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Bradford's Independence Day Celebration Schedule July 1st & 2nd, 2011

FRIDAY, JULY 1

**5-7 PM. Parks and Rec- Annual Beef Roast Dinner,
BACC**

SATURDAY, JULY 2nd - Morning Events

7 am: Mason's Breakfast

7 am: Road Race Registration (Town Hall)

8 am - 2 pm: Summer Fair Begins - Baptist Church

8 am: Brown Memorial Book Sale 9-2

9 am: Road Race Begins

9 am - 2 pm: Art Show (Town Hall)

9 am - 3 pm: Smithy Shop open

9 am: Red Cross Blood Drive – BACC

9 am: Kids Fun Run Registration

10 am: Kids Fun Run Race Begins

10:30 am: Odds Bodkin - story teller (Library)

Afternoon/Evening Events

1:00 pm: Line up for BIDC Parade

1:00 pm: Judging for Parade Entries

2:00 pm: Parade Begins

Concert (Brown Shattuck Field)

3:30 PM: Midway Opens

Pizza-Tom Dunn, BNSYS & many other vendors

**9:30 pm: Fire Works By Atlas -Watch display from
Brown Shattuck Field**



10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

Our interview this month is with Marge Ginepra. She will be grand master of the July 4th parade. Marge moved to Bradford when her children were in third and fifth grade and has lived in the blue house on Main Street ever since. She and her husband George had summered in the area for many years prior to the move and decided this was a good place to live and raise a family. Marge has a great love for children and has run a day care in her home over the years with successions of families entrusting their children to her care. She will be 87 years old this July and in her words said, "Do you think that I will ever grow up?" Her boundless energy and cheerful disposition may account for her continued zest for life and her love of children. Although she has retired she continues to care for one little girl several days each week. So while chronologically she could be rocking on the porch it is not in her nature to sit still.

Q. Marge, I have never seen you with an unhappy face. You appear to have boundless energy and a perpetually cheerful view of the world. Can you explain this when so many people frown and moan over everything?

I can't really explain it. I think that I got it from my grandmother who raised me. My father died when I was nine and my mother had to go to work. We lived with her on her farm and she was a cheerful person although we were suffering through the depression years, it never seemed to faze her. I guess it just stayed with me and formed my attitude toward life.

Q. You and your husband George bought the home you continue to live in. You mentioned that you saw the house while you were va-

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We reserve the right to edit submissions.

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Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
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Selectmen meet the 1st and 3rd
Tuesday of each month from
5:00 pm - 7:30 PM
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Monday: noon-7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am
12:30 pm-5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and
12:30 pm-5:00 pm

Circuit Rider
Wednesday

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Note New Selectmen's Hours

Letter from the Editor

"April showers bring May... wait a minute !! This is all wrong. Our wellies are wearing out and our new gardens overwatered. Well, at least we all survived the predicted end of the world on May 21 so what's a little rain? Perspective is everything.

We have a great June ahead of us with preparations for July Independence Day (July 2 this year), graduations, weddings, lavish gardens and just staying warm enough to say hello to neighbors for a few minutes when we meet on the road or downtown.

Speaking of downtown, it's looking almost pretty with all the new foliage and flowers and we are hopeful that some of the blighted buildings that have been around too long will continue to have the selectmen's attention and the owners forced to comply with statutes that are in existence and have mostly been ignored in the past. As a town, this is an area that we need to insist be addressed.

The Bradford Improvement Association (BIA) is planning a July 2 Art and Artisan's exhibit on the second floor of the beautiful and historic Town Hall. The purpose is not only to showcase our local talent, of which there is much, but also to encourage people to see the historic second floor space that while once broadly used by the community, has seen a decline in use because of fire and other requirements that need upgrading. We hope you will take a look at the art show while you're strolling through town, have a glass of lemonade and enjoy the show.

Congratulations to all of our Kearsarge graduating students. We wish you good luck in all your future endeavors and a healthy, happy summer.

Beth Rodd, June Editor



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JUNE JAM – Muster Field Farm Museum, Harvey Road, North Sutton. On June 25, Muster Field Farm will host its ninth annual musical fundraiser. This all-volunteer event, musicians included, helps support the historic farm and serves as a venue for the region's musical talent, both up-and-coming and tried-and-true! This year's line-up includes The Click Horning Trio, Uncle Jimbo, Sferes and White, Night Kitchen, Track 13, and Sutton's own Kathy Lowe. Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, snacks and beverages (proceeds from food sales also benefit the farm), or pack your own picnic and beverages to enjoy. Gates open at 4:00, music begins at 4:30. Tickets: \$10 per person or \$20 per family, available on site the day of the event. Info and Directions: 927-4276 or www.musterfieldfarm.com

Area Events**Warner**

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum's (MKIM's) Turtle Island Camp in Warner offers children ages 6-12 outdoor activities, crafts, games, storytelling, music and art based on Native American culture, all with an environmental awareness component. Beginning June 27 and ending August 5, each week-long session includes visits from special guests and/or Native American tradition bearers. This year's weekly sessions are "Archaeology Week," "The Powwow is Coming!," "Land, Lore, and Animals," "Spin a Story Web," "Living Off the Land" and "Games and Challenges." The camp runs Monday - Friday, 9am - 3pm with extended care available. Turtle Island Day Camp is licensed by the State of New Hampshire. For more information visit www.indianmuseum.org or call 456-2600 x226.

