



THE Bradford Bridge

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Town Hall Activities

The Selectmen moved forward to address the current situation at the closed Town Hall, organizing several groups to catalog, clean out, and prepare the historic building for the next step in its long service to the Town of Bradford. As a first step, Selectman Pfeifle removed an oil painting of Mason Tappen and requested that a local painting restorer keep it in a safe location pending a decision to proceed with the restoration.

The Historical Society was asked to catalog and store any items considered to have historical importance. Archivist Laurie Buchar provided this report on that work to date:

Our Town Hall has housed many fascinating historical artifacts over the years. Many items are being temporarily stored elsewhere in order to clear the building for the next phase in the building's history. Enjoy a local search to see these new displays! The 1858 map of Merrimack County is now hanging in Brown Memorial Library. Several paper and tin items are under the stewardship of the Bradford Historical Society and can be seen in the Tin Shop (former Stewart Agency building) on East Main Street. Many stunning portraits of prominent people from Bradford are also on display there, including this one of Roger Sullivan. He was born in Bradford in 1854 and became a famous cigar magnate in Manchester. His cigars were given the brand name of "Gold Dust ten-cent cigar" but he changed the name to "7-20-4" after he got his start in business with the winnings of a lottery ticket bearing that number. You never know what stories you will find while exploring the artifacts left behind.

Other actions so far have been to clear out two storage rooms formerly used by the Police Department, begin to develop an inventory of usable items in the building and sort through remaining items for storage. Once this has been completed, a cleanup crew, chaired by Nikki Dubaere will prepare the building for limited use as deemed practical by the Board of Selectmen.



10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

Walter Royal grew up in the area and spent his formative years on his grandfather's farm on Davis Road. Recently, he was unanimously appointed by the Bradford Selectmen to the position of Building Inspector of the town. He looks forward to the challenges of this position and brings a background in construction to the job, plus an interest in Bradford and how it continues to grow and develop. He and his wife Tandy inherited the farm and they farm and raise domestic animals and grow produce on the same land where he spent his youth. We welcome Walter to his position where he seems to be capable and prepared for the important job of making sure that the building inspections are carefully and properly done.

Q. I know that you were born in New London and have spent many summers at the farm you presently live on. Tell me about your early life and education.

I was born in New London Hospital. The first of six kids who miraculously survived to adulthood. My parents were living with my grandfather and I attended school in Henniker and then fourth grade in the Bradford School, finishing with 7th to 9th grade in New London. My next step was military school, "Carlisle" in Bambury, South Carolina. It was a good college prep school. I had applied to Annapolis, but wasn't accepted so I joined the "Hippy" generation in 1970.



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Letter from the Editor

Main Street Bradford was buzzing this Memorial Day morning and it wasn't mosquitoes and black flies. After several grey, rainy, dreary days, the sky was blue and the sun shone brightly. Although Bradford does not hold a formal observance on this day of remembrance, there was positive energy on Main Street - a porch sale for the Town Hall and a flea market (postponed from a rainy Saturday) at the field beside the Smithy. Several tables of choice items were on display, Steve Hansen was grilling up hamburgers with the help of his daughter, Natalie. Blacksmith Steve Westcott had the forge in full swing and toy maker Hal Liberty showed off the shaving horse and a four legged stool he had produced using authentic tools. A table displayed the variety of toys Hal and his helpers make for needy children to enjoy.

Inside the 'in the process of being transformed' Tin Shop (Stewart Agency building) Laurie Buchar greeted visitors, showed off the progress to date, and explained with enthusiasm some of the ideas for the Historical Society's newly acquired building. Meanwhile at the Old Post Office, Lorraine MacLeod reported a steady stream of folks coming through the building, all Bradford residents showing their interest in our town.

While the Historical Society protects the Bradford's past, the Selectmen are looking to Bradford's future. Their charge to the Town Hall Restoration Committee is "... to get back to work aggressively towards a restoration plan that will work for the town." The committees recently organized to address Main Street Revitalization and Economic Development Committees are beginning to carry out the goals set for them by the Selectmen. Several ideas are under discussion for use of the former Sanborn property on East Main Street.

It is always good to see familiar faces at these meetings, but even more positive to see long time residents back in action and new residents beginning to get involved. Changes will not happen overnight, but changes are underway. Stay tuned.

Enjoy the warm weather as it comes and experience Bradford out-of-doors. Plan for the summer and be ready to help celebrate Independence Day on July 6 with Bradford's traditional events - Masonic breakfast, 5-K road race, church fair, parade and fireworks.

Marcia Keller
 June Editor

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 Friday: 7:30 am - noon
 Selectmen meet every Monday
 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM
 Special Meetings will be posted
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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
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Selectmen's Highlights

FEMA Selectmen were informed that Bradford might be eligible for reimbursement by FEMA for Highway Department actions during the blizzard in February. There was considerable discussion on whether or not to apply. At one meeting a motion was made and approved to apply for the FEMA money and post it against the Highway Department with the understanding it is not extra money to be spent. Selectmen agreed the motion should have Road Agent Barry Wheeler's approval before actually applying.

At a following meeting, Mike Poirier from the Homeland Security FEMA Public Assistance Program outlined the process for qualifying and applying for these funds.

Road Agent Wheeler said there were several specific questions in the application that were difficult to quantify. Mr. Poirier advised that the best estimates of that storm day should be recorded and Selectman Wright said the Board would have no problem with the Selectmen attesting to the accuracy and honesty of this estimate.

Perry Teele stated this is a perfect example with no justification to try to take FEMA emergency money for a snow storm that had no more difficulty for one out of ten that we get year after year.

Wheeler requested a further meeting with the Selectmen, which was held at 7 AM the following day. At that time Selectmen voted to approve the

filing for reimbursement under the disaster declaration of the Feb 8 winter storm. Vote was unanimous. The Board voted to allocate half of the reimbursement to the Highway Department budget and half to remain in the general fund.

Town Hall There was a unanimous vote for the Town Hall Restoration Committee to get back to work aggressively towards a restoration plan that will work for the town. Selectmen agreed that the committee should select its chair. They also voted to increase available funds for secretarial services not to exceed an additional \$1,200. This would bring the annual budget for this purpose to \$1,700.

CAP and KAP Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the forwarding of leases to Community Action Program and Kearsarge Area Preschool with no changes this year.

