latest details of this project – a first step in regaining Bradford's Main Street.

The front page of Volume 1, Number 1 contained the Schedule of Events for the Independence Day Celebration as does this issue. Enjoy all the events from the Masonic breakfast through to the grand finale Fireworks. Many thanks go to Marlene Freyler and her committee members Jane Lucas and Beth Von Behren for their efforts in organizing and arranging this day of celebration for Bradford.

Last words for this month HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to The Bradford Bridge and ENJOY THE SUMMER.

Marcia Keller, July Editor

Area Events

Newbury

Events at the Fells:

Framework Trees of New

England: Wednesday, July 6, 6-8:30pm (at The Fells); Sunday, July 10; Saturday, July 16, 9am-3:30pm (at field sites in NH)

Trees are the dominant plant type of New England, with forests covering most of the land area. This survey course addresses identification and natural history of individual species as well as forest ecology. Chris Mattrick, Forest Botanist, White Mountain National Forest reviews the changing landscape from the Ice Age through European settlement. Students learn to identify native New England trees and their habitats, to recognize different aged stands (pioneer, second growth, and other growth) and become familiar with forest communities of the northeastern temperate region. Weekend field trips are to a variety of forest types.

Fells or NEWFS members \$192, nonmembers \$230. Limit of 16, advance registration required. To register call NEWFS Registrar at 508-877-7630. Meets at The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. Co-sponsored by the New England Wildflower Society.

Artists Weekend: Saturday & Sunday, July 16-17, 10am – 4pm

Renowned artists from the New England region set up easels and paint en plein air amidst the beauty of The Fells landscape and gardens. Scheduled artist demonstrations and a children's art table from 10am-3pm on Saturday. This popular annual event culminates with a reception, ex-

hibit and sale at 3pm Sunday, free admission to reception with return receipt from Saturday.

Sale proceeds benefit the Fells gardens. Members free, nonmembers pay site admission. The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. For more information call 603-763-4789 x 3. or visit www.thefells.org <<http://www.thefells.org>> .

Warner

The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society will host a Model Rocket Launch in Warner, NH on July 16th from 1PM to 4PM.

Bring your model rocket or just come to spectate!

For directions and other information visit the club web site at www.KARSNH.org or call Mike Bellino at 938-5129

This event is free and open to the public.

New London

Dragonfly Walk: Friday July 29, 2-4 PM at Deming Property. Did you know there are more species of Dragonfly and Damselfly in New Hampshire than there are in

California? Come for a walk on the Deming property in New London and we will try to find some of them. The walk will be led by Ausbon Sargent's Land Protection Specialist Andy Deegan and will include information on the life history of local dragonflies and damselflies. The walk will be easy and is open to everyone – including children of all ages. Bring normal hiking attire and an insect net if you have one. We will be catching individual "dragons" for identification purposes and releasing them once photos are taken. Light refreshments will be served. Please let us know you plan to attend by contacting Nancy Smith at the Ausbon Sargent offices 526-6555 or email aslptnancy@tds.net.



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Bradford, NH - VIEWS, open land, fields and lawn, apple trees, sandy soils, 50' X 28' garage, **24 acres** level to rolling terrain, more land also available. Gambrel log sided 3 BR home w/farmers porch. Large family room with wet bar. **\$275,000**



BRADFORD - Historic 'Presbury Farm' more well known as "Battles Farm". Picturesque setting, 148 acres, with about 50 acres in field, trout stream, long road frontage, VIEWS, 4000 sq ft farmhouse, huge 73' X 41' barn. Working farm. Purchase prior to Conservation Easement in place and receive up to \$300,000 credit. **\$795,000**

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Above: On the first day of summer, June 21, 2011, Timber Framer Arnold Graton, JR, took a few minutes out for a "photo op" with Real Estate Agent Laura Hallahan who had been watching the bridge's restoration. After JR straightened the frame of the Bement Bridge by pulling the bridge together with cables and come-alongs, he boosted the structure with (4" X 6", 16 ft. long lateral bracing) throughout the bridge's length.

Bement Bridge Restoration in Progress

JR Graton, a fourth-generation historic preservation specialist has been chosen to repair Bradford's historic Bement Bridge that spans the headwaters of the Warner River. Since a spring state inspection revealed that the structure was seriously leaning off its foundation, the town has been exploring solutions to alleviate the "tilt" and conduct other structural repairs to prepare the bridge for the installation of a new roof, voted in at the 2011 Town Meeting.

Graton comes from a long family tradition of shoring, rigging, timber framing and especially covered wooden bridge restoration. Over the last fifty years, three generations of the Graton family of Ashland, New Hampshire have been restoring covered bridges and other historic structures in New England/New Hampshire, and other parts of the country including California, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.

