



THE Bradford Bridge

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Bradford Area Community Center Changes

On July 19th, the Board of Selectmen met in non- public session to discuss a letter prepared by the town attorney regarding personnel matters. At that time it was unanimously voted to discontinue the position of community center director.

The Board met with the BACC governance board/commission on August 2nd to inform them of the decision. The following letter was given to the employee on her return from vacation:

“In light of the formation of the Parks and Recreation Commission to operate the Bradford Area Community Center, the selectmen have determined that the position of Bradford Area Community Director is no longer necessary, and the board is therefore eliminating the position.”

Members have been appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, but not yet sworn in. They are seeking guidance from the selectmen and the Local Government Center on how best to organize and carry out the functions required.

Lake Massasecum Cottage Burns



The Morison Cottage on East Shore Drive, Lake Massasecum, burned to the ground after an apparent lightning strike, Sunday, August 11. A neighbor across the lake saw the lightning strike and called 911. Crews arrived to find the building totally ablaze.

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

Our interview this month is with Randy and Jill Thompson, recent arrivals to Bradford. They bring with them a background in religion and music. Usually my interviews are planned in advance but I was at the post office and met Randy who turned out to be new to town, a neighbor up the road, and a good choice for our September "Bridge" issue.

Q. You have lived in many other parts of the United States and most recently in Connecticut. What brought you to Bradford?

Randy: The perfect house and ideal location. We wanted to start a small retreat center for pastors who needed an inexpensive place to get away for rest and recreation. The burnout rate is very high for Baptists or Congregationalists. You can have 300 different bosses with different expectations of their pastor. People expect their pastors to be expert in many different directions. Nationally, an average of 1500 people a month are forced out and expected to move on
Jill: We were looking in New England. Bradford seemed to fit our needs. It was quiet and beautiful and also there was an apartment over the garage which we could use for our "pastor's retreat." it was a complete apartment with amenities.

Q. You have been a pastor in two Connecticut churches, director of a Christian Study Center, and a management development coordinator for "PepsiCo." Your career has been diverse but the essential focus has been on religious studies. How did you combine all the different disciplines of writing, scholarship, management, and

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Letter from the Editor

One of this month's 10 Questions described Bradford as a "town in transition" and it is. East Main Street will be transformed by new sidewalks, the Bement Bridge will have a new roof, Town Hall will begin to replace the out-dated heating system and the second floor auditorium will be re-painted, Breezy Hill Road will, eventually, get a new bridge. Other transitions have yet to be decided. Will new sidewalks be extended to West Main Street? When and how will the new owner transform the Dodge/Master's building into a viable Main Street business? What will be the management structure to supervise the Community Center? Are you willing to participate in helping the many town activities and organizations working smoothly into the future?

Give the transitions to be decided some thought and then contribute your ideas, your time, your energy to help Bradford's transition move in a positive direction.

The other transition is from summer to autumn and on into winter. Back to school, cooler weather, return to non-vacation mode. Faster, slower - different at any rate from the summer months. Enjoy!

Marcia Keller

September Editor

Message to Voters from the Supervisors of the Checklist

This year we were mandated by the Secretary of State to purge the checklist. Any person who hadn't voted for four years was removed. Some of these people still wish to be registered to vote in Bradford. Some have gone to the Town Clerk's office to let her know.

Anyone that received a letter from us notifying of removal was removed. This is beyond our power; the list was generated by the state data base. So, if those people who received letters from us wish to remain on the Bradford voting list, you **MUST** file with us and **fill out a new registration card**. This can be accomplished at the Town Clerk's office or when we meet for a work session, which is posted at the bank and post office as well as in the Bridge.

Our next work session will be held Monday September 12th 6-8 PM. We apologize for the confusion. And thank you for your patience.

Supervisors of the checklist:

Judy Marshall, Ruth Marden, Jackie Welsh

House Signs

The House Sign Project, organized by the Bradford Improvement Association, is attracting interest among residents of West and East Main Streets, known in the 1850's as Bradford Mills Village. Although deed research is definitive, property owners may be able to trace their "land & buildings" from historical maps and town histories. For a packet of ordering information and the 1858 town map, email: sylvester@iamnow.net: subject line: house signs.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We recently found out that the Select Board (or perhaps the BACC Board, it is not clear which) decided that the BACC no longer needed a Director, part time or otherwise so on August 9th issued Kate Dobrowski her termination notice effective August 26th. Kate did not work her two weeks notice as she was escorted out of the building on the 11th - she did receive her pay.

In the letter eliminatng the position there was no mention of the good work Kate has done over the past 5 years she was employed as Director so to make up for this oversight we mention just a few items that we can thank Kate for initiating and/or co-creating.

The first is the creation of the Farmers Market along with Karen Booker. They contacted farmers and organized Bradford's own market where we can support local producers and lessen our gas footprint by buying locally. Nature's Camp ran for a few summers, was a big hit - a nice option for kids when school was out and parents still needed to work. With little political support, it was a struggle to keep the camp going, but if you ask the kids, they will say what fun it was to attend. Kate started a burgeoning Archery program and the Barn Dances at the Elementary School greatly assisted by Woody Pringle. Those endeavors likewise lacked support so have gone by the way side. And of course along with Bindy, Andrea Lamoreaux and many other volunteers work was done to stop erosion and improve the landscape beautification of French's Park.

These are just some of the items we are aware of. Others who have engaged with Kate have found her to be generous of time and energy. Her strength lay in her creativity and in seeing what is possible. I'm not sure

how the BACC will now function without a point person for area citizens to connect with. I surely hope the newly created structure will sooner rather than later figure this out.

In the meantime we would like to voice our appreciation to Kate for her years of service to the BACC area citizens and wish her all good success in her next adventure.

Sincerely,
Sue McKeivitt
Tom Wilkins

Dear Editor:

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Masons for hosting our fundraising dinner this year. We all appreciate your hard work, done so cheerfully. Thanks also to our ever faithful library patrons and friends who made desserts, and to Alan Rogers for the great music. The dinner was a big success and we're all very grateful.