Residents Of Bradford

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 6-7 pm at the Bradford Town Hall. This will be for the purpose to make voter corrections and update the checklist. If you are coming in to register, please bring proof of residency and age.

Judith Marshall

Supervisors of the Checklist

Ruth Marden

Jackie Welsh

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Bradford Bridge June 2011



Bradford, NH - Westerly exposure and VIEWS of the Sunapee Range. Foundation for house 26' X32' and garage 24' X24' already in, electric at site, 3BR state approved septic design, drilled well 250 ft deep, **2 acres** cleared, driveway in. Ready to build the home **\$85,000**



Bradford, NH - VIEWS, open land, fields and lawn, apple trees, sandy soils, 50' X28' 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**



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Bienvenue en France



The Junior Girl Scout Troop #12579 of Bradford and Newbury recently participated in a Thinking Day International Festival at Kearsarge Regional Middle School in Sutton. Different Girl Scout troops from all over the Kearsarge/Sunapee area created displays and activities to teach each other about other countries. The countries ranged from Australia to Yemen and featured interactive activities including writing to pen pals in Japan and creating Chinese characters. The Bradford/Newbury girls studied France and their display included a scale model of the Eiffel Tower, contemporary French pop music, a ballet demonstration, and homemade Madelines. All participants also learned about the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), an international organization of 10 million girls and women from 145 different countries.



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Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Nicole Wallace

Mother's Day week was filled with great books paying tribute to the mothers and grandmothers who take such good care of us. We especially loved *A Chair for My Mother*, *Love You Forever*, and *The Hello, Goodbye Window*. By the end of the week, students had put together a list-poem of things they love to do with their moms and grandmothers and built a Mother's Day card around it. Some highlights include: "I love playing cards with her," "I love planting a garden with her," and "I love having tea parties underwater with her."

Our **Volcano** unit was a hit. Students sculpted and painted their own volcanoes, then spent two days erupting them with preschool-friendly lava (to the disappointment of a few students who had expected the real thing). We are lucky to have a geologist among our parents who loaned us the beginning of a rock collection for our science area. Students have been adding to the collection daily with finds from home and the playground.

For our **Weather** unit, students began daily weather observations/illustrations, paying close attention to the sky and any evidence of wind. By the end of the week, we had also learned how to read a thermometer. The week's overcast skies gave us a great example and understanding of stratus clouds while Tomie dePaola's *The Cloud Book* gave us an introduction to other kinds of clouds. With the help of some Tornado Tubes, soda bottles, and a little concentration, we made our own tornadoes in the water table. To help

us explore wind, we made kites out of sticks, string, paint and old newspapers. The trick was finding a rain-free minute to test them!



Gunnar and His Balloon Animal

For our last full week in May, we used the word "X-ray" to spark investigation into the human body. We built skeletons and rocked out to "I Left My Bones in Louisiana." We learned about two of the major

systems in the body; circulatory and digestive. While on the topic of health, we practiced different kinds of exercise each day (we are getting really good at yoga) and upped our fruit and vegetable snack intakes.

In addition to our planned activities, we had some fun surprises this month. We had visits from THREE different kinds of baby animals; chicks, goslings, and kittens. One rainy day when we were cooped up inside, one of our talented parents displayed her balloon animal skills and equipped all the students with balloon dogs, giraffes and snakes. Thanks to the Brown

Memorial Library, we also had a visit from CLiF (Children's Literacy Foundation). Not only did we get to hear a great story told creatively and hilariously by Duncan McDougall, Executive Director of CLiF, but our school and students were the lucky recipients of about 35 brand new books! Finally, we have continued our nature walks and seen trillium in bloom, lots of new plants and leaves, and TONS of mosquito larvae thriving in our vernal pool. We were really hoping for some frog eggs, but we'll take what we can get.

In June, we will be wrapping up our alphabet exploration with **You and Zoo**. We will also celebrate Father's/Grandfather's Day and prepare for our year-end Graduation Celebration. Time sure does fly when you're having fun!

Is your 3 or 4-year-old interested in joining our class in September? Applications are being accepted for the 2011-2012 school year. For more information on our full or part-day sessions, please call Karen at 938-5787.

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Lake Massasecum Boat Ramp:

Selectmen approved naming the boat ramp Ryan's Way. Ryan E. Bishop, who grew up on the Lake and served as a Lake Host for the past six years, drowned in a tragic canoeing accident in April. Naming the ramp Ryan's Way would honor the memory of Ryan Bishop and more clearly identify the boat launch for 911 purposes. The request came from the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, which will pay for the sign and for installing it.

The Selectmen signed a letter of intent allowing the LMIA to apply for necessary permits to deal with erosion problems at the boat ramp. Volunteers will do the work and there will be no cost to the town.

Highway Department: Following much discussion that included questions regarding whether or not an excavator is needed for road maintenance, concern about a conflict of interest, and preparation of comparison figures between contracting out specific jobs and renting equipment from the road agent, the selectmen, by a 2-1 vote, approved renting Road Agent Jeff Remillard's excavator at \$15,000 from now to the end of the season. Remillard will use his truck and trailer to move the equipment.