JR is committed to "restoring and maintaining the structural, historic, and artistic integrity of structures so that future generations can enjoy them." JR (Arnold M Graton) is the only Master Covered Bridgewright in the country who has built 14 new covered bridges and restored more than 60 including many in New Hampshire.

In 2003-04 he was involved in a major restoration of the 1825 Historic Eagle Block building in Newport (now home to the Salt Hill Pub). JR is a member of the Timber Framers Guild, NH Preservation Alliance, a lifetime member of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, a Traditional Arts & Folklife Listing of the NH State Council on the Arts, and represented New Hampshire at the 1999 Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

Stay tuned. The Bradford Bridge will follow the restoration with photos and details of the stabilization of our town's Bement Bridge.

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Selectmen's Highlights

Sanborn/Griggs House: On May 31, 2011 George Cilley brought to the Selectmen's attention a petition submitted 21 months after the fire in November 2008 at 149 East Main Street. Since no action had resulted from that petition and there are two new selectmen members, he brought copies of the petition and a timeline as to what should be done. Subsequently, a legal notice was posted on the building and will be printed in the Concord Monitor for four weeks requesting that the owners take action, under RSA 155-B, Hazardous and Dilapidated Buildings. If the required action – re-building or razing of the house - is not taken by September 1, 2011, the town can proceed to do the work with all costs placed as a lien on this property and any other property in the state owned by the parties involved.

Mold Testing: is being done to determine the extent of water damage in the police station portion of the Town Hall and whether or not mold is involved. The repairs will then be scheduled and a modular trailer moved in for the Police Department if required.

Oakdale Road: Jon Marden and Caren Morrill expressed concern for recent work done to clean ditches along Oakdale Road. Minutes from June 2010 stated that property owners on that road would be sent letters prior to any action taken there to clarify utility lines that may be in the ditches or under the road. The letters were not sent and when work was done this year live wires were dug up. There is also a 6 foot drop off the road with no warning devices in place.

After much discussion, the selectmen voted to fix the town's

portion of the problem and leave it so the property owner can re-connect his line. Property owners will be notified and asked to respond as to what lines may be under the road in other locations.

Equipment Rental: Rob Messer stated that the selectmen have made a sizeable mistake with the recent equipment rental contract. If the jobs are put out to bid, there are local excavators that could do the work and save the town money.

PayPal Account: At the request of Bruce Edwards, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Committee, the selectmen agreed to allow a Pay Pal Account to be set up so registrations for the July 2nd 5 K Road Race can be done online.

CIP: Don Jackson requested a response from the selectmen concerning the timeline for preparing the Capital Improvements Program for 2012. With the understanding that there may be emergency delays in getting some items finalized, the selectmen approved the timeline as submitted.

Planning Board: A letter was submitted from the Planning Board by the Chair, Marcia Keller, suggesting that a study be made and recommendations prepared to lay out a schedule of maintenance and rehabilitation of Bradford's road network. This would combine two areas of responsibility delegated by statute to planning boards - long-range planning and the capital improvements program. The Planning Board would like to work with the selectmen and a re-activated road committee to determine how best this could be accomplished. No action was taken except to recommend that a member of the planning board attend a meeting of the Road Committee.

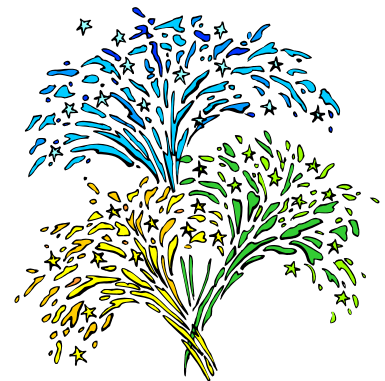
Budget: Town Administrator

Cheryl Behr reported that 56% of the 2011 budget remains as of June 20. Concern was expressed for the welfare line with more requests coming in, especially for rent, in the current economic situation.

State Legislators: Bradford's State Senator Andy Sanborn and State Representative Laurie Sanborn met with the selectmen to review the current Legislative Session and the budget process, and to answer any questions from the selectmen and the public in attendance.

Non-Public Session Following a non-public session, it was agreed that Marge Cilley will continue to take the minutes of selectmen's meetings as long as funds allow, but that some funding for this position will come as a result of no longer providing that service for either the Budget Committee or the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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



Local Graduate

Nathaniel Hansen of Bradford received a Bachelor of Arts degree at the Castleton State College commencement ceremony on May 14, 2011.