Traffic Safety Sign Selectmen remarked on the new traffic safety sign and approved of its use to notice the French's Park Cleanup.

Transfer Station/NRRA Mike Durfor Executive Director of Northeast Resource Recovery Association, which handles most of the material recycled by the Bradford Transfer Station, said NRRA's ultimate goal is to stop putting stuff in the ground. Changes will occur in the current disposal system in two years when the contract with the Concord Regional

Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative is up. Concord will vote in June whether to remain a member of the Coop or choose another option.

He advised that Bradford make no change until after Concord's vote and then to work closely with the other members of the Coop to provide greater leverage to negotiate favorable terms. A spreadsheet was handed out with estimates regarding different options for consideration. A conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester on June 3 & 4 that Lois Kilnapp will attend. Dufor said Bradford is fortunate to have a facility right in town (Naughton & Sons). His advice is to do some homework, really figure out what is best for Bradford.

Sanborn/Griggs Property Claire and Michael James discussed the possibility of making a proposal on the Griggs/Sanborn property on East Main Street now owned by the town. They indicated they would like to clean up the lot, put in a parking lot and landscape and possibly put in a small business, such as ice cream stand, farm stand. They also discussed merging the small piece (fire pond) that used to be part of the Marshall property to the Sanborn property. Mr. & Mrs. James Robbins, abutters, also stated they are interested in purchasing this lot and stated they do have a right-of-way to their back yard. The Selectmen have to make some

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Area Events

New London

Wednesday, June 12, 2013 2-6:00 pm. **Monitoring Protected Properties Training Workshop:** Help protect land by training to be one of our over 90 land steward monitors. Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust office (ASLPT), 71 Pleasant Street, New London. Call the ASLPT office at 526-6555 for more information and to register with Sue Andrews or email Sue at sandrews@ausbonsargent.org

Woods Forums ASLPT and the UNH Cooperative Extension offer Woods Forums for landowners of significant acreage, say 25 acres or more. Landowners are invited to discuss topics of common interest like how to: pass your land on to future generations, keep your woods healthy, protect the special places on your property, share your love of the land with your (grand) children or how to attract wildlife to your property.

Two forums have already been held. Beth McGuinn, Land Protection Specialist with Ausbon Sargent and Tim Fleury, the UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry Educator for Merrimack County will join landowners at the final three Woods Forums in the months of July and August. More information can be found regarding these events on www.ausbonsargent.org or by calling the Ausbon Sargent office at 526-6555.

Warner

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum unveils its newly renovated gallery devoted to Native American art and culture of the southwest. The gallery entrance, created from real logs and stone, combined with a mural showing cliff dwellings give the gallery the look and feel of the southwest. The rug weaving area features a blanket loom and a life-size

photo cutout of a Navajo woman weaving. The pottery area displays Pueblo pottery from ancient Anasazi to very modern pieces. Sand paintings, katsinas and silver are also featured.

The museum is open daily May 1 – October 31, Monday – Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm and on weekends November through mid-December. See our website for a complete listing of upcoming events: www.indian-museum.org

Main Street Bookends

Sunday, June 2 at 2 pm Deirdre Currier, author of *Tales from the Tub*

Sunday, June 9 @ 1 pm Mark Travis ~ *Pliny Fiske* and Mike Pride ~ *Our War*

Wednesday, June 12 @ 7 pm Best selling author Ben Hewitt for the NH Premiere of *Saved*

Farmers' Markets Tuesdays 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information, or to inquire about being a vendor, contact Ben Dobrowski <benjidob@gmail.com>

United Church of Warner Church Supper Saturday June 8th 5 to 6:30 pm Pot Roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad and dessert Adults \$8, under 10 \$5.

Hopkinton

Hopkinton Town Band Summer Season begins on June 12 at 7 pm with a very special concert at the Jane Lewellen Bandstand in Contoocook in honor of the Lewellen's 70th wedding anniversary. Starting June 19, band will perform at the Lewellen bandstand every Wednesday evening through mid-August.

Other concerts include Friday July 19 at the Haddad Bandstand in New London, and Friday July 26 at Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton. All concerts are

free and open to the public. If you play a wind or percussion instrument and would like to have a lot of fun making music please join the band – no auditions required and all levels are welcome! For more information please contact band Managers Melissa Mandrell or Lucy Gaskill at pertrice_c@comcast.net.

Newbury

The Fells Summer Hours The Main House is open Wednesday through Sunday and Monday Holidays, 10am-4pm, June 19 through September 2. Discover what life was like on an early 20th century New Hampshire summer estate. Members free, nonmembers \$10; discounts for seniors, students and families.

Thursday, June 6, 1-3pm (session 4) Community Gardens: A Resource for All
Advance registration required by May 31.

Saturday, June 8, 10am-2pm In the Company of Light: Readings from the Works of Naturalist John Hay & Picnic on Sunset. Co-sponsored by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and The Fells. Fells and SPNHF members \$10, nonmembers \$15. Advance registration required by May 31.

Tuesday, June 11, 6-8pm Storytelling in Three Dimensions: The Art of Living History Dwight Wilder, a local portrayer of Theodore Roosevelt, shares perspectives and techniques from twenty years of re-enactment. Members \$5, nonmembers \$10. Advance registration required by June 4.

Saturday, June 15, 9:30am-noon (Early bird for members, 8:30-9:30am) 22nd Annual Plant Sale Buy quality, well established plants and shrubs propagated and field dug from The Fells very own gardens as well as

plants from the finest regional nurseries. Get expert advice from Fells and Master Gardeners and watch planting demonstrations.

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens

Thursday, June 20, 1-2pm (session 5) Indoor and Outdoor Herb Gardening. Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme are the lyrics of an herb garden. Master Gardener Marilyn Hill will share tips and techniques for growing herbs from windowsill herb gardens to expansive outdoor herb garden designs. Advance registration required by June 14.

Saturday, June 22, 10am-2pm The Nature of Lake Sunapee by Canoe or Kayak. Our perspective on nature changes dramatically when viewed from the seat of a canoe or kayak. Dip your paddle into the beautiful waters of Lake Sunapee as we explore the nature of the lake and shoreline, including bird life, botany and lake ecology. Adults \$10, children \$5. Advance registration required by June 14.