Remillard was asked whether paving would be a rental or contracting. He replied that he has rented his equipment out to another town. If it is available, he will offer to rent to the town at the same rate as last year. Roads to be done are West Road, Fairgrounds Road and a couple of small streets.

Laura Hallahan said local people should be considered for smaller jobs. In this economy, it could be very helpful. What small towns do is take care of their own.

Fire Pond: An estimate of \$7,600 has been received for dredging of the pond next to the fire house. Fire

Selectman's Highlights

Chief Mark Goldberg stated that no permits are required since it is a fire pond.

Davis Road Culvert: Town Meeting turned down a warrant article for slip lining of culverts on Davis Road, which would not have required any state permits. There is now a hole in the culvert and the road agent purchased a 48" culvert to replace the one that is failing. DES has been asked to grant emergency permits to allow the work to be done.

Ambulance Service: Fire Chief Goldberg advised that Henniker has agreed to cover Bradford for now, as needed. The per diem hires have not yet been required.

CIP: A timeline for completion of the Capital Improvements Program for the 2012 Budget was presented to the selectmen by Marcia Keller, Chair of the Planning Board. A joint memorandum was signed by the chairs of the board of selectmen and planning board. This will be given to department heads by the CIP Committee along with the forms to be filled out for capital purchases needed over the next six years.

BACC: The new chair of the BACC Governance Board, Police Chief Jim Valiquet advised selectmen that the consensus of the current board members is to request the selectmen to appoint a commission under the authority of RSA 35-B Public Recreation and Parks to oversee the community center.


Valiquet said the commission would have responsibility, authority and accountability and could enter into contracts, collect fees, maintain the building and promote leisure activities for the town. It would serve as a link between the town and the taxpayers. Memorandums of understanding will be required to spell out the expectations. The motion carried to authorize formation of the commission.

Selectmen Meeting Times and Dates: Selectmen and the public discussed possible changes to the time and/or day of the selectmen's meetings. Return to a weekly schedule and a later starting time are under consideration - weekly meetings might be shorter, residents might find the later time more convenient. A budget concern was raised by Town Administrator Cheryl Behr - there would not be secretarial funds available. No decision has been made to date.

Fireworks: Marlene Freyler presented selectmen with a contract for the 4th of July fireworks. New regulations might require the location to be changed, but the Atlas Company will deal with that issue.


Conservation Commission: Ann Eldredge requested the selectmen to appoint Seth Benowitz as a member of the Conservation Commission. Motion was made and approved.

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



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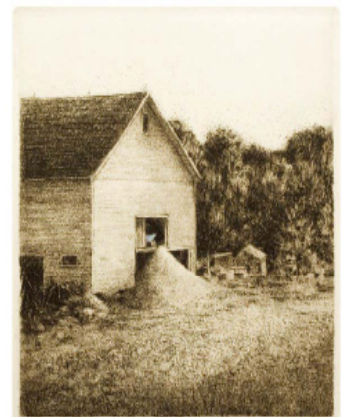
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cationing in the area and almost instantly decided it was right for you to buy. This was your first home. How were you able to decide so quickly?

My husband and I were staying at the old Bradford Inn which was owned by Jack Reardon. The same inn that continues to sit empty down the street from here. Supper was delayed one evening and Jack asked us if we wanted to take a walk downtown. We spotted this house and saw the sign that said "for sale." We peeked into the window, loved what we saw and decided to buy it then and there.

Q. Your life has been spent running a daycare but your early career was office work. There must have been an innate love of children that caused you to switch careers?

Once again, I was influenced by my grandmother. She loved kids and caring for them. I guess that is how it all started. I was a homebody with two young children of my own. It just worked for me.

Q. I know that you enjoy writing poetry. Was this always something that you enjoyed? Do you have a certain routine for writing or is it just as it happens?

It's spontaneous. I often stop alongside the road when I've done my grocery shopping and written poetry on a grocery bag. The urge to write wakes me in the middle of the night and I have to put the words down on paper. Once it starts to flow I have to continue.

Q. You have not had an easy life. Your husband passed away after a long illness and you've been a widow. Your life changed. Your daughter moved on to California. Did you ever think about living out there? Was that an option that you considered?

I love it here. California was never an option. I'll stay here as long as I can manage it. My

grandmother lived to the age of 97 and her mother was 107 when she died. My husband George died when my daughter was in college so it has been many years since I was widowed. At some point I may have to go out west but I'm happy here.



Q. It must be a strange and wonderful feeling to know and have cared for so many children in the area. Some are now grown and have their own kids who sometimes wind up at your day-care. Do you have any idea how many children have been part of your life as a caregiver?

I think more than 300 kids have been cared for here. It is amazing to have people visit with their own children. Often, I sit on the porch and trucks and cars pass with my former charges driving who open the car windows and say "Hi Marge." Many times they will stop in and show me their new babies. It is a good feeling.

Q. Have the requirements for daycare changed over the years? I am certain that there are rules and regulations that have to be observed and you can't just put up a sign that says "Day Care."