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Dear Editors:

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice is proud to be the first home care agency serving the Upper Valley and Lake Sunapee regions of New Hampshire to be registered as a partner with the Veteran's Administration and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) on an important national initiative: We Honor Veterans.

Today, 1 in 4 dying Americans is a veteran. We Honor Veterans is a pioneering program designed to empower hospice professionals to

better meet the unique care needs of our nation's veterans. Across the country, these dedicated caregivers are stepping up to build their skills and accept the mission to serve those who have served us. Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice is among the healthcare providers dedicated to this program. I ask that you share this important information with the communities we both serve.

Please contact me if you need further information. Thank you for your support!

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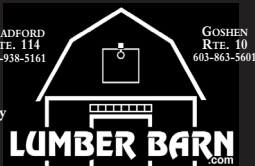
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Selectmen's Highlights

Road Bond for Loggers: A new law prohibits requiring road bond only for logger. Selectmen voted to discontinue the automatic \$10,000 bond and deal with each individual case per the existing town ordinance.

Bement Bridge Road Closed: barricades are up again at the Bement Bridge due to a large hole in the pavement – awaiting determination of extent of the damage.

Bids for replacement of roof were opened:

- A. W. Therrien - \$44,804.00
- Three G Construction - \$21,400.00
- Weathercheck - \$19,650.00

Selectmen deferred awarding the contract until the roadway problem has been addressed.

Selectmen Representatives: Harry Wright - Highway Department; Jack Meaney - Budget Committee, Fire Department, Police Department and Rescue; Barry Wheeler - Planning Board.

Sale of Town Property: Chris Frey prepared a list of 12 properties owned by the town that could be considered for sale. Selectmen will review list and make decisions.

PayPal Account: Treasurer Marilyn Gordon presented concerns with this account that had been set up to accept registrations for the 5-K Road Race. Access should be only by one town employee or elected official. It was voted to discontinue the paypal account at this time.

Road Issues: West Road Bridge - John Belanger asked selectmen to address the continuing problem resulting from raising the road grade when the bridge was replaced. He stated

that responsibility falls to the town under RSA 231:75. At his request, selectmen agreed to check on the problem when it is raining.

Blaisdell Lake Road - Mr. Fournier requested that the road past his driveway be plowed and sanded. Selectmen will review the situation to determine if it is on the Class V seasonal section of the road and what steps need to be taken.

Deer Valley Road - Stan Stomper requested the selectmen's assistance in resolving drainage issues on his road. Ditch cleaning efforts by the Highway Dept have changed the water flow on Deer Valley Road causing an erosion issue and impacted his pond. Selectmen will visit the site to evaluate.

Route 114 - Don Jackson inquired about reducing the speed limit on Rte 114 from the light (intersection of Rte 114 and Rte 103) towards Henniker. Robert Manchester recommended a citizen's petition be submitted to DOT with the selectmen's request. Selectmen will investigate.

Transfer Station: Selectmen approved purchase of a new baler. Cost will come from a "NH the Beautiful" grant and trade in on the old baler with the remainder to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Revolving Fund.

Bradford Fire Department: letter was read into the record thanking the road agent for his work on the fire pond.

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

Friends of Brown Memorial Library

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library present, "An Evening with Burton Hersh and Edward Kennedy," a book talk on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm in Brown Memorial Library, Bradford. Burton will discuss his newest book, answer questions and autograph pre-purchased copies of the book (available in local bookstores).

In a new definitive biography of Edward Kennedy, Burton reports never-before-told Kennedy anecdotes, including Chappaquidick and a vendetta between Ted Kennedy and Richard Nixon.

Historian Burton Hersh, who lives in Bradford, has published seven books including "Bobby and J. Edgar," "The Shadow President: Ted Kennedy in Opposition" and an extensive study, "The Old Boys: The American Elite and the Origins of the CIA." He has contributed to numerous periodicals such as, "Sports Illustrated," "Esquire," "The New York Times," "Punch," and "The Washington Post."

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School opens August 29*Mary Keegan-Dayton*

KRES at Bradford Principal, Don West welcomed 201 students grades K-5 on the first day, August 29th. Four new staff members were also welcomed. Laura Bucci will be a part time Reading Specialist at Bradford and also work part time as an Enrichment Coordinator at KRMS. Meaghan Beaulieu has been hired as the new Guidance Counselor. Joanne Palin is the new Media Generalist part time in Bradford and part time at Simmons in Warner and Laura James will teach an additional section of Kindergarten in Bradford (and she is part time K in New London).

The school's classrooms were cleaned and floors waxed over the summer. Rugs in the hallways were replaced by tile. The library had some tiling done and has been reorganized. Don West is excited for a great school year and looks forward to his second year as principal at the Bradford School.



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Munchkins Group (ages 3-5)

Front Row l-r: Austin Bryk, Blake Grieco, Emerson Cheney, Anna Cook, Mael Jacques, Everett Ensign, Ava Shapiro

Back Row l-r: Coach Lee Mulvaney of Skelmersdale, England, Remington Messer, Kate Chamberlain, Braden Hurley, Joshua Mouser, Alex Spinney, Sierra King, Abigail Caponigro, Coach Jaimie Lee Emrith of London, England

Photo credit: Pam Bryk

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports

By Jen Dow

The annual summer soccer camp was held at Warren Brook Park in Bradford. Four coaches from Youth Elite Soccer (YES) worked with 61 participants in the weeklong training camp.

Kids from the age of 3 up to 14 had a great time working on their soccer skills. Of course, there was also a bit of just plain fun worked into each day. On "Wacky Wednesday" kids dressed up in costumes and also brought in a myriad of silly things to dress their coaches in. They worked hard, played hard, and ended the camp with the traditional "Soak the Coach Friday" where, after graduation ceremonies, the kids chased their coaches around the field with super soakers and water balloons.