Thursday, June 27, 7-8:30pm A History of John Hay by Fells board member David Bashaw. Come hear Hay's fascinating story—complete with humorous and poignant quotes and anecdotes. Fells Members free, nonmembers pay site admission. No registration required.

Sunday, June 30, 4-9pm Celebration of the 175th Birthday of John Milton Hay. An elegant three course meal served under a tent on the beautiful Rose Terrace. Members \$85, nonmembers \$100. Limited reservations, reserve by June 17 online or by calling 603-763-4789 x3.

To register, or for more information about the above programs, call 603.763.2210. The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on

Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. For more information call 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit www.thefells.org.

Bradford

Independence Day Celebration at The First Baptist Church, W. Main St. & Rt. 103, July 6 from 8am-2pm.

Schedule of Events:
 8am Fair opens--throughout the day..musical entertainment, barn sale, dunking booth, luncheon table, book sale, silent auction, quilt raffle, 50/50 raffle, vendor booths
 9-10am Kids Fun Run
 Registration
 9-11am Children's Activities
 10:30am Kids Fun Run on Church Street
 10am-2pm Lunch Booth Open
 2pm Fair ends with the winners of Silent Auction & Raffles announced. Town Independence Day Parade begins at Old Warner Rd.
 5pm Brown Shattuck Field open for Checken BBQ & other vendors
 9:30pm Fire Works

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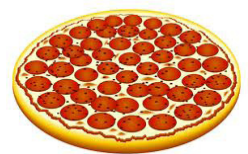
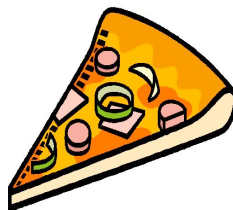


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Bradford Historical Society

In Bradford's early years, the Cofrin family had a sizable sheep farm on Hogg Hill. It was one of the local suppliers of wool and lamb for the Boston markets.

Scotsman Sam Stoddardt eventually took over the farm. Sam bred and trained Scotch Border collies for herding and won many honors for their performance at the popular agricultural fairs of the day. In the winter he took his dogs out west and worked them on the range.

Today, you can still witness the keen agility of the collie breed at the sheep dog trials during the annual NH Sheep and Wool Festival in Deerfield, NH.

Boston Marathon, 2013 Reflections from a Runner

Joe Conway ran the Boston Marathon April 15 on his 60th birthday in memory of his wife, Maryse, who passed away from cancer in 2011. He ran as part of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge Team which raises funds for cancer research. Joe is a former triathlete and current runner who last ran the Boston Marathon 22 years ago. He ran because he wanted to and was motivated to run by people he met through Dana Farber who told him, "I have cancer, it doesn't have me."

It took Conway 4 or 5 days after the Marathon to realize how serious the events on April 15th in Boston were. In the weeks after the bombing, Dana Farber offered support sessions in Boston for the 496 runners on their team. Conway attended. "We've been encouraged to talk about what happened that day."

The cramp at mile 16 may have saved his life. Quad and hamstring type cramps put him behind schedule and took a good 3 miles of stopping by water stations and perseverance to get through. One of the runners from DF, running next to Conway at mile 16, kept going as Conway dropped back. That runner crossed the finish as shrapnel was flying through the air. "He took glass, debris and was covered in blood on that side from the wounded." Conway reflected, "That could have been me."

Conway estimates he was 400 yards from the finish line when he heard a loud boom, looked up and the saw smoke. He kept running. A line of Boston Police officers appeared across Boylston Street blocking the way. The race course was closed and he spent the next 90 minutes penned up in a crowd of confused runners wondering, "What is going on?" The police

said nothing. The helicopters, overhead all day, disappeared. "Emergency vehicles and sirens were all you could hear."

In that 90 minutes, Conway was thankful for the kindness of people on Hereford Street, who brought out water and distributed black garbage bags, which Conway slipped over his body for warmth to guard against the dropping temperatures and Boston wind. It took him 2 ½ to 3 hours to walk the 3 blocks to his hotel and in those blocks, he saw what looked like a war zone. It took him three hours to find out his daughters and their friend who came to Boston to see him run, were ok. Only when he turned on the television in his hotel did he find out what happened at the finish line.

In June, Joe will attend a dinner at the Dana-Farber's Innovative Cancer Research group to be recognized with a team of runners who exceeded their fundraising goals and will become part of their prestigious Pace Setting Club. Conway surpassed his personal fundraising goal and raised \$13,500 for the cancer institute. Running for DF and meeting cancer patients who were running during treatment and patients from Children's Hospital with cancer have inspired Conway to continue running. The people Joe Conway met at Dana-Farber know Joe's story, how he was there to help his wife during treatment and how he was there by her side when she lost the battle. They treat him like family.

Conway received an invitation from the Boston Athletic Association week to run in 2014. "I'm going to do it. I'll run for Dana-Farber again."

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Obituaries

Roland J. Camire, 86, most recently of Bow, and longtime resident of Concord, passed away at Concord Hospital May 11, 2013 due to a sudden illness. He was born on June 13, 1926 in Laconia, the son of Edmond and Marie (Roy) Camire. He grew up in Laconia, where he attended local schools, but left school early to serve his country in World War II as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. After his tour of duty, he joined the Gary S. Dillon Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Concord.

Roland married Jeannine Me-nard in 1953. They had nine children. He worked at Rum-ford Press, then for the Concord School District and retired in 1992. He enjoyed yard sales, auctions, woodworking and animals.

Roland leaves six sons, Rich-ard of Methuen, MA, Paul of Ruskin, FL, Michael of Reading, CA, David of Bradford, Lucien and Chris of Farmington; two daughters, Theresa Camire of Penacook and Cathy Bickmore of Rochester; one brother, Lucien Camire of Willmington, NC; one sister, Pauline Gagne of Boscawen; an extended family and a dear companion, Barbara Vachon of Bow. He was prede-ceased by his wife, Jeannine and one son, Robert.

An interment service with military honors was held at the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen. Memo-

rial donations may be made in Roland's memory to the CRVNA, Hospice Program, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, 03301.