You can only have six children at one time. Your home is inspected for safety and cleanliness. I was required to have first aid training. I gave up the day care when my husband was ill but after he passed away, I went back to doing what I loved. It was my life. There

are requirements. I still care for one little girl a few days a week so I am not totally retired.

Q. Did you have favorites? There must have been some difficult children over the years? How did you deal with that?

I have had difficult kids over the years. I managed by asking those children to help me with others and it always worked out. My grandmother did the same thing so there were many things that I learned from her.

Q. I know that you love to dance. Were you ever a performer or was it just something that you enjoyed?

Once again, my grandmother sent me for dancing lessons. I had rheumatic fever when I was quite young and my legs weren't strong. My grandmother decided that dancing would strengthen my legs; there were no therapists in those days. She found a way to help me that was fun. I loved it. I enjoyed watching films with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. I learned to dance on roller skates. I had a partner and we won prizes at local competitions. I still have my roller skates but I have to be careful now. I sometimes put them on and roller skate around the dining room table.

Q. You have been selected as Grand Marshall in this year's July 4th parade. Was it a total surprise? You mentioned that "You would never grow up." Explain please?

I don't feel like growing up. I'm growing older. I was really surprised to hear that I was selected. I thought that I would only sit in the car but didn't realize that I was selected. When Marlene Freyler phoned she asked me if I would ride in the car in the parade. I didn't realize that I was to be this year's Grand Marshal. It's exciting. I don't know what I will wear but I'll aim for red, white and blue but I don't want to look like a flag. I am flabbergasted by the choice

but I am pleased and hope that it will be a nice day.

The Light in My Life

(after a great loss)

There's still some good left in my life

The children that I care for
Perhaps, indeed, I often think
That's what they were there for

Otherwise, the days are long
Nothing much to do
Til they come bursting thru my door
And set things all askew!

"My sock is gone, I left it home"

Alas, if she only knew
Twas on the other foot, you see
The one that now had two!!

Soon after comes "Miss Bossy Boss"

And knows just what to do
"Take off the extra sock" she says
"And put it on the other shoe"!!

He brought the cape for superman
But forget to bring "the guy"
And with this realization
He began to cry
And "I don't need superman"
"I'll just throw the cape away"
"Cause I got a good idea-
another game to play".

And so it goes-a busy day
Problems one by one
Until the parents pick them up
And my day is done.

Now, what to do til bedtime?
The quiet worse than the noise
Suddenly I realize how much I need
These little girls and boys

- Marge Ginepra

Historical Society News



Louise Clark and Harriet Douglass celebrate the reopening of the Bradford Historical Society in style. Visit the old Post Office building, by the entrance to the Transfer Station, to take a peek at your town's history. Many artifacts are on display. Come share your memories and knowledge of Bradford. Be part of the story! Open every Saturday 10:00 am - noon or by appointment. Call 938-5372.

Local Girl Seizes The Day

Amanda Richardson, daughter of Katy Keith, has been named to the President's List for the Fall 2010 semester at Plymouth State University. She earned PSU's highest academic recognition. Amanda, a sophomore at the university, recently received the Citizens Bank Scholarship from her Business and Accounting class. She continues her love of sports being a starter on the college's lacrosse team.

She received academic and athletic awards for achieving her studies at the above 3.3 GPA and being a player on a major college sport.

In 2009 Amanda was the recipient of the Town of Bradford School Scholarship.

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3:15 PM – Baton Twirling - class
6:00 PM – Special Party

Thurs. June 2nd

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3:00 – 6:00 PM - First Farmer's
Market of the Season
3:15 PM – Baton Class
4:30 PM – 3 mile Walk NH Event
– register at BACC

Fri. June 3rd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit-
ness
11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch -
raffle, music, door prizes.
Call for reservations please.
7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie *Me and
Orson Welles*, BML

Mon. June 6th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit-
ness
10:00 AM -Ceramics Class
1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. June 7th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
1 PM - Watercolor class
6:00 PM – 4 - H - Rocketry
6:00 PM -Yoga Class -
call Fran at 456-3099

Wed. June 8th

3:15 PM – Baton Class
Thurs. June 9th
12 Noon - Senior Dining
3:00 – 6:00 PM –Farmer's Market
7:00 PM – Land Conservation
Option
ASLPT & Cons. Comm.

Fri. June 10th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit-
ness
12:00 Noon - Café Bienvenue

Sat. June 11th

9:00 AM - Writing Group
10:00 AM – Bradford Barter
7:00 PM – Coffeehouse Concert
Center Meetinghouse

Mon. June 13th

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ness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1:00 PM -Bridge Group

7:00 PM – Rural Heritage

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

Wed. June 15

3:15 PM – Baton Class

Thurs. June 16th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pres-
sure Clinic
and Cholesterol Screening - LS-
VNA
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 Market

4:30 PM – Friends of BACC

4:30 PM – Parks & Rec. meeting

Fri. June 17th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit-
ness
9:30–11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic
at North Ridge Apartments
10:00 AM - Movie: "Get Low"
PG - 13

12 Noonish - Café

7:00 PM – International Movie
Riding Alone for Thousands of
Miles (China), BML

Sat. June 18th

10:00 AM - BIA

Mon. June 20th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit-
ness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. June 21st

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
1:00 PM - Watercolor class
6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. June 22nd

9:00 AM- Depart for Trip to Mont-
shire
Museum and King Arthur
10:30 AM –12 Noon Blood Pres-
sure Clinic at

Warner Senior Room – LSVNA

3:15 PM- Baton Class

Thurs. June 23rd

12 Noon - Senior Dining
3:00-6:00 PM – Farmer's Market

Fri. June 24th

12 noon - Café Bienvenue
Sat. June 25th
9:00 AM – Lake Todd Village
meeting
9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. June 27th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. June 28th

9:30-11:30 AM -LSVNA Foot
Care at Warner Pharmacy
10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining – LS-
VNA - "Knowing Your Benefits."