BNSYS has run their summer soccer camp for well over 10 years now. It's a great way to have some fun while building and honing skills in preparation for the fall soccer season that will start in just a few weeks.

Young Players

(entering grades 1-3)

Front l-r: Joshua Gomes, Evan Miller, Emily Staiti, Samantha Wiggins

Back l-r: Kai Carroll, Dominic Hutchinson, Liam Ouellette, Teddy Pfeifle, Rylie Guerrette, Matthew Carr, Nina Spinney, Coach Craig Muir, of Paisley, Scotland



Nippers Group (entering K-1)

Front Row l-r: Aidyn O'Donnell, Sarah Wagaman, Ciaran Chamberlain, Sebastian Eagle, Bristol Messer, Kylie LaBelle, Noah Angoff, Remi Jacques
Back row l-r: Coach Lee Mulvaney of Skelmersdale, England, Cadence Denniston, Grayson VanDenBerg, Cole King, Addie Pfeifle, Michaela Gomes, Quinn Vaillancourt, Owen Magee, Jianna Gomes, Coach Jaimie Lee Emrith of London, England



Advanced

Front l-r: Gavin Grant, Noah Vaillancourt, Marissa Pickman, Edward Stowell, Gavin Fedas
Back l-r: Tyler Littlejohn, Nick Brady, Maddie Cook, Brianna Turco, Caroline Beaton, Ashley Thompson, Jamie Cookingham, Sammi Dow, Ella Howland, Abby McLennand, Coach Brendon Willey of Exeter, England



First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

Mesa Tent Sale and Barn Sale: On Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., the church will have a huge Mesa Tent Sale and also a barn sale. There are many "one-of-a-kind" Mesa items.

Focus Factor a/k/a youth group: Focus Factor will meet the following Sundays: September 11, 18 and 25. Youth in grades 9-12 will meet from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Youth who are in grades 6-8 will meet from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Rico Petrocelli Testimony: Rico Petrocelli, former Boston Red Sox Player and a Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer, will be at our church on Friday, September 16 to give his faith testimony. It's called "The Decision that Changed My Life". We will serve home-made desserts at 6:00 p.m. and he will give his testimony at 7:00 p.m. The event is open to everyone and is free.

Rally Day: Rally day is Sunday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. Sunday school begins this day for all ages. The theme this year is "See What's the Buzz all about". The Bible will be studied in fun, interactive and creative ways. During worship, we will kick-off a 5-week series on "The Purpose Driven Life". After the worship service, we will enjoy "make your own ice cream sund-ays" (intentionally misspelled).

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

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, refreshments and pool.

Small Groups: We will have many different kinds of small groups during the month of September --to include "Purpose -Driven" groups, discipleship groups, Bible Studies, and Baptism classes. In October, we will be offering a Bereavement group. For more information, please call the church.

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religious leader in a seemingly successful pattern?

Randy: It made sense as it went along. I wound up teaching English at the University of New Haven while I was at Yale Divinity School. The "Pepsico" position gave me some business experience. I needed the experience in details. I eventually had my own experience of burnout and was fortunate to have a week of respite and calm at a retreat where I was restored and regained my equilibrium.

Q. You have led an active religious and academic life. It is apparent that this move is not retirement. What are your plans for the foreseeable future? Will it be difficult to gear down?

The reason for being here in Bradford is the retreat. I also have a part time job as pastor in Concord Heights at The Immanuel Community Church. It turned out to be serendipity since the pastor of this church was interested in my position in Connecticut. We actually exchanged jobs. These amazing experiences strengthen your faith.

Q. What core religious and academic, and artistic beliefs do you share?

Randy: I would describe myself as a Protestant/Catholic. I want to affirm the Great Tradition of the universal church and my desire to be nourished by the Great Tradition. I would be centered and Christ focused. For me, Jesus is the window to heaven and represents God's humility in a way we can understand.

Q. We all must play sometimes as a break from our serious day to day existence. How do you both plan to enjoy more frivolous pursuits?

Randy: We haven't figured it out. We love antiquing, hiking and walking. We both love to read and I enjoy novels that nourish me. My favorite writer is Wendell Berry. His writing focus revolves around a related com-

munity in Kentucky. He also writes essays.

Jill: My favorite writer is Jane Austen, the classics and mysteries.

Q. How do your religious, academic and artistic interests blend with your husband's religious emphasis on life?

Jill: I would say, very well. I think we influence each other in what we study and think. I am involved peripherally in the life of the church. Our vision and focus on what we do here are the same. We are on the same page.



Q. Your teaching career appears to lean heavily toward very young children from toddlers to kindergarten age. Do you have children and if, yes, have you raised them according to your philosophy in teaching music and fostering talent at an early age?

Jill: We have two sons, 30 and 27. The older son just finished his MFA at the University of New Hampshire and graduated from Middlebury College. He appreciates music and taught himself to play the guitar. Our younger son was a geology major at the University of Maine and is currently working in a training program at the Bronx Zoo. I taught him to play the piano for nine years but neither of our sons headed toward a career involving music. I did follow my belief when raising them and feel that children learn in their own way and their own time and I do believe that music education helps children study and perform better in many core subjects in school.

Q. Would you like to talk about your operatic career and the many facets of your musical experience?

Jill: I sang soprano with the Santa Barbara Opera and the United Church Choir, the Orchestra of New England. My repertoire included Gilbert and Sullivan, Puccini, Mozart and Bizet. I also performed in church choirs in Connecticut and at weddings and funerals. I taught traditional and Suzuki music. I like both teaching methods and a combination of the two is probably a good way to go.

Q. Your lives were centered in Connecticut where you both enjoyed careers and also had the advantage of living close to a vibrant, bustling metropolis, Manhattan, where every conceivable form of entertainment is available including theater, museums, concerts, and more. How will you deal with your new life where traveling distances to cultural amenities is necessary?