Richard P. Benson, of West-wood, MA, died April 25th, 2013. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (McKenzie) Benson for 60 years, loving father of Richard P. Benson Jr. and his wife Deborah of Boulder, CO; Bradley J. Benson of Norwell, MA; Diane B. Bolster and her husband Mark of Narragansett, RI and Gerard D. Benson and his wife Ellie of Boxford, MA. He was the devoted grandfather of Sean Benson, Mark Bolster Jr., Elise Bolster, Alec Benson and Cassidy Benson, brother of the late Gertrude Killman, Eleanor Cook, Frank Benson Jr. and Ar-thur Benson, and uncle of Peter and Brian Vaas and Carol Biron.

Dick spent many summers at his home on Lake Massasecum. He was a member of the Loch Lyndon Country Club and the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association.

Richard was the former Presi-dent of Adams, Chapman Co. and a U.S. Army Air Corps Vet-eran of WWII. Interment with military honors was at New Westwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Mass Audu-bon, c/o Development Office, 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773 or to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143.

Jean C. Vivian died in Spring-field MA on Tuesday April 9, 2013, five days short of her 86th birthday. Born in Milton MA to Elmer & Dorothy Cappers, she grew up in Milton and Brookline MA, went to Brookline High School, and graduated from Wells College in Aurora NY in 1949. She married Robert L. Vivian, and they raised their children in Nor-wood and Needham MA, retired to South Sutton NH, where she served on the planning board and chaired the capital improvements program. After Bob died, she married Carroll F. Robbins.

She was charismatic and gener-ous, and an inveterate organizer, always in the thick of the action, always looking for people with whom to do and share things. Over the years she was active in the League of Women Voters, PTAs, libraries in her children's and Boston inner city schools, and church finance committees, choirs, and social groups. She taught computer basics at the Springfield SeniorNet Computer Learning Center.

She leaves her son Robert L. (Jay) Vivian Jr. of Truro MA, her daughters Annie V. Wallack of Simsbury CT and Jill V. Voetsch of Evans Mills NY, and six grand-children. . In lieu of flowers, do-nations may be made to the Reeds Landing Foundation 807 Wilbra-ham Road, Springfield, MA 01109 or to Cure PSP, 800.457.4777.

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Town Hall Restoration Committee (THRC)

The THRC met to begin the process requested by the Selectmen "... to get back to work aggressively towards a restoration plan that will work for the town."

Several new members were present and other interested residents will be welcome to join in this effort. Consultant Jim Bruss provided some suggestions for restoring full use of the Town Hall in a more cost-effective manner, including use of grants and potential lease-back programs.

The air quality evaluation report prepared in August 2011 by Turner Building Science & Design and a survey of hazardous materials done by RPF Environmental in February 2013 will be reviewed. Potential hazards in the building will be evaluated based on these

reports, in consultation with the Selectman and the Fire Chief, prior to continuation of the clean up program. It will then be determined if the affected parts can be sealed off and the remainder open for limited use. This would allow registration space for the 5-K Race and an Art Show during the Independence Day Celebration on July 6th.

The Committee is seeking volunteers with specific interests or skills who can be called upon to assist as needed in the areas of fund-raising, grant writing and other short term pieces of the project. Call Eileen Kelly at 938-2779 for more information.

Pending approval of limited use of the building, the next meeting of the THRC has been scheduled for the Town Hall on 7 PM June 13th .

Planning Board Notes

Public Hearings have been continued to June 11 for two applications:

Gravel Pit permit for Hill & Dale on property owned by Bruce Edwards on Pleasant Valley Road.

Vehicle Recycling Center Site Plan and Boundary Adjustment for O. E. Trucking on property owned by Martyn Chivers on Breezy Hill Road.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at bradfordnh.org.



Focus Factor/Youth Group

June 2 4-5:30 pm
"Shoe Talk: learning to love people who are different than us

June 9 4-5:30 PM "Running the Race" relays and talk about athlete Erick Liddell

June 16 No meeting
Father's Day

June 23 4-5:30 Welcome and celebration of new 6th graders with a pizza party

June 30 4-5:30 Swimming at French's Park, permission slips required.

Church News



Fellowship

June 1 at 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Office Building

June 8 at 8 am Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet in the Office Building.

June 26 Men's Fellowship at 6:30 pm at the home of Fred Hubley

June 29 9-11 am Women's Gathering with Inspirational Speaker/Bible Leader Shauna Almick

Worship Services

Sundays at 10 AM
June 9th the Children and Youth will lead the service

Bible Study Groups

Mom's Group (all moms welcome) meets on **Tuesdays** at 10 am in the office building.

Vacation Bible School

June 17-21 6:00-7:30 pm
Children from age 4 through those going into 5th grade
Grades 6-12 will be helpers
Theme: Kingdom Rock "Where Kids Stand Strong for God"

Food Pantry

June 19 5:30-6:30 pm
Community Food Pantry will be open

Bradford and surrounding communities are invited to join all of our activities/groups!

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Town Committees Organize

A joint meeting of the Main Street Revitalization (MSRC) and Economic Development (EDC) Committees was called by the Selectmen to discuss the overlapping roles of these groups. The MSRC will focus on Main Street from Route 114 to High Street. The EDC may look at some properties on Main Street, but have a broader focus throughout the rest of the community.

Existing programs were discussed and terms set both for the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund and the Tax Increment Financing District will be revisited to see how they can be updated to serve the current situation. Previous plans developed at a PlanNH Charette in 1998 and a 2010 Vision Plan for Bradford prepared in 2010 by New England College students will be reviewed.

A speaker from the NH Department of Economic Development

will be asked to outline possible steps that can be used to encourage businesses to come to Bradford. Chris Way, Bradford resident and DRED employee stressed that any action will take time; we should look for small steps and gradual improvement. He urged taking care to support and encourage the businesses already in town. It was agreed that this should be done by the Selectmen.

Following a lengthy discussion, the groups separated and selected leaders. The MSRC chose Marilyn Gordon as chair and Felicia Starr as the secretary. Other members are Mary Bellino, Nikki Dubaere, Marlene Freyler, Marcia Keller, Claire and Michael James, Bob Lincoln, and Selectman Sonny Harris. The meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Next meeting is June 4th at 7 PM at the BACC.

Anyone interested in joining can contact Marilyn Gordon at candlelite@mctelecom.com.

decisions regarding the property. Town Administrator Cheryl Behr will provide further information to both parties.

BACC The new doors at the community center are being measured and installed. The front door will not be handicap accessible as there are steps to climb.