1 PM - Watercolor class

6:00-7:30 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. June 29th

3:15 PM - Baton Class

Thurs. June 30th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

All events take place at the
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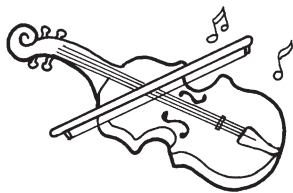
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BBC-Bradford Baptist Church
BML-Brown Memorial Library
FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse
Gillingham Drive
KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
KRES-Bradford Elemen. School
MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr
TH-Bradford Town Hall
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.

Music at Bradford Center



The Mink Hills Band from Warner (and beyond) will perform bluegrass, folk, swing, and original music at the historic Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Sat., June 11th at 7:00 pm. This will be Coffeehouse Concert with refreshments to enjoy as you soak up the excellent acoustics in a picturesque setting. Admission will be \$10.00 to benefit the ongoing restoration of this important landmark. Be part of Bradford's history and join the fun!



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 Tuesday, 7:30PM, Town Hall

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Letters to the Editor

Recursive response to coyish
Judith Ann:

Hermaphroditic: a clue
To the sluggish, the snail bill-
and-coo.

But it can't be much fun
If there's only the one
In a conjugal "How do you do?"

-Greg Johnson



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When people think about staying fit, they generally think about health from the neck down. But the health of your brain plays a critical role in almost everything you do: thinking, feeling, remembering, working, playing – even sleeping. The good news is that we now know there's a lot you can do to help keep your brain healthier as you age. These steps might also reduce your risk of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia.

Stay mentally active: Mentally stimulating activities strengthen brain cells and the connections between them, and may even create new nerve cells.

Remain socially active: Social activity not only makes physical and mental activity more enjoyable, it can reduce stress levels, which helps maintain healthy connections among brain cells.

Stay physically active: Physical exercise is essential for maintaining good blood flow to the brain as well as to encourage new brain cells. It also can significantly reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke and diabetes, and thereby protect against those risk factors for Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Adopt a brain-healthy diet.

Research suggests that high cholesterol may contribute to stroke and brain cell damage. A low fat, low cholesterol diet is best, and there is growing evidence that a diet rich in vegetables and fruits, which contain antioxidants, may help protect brain cells.

Adapted from The National Alzheimer's Association website. For more information, log on to info@alz.org, or call 1-800-272-3900, the 24 hour helpline of the National Alzheimer's Association.

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Planning Board Notes

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CIP: The Planning Board voted to delegate updating the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the 2012 Budget to a subcommittee as was done last year. Don Jackson agreed to serve as chair of the CIP Committee with Bill Glennie, Planning Board representative; Harry Wright, selectmen's representative, and Marlene Freyler, Dick Keller and Jon Marden. A Timeline for preparation of the CIP was prepared to complete the report by mid-October, allowing both the Budget Committee and the Selectmen time to incorporate the recommendations as part of the budget process.

Conceptual Consultation : Denise Renk discussed using a cabin on the site of the former Mountain Lake Inn on Route 114 as an ice cream stand and farm stand this summer. State approval would be required. The standards for a home business were discussed and the suggestion made that Ms. Renk complete a copy of the Home Business Compliance Form to be placed on file.

Corsair Realty: An extension was granted to August 1, 2011 to meet the conditions of approval for a gravel pit permit on Pleasant Valley Road. A letter will be sent advising the owner that all conditions must be met or an extension requested, in person, by the Planning Board meeting prior to that date.

Enforcement: The selectmen will be requested to continue enforcement of zoning and site plan requirements for a sign at the Lumber Barn on route 114 and Mosaic Artiques on Route 103.

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



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6/9...The Shrimp Buffet...(shrimp, shrimp, and more shrimp!!!)...plus Pete Merrigan and the "Deep Sea Sallies from Seekonk"
6/16...Risotto Night...come satisfy that craving for great risotto w/ your choice of ingredients..(Pan seared scallops over primavera risotto is becoming my fav!)...also...2nd Wind...Terry and Sue are very talented
6/23...The Shrimp Buffet....it just keeps getting better!!...Annie Law ripping it up on the mic!

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Obituaries

Ryan Bishop

Ryan Edward Bishop, 21, died tragically Thursday, April 28, 2011 while canoeing on Lake Powell in southern Utah.

Ryan was born August 31, 1989 in Concord, the son of Christopher and Jean (Krantz) Bishop and younger brother of Christopher John Bishop, Jr. Ryan grew up in Bedford, and then moved north with his family to Lake Massasecum in Bradford. There he pursued his passion for wakeboarding, fishing and mountain biking with his brother and friends.