Jill & Randy: There are two parts to it. Most of our married lives we didn't have a lot of money. We couldn't avail ourselves of all the amenities. In one sense, we won't miss what we could never afford. However, New Haven had a lot of things going on that were affordable and, there were many free offerings.

Q. Bradford is a town in transition. Where do you both see yourselves fitting in? What contribution do you think you could make to your new life in a small, rural community?

Jill & Randy: We would both like to be involved in the life of the town in any way that seems appropriate.

A Culinarian's Column

by Caryl Walker

Girl Scout Troops Forming

Girl Scout troops are forming now in most towns of the Green and White Mountains Council. Girls in kindergarten through grade 9 who want to have fun and develop skills in an all-girl setting are encouraged to sign up for troop placement. Home-schooled girls of similar ages are welcome too.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is committed to offering Girl Scouting to every girl. Financial aid is available from the Council for families needing help with the registration fee and uniforms. Some troops currently exist in the area towns. Many of them have openings for new members.

Trained volunteers lead the troops. More adult volunteers are needed to lead and assist new troops so that all girls can be placed. Sharing Girl Scouting with your daughter is a rewarding experience, say the many parents who have become leaders.

Short-term volunteers are also needed, such as helping girls with particular badges or doing paperwork for the cookie sale. Women who remember the joys of their own Girl Scout days particularly enjoy sharing their skills with girls in these limited assignments.

For more information about girl placement and adult volunteer opportunities, phone Liz Tentarelli, the volunteer support coordinator for the Kearsarge/Sunapee area as well as Andover, Webster, and Salisbury, at 763-9296.



All those beautiful vegetables! What to do? Make a roasted vegetable "pizza". Add corn-on-the-cob and a tossed salad. Viola! Supper is served!

Roasted Vegetable "Pizza"

- 1 small eggplant, halved lengthwise, cut in 1/2' slices
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons fresh or 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 onion, quartered
- 2 medium zucchini, sliced
- 2 bell peppers, cored and quartered
- 4-5 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 plus tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese and minced fresh herbs to garnish

Place the eggplant in a colander and sprinkle with salt. Let stand in sink for 10 minutes. Drain, rinse, and pat dry on paper towels.

To make the batter: Gradually add flour to beaten egg and a little milk to form a smooth paste. Blend in the rest of the milk, the thyme leaves and salt. Refrigerate until needed. Put the oil in a shallow roasting pan (I use a jelly roll pan) and place in hot oven (425F.) until oil is heated through. Add the vegetables, turning to coat in oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast for 20 minutes until beginning to cook. Whisk the batter again and pour over the vegetables. Return to oven and bake 30 minutes. When well puffed up and golden, reduce heat to 375F. and bake 10 to 15 minutes longer until crisp around the edges. Sprinkle with Parmesan and herbs. Serves 8.

Notes: Feel free to add different veggies like mushrooms, crookneck squash, green beans, radishes. Avoid really wet veggies, like tomatoes. No olive oil? Use corn oil or other vegetable oil. I like to add some kind of cheese (goat cheese, Feta), chopped Kalamata olives, chopped sun-dried tomato in oil, and minced garlic to the roasted vegetables just before I pour on the batter.. ENJOY!



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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Thurs. September 1st

Noon - Senior Dining
1:00 PM - 5:00 Field Trip
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3:00 -6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market

Fri. September 2nd

11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch
raffle, music, door prizes!
Call for reservations please.
7:00 PM - Book-to-Movie My Dog
Tulip, BML

Sat. September 3rd

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Book Sale,
BML
10:00 AM – Boat landing dedication
Lake Massasecum

Mon. September 5th

Labor Day Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels
Library Closed
1:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. September 6th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining w/ soup
and salad bar
1:00 PM - Watercolor class
6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Thurs. September 8th

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

Fri. September 9th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sat. Sept. 10 th

9:00 AM – Writing Group
10:00 AM – Bradford Barter

Mon. September 12th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1:00 PM - Bridge Group
6-8 PM Supervisors of Checklist
-Town Hall
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage

Tues. September 13th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
1:00 PM - Watercolor class
4:30 PM - BACC – Committee meet-
ing
6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. September 14th

7:00 PM - Burton Hersh – Edward
Kennedy, an Intimate Biography, BML

Thurs. September 15th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pres-
sure Clinic by LSVNA
12 Noon - Senior Dining
Nicole Sylvester - Pampered Chef
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. mtg.

Fri. September 16th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
9:00 AM River Clean-up, Rt.103
9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic
- LSVNA at North Ridge
10:00 AM - Movie: Miss Congenial-
ity
12 noonish - Café Bienvenue
7:00 PM - International Movie
(South Africa), BML

Sat. Sept. 17th

10:00 AM – Bradford Improvement
Association

Sun. Sept 18th

11 AM- 4 PM Fun Day -Brown-
Shattuck Field

Mon. September 19th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1:00 PM - Bridge Group
5:30 PM - 4 H High Spirits
Enrollment Night!
6:30 – 8:00 PM – Bible Study

Tues. September 20th

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

Thurs. September 22nd

11:30 AM – 1:00PM Senior Center
Week Luncheon celebration
Reservations Only!!
3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market

Fri. September 23rd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sat. Sept. 24th

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. September 26th

8:45 AM -AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr.
Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1:00 PM - Bridge Group
6:30 - 8:00 PM - Bible Study

Tues. September 27th

9:30-11:30 AM- LSVNA Foot Care
-Warner Pharmacy
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
1: 00 PM - Watercolor class
6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. August 28th

9:15 AM - Leave Bradford for
Canterbury Shaker Village
10:30 AM –12 Noon Blood Pressure
Clinic Warner Senior Rm.
7:00 PM – BHS - Steve Taylor
The Great Sheep Boom in New
Hampshire

Thurs. September 29th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
3:00 - 6:00 PM - Farmer’s Market
Fiona entertains

Fri. September 30th

8:45AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
7:00 PM - Warner Town Hall
‘Wacky Songs That Made Us Laugh’
with Calvin Knickerbocker

*For scheduling activities at the BACC,
please call 938-6228 or 938-5900*

All events take place at the
Bradford Area Community Cen-
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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.