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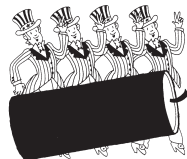
Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibition

The Bradford Improvement Association announces Artists & Artisans: An Exhibition, in the Town Hall second floor auditorium during Bradford's Independence Day Celebration, on Saturday, July 2 from 9 am – 4 pm. The restored Charles Washington Henry theatrical backdrop will be unfurled for the occasion on the Town Hall Stage.

A selection of work from an estimated 20 participating Bradford artists and artisans will be featured. Art and craft work on display will include quilts, braided rugs, etchings, prints, oil and watercolor paintings, photographs, sculpture, wrought iron, drawings, and crewel embroidery.

BIA Committee member, Eileen Kelly, said, "The purpose of the exhibit is to feature Bradford's Artists & Artisans; to celebrate Bradford's Independence Day, and to invite the public to visit Bradford's most beautiful 1797 historic building."

*Gallery Hours: 9:00 am – 4 pm;
Town Hall, 75 West Main Street,
Bradford.*



Bradford Barter

Bradford Barter is looking forward to seeing you at the Independence Day celebration on July 2nd. Be looking for us in the crowd. We will be strolling about, meeting you all and handing out flyers.

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Bradford Area Community Center Reorganization

Warrant Article 41, approved by voters at the March 2011 Town Meeting, read in part: "To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to maintain the status, mission and operation of the Bradford Area Community Center as a taxpayer maintained building steered by a Governance Board comprised of citizens, that building to provide space and social, recreation and educational programs for not-for-profit organizations, community groups, children, youth, families and older adults in the greater Bradford area."

Since that time both the Governance Board and the Board of Selectmen have met and discussed ways to carry out the voters' wishes. Areas under discussion have been the respective roles of the two boards, the responsibilities of the director, and the budgeting/accounting procedures to be used in order to maintain the fiscal integrity of the Community Center and the Town.

Jim Valiquet, Chair of the BACC Governance Board requested that the selectmen appoint a commission under RSA 35-B that would basically do what the Governance Board was designed to do - enter into contracts, collect fees, maintain the building, and promote leisure time activities for the town. RSA 35-B would allow the committee to function under the town insurance umbrella. The commission would provide a link between the town, tax payers, and the Board of Selectmen. Valiquet said that to make this successful, the commission would need to have three things: Responsibility. Authority. Accountability.

At a recent meeting of the BACC Governance Board, it became clear that working documents need to be prepared to define the respective roles and the budget/fiscal responsibility process. The Governance Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM with the 4th Tuesday devoted to planning.

A slate of commissioners for staggered terms of office was submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval: 1 year – Jim Valiquet and Karen Hambleton; 2 years – Margaret Raymond and Bruce Edwards; 3 years – Will Hurley and Debbie Flinkstrom.

Selectmen delayed action on the slate pending submission of an additional name.

Activities at the United Church of Warner

July 4th Pie Sale: At the Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast at the Legion in Warner, from 7am to 11. Freshly made homemade pies available. Proceeds go towards the United Church of Warner Scholarship Fund

July Church Supper: Saturday July 9th, from 5 to 6:30. A variety of Fresh summer salads, sliced ham and fresh strawberry shortcake. Donations appreciated.

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Q. Looking back at your life it has been varied but there appears to be a common thread in most of your working life. You worked at “Wyman’s Chevrolet” in Hillsboro, and then “Jancar Bus Leasing” when the Kearsarge Regional district was formed, and then Valley Transportation followed by ‘Digger Day’s’ drilling wells until you opened your auto repair in 1980. I like mechanical things. The people I have worked for have always built machinery or buildings. I like to find out what makes things work. My employees over the years have been the same.

Q. I understand that your marriage to Cheryl Behr took place in Bob Stewart’s Real Estate office on Main Street and as a Justice of the Peace, you and Cheryl were the first couple that he performed the wedding ceremony for. Addie Stewart was one of your witnesses to the wedding vows.

Cheryl and I were married in 1998. It was January and Andy Anderson plowed a path to his office after a snow storm. At that point we were the first couple that he married. It was a short and simple ceremony. Yes, Addie Stewart was a witness.

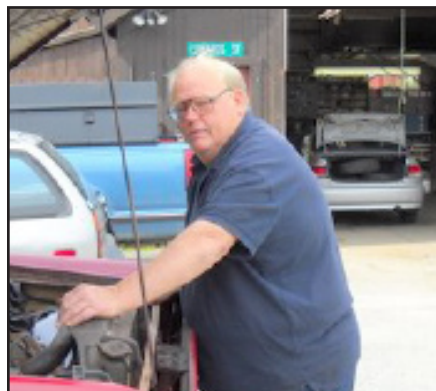
Q. Can you tell much about the relationships and personalities of the car owners who come to the garage to be fixed?