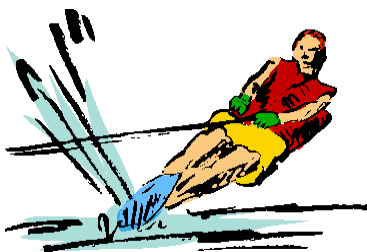
He graduated from Proctor Academy in Andover, in 2008. During his time at Proctor he studied and traveled abroad extensively. He was a member of Proctor's Eastern Ski Team, as well as the varsity soccer and cycling teams. He also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, the Adaptive Ski Program at Mt. Sunapee Ski Area and the New England Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He attended the Gore School of Business at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, UT, where he had just completed his junior year. While at college, Ryan developed a passion for rock climbing, back-country skiing, long boarding and desert camping with friends across the western states.

Ryan will always be remembered by his family and friends for his huge engaging smile, larger-than-life personality, kind disposition and the unconditional love that he shared with his family, friends and the great outdoors. Ryan's personality and free spirit managed to touch all of those that he met and his family and many friends will sadly miss him.

Other family members include his grandparents, John and

Elisabeth Krantz of Hopkinton, and Dr. Edward J. Bishop of Lakewood, OH; uncles and aunts, Jack and Betsy Krantz, Jr., David Arnold, Susan Arnold, Susan Forkin, Mark and Michele Bishop, Sarah Bishop, Richard and Sherri Bishop, Betsy and Michael Burn, and Charles Kirschenbaum; cousins, Peter and John Arnold; Sarah and Dan Forkin; Austin, Evan and Eric Bishop; David O'Neil; Tierney, Edward and Andy Bishop; Dillon and Danielle Burns.

A memorial donation may be made to the Ryan Edward Bishop Memorial Scholarship at Proctor Academy, PO Box 500, Andover, NH 03216, or to the charity of one's choice.



Louise R. Hall

Louise R. (Watkins) Hall, 93, of Route 114, died Friday, April 29, 2011 at Presidential Oaks in Concord. She was born in Newport, August 18, 1917 the daughter of Alfred and Louise (Montgomery) Watkins. She lived in Bradford for most of her life. Louise was a member of The Order of The Eastern Star. She enjoyed nature, the outdoors and flowers.

Her husband, Clarence Hall, died in 1988. She is survived by a daughter, Patricia L. Hall of Bradford; nieces, nephews and cousins. Burial was in Sunny Plain Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Area Senior Center, 134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH 03221.

Lloyd Nolan

Warner - Lloyd Wesley "Joe" Nolan, died Saturday, May 7, 2011 at his home.

Joe was born in Bradford, September 8, 1921. He was the son of Thomas Robert Nolan and Clara George Cilley.

He served in the Navy during World War II aboard the USS Boise.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Parsons Nolan; his daughter Kim Nolan; son Russell Nolan; and grandsons Ryan and Doug. Lloyd's mother was a sister of Henry B. Cilley, and was named after her grandmother, Clara George Ames, from Bradford.

Joe loved camping and traveling. He and Juanita criss-crossed the United States multiple times collecting great friends along the way.

While his career began in traditional sales, in later life his great joy was finding a "treasure", bringing it back to its original glory and either selling it or giving it to a friend. Joe could tell a great story and loved to hear one.

Memorial donations may be made in Lloyd Nolan's name to the CRVNA Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301 and/or the Concord-Merrimack County SPCA, 130 Washington Street, Penacook, NH 03303.

To sign an online guestbook please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.



Bradford Bridge June 2011

Bradford Improvement Association

The BIA has been working on a few projects that are intended to foster pride in our community. A local artist and artisan's art show is being planned for the July 4th weekend and we are actively seeking artists, young and old, juried and non-juried, to participate. Please contact Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948 or at sylvester@iamnow.net by June 10th if you would like to enter an object/painting/quilt etc..

We have also begun a project to have historical markers placed on Main Street homes for small financial investment by the current owners. If you live in a house of historical significance and know about its history or would like to know more, contact the BIA through the Bradford Bridge and enter "Historical Marker" under the subject line. We have access to documents and books written on the history of the town that will make your research easier. Bradford has so many unappreciated historical buildings and talented, artistic people that it's time to shine a light on both.

Watch for our July 2 raffle tickets. Proceeds will be used to defray the costs of maintenance for the auditorium of the town hall and to defray the costs of setting up the art show and other projects that are being considered for the improvement of the town.



First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

The church would like to thank the community for their support of our recent 3-year building campaign. We successfully raised \$75,000.00 a little before our 3-year goal. We will have a barbeque during the month of August to thank our community for their generosity.

Focus Factor: Our youth group (grades 6-12) will be having a retreat the first weekend in June. They will meet on Sundays during the rest of the month from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m except for Father's Day.

Children's Day: On Sunday, June 12, our children will be participating in the Worship service which is held at 10:00 a.m. Kevin Van Brundt, the Director of our American Baptist camp will join us to give us a Mission Moment and share what has been going on at Camp Sentinal.