High Spirits 4-H Club Enrollment Night!

Monday September 19th
5:30-7:00PM Bradford Area Community Center

What's Happening in 2011-2012?

Monthly meetings to reunite as a group as well as review old and new business. In addition, each member must complete at least one project of choice, as well as at least one community service, which is completed as a group. The club participates in several field trips throughout the year. In years past the group has visited Polar Caves, Canobie Lake Park, Pats Peak (snow tubing), and roller Skating.

Project Choices for 2011-2012:

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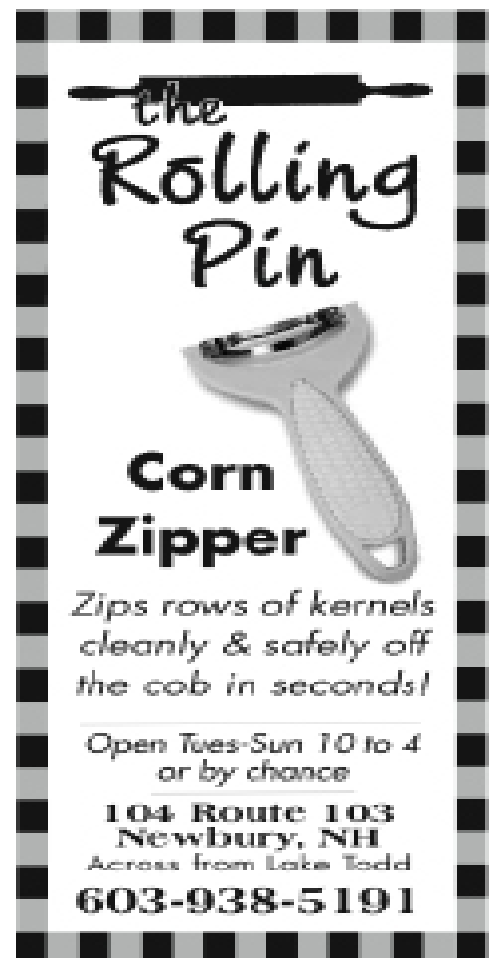
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Ongoing Events

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



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Union Congregational Society: Tuesday September 6 - 7 PM. Annual Meeting at the Center Meetinghouse. Potluck dessert. Come see newly restored loft and vestry area.

River Clean Up: Friday, September 16th, starting 9:00 AM - Bradford Conservation Commission will conduct a clean up of the Warner River along Rt. 103. Volunteers wanted - please come and help for whatever time you can give. Meet at the northeast end (unpaved end) of the Bradford Market parking lot. (Park away from the store.) Please help us clean up the trash that has accumulated along our beautiful river. For further information, please contact sbenow@gmail.com. Thanks!

Bradford Family Fun Day Sunday, September 18 - 11 AM – 4 PM
Brown Shattuck Field

This popular annual event is an excellent opportunity to showcase your business among local customers. If you would like to participate by advertising your business, selling goods or services, or helping sponsor this event with a donation, or if you would like to volunteer your time to work with Parks and Rec for the day, please contact Debbie Flinkstrom at 938-2350 or Margaret Raymond at 938-5392. Some of our planned events include:

- Reptiles on the Move
- Bradford Fire and Rescue Demo
- Bradford Police Demo
- DJ & Karaoke
- Hay Rides

We are looking for volunteers to help with some of the following activities:

- White Elephant Table
- Pie Eating Contest
- Crafts
- Food and Beverages
- Face Painting
- Games and Contests
- Pie Baking Contest

Bradford Historical Society:
Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 PM - Bradford Community Center. A talk by Stever Taylor, noted dairy and maple farmer and former Commissioner of Agriculture, entitled “The Great Sheep Boom in New Hampshire”

During the early 1800s, tens of thousands of sheep roamed our green pastures in the only era of true agricultural prosperity that our state has ever know. They left behind a legacy of miles of rugged stone walls and tradition of hard work and endeavor in the farming community. Mark your calendar.
Bradford Historical Society Annual Meeting - October 26th at 7:00 PM.



Boat Landing Dedication: Saturday, September 3rd at 10:00 AM, the Lake Massasecum public boat landing will be officially dedicated and named the Ryan E. Bishop Boat Landing. Ryan was a 21 year old lake resident who tragically lost his life in a canoeing accident on Lake Powell, in southern Utah. He was a lake host at the boat landing for 6 years and had a passion for wakeboarding. Dave Currier of the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association called Ryan, “ a great steward of the lake and his efforts will be surely missed.”
The landing is on Ryan’s Way off Massasecum Lake Road. The public is invited to join family and friends for this dedication.

Bradford Smithy Shop



Hal Liberty, woodworker, and Mary Derry, quilter, brought Bradford history to life at the Smithy on August 13th. Blacksmiths Stephen Westcott and Richard Wright demonstrated historically vital skills for the public. Mercury, the horse, with owners Kendra and Rob Messer, provided wagon rides and John Mock provided food for all. Join us at Bradford Historical Society annual meeting on Oct. 26th.



Mary Derry, Hal Liberty, Laurie Buchar, and Harriet Douglas at the Village Smithy on Main Street on August 13.



If you can identify this artifact found at the Bradford Smithy, please call John Mock at 938-2246.



Dick Wright of Newbury adds water to the bucket while Steve Westcott of Bradford examines a piece of coal. Both men demonstrated blacksmithing at the Village Smithy on Main Street, August 13.

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Bradford Needs You

VOLUNTEER VISIONS

Bradford was built by industrious settlers who relied on each other for survival, who were ready to lend a hand whenever needed. That spirit of volunteerism still sparkles in Bradford today! Many organizations and individuals give Bradford the rich diversity of viewpoints that echo these efforts and make it unique.

