

THE Bradford Bridge

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KRES Bradford Principal Returns

This fall, Jim Spadaro has returned to KRES at Bradford as principal. "I'm going forward by returning," he said in his office on a beautiful August afternoon. Mr. Spadaro was principal at KRES at Bradford for 6 years prior to moving on to Kearsarge Regional Middle School (KRMS). He was principal at KRMS for the last three years and it has been one of Spadaro's professional development goals to return to a school where he had previously worked.

Spadaro, as he likes to be called, is a principal who really enjoys working in the Kearsarge Regional School District. "I love that seven towns are working together to help all students." And he is very excited to be back in Bradford to welcome the 198 students to start school in grades K-5 this year. "198 awesome students!"

So, what is new and exciting at the Bradford School this year? Full day kindergarten and staff looping. Full day Kindergarten was voted on by the School Board and the district is very excited about it. They have been looking into the possibility of full day for about 12 years. Research shows it's better for students and studies show that students show stronger academic gains. Thirty-five percent of the districts in NH now have full-time Kindergarten. Academically, the bar has been raised with the new Com-

mon Core Standards which are going into place in districts this fall all over the nation. Bradford has a new kindergarten teacher, nurse and paraprofessional. There is very low turnover in staffing at the Bradford School. Teachers like working there and stay a long time, like Cathy Robjent who has been teaching PE for many years (she won't say how many). Staff often loop at the Bradford School. Spadaro sees it as a professional growth opportunity and likes his teachers to loop.



Looping refers to the practice of a teacher remaining with the same group of students for more than one school year. In addition, looping helps staff to learn what comes before or what comes next in the curriculum. Spadaro considers himself a looping principal. He was at the elementary school,

went to middle and now looped back to elementary. "I'm looping to model it for my staff." KRES at Bradford is a special school. It has a looping principal, 198 awesome students and is in a district where 7 towns work together collaboratively. "It's a unique situation," commented Spadaro with a smile. a smile he wears frequently along with those famous ties. Welcome back, Mr. Spadaro. Have a great school year.

Bradford Town Hall's Interesting Background

by Jim Bibbo

In 1797 the citizens of the town of Bradford, NH completed construction of their town hall in the center of Bradford. When the Concord to Claremont Railroad was completed there was a station in the north-east corner of the town and commercial enterprises quickly relocated as did a lot of the population.

In 1861, Congressman Mason Tappan vacated his seat and organized a regiment to fight in the Civil War and he left Bradford as a Colonel, heading the regiment he founded.

Col Tappan owned a lot of land in Bradford and he granted a knoll overlooking the town for the town hall. The townspeople disassembled the town hall at Bradford Center. Each piece of wood was properly numbered and plans were developed for the careful reconstruction of the town hall on the property donated by Colonel Mason Tappan. Since most of the able bodied men had gone off to war with Col. Tappan the town was reconstructed by the young and the old and was completed in 1863.

The town hall remained a focal point and reflected the pride of this small community. In addition to town meetings the first floor of the town hall was also used as a school. The second floor of the building became a theater. The stage was in constant use for orations and political debate. The theater was a popular place and the backdrop that is still there today

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

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Selectmen meet every Monday
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938-2288

Monday: noon-7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am
12:30 pm-5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and
12:30 pm-5:00 PM
Saturday: (2nd & 4th) 9-Noon

Planning Board Circuit Rider
Wednesday
call 938-2253 for appointment

Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC

From The Editor

We always write wistfully about changes of seasons and how they affect our lives and activities and the summer to autumn of 2013 is no exception. But changes from one season in a year to another are no different than the transitions from one season of life to another. Everybody has a different idea about the representative nature of a season that transcends the seasonal hot to cold, sand to snow.

Many years ago, we found a note on our cottage door that read (anonymously) "Can you stop your screen door from banging? We hear (it) about 100 times a day." We showed the note to a neighbor and she was inspired to respond poetically:

Elegy of the Banging Screen Door

Along the lake a screen door bangs
A hundred times a day
Echoes across the waters edge
Of summer underway

Sandy feet run in and out
With plastic pails and floats
Garden tools and hammers ring
The sounds of joy remote

Along the lake a screen door bangs
A hundred times a day
Echoes across the waters edge of life that slips away

Of children raised and lovers gone
And summers waning lust
Along the shore sound images
Of nature's rising dust

Anonymous, Summer 2005

We hope you have enjoyed your summer whether your children are grown and off in the world like ours or young and new like yours. Cherish the seasons. They are short, after all.

Beth Rodd, September Editor

Town Clerk Update

We are very happy to announce that the new larger windows have been installed at our office and now offer, you the customer, a ledge for writing.

As promised when I ran for this office, I have just completed my first year of four, of a certification program that the NH City and Town Clerks/NH Tax Collectors put together.