Food Pantry: Our food pantry will be open Wednesday, June 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held the week of June 20-24 each evening from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This year, the theme will be "Pandamania --where God is wild about you". VBS is open to children who are 4 years of age - grade 12. Each night will involve a Bible Story that is explored through drama, crafts, songs, snacks and games. All children in the community are welcome to come. VBS is free. We appreciate registrations and that can be done by calling the church office at 938-5313.

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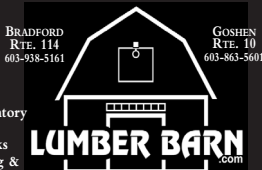


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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Clif Grant. I had a fun day, together with Duncan McDougall from the Children's Literacy Foundation, at the Kearsarge Area Preschool and the Bradford Elementary School. We were there to share our grant of \$2,000 worth of new children's books with area children. It was great to see the excitement in the children's faces on seeing all those shiny new books. The Kearsarge Area Preschool received many new books to keep, and Brown Memorial Library received 107 new books available for loan at the library. Do stop in to "check out" the bounty!

Summer Reading Program. All Kearsarge students have reading goals to accomplish this summer. Come to the library and let us help you. We have over 6,000 items in our children's and young adult collections just waiting for you to read them!

The summer reading theme is "One World, Many Stories". We will kick off the summer with a performance by Odds Bodkin at 10:30 on July 2. Beginning in July, the children's room will transform into another country, changing weekly. Every Wednesday at 6pm, starting on July 13, we will show a 30-minute film from the Families of the World series about children in our "country of the week". We will travel to Afghanistan, Guatemala, Kenya, Japan, India and Australia.

Pick up your passport, and we will stamp it each week to keep track of your reading. Being read to counts, too!

We wrap up the summer with "Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe" at 5pm on Wednesday, August 24. Following the performance, it is time to celebrate! Join us for a summer evening potluck dinner and ice cream social on the library lawn. Summer reading certificates and prizes will be awarded!

Movies at the Library. On Friday, June 3 at 7pm compare the book *Me and Orson Welles* by Robert Kaplow with the movie version. Next month we read *True Grit* by Charles Portis and watch the Coen Brothers movie on Friday, July 8 (note the date change!).

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Some new books at the Library (complete listing at brownmemoriallibrary.org):

For adults

Caleb's Crossing - Geraldine Brooks

Sixkill - Robert B. Parker

West of Here - by Jonathan Evison

The Sixth Man - David Baldacci

A Lesson in Secrets - Jacqueline Winspear

Fire Season : field notes from a wilderness lookout - Philip Connors

For children and young adults

Suddenly in the Depths of the Forest - Amos Oz

The Loud Book! - Deborah Underwood

Cloudette - Tom Lichtenheld



Summer Exhibit Now Open

The Hopkinton Historical Society, the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and the Warner Historical Society present a groundbreaking collaborative exhibition, "Along the Basket Trail," on view this summer. The exhibit explores, for the first time, important themes in Native American and African American basketmaking in New Hampshire, including the continuing presence of Native Americans in the 19th century, the sharing of basketmaking techniques and traditions, and the question of race as it relates to Native Americans and African Americans.

The extensive collection of the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum provides an overall context for basketmaking in New England from colonial times to the present day. The Hopkinton and Warner Historical Societies each present an array of baskets made in New Hampshire. The rare treasures on display include one of the earliest known Penacook baskets and baskets made by William Haskell, an African-American basketmaker from Warner.

In addition to the exhibits, demonstrations of ash log pounding and basketmaking, hands-on workshops, lectures and discussions are scheduled throughout the summer and fall in Hopkinton and Warner.



Photograph courtesy of Stephen Daigle, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. Additional photographs available upon request.

*The exhibits that make up "Along the Basket Trail" can be seen at: **Hopkinton Historical Society**, 300 Main St, Hopkinton, Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm and Saturday 9am-1pm; **Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum**, 18 Highlawn Rd, Warner, Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday Noon-5pm; **Warner Historical Society**, Upton Chandler House, 10 Main St, Warner, Tuesday 1-4pm, Wednesday and Thursday by appointment.*

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Land Conservation Options Workshop

The Bradford Conservation Commission is hosting an informational program on land conservation options for landowners on Thursday, June 9 at 7pm at the Bradford Area Community Center.

Beth McGuinn, Land Protection Specialist from the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and Brian Hotz, Senior Land Protection Specialist from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, will discuss different options available to landowners interested in conserving their property. They will provide information about the impacts and benefits of a conservation easement and explain the process. You will be able to ask specific questions to determine whether land conservation is a direction that fits your circumstances and goals.

Also presenting will be landowners who have placed easements on their properties. They will offer their perspective on the process, their unique considerations and reasons for protecting their land and how their conservation easements impact the management of their land.

Refreshments will be served and written material will be available for future reference. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information, please contact Beth McGuinn at aslptbeth@tds.net (603) 526-6555, or the Bradford Conservation Commission at BCC@Bradford.org.