Highway Department Selectman John Pfeifle publically commented on the great job by Road Agent Barry Wheeler and the road crew (and anyone who had anything to do with organizing it) for the paving of Pleasant View Road and Fairgrounds Road. It is a very professional job and he is very happy with it. He also commended Wheeler for bringing in the contract for the paving \$14,000 below estimate and was informed that after the first two projects, Pike's cost is another \$14,000 below for a total savings of \$28,000.

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JUNE CALENDAR**Mon. June 3rd**

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:00 AM -Community Outreach
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. June 4th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1 PM - Watercolor class
 7:00 PM - Main St. Revitalization Com. (MSRC)

Wed. June 5th

4:00 PM - Special Group #5
 6:00 PM - Yoga
 7:00 PM - Yoga

Thurs. June 6th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1PM - Mahjong Group

Fri. June 7th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 11:30 - First Friday Brunch raffle, piano vocals, door prizes. Call for reservations please.
 7:00 PM - Book to Movie, *Life of Pi*, BML

Sat. June 8th

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. June 10th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting
 7:00 PM - Rural Heritage

Tues. June 11th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1 PM - Watercolor class
 4:30 PM - BACC Governance Board
 7:00 PM - Planning Boar

Wed. June 12th

9:30 AM - Carpool to NH Historical Society Museum, Concord - lunch at Newick's
 6:00 PM - Yoga

Thurs. June 13th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1 PM - Mahjong Group
 6:00 PM - Bible Study
 7:00 - Journey Continues
 7:00 PM - THRC

Fri. June 14th

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

Sun. June 16th

Father's Day
 12 noon - Special Group #2

Mon. June 17th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. June 18th

9:00 AM - Community Outreach
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1 PM - Watercolor class

Wed. June 19th

6:00 PM - Yoga

Thurs. June 20th

10:30 AM - 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic
 12 Noon - Senior Dining and ServiceLink's Wayne Blanchard
 1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic
 LSVNA Call 526-4077 for appt.
 1PM - Mahjong Group
 7:00 - Journey Continues

Fri. June 21st

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic North Ridge Apts.
 10:00 AM - Movie: *Silver Linings Playbook*
 12 Noonish - Café

Sat. June 22nd

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. June 24th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. June 25th

9:30-11:30 - LSVNA Foot Care Warner Pharmacy
 11:00 AM - Carpool to Winslow State Park
 BBQ Picnic Lunch
 1:00 PM - Watercolor class
 7:00 PM - Planning Board

Wed. June 26th

10:30 AM -12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic
 Warner Senior Room LSVNA
 6:00 PM - Yoga

Thurs. June 27th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1PM - Mahjong
 6:00 PM - Bible Study
 7:00 - Journey Continues

Fri. June 28th

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

Sat. June 29th

8:00 AM - Lake Todd Village District

For the MVSC call Phil at 938-2104 with your ideas or questions

To schedule rooms at the BACC call Jim Valiquet at 938-2522

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

**Abbreviation Key**

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

Town Clerk Update

Please Note: There are still 127 dogs whose licenses have not been renewed and 40 dogs that have never been licensed. Licensing is required not only by the Town but by the State, no later than April 30th. As of June 20th, as required by RSA 466:13, I am bound to submit the list of owners who have not licensed their dog this year to the Bradford Police Department. After this, if the dog is still unlicensed a civil forfeiture fee of \$25.00 goes into place.

On a happier note our office will be open on Saturday, June 8th & 22nd, 9am-Noon. Thank you to everyone who has voiced their support of the Saturday hours. We are happy to be able to offer these hours to you.

Erica Gross, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Melissa Cloutier, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Lake Massasecum Shore Watcher Training

Plans are underway on Lake Massasecum for a great 2013 summer season. The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association (LMIA) Board met last month to discuss summer events and plans to continue with milfoil eradication efforts. The public is invited to attend a Shore Watchers Training Meeting on Saturday, June 22 at 9am at the Lake Massasecum Casino.

Shore watchers or weed watchers are volunteers who frequently paddle, swim or boat in designated sections of the lake to keep an eye out for invasive plant species. When milfoil is found, the area is marked with a milk jug. It is important for boaters, paddlers and fishermen to steer clear. LMIA is asking fishermen to refrain from casting in these areas, as milfoil is spread by fragmentation.

LMIA will be doubling their efforts this summer to eradicate this species. LMIA has applied for and received matching grant funds from NH DES for the exotic aquatic plant control project, 2013. LMIA will use the funds to obtain the services of a private diver to pull milfoil from the lake this summer.

Lake Massasecum has benefited from the help of shore watchers since 1997. Lake volunteers should plan to come to the June 22 meeting to learn about the invasive species in our lake and how they can help. For more information call Mary Keegan-Dayton at 938-2868.

Ongoing Events

- 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, 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 938-2119
- Library Trustees - 1st Wednesday at 6:00PM BML
- Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC
- Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC
- Selectmen's Meeting - Every Monday 5:30PM, BACC
- Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

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Q. How did you and your wife Tandy find one another?

I was employed by "Pro Con" (a large general contractor in New Hampshire). We were married to other people at the time, but in the middle of divorces. Tandy was working at the job site when we met. We finally got together a few years later in 1988 or 1989.

Q. One of the highlights of your life was the trip that you took when you traveled to Europe and backpacked in 2003. Tell me about your adventures, where you visited, and your impressions of the trip?

That was a great trip. We didn't join a tour group but traveled on our own. We didn't do the usual touristy things. We stayed in hostels, pensions and private residences. Tandy couldn't get time off from her job so she quit and we were able to enjoy this trip. We both felt it was the right time to go. We met interesting people and visited London, Amsterdam, Bruges, Belgium; Paris, Spain, and Lisbon, Portugal. Although we didn't speak the different languages, most people spoke English and we had books with us and referred to them when we were stuck for words. By the time we finished the three month journey we were able to communicate more freely in the different languages. We lived very frugally on about \$125 per day. We ate where the locals ate and stayed away from the tourist restaurants and accommodations to save money. It was a great trip and the highlight of our lives together.

Q. You spent your formative years on your grandfather's farm. Is that where you learned about farming and raising farm animals?

I was brought up on the farm. I had to collect the eggs and carry in the milk. My grandmother

always wanted me to inherit the farm. The farm was left to three of us and I was able to buy out the other two since my connection was the closest to the farm and the way of life.