I believe there is a connection. We have cared for the cars of three generations of people. Some people are neat as a pin and usually, not always, the car's condition reflects what the owners are like. Years ago only certain people were able to afford high end cars but now, anyone can buy what they want. The Mercedes and Cadillacs are not the sole province of the millionaires.

Q. Bradford and the country seem to be struggling with tough economic times. Do you have

an opinion as to which way the town and the overall economy should be heading?

It’s a complicated issue. Every thing is changing. People and businesses are going to have to change. I think there is going to be a lot of belt tightening. Now we’re competing with everyone in the world. The only way that Bradford will change is if people begin to invest in the town. The population is too small to support much. There needs to be a need for something and then people can support and believe in it. All the old businesses are gone. Merrimack Farmers, Dodge’s, and the IGA grocery store. People have to travel to buy their groceries. It is difficult because overheads are too high and you need volume for a place to survive. I don’t have answers for the state of the United States’ economy.



Q. Bradford appears to be a place where people of varied economic levels like to live. Some towns attract the more affluent but we seem to have a mixed lot of residents.

We get customers from everywhere. I think there are certain people who are attracted to a place like Bradford. They can live in splendid isolation or in a neighborhood but it is varied. Sometimes people like to be big fish in little ponds. There is no one answer to that question.

Q. Your wife Cheryl is the town administrator which is a demanding and frustrating position. She seems to cope well but there must be times when she

brings work home? How do you handle it?

It goes both ways. On the whole we try not to discuss it a lot. You have to leave your work and day behind when you leave for the day. We’re both dealing with the public. Some days are good and some bad. I think that Cheryl is more patient than I am.

Q. In 2005 you added “Pleasant Valley Sand and Gravel” to your already full work life. Is there always a need for sand and gravel? If you won the lottery how would you change your life? Do you have an overwhelming desire for any one thing?

There is always a need for sand and gravel. I enjoy my time there and my grandchildren like to join me when they visit for the day. I have four grandchildren and two kids, a boy and a girl. They live in Weare and Davisville so we do spend time together. The gravel business is different and I fit it in on weekends or after work. If I won the lottery I would buy an excavator. It would be nice to have a bigger shop but otherwise I wouldn’t change much.

Q. Do you see a quick fix for Bradford?

There is very little actual commercial land in town. We have wetlands. The town owns the largest commercial properties, the dump and Naughton’s. Not much is zoned commercial. We have huge flood plains; even the “Bradford Junction” is built on filled wetland. I don’t think it’s the question of being off the beaten track and fifteen minutes from I- 89. A huge amount of traffic passes through here. There are possibilities. You can gain incredible knowledge by listening to people. However, there is no unity and people aren’t looking at the whole picture.



Loon Nesting Raft

Members of the Rural Heritage Connection (RHC) and Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) have placed a loon nesting raft at the northern end of Lake Massachusetts. Although no loons are yet in residence please keep a respectful distance from the raft, as any human presence will diminish the likelihood of future occupancy.

The raft was constructed by John Cooley and provided by the LPC in the hope of contributing to an increase in the loon population and a return of these majestic birds to our lake.



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Police Department News

by Chief Valiquet

2011 has seen some moves by the Legislature to cut costs and effect change. But one has to wonder to what end? Things like trying to save money by having our automobiles inspected every other year. Besides the adverse effects on the environment caused by poorly maintained vehicles, components such as brakes and suspension systems wear out, without our notice, and create serious safety risks to all of us using the highways.

Another area of concern was the attempt to defund juvenile justice services. Early detection and diversion of youthful offenders is critical to the effective management of criminal justice. We cannot ignore the simple fact that many of our adult and dangerous offenders started out as truants, runaways, and incorrigible juveniles. Ignoring these children will increase the number of those youths that will become adult offenders, because we (society) were not there to divert them. Luckily the Senate has restored \$8.9 million to provide the services necessary to deal with Children in Need of Services for the next biennium.

Kearsarge Regional Elementary School Graduates 2011 D.A.R.E. Class

On June 15, 2011 forty-five students from the 5th grade at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School (KRES) successfully completed and graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. The program, a 10-week long curriculum, started in April and was instructed by Officer Ed Shaughnessy of the Bradford Police Department. The D.A.R.E. program gives the children the tools they need to resist drugs and make correct, healthy choices. During the 10 week curricula lessons were taught on the health effects of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, peer pressure (good and bad), ways to avoid risky situations, ways to get out of bad situations, and advertisements. Students did a lot of role playing activities to use what they learned throughout the lessons to make better choices. Part of the lesson plan for Week 9 was for students to create a D.A.R.E report. The report, in the form of an essay, shadow box or poster, was to explain what the students learned in D.A.R.E. and why it was important to them. Two winners were chosen from Mrs. Lee's class and two winners from Mrs. Dukette's class. The first place winners of the essay were Logan Montminy and Julia Baldasaro. Each 1st place winner received \$50.00. The 2nd place winners were Robert "Bo" Underhill and Katie Santti who each received \$25.00.