We will be **closed** Monday, September 2 for Labor Day weekend.
We will be **open** on Saturday, September 7th and 21st, 9am-Noon.

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

Bradford Town Scholarship

Congratulations to Mary-Margaret Pickman who was awarded the 2013 Town of Bradford Scholarship!

Mary-Margaret has been an active member of the Bradford community. She has been a reliable participant in the Bradford Parks and Rec. programs including Bradford Fun Days, French's Park Clean-up days, the annual Beef Roast, and her smile and twirling baton have lit up many Bradford Independence Day parades. At Kearsarge Regional High School, she was in the top ten of her class and was a member of the National Honor Society, the Dance Team, the Elite Dance Team, and the Women's Choir. She also volunteered with the Kearsarge Regional Middle School's Dance Team. Mary-Margaret danced and taught at Stardancer Studios in Newport. Mary-Margaret will be attending Saint Michael's College in Vermont this fall where she will major in elementary education.

Funds are awarded to students of good academic standing who have demonstrated community involvement, strong leadership qualities, a need for financial assistance and other considerations as determined by the committee.

Originated in 1964, the scholarship fund has provided financial support over the years to Bradford students who are pursuing post-secondary education. In order for the high school students to apply they should meet the following requirements:

- Live in Bradford.
- Be furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing or technical institute.
- Submit a typed written application telling the committee about their academic goals, extracurricular and community activities and how living in Bradford has helped promote these goals.

Bradford students interested in applying for the 2014 scholarship should contact their high school guidance department this winter and send their written application to Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee, 12 Church Street, Bradford, NH 03221 no later than April 30, 2014.

Please consider helping Bradford students. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to the following address:

The Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee
Bradford Town Hall
P. O. Box 436
Bradford, NH 03221-0436

Congratulations to all of the members of the class of 2013 from Bradford and good luck with your endeavors!

Wedding Announcement



Leah Buchar of Bradford married Adam Cummings of New London at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse on August 10th with much joy and gratitude!

Birth Announcement:

Marvin and Dawn Rich proudly announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Stella Renn Rich, born August 14, 2013. Her proud parents are Sue and Sean Rich of Yardville, N.J. Big brother is Jackson Rich. Lizbeth and John Rich of Hamilton, N.J. are her grandparents. We look forward to her visit to our Bradford home.

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Area Events

Bradford

Come hear NH humorist Rebecca Rule share "That Reminds me of a Story" at the Bradford Area Community Center on Sept. 25 at 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and the Bradford Historical Society and is FREE!



Warner

Exhibit: Reading Native Art, August 1 - October 31. See the many ways symbols and stories are incorporated into all types of art in the Contemporary Art Gallery. Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, 18 Highlawn Rd, Warner, NH 03278, Admission to the art gallery is free. More info? 456-2600, info@indianmuseum.org, www.IndianMuseum.org

Harvest Moon Festival, September 21, 10am-4pm. Eastern Woodlands encampment, crafts, food, fun for the whole family. Members and Native Americans free admission. General admission: \$8.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors/students, \$6.50 children ages 6-12, \$26 family. Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, 18 Highlawn Rd, Warner, NH 03278.

For more information: 603-456-2600, info@indianmuseum.org, www.IndianMuseum.org

Newbury

Ausbon Sargent News

Kearsarge Klassic (K2) Bike Event

September 7, 2013

Last September 2012, Ausbon Sargent and the New Hampshire Cycling Club partnered together for the inaugural Kearsarge Klassic (K2) Bike Event. Participant feedback was so overwhelmingly positive that we plan to repeat this recreational event in 2013. We encourage you to view the "Somerville Trio" blog: <http://lovelybike.blogspot.com/2012/09/the-inaugural-kearsarge-klassic.html>

The bike ride has been planned to entice all levels of riders to take part. There is a family-friendly 30-mile route, a more aggressive 59-mile route and, for the avid, serious cyclist, an 86-mile route. **Registration and Directions:** The event is limited to 200 participants. Riders may register for the event on <https://www.bikereg.com/Net/18234> The fee is \$80. The registration fee includes rest stops, lunch, food at the finish and a complementary Ausbon Sargent bandana for all finishers. Registration will be pre-registration only. No day-of registration.

All registered riders will be required to sign a release before participating in the event. Check in for the event will open at 7:30 am at the New London Historical Society, 179 Little Sunapee Road, New London, NH.

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens Commences Fall Hours

Now open weekends and Monday holidays September 7 through October 14. Discover what life was like on a 20th century New Hampshire summer estate. Take an historic guided tour of the 22 room Colonial Revival Main House, explore the renowned gardens, build a fairy house in the children's Fairy Village and experience the natural world on one of our scenic trails. Members visit free, nonmembers \$10, discounts for seniors, students and families.