Q. It seems that your trips to Europe and then to Ireland were coincidental to your turning to full time farming. Tandy was so impressed with the sheep in Ireland that she suggested you add some to your domestic farm animal collection. Also, you were working construction and farming at the same time. Was it quite difficult to manage everything?

I was really busy. I was self-employed doing construction, and then I managed the farm chores. In 2006, Tandy suggested that I give up construction and work the farm full time. She had a job in Meredith and I took over the cooking and the house management. It worked well. I love to cook. I learned how to make cream cheese and cheddar cheese. We received a grant for a high tunnel greenhouse which extends the growing season by several months. The grant was from the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Their specialty is coming in to help restore the environment with grants that are directed to small farmers.

Q. Recently you applied and were appointed by the selectmen to become the town's

Building Inspector. Are you enjoying the job and how did that happen?

Prior to the town meeting I was looking at the website. The town was looking for a building inspector. They said I was the only one to apply and attach a cover letter. My construction background really helped. I like the job. I am trying to improve the system by making it fairer for everyone with rates adjusted for the wealthy and the more moderate income people. I am able to handle the job and my farmwork since it is not a job where you have to work every day.

Q. Do you have time for a social life and hobbies?

I love to read. I also love carpentry and farming. I believe that people should enjoy the work that they are doing. I am fortunate in that I do enjoy what I do and we do spend time with family, but there really isn't time for much of a social life.



Q. How do you think that life in Bradford could improve? Do you have any thoughts on this?

I think the town will improve. There have always been divisions and in-fighting. I am sure that things will improve. The groups seem to overlap. You can be friends and still think in opposite ways. I believe that the town hall didn't pass because

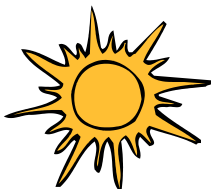
people didn't understand and some people are having a hard time. If the town hall could be repaired in small ways, people who need work could benefit by working on some of the improvements. We have many talented people here that could benefit and the town would also benefit. The town officials might want to look at getting more local people employed on the renovation, when and if it happens in the future.

Q. You enjoy reading and seem to appreciate science fiction. Can you tell me about that?

I think the best way to answer that question is to quote from Robert Heinlein. "A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders and give orders, cook a tasty meal, etc. Specialization is for insects."

Q. You have some specific ideas about raising children. Would you like to elaborate on some of these ideas?

I survived childhood playing outdoors in actual dirt. I also managed to exist without planned after school activities. I think that many of the devices and rules that hinder the emotional and physical development of children are not really necessary. I am probably in the minority with my opinions but I grew up surrounded by nature, farming, and in the real world. In modern times our children are glued to television screens and dictated by after school activities.





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The goal of an elderly person (or anyone) wanting to age in place should be to maintain and/or improve their quality of life. This requires a good plan that should be created as early as possible and maintained over time as your situations change. It should focus on self, home, finances, care and other items.

As a person begins the aging in place experience, it is important to consider and plan for what impacts may result from changes such as:

- Reduced vision
- Decreased muscle strength or endurance
- Reduced mental processing capabilities
- Increased risk of falls due to balance
- Increased risk of illness
- Reduced hearing
- Decreased mobility

Getting around the home, driving safely, transportation, socializing, home upkeep, health maintenance and many other daily activities can be affected by the aging process. Planning presents an opportunity to lessen the burden on families by outlining how and where needs are met as well as lessening the need for emergency assistance from community resources.

Aging in place is a choice that lets a person decide how s/he wants to spend retirement years, set up the home, choose the right types of assistance, and make choices for health and major life events.

Making these choices gives control over independence, quality of life and dignity. Most importantly to note, aging in place does not mean having to do everything alone. That’s where the plan comes in. It means planning how needs are met, who meets them and when.

An Aging in Place Plan is not for “Old” People, but responsible people who want to ensure their quality of life and live it out in dignity, without being a burden to family or community. Whether retired or not, building a plan will help deal with issues to be encountered and ease some of the burden loved ones will experience. This plan also applies to those caring for an elderly parent or loved one, ensuring needs are met, wishes are respected, and the right level of care is provided.

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2013 BNSWC Scholarship winner
Mary-Margaret Pickman

The 2013 BNSWC Scholarship has been awarded to Mary-Margaret Pickman, daughter of Joan and James Pickman, granddaughter of Jane Lucas and Janice and David Pickman, all of Bradford. She attended Mount Royal Academy in Sunapee and Saint Mary School in Claremont for elementary and middle school and will graduate from Kearsarge Regional High School in June 2013. She has a current GPA of 3.85, is 8th in the class and a member of the KRHS National Honor Society. Mary-Margaret was Mascoma Savings Bank Student of the Month for April 2013.

Her activities include field hockey, dance team (received Coach's Award 2011/12), elite dance team, Kearsarge Regional Middle School dance team volunteer, and student, student assistant and dance teacher at Stardancer Studios in Newport. She participated with KRHS Women's Choir and performed in Italy, Disney and locally.

For the Kearsarge Youth Hockey Association, she played girls' ice hockey, was a volunteer for the concession stand and sang the National Anthem. She has been an avid Parks & Rec volunteer for French's Park clean-up, beef roast, Fun Day, and baton twirling.

Her grandmothers, mother and aunts have all been members of the BWC. Mary-Margaret was invited to apply early and has been accepted with a standout student application to Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT where she will major in elementary education and continue her passion for dance.



Mary-Margaret and Grammie Jane Lucas in Bradford's 1999 Fourth of July parade.

Meetinghouse Concert



Come to the Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Saturday, June 15th at 7:00 pm for a foot-stomping good time!

Local favorites, the Bradford Bog People will play Appalachian music in the best acoustics in town. Admission: \$10.00 to benefit the Meetinghouse.



RAISING OF THE STAGE!

The All-Star Post-and-Beam Team, masters of barn-raising, erect a 13th century design, moving hand-hewn timbers into place on the foundation for the stage in the amphitheater of the Jim Mitchell Community Park in Warner, which is about to become the region's venue for theater-in-the-park!

Bradford News

Sports Flash!