These are our kids, from our community, and we want their futures to be bright, healthy, safe and secure and that is why we are strong believers in the D.A.R.E program. Officer Shaughnessy and the Bradford Police Department would like to thank Principal West, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Dukette for allowing time in their lesson plans for the D.A.R.E. program.

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JULY CALENDAR

Fri. July 1st

11:30 AM -First Friday Brunch
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5:00 – 8:00 PM – Beef Roast

Sat. July 2nd

9:00 AM - 5k Road Race

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

9:00 - 4 PM Art Show - Town
Hall

2:00 PM – Parade

Dusk – Fireworks

Mon. July 4th

Senior Center Closed for
Holiday

No Meals on Wheels or Bus
Service

Tues. July 5th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1 PM - Watercolor class

6:00 PM - Yoga Class call Fran
at 456-3099

Wed July 6th

10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran

4:30 PM – Parks & Recreation
mtg.

Thurs. July 7th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

3:00-6:00 PM – Farmer’s Mar-
ket

Fri. July 8th

12:00 Noon Café Bienvenue

7:00 PM - Book-to-Movie True
Grit, BML

Sat. July 9th

9:00-11:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. July 11th

10:00 AM -Ceramics Class

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Con-
nection

Tues. July 12th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

5:00 PM - BACC –Committee
Meeting

5:30 PM – Sidewalk Forum –
Highway Garage

6:00 PM - Yoga Class call Fran
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Wed. July 13th

10:00 AM- Yoga with Fran

6:00 - Families of Japan, BML

Thurs. July 14th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon Blood

Pressure Clinic,Cholesterol

Screening - LSVNA

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00-3:00 PM Foot Care Clinic -
LSVNA

Call 526-4077 for appt.

3:00-6:00 PM – Farmer’s Mar-
ket.

Fri. July 15th

9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care
Clinic –LSVNA at North Ridge

Apt’s

10:00 Movie - “Ladies In Lav-
ender”- Dames Judi Dench and

Maggie Smith

12 Noonish- Café

Sat. July 16th

10:00 AM Bradford Improve-
ment Association – all welcome

Mon. July 18th

10:00 Ceramics Class

Tues. July 19th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1 PM - Watercolor class

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

1:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed July 20th

10:00 AM -Yoga with Fran

10:00 AM – Depart for Field

Trip to Newick’s and Isle of
Shoals

6:00 PM - Families of Afghani-
stan, BML

Thurs. July 21st

11:00AM – 12:30 PM - Blood
Pressure Clinic

12 Noon - Senior Dining

3:00-6:00 PM –Farmer’s Market

Fri. July 22nd

12 noon - Café Bienvenue

7:00 PM - International Movie
(France), BML

Sat. July 23rd

9:00-11:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. July 25th

10:00 AM - Ceramics Class

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. July 26th

9:30-11:30 AM –LSVNA Foot
Care at Warner Pharmacy

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. July 27th

10:00 AM -Yoga with Fran

10:30 AM –12 Noon - Blood
Pressure Clinic Warner Senior
Rm.

6:00 PM - Families of Guate-
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Thurs. July 28th

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3:00-6:00 PM –Farmer’s Market

Fri. July 29th

12 noon - Café Bienvenue



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mation.



Abbreviation Key

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
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.

MARK THE DATE!!!**Tuesday, July 12, 5:30pm. Highway Garage**

This will be the first public hearing and progress report of the East Main Street Sidewalk project. Mike Croteau from Kleinfelder/SEA Consultants will make a presentation with preliminary plans identifying the roadway, bike lanes and sidewalk as well as a profile for everyone's review.

The plans will include "toe of slope" limits which define where the work ties into each property. The results of a geotechnical study from the soil samples taken on June 2 will also be available.

A Cultural Resources Review is an integral part of the project. The Review identifies properties of historical significance. A preliminary progress report on the review will be made at the meeting as well. This meeting will be of particular interest to the property owners along East Main Street. Of course, everyone in town is welcome to get a firsthand look at the progress of this exciting project.