This column aims to post information about Bradford's volunteer accomplishments and opportunities. We are gathering data about the organizations in town that rely on the contributions of volunteers. Please let us know about your group and we will post your events and help you recruit volunteers. Also please nominate a group or an individual that you think deserves recognition for their community service in a spotlight article in *The Bridge*. Contact Nancy at 938-6191 or nmceachern@tds.net

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A Few Technology Points for 'Back to School'

James Thompson IAMNOW

The learning process has been shifting gradually to rely heavily on technology. Part of this shift has given students a greater reliability on technology just to compete with other students. Many college classrooms have internet access available during lectures allowing students instant access to research and background material. Because of this evolution in learning, being able to keep your computer running has become incredibly important. As back to school shopping continues I've been asked my opinion on what points to consider for students heading off to college or even to high school.

First, does the college sell computers directly to students? If so what name brand(s) are they selling? Even if you will not be buying directly from the school it is likely the help desk will be more experienced helping users with a brand they sell and may even be a warranty certified repair center. Being able to have your computer serviced on campus can be a convenience especially if you won't have access to a car or find you need service during a busy period such as finals.

If the campus does not have a full service computer center find out where the nearest computer repair center is that can support your brand of computer. Having the phone number will come in handy when you don't have access to your computer.

Second, don't auto-save your logon credentials for sites such as Facebook.com or shopping sites you frequently access. With so many

passwords to remember it is easy to click the check box to have a site remember you, but with the proximity of strangers in the college or high school environment you become an easy target for social engineering attacks or jokes. Someone could pose as you on your Facebook account and post reputation damaging comments or worse. Someone discovering your Amazon.com account automatically logs in while 'borrowing' your computer and may find it rather tempting to order their school-books on your credit card.

And third, maintain backups of your data. Helpdesks are constantly working to help students recover a paper that was lost after they spilled coffee on their keyboard, dropped the computer or simply when the computer quit for no obvious reason. Even if the helpdesk is able to save your paper you may be without a computer for days or weeks while it is repaired. Having backed up data and a backup plan can save lots of stress.

The back-up can be as simple as emailing the paper to yourself so you have a copy saved online or making a habit to copy it to a thumb drive for safe keeping. Don't let your first data loss experience be a disaster.

In essence, understand your support options, protect you logins and passwords and back up your data. Doing these three things will improve your learning experience by alleviating the stress that technology problems place on your learning habits.

DID YOU KNOW????

September is National Cholesterol Education Month

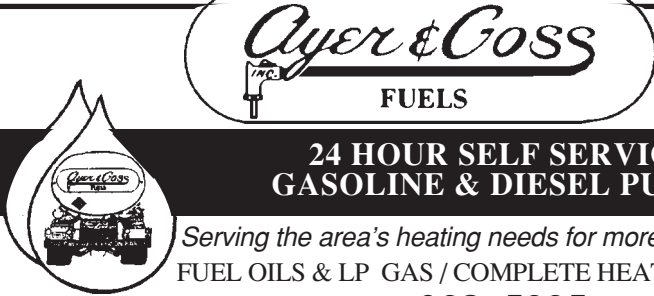
September is National Cholesterol Education Month, a good time to get your blood cholesterol checked and take steps to lower it if it is high. Cholesterol Education Month is also a good time to learn about lipid profiles and about food and lifestyle choices that help you reach personal cholesterol goals.

High blood cholesterol affects over 65 million Americans. It is a serious condition that increases your risk for heart disease - the higher your cholesterol level, the greater the risk. You can have high cholesterol and not know it. Lowering cholesterol levels that are too high lessens your risk for developing heart disease and reduces the chance of having a heart attack or dying of heart disease.

Lake Sunapee VNA and Hospice will offer free cholesterol screenings at many local senior centers during the months of November and December. We welcome anyone who would like this screening to call us for more information. Look for notices and sign ups coming soon!

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Obituaries

Sandra May (Bonnette) Strickland (1938 - 2011)

Sandra (Sandy) Strickland, 73, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2011. She was the beloved daughter of Donald and Miriam (Carmichael) Bonnette.

Her brother, Bruce Bonnette of Northfield, survives her. Her six children; Michael Carter, Cindee Carter, Dawn Marier, Kimberly Carter, Peter Strickland, David Strickland and her stepson Daniel Strickland also survive Sandy. She was blessed with 12 grandchildren whom she loved very much; Scott, Heather, Jason, Kasen, Zachary, Zeth, Tarrah, Brandon, Jenna, Jessie, Justin and Mathew, and six great-grandchildren.

Sandy grew up in Hillsboro. She lived in Bradford for many years before moving to Englewood, Florida, which was her home for 28 years before she returned to New Hampshire. While in Florida, she became a passionate voice for grandparents raising their grandchildren. When she realized that there was no local support system for these grandparents, she took it upon herself to create one. She found a place for them to meet and started a local chapter of Kinship Partners. Sandy remained involved with this group and the grandparent rights movement right up to her passing.

Sandy loved her family and friends. She will be remembered for her fiery spirit and her tenacity in the face of adversity. She loved life and lived it on her terms.

Sandy requested no services. If you would like to make a donation in her memory, please support the cause she held dear, the support of grandparents raising their grandchildren. You may donate to the Florida Kinship Center, USF School of Social Work, 4202 East Fowler Ave., MGY 132, Tampa, FL 33620, or online at kinshipcenter.cbcs.usf.edu.

Mr. J. Peter Blake, 69, of Bardstown, Kentucky, died Friday, August 12, 2011, at home, surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren. Mr. Blake was born August 10, 1942 in Flushing, New York.

He was a 1960 graduate of Rondout Valley High School in Kyserike, New York, and he attended St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas, as well as the Ulster County Community College in High Falls, New York. He was a licensed Land Surveyor in both New Hampshire and Kentucky, and was employed for many years by Holden Engineering of Concord, NH; and later Hibbs Engineering of Bardstown, KY. He also owned and operated his own land surveying firm in Kentucky, Boundtree Land Surveying.