Kearsage boys win Division III track and field championship!!!
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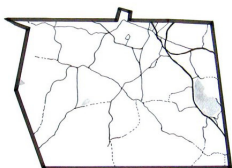
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Natural Resources Inventory



The first chapters in the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) recently updated by the Conservation Commission offer a brief overview of the town. We will create a synopsis of each chapter in the Bridge in the months to follow. Below is installment number one.

The land use patterns of today originated during the early formation of the town in the 1700s. The early settlers quickly located the best soils with the most level terrain and access to water for farming and for powering mills for grain and lumber. The sheep and wool industry was largely responsible for the clearing of approximately 90% of the forested landscape in southern New Hampshire and the construction of most of its stone walls. When this industry moved west in the mid - 1800s, farms were abandoned and the forests regenerated, making way for a viable timber industry to follow.

In 1850, the railroad, located roughly where Route 103 now runs, connected Bradford to Concord and points beyond. Because of this, the commercial and cultural center of Bradford relocated from its geographical center to the northern edge of town. A new church was built and in 1863 the meeting house was moved and expanded as the current town hall building on the new West Main Street.

Like many towns in New England, Bradford's population declined after the Civil War – from a peak in 1850 of 1341 down to 580 residents in 1920. (The current population is approximately 1536.) People left the hillside farms for new land in the West or for work that allowed them to purchase goods and food rather than make their own. Because the center of Bradford's population and commerce now lay on the northern edge of town, many of the unused older roads to the south, east and west were abandoned. Only the East Washington Road remains as an exit from town to the southwest.

The railroad was abandoned in 1960 and in 1969 Route 103 took its place. Because much of the population is now living near town services in the north, the southern half of town is largely a rural, unfragmented landscape benefiting timber and recreation industries and supporting some small agricultural operations.

Of the 22,574 acres of Bradford, 600 acres are in housing, 445 in open water, 920 in wet land, 295 (and growing) in agriculture, 20,584 in forestry, and small amounts in commercial/industrial and public lands.

In 2013, with the current pause in housing development, the town has an opportunity to examine its resources and plan for the future.

June Angels

The Bradford "angels" for June are that indomitable couple George and Marge Cilley. Without their quiet, behind the scenes help, from cookie baking, wise suggestions, lawn mowing, and involvement with the many activities that keep Bradford humming, our town would be a poorer place to live. Marge and George help Bradford to be a more attractive, livelier, and richer community for all of us. Thank you



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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

June is a quiet month here at the library. We are gearing up for our next book and plant sale, trustees are designing a float for the Independence Day parade, and Children's Librarian Laurie Buchar is busy with plans for the Summer Reading Program. New books are always being added to your library, so come in and find that perfect summer book. We have gathered together books on the Kearsarge School District summer reading lists and always have suggestions for further reading. Ask us!

Starting in June, we will offer one movie night each month. We will alternate Book-to-Movie discussions with "Librarian's Choice" movies. We may go back to offering two movies per month in the fall. In another summer scheduling change starting in July, Story Time will be on Mondays only (at 10am). Wednesday Story Times will resume in September. Please give us your thoughts on these changes.

Book-to-Movie: *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. Friday, June 7 at 7pm. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Library Book Group: The book group is taking a break until fall.

Librarian's Choice Movie: Our next selection is from Mexico, shown on Friday, July 12 at 7pm. The *San Francisco Chronicle* says this movie "accomplishes something quite complex: It provides a breathtaking sense of place, chronicles in intimate detail a way of life, and touches us with a relationship that develops naturally, right before our eyes."

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Friends of Brown Memorial Library

At the Friends Annual Meeting on May 20, 2013 new officers were elected: Jill Pinard as the new President of the Friends, replacing Audrey Sylvester; and Lorraine MacLeod the new Treasurer, replacing Bea Howe. Librarian Meg Fearnley expressed her gratitude to retiring president Audrey Sylvester and treasurer Bea Howe for their years of cheerful and essential support as Friends of Brown Memorial Library.

The purpose of the Friends (a 501 (c) 3 organization established around 1989) is to create interest in and support for the Brown Memorial Library. The Friends plan and sponsor cultural and educational programs for people of all ages to build a sense of community and promote the talents, experiences and interest of Bradford residents.

The Friends are sponsoring the 2013 Summer Reading Program. Developed by children's librarian, Laurie Buchar, the subject will be mythology. *Reading Is for Heroes* will take place Wednesdays in July, beginning July 10 from 6 - 7 pm and conclude on July 31 with a play presented by participants in the reading program.

Programs and library projects are funded through individual, family, and life memberships. Contributions are tax-deductible. Forms are available at the library. For more information, contact: Jill Pinard, jill@absomagic.com. Next Friends meeting, Monday, June 17, 6 pm in the library. All welcome.



OUTSIDE

by J. Ann Eldredge

It was time to plant carrots and just that morning we set out the new and refurbished bird houses. Tree swallows appeared within minutes. For the reconnaissance flight there was none of their usual chittering - their silent shadows swinging in broad arcs over the garden. Within an hour, they had decided I was some alarming but harmless herbivore and settled on the fence line a few feet away to discuss the situation.

In the days following, there were arguments, fights, decisions made, reversed, and reversed again over which bird house was the best and which would be left to the bluebird that was following the debate closely. When the swallows finally commit to a site and begin construction we will toss white feathers to them – a home décor feature that swallows are addicted to.

In New Hampshire, there are nineteen species of ‘aerial insectivores’ – birds that, along with bats, knock insects out of the air. These include the flycatchers and whippoorwill that lurk at some outpost to pick off passing insects. The nighthawk, swift, and swallows have been likened to sky borne whales - their broad bills plying the skies for insect plankton, eating on the wing.

The recent arrival of humans and shifting patterns of agriculture and development have resulted in major shifts in the lives of swallows. Puzzling semantic issues confound the identification of swallows: tree swallows that rarely nest in trees, barn swallows and purple martins (also known as black swallows) that must have existed before barns and condo-bird houses, and cliff swallows that nest only under bridges and eaves.

The scant early colonial records indicate that tree swallows and

martins once nested in large, open-topped hollow trees near water – exceedingly rare real estate now. Barn and cliff swallows once lived in rocky crevices, caves, and cliffs by lakes and rivers – sometimes nesting in those same large dead trees – habits they seem to have completely given up. Bank swallows



were once confined to eroded sand and gravel banks along the seacoast and major rivers. The northern rough-winged swallow also burrows into sand banks. This species extended its range northward and reached New Hampshire around 1900. The reason for their curiously toothy primary feathers is still not known to us.