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Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter-2nd Saturday at 10AM at BACC/call 938-2777 for info
 Children's Storytime - Mondays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 10:30AM at BML
 Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-5539 for info
 Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, Town Hall 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, Town Hall
 Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC
 Selectmen's Meeting - 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5:30PM, Town Hall
 Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, Town Hall

Bradford Improvement Association House Sign Project

The Bradford Improvement Association has organized a house sign project as one way to recognize a small part of Bradford's rich history. When the railroad came to town, the center of development moved to what became Bradford Mills encompassing both East and West Main Streets. Much of the 19th Century Village Residential District still exists in 2011.

Property identification can be found on the 1858 Bradford Mills map, & the 1892 Bradford, Merrimack County, & Bradford PO maps in the Bradford Historical Society's book, Two Hundred Plus, Bradford, New Hampshire in Retrospect. Property owners in the 1800's can be found in Early Families of Bradford, New Hampshire.

The BIA hopes you will be part of this treasure hunt to identify and express the historical nature of your home. Direct questions to: sylvester@iamnow.net; subject: House Signs.



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Planning Board Notes

Subdivision: The Board approved an application for a boundary adjustment and three lot subdivision for land on East Washington Road, which reconfigures the parcels owned by Sylvia Hasey and Heather and Eric Hogancamp.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 12 on the application for a boundary adjustment on West Road for land owned by Joe Torro and David and Michelle Halstead

Site Plan: The application from TDS Telecom to place a utility box on land owned by David Long on Bacon Road was continued to July 12 in order for abutters to be properly notified.

Conceptual Consultation Discussion: between the Board and Ed Fowler concerning land on West Road proposed for a three lot subdivision with some concern expressed for delineation of wetlands.

CNHRPC: At the most recent meeting of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission Selectman/Planning Board Representative Harry Wright was elected to the Executive Committee.

Alternates: It was noted that the Board has no alternate members at this time, making it difficult to guarantee that a quorum will be present at every meeting. Any local resident who is interested in serving the Town as an alternate to the Planning Board is invited to attend one or more meetings – 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Town Hall – to see what is involved contact any member of the Planning Board for more information. This is a vital part of Bradford's land use process with the emphasis on proper siting and design for development, not on prohibition. Any applicant coming to the Board for action should be assured that a quorum will be available to discuss and act on his/her application.

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Outside

By Ann Eldridge

Fireflies or lightening bugs are beginning to flash. Neither flies nor bugs, except by common name, these beetles spent the winter underground as larvae and dug their way out earlier this spring without our taking notice. They've been milling about chasing down small invertebrates and snails while we've been planting peas and carrots. When the weather finally got warmer they realized that it was time for a change and went underground again for a few weeks. There they fashioned little earthen cells in which to pupate in private. Now they're up and about as adult beetles. The flashing lights we see, with the one odd exception described further below, are associated with their mating strategy. Most insects, indeed most animals, signal to each other through chemical means, such as scent, and some communicate by sound, such as the crickets and katydids. Fireflies are one of few insects that announce their presence with flashing lights.

The magical quality of the light produced by plants and animals is produced entirely chemically. A process developed independently in various life forms uses a complex protein called luciferin which, when mixed with a small quantity of an enzyme called luciferase, will combine with oxygen and give off a bright glow. Each organism with the ability to glow has its own version of this recipe.



There are at least one hundred and thirty different species of firefly on the planet and we probably see several separate species on a given evening. Often each species is very particular as to the time of night at which it flashes, in effect, taking turns. In the eastern U.S. all males are much smaller than the females and outnumber them by 50 to 1. Competition, as you might imagine, is pretty fierce. The flashes of the males that may seem charmingly random to us are exquisitely specific for them. Each species has its own intricate code; the lighting of the flares of fireflies can vary considerably from five seconds to an astonishing forty times within a single second, which to our poor eyes seems a single flash. The length of the sequence and the interval between sequences is significant, as is the intensity and color of the light.

The plumper, ground-level females watching this display also light up but theirs is usually a single flash. The timing of this flash is critical however. If an overhead flying male does not get the correct signal at the right time he zooms on by continuing his search.

An odd but somewhat predictable development occurred on the North American continent. Fireflies are carnivorous, feeding on invertebrates smaller than themselves. The females of some of these species

learned to make use of the overabundance of small males of other species. In areas where several kinds of fireflies occupy the same territory, the females of some tribes have learned to give the appropriate responses to the flashes of at least five other species. Thus they call in the unsuspecting males and dine on them for supper – much like lanterns on the shore tricking ships to ground on sandbars for plundering.

And here you were, thinking perhaps that fireflies were gay and partying bugs, blinking away to decorate the night, and perhaps they do. But perhaps they are more serious.

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First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

Focus Factor: There will be no meeting on July 3. Beginning on Sunday, July 10 and every Sunday in July, high school youth will meet from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. The regular meeting of youth who are in grades 6-8 will meet from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. High school students are welcome to attend the 4:00 - 5:30 meeting as well as they will be trained to be leaders and mentors to our younger youth.