Mr. Blake gave selflessly as a volunteer for most of his adult life, having served as a fireman for the Accord, NY Fire Department, the Bradford, NH Fire Department, and for the Boston, KY Fire Department. He was also a volunteer EMT with the Bradford, NH Rescue Squad, and saved many lives during his nearly 15 year tenure with the squad. He was past Master of St. Peter's Masonic Lodge in Bradford, NH. He was also an avid hunter, fisherman, and forester. He was also very athletic, having played football in high school & college, and softball with the Blackwater Beer League in Bradford, NH.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary (LaFalce) Blake; two daughters, Mary Kay (Michael) Kienia, Radcliff, KY, and Georgine (Robert) MacLeod, Boston, KY; four grandchildren, Nicole (Brandon) Filiatreau, Holland Kienia, Shayla MacLeod, and Seamus MacLeod; and one great-grandson, Trent Filiatreau. Mr. Blake is also survived by an older brother, George (Jacqueline) Blake of Petersburg,

VA; a younger sister, Susan (Robert) Walker of Accord, NY; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothea and George Blake.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Nelson County (Bardstown, KY).

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Thank You

I wish to thank all Sally Welch's wonderful friends from Bradford and all those from New London that did so much to keep her comfortable and helped her. Including her boss from Colonial Pharmacy where she worked. Sally was such a joy and will be missed.

Mother, Annie Whipple





Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Thank you to everyone who attended the library dinner sponsored by St. Peter's Masonic Lodge. We are very grateful to the Masons for supporting Bradford's library with a fun and delicious evening!

I would also like to thank the following for making the Summer Reading Program "One World, Many Stories" a big success this year: Bradford Market (donation of Indian food for the children to taste), Pizza Chef (ice cream coupons), Sandra Wright, Ana Whitehead, Oona Tropeano, Patty Furness, Barbara McCartney, Elsa Weir, Maggi Ainslie and Tracey Quigley (children's room decorations), performers Odds Bodkin and Andrew Pinard, and especially the Friends of the Library (financial and moral support).

BOOK SALE: Saturday, September 3 from 9am until 3pm. Lots of new donations have been added in the last two months.

MOVIE NIGHTS: Book-to-Movie on Friday, September 2 at 7pm (My Dog Tulip by J.R. Ackerley). Next month: Mao's Last Dancer by Li Cunxin. The International Movie on Friday, September 16 is a documentary on black South African freedom music. Next month: a selection from Spain.

BOOK TALK: Join us at 7pm on Wednesday, September 14 with local author Burton Hersh discussing his recent book Edward Kennedy: an Intimate Biography.

The library is closed on Monday, September 5.

Some of the new books added in August:

For adults

- Portrait of a Spy* by Daniel Silva
- Lost in Sangri-La* by Mitchell Zuckoff
- Pym* by Mat Johnson
- Then Came You* by Jennifer Weiner
- Conquistadora* by Esmeralda Santiago
- The Gentlemen's Hour* by Don Winslow

For children

- Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life* by James Patterson
- Herbert's Wormhole* by Peter Nelson
- The Teen's Guide to World Domination* by Josh Shipp
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs



Bradford Art Group

The Bradford Art Group announces a new exhibit in Brown Memorial Library, "Paintings by Thomas Park Glover." Tom, a Bradford summer resident, has been making art since childhood, reports his admiring mom, Cynthia Glover of Bradford, who "cannot throw away any of Tom's early drawings and paintings." The paintings displayed include scenes around Bradford—The Dog House, Mt. Kearsarge, The Bradford Center Meetinghouse, and Lake Massasecum.

Since Tom earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1984 from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH (where he studied painting under John Laurent, John Woodsum Hatch, and Conley Harris and drawing under Sigmund Abeles), he has been making a living as an artist, taking "outside" jobs to supplement his income.

Throughout the past 27 years, Tom has found independent study a source of renewal and learning: week-long stay alone on White Island (Celia Thaxter's childhood lighthouse home); Great Spruce Head Island (ME) retreat with 11 artists from around the country; four-city tour in Italy—Rome, Florence, Sienna & Fiesole—studying Renaissance masters; Paris; New Mexico Canyon; Rain Forest of Costa Rica; and Madrid, Spain trip to see the work of Spanish masters.

His work has received numerous painting awards including: First Place from the NH Institute of Art's Biennial Exhibition; the Currier Museum of Art; and the Art in the Embassy Program, Trinidad. Exhibiting in galleries around New England (McGowan Fine Art & The Banks Gallery), Tom's work has been collected by the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Ogunquit, ME; Fleet Bank, Boston, MA; Art Museum of the University of NH; and the Rush Collection, Sioux City, IA.

The barrier-free Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 W. Main St., Bradford, is open: M: 10 – 8; Wed: 10 – 7; Sat: 10 – 3; Sun: 11 – 3. For more information: 938-5562.

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Area Events

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Sunapee

September Hikes on the S-R-K Greenway

The SRK Greenway Coalition's Fall 2011 scheduled 3 September hikes. Contact the leader a day before for details on start time and location. Bring water, sun screen, hat, and a snack. Easy. Moderate Difficult.

Sat. Sept 10: Mt. Sunapee - Lake Solitude & Summit -5.4 mi. D Nate Richer, 763-2127.

Sat. Sept 17: Bog Mountain, Wilmot - M Lee Carvalho, 735-5719.

Sat Sept 24: Great Brook New London to Rte 4A. 3.2 mi E Brian Faughnan, 526-7838.

The SRK Greenway Coalition, a non-profit volunteer organization that promotes hiking and land conservation, offers 14 sections with 75 miles of trail open to all. For information, visit www.srkg.com

Bradford's Emergency Services:

Bradford has an emergency Management Plan to assist residents in times of power outages, extreme weather or other community emergencies. Former Selectman Bruce Edwards, is the Emergency Management Director for Bradford

The Fire Department and Kearsarge Fitness (Rt. 103) provide shower facilities in times of community emergencies. Food, water, bathrooms, cots, blankets and pillows are stored for emergency use at the Bradford Area Community Center, a designated food and shelter center. Volunteers for emergency situations are welcome to come to the BACC to help out in the event of an emergency.