European-style agriculture began deforesting New England immediately upon arrival. It seems likely that with changes in insect populations and an increase in alternative housing (i.e. barns and bridges) some swallow populations increased

dramatically by the mid 1800s even as the beaver were exterminated along with their extensive wetland meadows and the large bird-nesting trees fell. Bank swallows now had inland sand and gravel operations that created new nesting opportunities.

Then it was over. Agriculture moved west in the mid 1800s. Trees took over abandoned pasture. Barns are falling down. Gravel pits closed. Houses spread. And now almost all of the aerial insectivores, including swift, night hawk, whippoorwill and swallow are in decline or an uncertain state. And it's not just habitat loss but migration woes, pesticide use and declining insects, introduced competitors like the European starling and house sparrow, window collisions (300 million – 1 billion USA annually), cell tower strikes (50 million), car bashing (11 million) and death by outdoor cats (1.4-3.7 billion).

How dreary. Why should we care? Lots of reasons. For instance, in the case of swallows and other insect eaters, how do you feel about mosquitoes? If you would like to help collect data on declining swallow species (barn, cliff, bank, and purple martin) NH Audubon is looking for you! Call them at 224-9909 or go to the following website: <http://nhbirdrecords.org/bird-conservation/swallow-core.htm> for the Swallow CORE volunteer information.

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Nighthawk Update

Pause one June evening, as dusk becomes night, in the parking lot of the Bradford Elementary School (KRES). Glance at the night sky. There you might spot a nighthawk in aerobatic courtship, flying in zigzag ascent to a great height, before a harrowing dive toward his intended, pulling out of the maneuver with velocity to impress her with a nighthawk-sized thunderclap of wingbeats.



Travis & Ruby Downs prepare peastone for the nighthawk patch

Nighthawks are endangered in New Hampshire; their numbers declining. In daytime, camouflage plumage makes a nighthawk indistinguishable from its roost or peastone bed, protecting parent and fuzzy fledglings from predation. Only at dusk does the nighthawk enchant, its pointy wings and flashing white wing patch darting hungrily through the sky as it snares mosquitoes, grasshoppers and moths on the wing.

Nighthawks love to nest in the gravel of flat roofs. Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. (RHC), a nonprofit dedicated to conservation and historic preservation, partnered with NH Audubon to install a one meter

square pea stone nest-patch on the roof of the Bradford Elementary School. RHC expresses gratitude to Travis and Ruby Downs, whose help and enthusiasm was indispensable in this initiative. RHC also thanks KRES Principal Don West, Site Manager Rob Hearne, and Custodian Mike Lacross for support.



Travis spreads peastone on the roof of KRES

Let us know if you see a nighthawk, or loons exploring the nesting raft we installed on Lake Massasecum! RHC is a registered 501 (C) 3 nonprofit accepting tax-deductible contributions: RHC, P.O. Box 296, Bradford, N.H. 03221-0296. RHC is open to all. We invite your ideas. Join us Monday, 7 p.m. 10 June 2013 at the Community Center.

- - - Michele Halsted



Century old sentence:

From the Granite Monthly, June 1913 from *Bradford Matters and Men* by H.H.Metcalf

The town of Bradford, located well up in the "hill country" which separates the Merrimack and Connecticut valleys, midway between Concord and Claremont, while playing no conspicuous part in the early history of New Hampshire, and numbering among its residents no representatives of the old colonial aristocracy whose stately homes yet remain as notable landmarks in some sections of the State, was settled, nevertheless, by a frugal, industrious and patriotic class of people, who ultimately developed a prosperous agricultural community, notwithstanding the generally rugged nature of the soil, and contributed their full share toward the upbuilding of the State.

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Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) 32nd Annual Northeast Recycling Conference & Expo

June 3rd and 4th, 2013
Radisson Hotel Manchester/Center of New Hampshire
700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH

"The Dirt" On Recycling For over 30 years, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association has brought cutting-edge recycling and resource recovery issues to the forefront. The conference provides two days of interactive, educational workshops on all aspects of the recycling and solid waste industry, with a special emphasis this year on composting, anaerobic digestion and all things related to *dirt*.

A "Conference within a Conference" on June 4 is the **Fourth Annual Northeast School Recycling Conference**. In the rural Northeast, schools are often the single largest generators of waste in communities, and yet they often work independently from local town waste managers. The School Recycling Conference endeavors to bridge that gap with connections between all stakeholders.

For more information **please contact us at:**
info@nrna.net or (800) 223-0150.

UCS Events 2013 – Bradford Center Meetinghouse

- June 15** – Bradford Bog People Concert at 7pm - \$10
- July 19** - Lettvin Concert 4 hand classical piano at 7:30 pm - \$15
- July 20** – Lettvin Concert classical piano & jazz ensemble at 7:30 pm - \$15
- July 21** – Will Ogmundson classical piano at 2:00 pm - \$15
- August 4** – Kearsarge Community Band concert/ice cream social/ at 2 pm - FREE
- August 25** – Pastor Lynne church service at 10 am – open to all
- September 6** - 6 pm - potluck picnic - annual meeting - Open mike entertainment - *WHO WANTS TO PERFORM?*

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YARD SALE/ESTATE SALE:

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KRSD June School Dates

- June 3 KRMS Spring Choral Concert 7pm
- June 5 KRMS Spring Band Concert 7pm
- June 8 8th Grade Graduation Celebration 7pm
- June 14 Last Day of School
- June 15 KRHS Graduation- 43rd Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2013 1pm KRHS Athletic Field

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We are unable to place free ads in the Bridge because of high printing costs. One option for a nonprofit organization is to submit a brief announcement stating an event or program that will be placed on the page, *Area Events*. This announcement is free. We will print the information as space permits. Classified ads for item with a limit of \$250 are printed at no cost.

While we would like to accommodate our friends and neighbors with free ads from time to time, our budget restrictions limit our ability to do so. We are a small board of volunteers with limited financial flexibility. In order to keep the Bridge as a paper "for neighbors, by neighbors", we would appreciate your continued support and understanding of this necessary policy. And don't forget to support our local businesses who make the Bridge possible. Many thanks.

For more information:
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Audrey V. Sylvester, Chair