Food Pantry: The July distribution date is Wednesday, July 20 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Betty Lalla Retires

Betty Lalla of 16 Old Sutton Road retired at the end of June after 10 years of exceptional service to the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS in Concord. Betty served as an Executive Officer for four local boards, including the Sunapee Region Board of REALTORS where she was honored at the last membership meeting on June 15th in New London.



Obituaries

Sally J. (Whipple) Welch, 44, of New London died Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at New London Hospital after a brief illness. She was born in New London, November 5, 1966.

Sally graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School and, in the past, worked for Kearsarge Regional School District and Woodcrest Village. She enjoyed helping people and always had a smile to offer. Most recently, she worked for Colonial Pharmacy and Elkins Park-n-Go Mart. Customers at both locations enjoyed Sally's warm service and gentle nature. Sally loved spending time with her family and walking her dogs. She especially loved time with her three sons. She will be remembered by her husband, sons, family and friends for her cooking and her famous chocolate chip cookies.

She is survived by her husband Ron Welch and sons Cody, Shawn and Kyle all of New London; her mother Annie (Bagley) Whipple of Bradford; four sisters, Nancy Boffitto of Manchester, Diane Heath of Concord, Vivian Weaver and Brenda Greenlaw both of Warner; special family friend Tammy Little of Dunbarton; and by many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father Robert B. Whipple.

A graveside service was held at Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford, with Pastor Jack Ward, officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.

Carl D. Craig, 55, of Craig Road, died Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at CRVNA Hospice House in Concord. He was born in Jamaica Plain, MA on January 20, 1956.

Carl graduated from Rockland, MA High School in 1974. He lived in Rockland for many years before moving to Bradford in 1995. While in MA, Carl worked as a motorcycle mechanic for various businesses and after moving to NH worked for Kearsarge Reel and the Salvation Army.

He was a member of The First Baptist Church of Bradford, NH, the Sunapee Lake Grange, and Merrimack County Pomona. He enjoyed swimming and other outdoor individual sports. Always able to keep machines running, Carl liked his motorcycle and snowmobile.

He was predeceased by his father, Parker E. Craig. Members of his family surviving include his mother, Dr. Edythe (Lee) Craig of Bradford, NH; three brothers, Lee W. Craig of Hanson, MA, David P. Craig of Corralitos, CA and Paul A. Craig of Newport, NH; an uncle; nieces nephews and cousins.

The funeral service was held at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse with The Rev. Lynne Hubley, officiating. Burial was at the Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to The First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 404, Bradford, NH 03221.





Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 2. Come to the book sale between 8:00am and 2:00pm. At 10:30am, Talesman, Odds Bodkin presents a storytelling concert to kick off our Summer Reading Program. Then, look for us in the parade at 2:00pm. Busy day!

SUMMER READING. "One World, Many Stories" We invite children to join us for six Wednesdays of movies about children from different cultures. Sample food, learn about customs, arts, money and stories from each country.

Here is the schedule (all movies are shown at 6:00pm):

Wed. July 13: JAPAN
 Wed. July 20: AFGHANISTAN
 Wed. July 27: GUATEMALA
 Wed. Aug. 3: INDIA
 Wed. Aug. 10: KENYA
 Wed. Aug. 17: AUSTRALIA

Lots of exciting new books from our Clif Grant are available to help you fill your summer reading goals. We will also offer Passports for each child to keep track of reading time and a weekly raffle! The Summer Reading Finale celebration is on Wednesday, August 24 at 5pm with Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe.

MOVIE NIGHTS. Take note, this month's dates are different. On Friday, July 8 at 7:00pm, we will compare the Coen Brothers' version of True Grit with the book by Charles Portis. Next month we will read/watch A Shine of Rainbows by Lillian Beckwith. Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. July's International Movie (on Friday, July 22 at 7pm) is from France and the August selection is from Algeria. See reviews and more information in the library or on our website (www.brownmemorallibrary.org).

LIBRARY DINNER. Thanks to St. Peter's Masonic Lodge, the library dinner is a GO! The dinner will be held at the Lodge on Main Street on Saturday, August 20. The Masons will provide the feast and all proceeds will benefit the library. Wow! Look for flyers with more details as plans are finalized.