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Real Estate News

by Laura Hallahan

Financial Update

Three important issues are on the horizon that could drastically impact the dream of home ownership and the real estate and lending industries. They are:

Mortgage Interest Deduction

Ever since the federal income tax was introduced in 1913, the government has used the tax code to encourage home ownership. Now, as a result of the effort to reduce the federal deficit, the mortgage interest deduction is under fire. Clearly this is one of our most cherished tax breaks and more than 60 percent of Americans said they oppose getting rid of it. Both Democrats and Republicans have this issue in their sights. If it goes away, first-time homebuyers in particular may be affected, since interest payments are highest during the early years of a loan. The administration's budget reformers are proposing an alternative plan that would swap the mortgage interest deduction for a 12 percent tax credit for interest paid – less than many taxpayers now receive.

Higher Down Payments

At the height of the most recent mortgage boom, required down payments were the lowest in history, from zero to 5% down. There were lenders lined up to provide 100% financing, sometimes with no documentation at all. After the bust, the only programs that would offer low down payments were government backed loans such as FHA, VA and Rural Development. Without a doubt, fewer homes would have sold in the past two years without these programs. But there is a proposal before regulators to require a minimum of 20% down on all residential transactions and if allowed to take effect, the rule would put home ownership out of reach for middle-income Americans. It would take the average family 14 years to save up the down payment to buy a home.

A World Without Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac

President Obama and others have mentioned this idea, one that would necessitate that private label financing make a serious comeback. Nine out of ten home loans originated right now is purchased by one of the two powerhouses, known as GSEs or Government Sponsored Enterprises. Loans are packaged in pools and sold to the secondary market, but this would be slowly phased and a host of smaller mortgage buyers could purchase mortgages on the open market and pay a fee to the federal government. If this happens, costs for all borrowers would go up and interest rates would likely increase, too. Don't expect this change to happen soon, given that the American mortgage market has over \$10.5 trillion in outstanding balances.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 4 Sunset Lane, 1900 2-Story on .21 acres for \$25,000 (foreclosure)
- 21 E. Washington Rd., 1986 Manuf. Home on 10 acres for \$80,900 (foreclosure)
- 175 Breezy Hill Road, 1975 Cape on 2.4 acres for \$145,000 (foreclosure)
- 136 Johnson Hill Road, 2007 Raised Ranch on 12.23 acres for \$240,000
- 29 Hogg Hill Road, 2003 Colonial w/Add. on 5.26 acres for \$240,000
- 96 Deer Valley Road, 1975 Log w/Add. on 27 acres for \$300,000 (foreclosure)

There are 39 active and 4 pending residential listings ranging from \$65,000 to \$1,375,000, 27 active and 0 pending land listings ranging from \$29,900 to \$175,000, 4 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging from \$129,900 to \$600,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. Of the 39 active residential listings, 2 are foreclosures or short sales. Of the 4 pending residential listings, 3 are foreclosures or short sales.

What's New at the Bradford Recycling Center

Most of you know that used clothing and shoes have always been available on the swap shop tables at the transfer station. Now, thanks to Bindy Glennie who came up with the idea, we are displaying on racks clean, stain free clothing in all sizes for men, women and children. There are also shoes. The racks and 200 hangers were generously donated by Ginny Brooks.

Displaying the clothes on racks makes it easier to see what is available. There are new clothes with tags; some clothing is vintage. There is no limit to what you can take, but please leave the hangers.

Town residents have been delighted with their finds. Helen Lynam found vintage wool and cashmere sweaters which she used for making mittens. They are beautiful. Bindy Glennie found a vintage houndstooth coat. One woman found a brand new pair of sketchers clogs in her size.

We still have Planet Aid, which we need to dispose of clothing and other textiles that are not needed or wanted by our residents. Planet Aid sells 54% of all donations to rag merchants and this saves the town of Bradford tipping fees. Tipping fees are disposal fees. As you can see, all clothing brought to the center is 100% recycled.



Watercolor students of Patricia Sweet-MacDonald (2nd from right), pose in front of the exhibit, Portraits of Main Street Bradford in Brown Memorial Library. From October to May, local young art students (grades 3 - 5) learned basic watercolor techniques that included: understanding the consistency of paint (from butter to tea), mixing colors, values of light and dark, choosing a point of view, and composition. The plein-air (outdoors, on the spot) watercolors were enjoyed by more than 60 parents and neighbors at a reception, May 15.

Classified Ads

FOUND – old canoe washed up at north end of Lake Massasecum – call 938-2940 to identify and it is yours.

Wanted: Volunteers to help set up Town Hall Art Show on Friday, July 1. Please call Beth at 938-2692

Bement Bridge Update

As this issue of the Bradford Bridge goes to press, the Selectmen are considering several options for correcting the problems with the Bement Bridge identified by inspectors from NHDOT that led to the closing of the Bridge in March. Approval has been received from NHDOT for an outline of tasks for straightening the bridge submitted by the Selectmen. . This work must be completed before the new roof approved at Town Meeting can be installed. Much interest has been expressed from a variety of sources for the restoration of Bradford's historic covered bridge.

The Selectmen will present and discuss the possibilities at their meeting on May 31. Check the minutes of that meeting on file at Town Hall or online at bradfordnh.org. to learn what option has been chosen. Then watch as the work progresses toward the re-opening of the Bement Bridge.

Spring Visitor



Photo by Gretchen Gudefin

A swan visiting Blaisdell Lake recently