Town Clerk, Sue Pehrson, provides the Police Department with confidential contact information for disabled, elderly and/or frail town residents who are called during emergencies to make sure they are safe. If you would like to be on this call list, contact Sue at 938-2094. For more information in emergencies, call the BACC at 938-6228 or Bruce Edwards at 938-2404.

The Dockside BUZZ

After celebrating our second, successful year in Bradford and six years in business, we figured it was time to share some of our hair industry secrets, trends and stories!

Fall Color:

It's a GOLD RUSH! Gold and honey tones are the big rage this year in fall color. Turn in your sun-bleached, blonde highlights for golden, honey hues. Brunettes also benefit from adding some maple highlights that will compliment every complexion!

Latest Trend:

Bohemian braids are in full swing! By adding a side braid to your traditional bun or pony tail, you'll be ready for a night on the town with little effort.

Funnies: (names have been changed to protect the client)

One of our favorite, little clients came in and asked for a "buzz" cut! Not a clipper cut... Buzz Light Year cut. Unfortunately, Buzz Light Year always wears a helmet, so we had to wing it! Needless to say...he loved it!!!

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Milfoil Regrowth in Lake Massasecum

Lake Massasecum continues to battle the growth of an invasive exotic species called variable milfoil. Milfoil has been in the state since the late 60's and, according to information from State of NH DES, can currently be found in over 50 water bodies in New Hampshire. Lake Massasecum has been dealing with an infestation of variable milfoil since 1997, according to Amy Smagula, NH DES Limnologist and Exotic Species Program Coordinator.

Since 1997, the milfoil expanded in a 10 acre cove at the northern end of the Lake and was found in several other locations. Mowing, treatment by herbicide and hand harvesting are all methods that have been employed to rid the lake of this invasive non-native species which displaces beneficial native plant life. The good news is that today the milfoil growth is sparse, but the bad news is that Milfoil is hard to eradicate despite diligent efforts by DES, the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association (LMIA), lake hosts, boaters and lake residents.

LMIA has a volunteer Milfoil Program Coordinator and Weed Watchers to monitor the lake for any milfoil growth. This summer thanks to the efforts of lake resident and Weed Watcher, Mike Davidson, an avid canoer around the lake, milfoil re-growth was discovered and removed. Mike kept GPS coordinates on areas of re-growth and a few areas of new growth around the lake. August 17th, NH DES state divers Walter Henderson and Scott Ashley came out and hand removed the milfoil from the lake.

Lake Massasecum was selected in 2005 as a study lake by the NH DES which had secured federal funds for research on milfoil eradication. LMIA will continue to monitor the milfoil in the lake, reporting efforts and results to Amy Smagula at DES. Her goal is 100% eradication of this exotic species.

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Outside

by J. Ann Eldredge

The thin skin of a tomato hides a sauce thick with human idiosyncrasies. A botanist calls the fruit of the tomato vine a berry. The US Supreme Court in 1893, however, decreed that a tomato is not a fruit but a vegetable – akin to a head of cabbage. Import duties took precedence over accuracy. The USDA during the Reagan administration declared that a dollop of ketchup qualified as a serving of vegetable in federally funded school lunches. The voters wouldn't swallow this and the move was rescinded.

In its native lands of South America, the tomato is a perennial vine – which it vainly aspires to be in New Hampshire. Spaniards invading Montezuma's gardens described this oddity but it was Cortez who brought seeds back to Spain in the 1500s. From Spain, the wandering Moors planted them in Morocco and from there they sailed to Italy where they were warmly received.

Northern Europeans were more suspicious, cautiously trying tomatoes as a medicine and an ineffective aphrodisiac. Due to its close botanical relation to deadly nightshade, all parts were considered to be potentially poisonous. Many colonists to North America brought their tomato prejudice with them. A turning point came in 1820 when, against his doctor's advice, Colonel Robert Giffon Johnson ate with gusto a bushel of tomatoes on the courthouse steps of Salem, New Jersey. Witnessed by a crowd of two thousand, his feast was accompanied by the fireman's band playing dirges. He survived to a ripe old age.

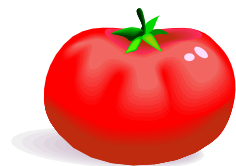
Tomatoes developed thousands of years ago were mostly yellow and ribbed. The rapidly disappearing wild relations resemble the variety we know as 'Matt's Wild Cherry'. By domesticating the wild tomato into

something larger and worth harvesting, the tomato flower became self-fertile – no longer mixing it up with its southern wild progenitors. It was an inquisitive, insipient horticulturalist from Ohio named Alexander Livingston who noticed a large, smooth red tomato in a neighbor's garden in the early 1800's. His mother told him to leave it alone. He didn't. He developed many of the forerunners of today's varieties. Because of self-pollinization and despite all the colors and shapes of modern tomatoes, ours are all genetically very similar. This could prove to be a problem as an enterprising new disease could assault them all.

Our society has had a cyclical infatuation with gardening, prompted by wars, economic trials, and now also by a growing unease with the mega-moned industries that have disconnected us from our food sources. Although virtually all gardens of any size contain tomato plants and despite full knowledge of what a good tomato can taste like, we ignore the fact of seasons and accept insipid commercial winter tomatoes. The actual food value of these tomatoes – never high on the nutrient scale – has plummeted in the last fifty years due to the methods used in their manufacture.

Virtually all of the winter tomatoes in the northeast are grown in Florida...in a climate and in conditions that require extreme inputs of herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers and very cheap labor. No thought is given to flavor. Picked hard, green, and transportable, they head to warehouses to be gassed with ethylene forcing the preferred red coloration for their journey north.

The message I offer is: can, freeze, or dry the essence of summer with tomatoes of your own.



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