New books added to your library in June (see www.brownmemorallibrary.org for a complete list)

For adults:

Making Haste From Babylon: the Mayflower Pilgrims and Their World - Nick Bunker
10th Anniversary -- James Patterson
State of Wonder - Ann Patchett
Jamrach's Menagerie - Carol Birch
Threading the Needle - Marie Bostwick
Dreams of Joy - Lisa See
Bel-Air Dead - Stuart Woods
Horoscopes for the Dead: poems - Billy Collins



For children and young adults:

If I Never Forever Endeavor - Holly Meade
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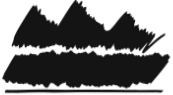
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Bradford Business Association

At the Annual Meeting held on June 8th at Candlelite Inn, the Bradford Business Association announced its Officers & Directors, reviewed the year's accomplishments and set goals for the year ahead. Laura Hallahan will continue as President; Marlene Freyler, Vice President, Marilyn Gordon, Treasurer; and Dawn Rich, Secretary. Directors are Woody Pringle, Susan Binette-Carl and Tina Desfosses.

The BBA published a directory this year and updated its website and Bylaws and next year will raise funds by selling a wonderful ornament depicting Bradford's historic buildings. The BBA also donates \$500 each year to the Bradford Scholarship. Renewal memberships have been sent out and new member solicitations will be sent shortly. Look for the BBA table at the 4th of July festivities (on July 2nd) at the Bradford Baptist Church!

Bradford-Newbury- Sutton Women's Club

At its recent Annual Meeting, The Bradford-Newbury- Sutton Women's Club presented two \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients, Angela Waring of Sutton and Lindy Heffernan of Newbury each read their essays about what growing up in their communities has meant to them. Dawn Rich presented the checks to these two outstanding young women from a field of 9 very deserving applicants. The scholarship, which is funded by the Club's Annual Craft and Antiques Fair, is open to any young woman from one of the three towns who is committed to advancing her education and has been accepted into an institution of higher learning.

At its Annual Meeting the Club also reviewed the past year's programs. It was reported that new, energetic members are needed in order for the Club to thrive and carry on its mission of serving the community and those in need of help.

For further information contact Susan Bedard at susan@countryhousesre.com, or Susan Wick at swick@tds.net.



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Odds Bodkin, Talesman to Perform in Bradford's Library



Odds Bodkin, award-winning storyteller & children's author, will give a performance of folktales, myths, and music in Brown Memorial Library on Saturday, July 2 at 10:30 am. The free event is part of Bradford's Independence Day Celebration and the beginning of the library's summer independent reading program, One World, Many Stories.

A graduate of Duke University, Odds taught storytelling and imagination for seven years at Antioch New England Graduate School while pursuing a full-time career as a children's author and musical storyteller. He has performed at The White House, National Storytelling Festival, and at schools, museums and theaters across America. He has told stories in Bangkok, Thailand, and Great Britain. Friends of the Library President, Audrey Sylvester, said, "With the world's and the nation's enjoyment of our neighbor's character-voice and music-filled storytelling, the Friends are excited to schedule Odds's performance in Bradford during our July 2nd Independence Day celebrations. Please also save the date: Wed. August 24 at 5 pm for a performance, Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe by magician Andrew Pinard, followed by a summer reading finale awards celebration."

The handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 W. Main St., Bradford, NH, is open: M. 10 – 8; Wed. 10 – 7; Sat. 10 – 3; & Sun. 11 – 3. The free performances were made possible by a grant from Kids, Books, and the Arts, the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, NH Library Association, NH State Library and the Friends of Brown Memorial Library. For more information, call 938-5562.

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Multi family yard sale 8 am til ??

July 16, Route 114, south end of Massasecum. Some vintage and collectible items, post cards and things from old family homes as well as almost anything else.

For sale: Antique iron bed, somewhat ornate with brass knobs. Width 48", height at head 44", height at foot 38". Was used for double mattress and box spring. Price: \$140. Call 938-5266.

Free:

Upright piano in good condition. Will deliver in Bradford 938-2692

Bradford Bridge Advertising Rates

Ads run \$8 per column inch, e.g an ad one inch high and one column wide will cost \$8 per month; an ad 2 inches high and 2 columns wide will run \$32. Ads run for a year are discounted. Classified ads for items less than \$250 in value are free.

New at the Transfer Station

Please see the new display inside the Transfer Station constructed and donated by Hal Liberty. You can get your copy of the Bridge there, as well as, information regarding Bradford Barter.

Composting

Composting of Kitchen and Yard Waste has many benefits. These include:

- 1 Reducing Waste disposal costs
2. Conserving natural resources.
3. Producing a valuable soil amendment .
4. Reducing environmental impact.



Historical Society News



It's garden season again ! Pictured here is Roy Messer tilling with an early tractor and harrow. The Bradford Historical Society wants to thank Lois Kilknapp and Ken Anderson for the beautiful garden they made at the Old Post Office building. Stop in on Saturdays from 10:00 am till noon to see many artifacts from Bradford's past.