Calling All Cameras: Autumn Ramble

Saturday, September 21, 10am-noon (Rain cancels)

Photograph the autumn faces of The Fells along woods trails, open fields, gardens and lakeshore. Discover trees and shrubs with the brightest foliage, including wild plum, blueberry and black gum. Co-led by Tammis Coffin, Coordinator, John Hay Ecology Center and Larry Harper of Portrait Design Photography. Designed for outdoor lovers of all ages who are passionate about photography and want to contribute seasonal photographs of The Fells for use in our publications. Fells Members free, nonmembers pay site admission. No registration required. Meets at The Fells Welcome Kiosk. Made possible with support from the Creekmore and Adele Fath Charitable Foundation.

Take a Child Outside Week September 24-30

In cooperation with Take a Child Outside Week, an international program created to help and encourage children discover the natural world, The Fells extends an invitation to "Bring a child, receive one free adult admission." All children are free. Be part of this national movement and bring a child to The Fells to experience the beauty of our natural world. For more information see www.takeachildoutside.org.

Smithsonian's Museum Day Live Saturday, September TBA, 9am-4pm

In the spirit of Smithsonian Museums, who offer free admission everyday, Museum Day Live! is an annual event hosted by Smithsonian magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket. Explore the beauty of The Fells, this region's most renowned public garden, and discover five acres of landscaped gardens, scenic hiking trails and the surrounding beauty of our natural world. More information at <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>.

For more information about any of these events, contact The Fells at 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit www.thefells.org.

Area Events

SRKG & NL Conservation Events for Fall

Sept 7th (Sat): New London: Philips Preserve at Otter Pond (Goose Hole Rd). Help and Learn: Assess Problems on an easy Trail, then some help lopping.
 Contact: Andy Deegan (526-6555)
 New London Conservation Commission & SRKGC.

Sept 14 (Sat): Sutton: William Bean Quarry Trail, from Kings Hill Road. Help and Learn: Rediscover historic spots on an overgrown trail. Loppers and handsaws to re-open an old trail on newly conserved Town land.
 Contact: Henry Howell (938-5706)
 Sutton Conservation Commission & SRK Greenway Coalition.

Sept 25 (Wed) Andover & Danbury: Ragged Mountain, Ridge Trail (SRK Greenway). Help & Learn: Handsaws & loppers along a rocky forested ridge. (4 mi.) Contact: Lee Carvalho (ph: 735-5719 or email: leecarvalho6@gmail.com)

Oct 12 (Sat): Newbury: Fishersfield Trail) Instructors: Appalachian Mountain Club AMC (Joe Dodge Camp staff). Hosts: Newbury Conservation Commission & SRKGC.

Oct 20 (Sun) Bradford: Beautiful Bradford Bog on East Washington Road. Help & Learn: How to build and maintain a Bog Boardwalk & trail. Contact: Seth Benowitz (ph: 938-5201)
 Hosts: Bradford Conservation Commission and SRKGC.

see: **The Quabbin-to-Cardigan** (www.q2cpartnership.org) &: Go to www.srkg.com for project & SRK Greenway Coal-

BACC Annual Meeting
 Annual meeting of the Friends of BACC will be held on September 19th, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center.

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Area Events

Sutton

William Bean Quarry Hike

Join Ausbon Sargent and the Sutton Conservation Commission for a hike to the historic granite quarries on the newly added William Bean Quarry easement. This property which was protected by an easement before it was transferred to the Town of Sutton, was specifically listed in the Town of Sutton 2005 Master Plan as one of the 21 Cornerstones in the Community Cornerstones Project due to the views from the property and the presence of the old granite quarries. The statewide Community Cornerstones Project was designed to help towns identify various natural and cultural aspects that were important to the heritage of the town. The William Bean Quarry property also provides scenic enjoyment to the public for hiking and traveling along King Hill Road. The protection of this property adds to over 1,059 acres of conserved land adjacent to and near the property, including Ausbon Sargent's King Hill Reservation, Kezar Conservation Group, Putnam and Enroth Easements, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire

Forest's Bristol Easement and The Audubon Society's Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary. This will be a more difficult hike because of steep ground. Please contact Nancy Smith at our office by calling 526-6555 or e-mailing nsmith@ausbonsargent.org if you plan to join us. **Thursday, September 12th 3:00-5:00 pm**

Concord

Caring for the Caregivers

The Elder Services Department is happy to announce their first ever caregiving event entitled "Bowls of Care...a gathering to support community and family caregivers" to be held on September 26th, 2013 5:30-8:30 at NH Audubon, 84 Silk Pond Road, Concord. This one-of-a-kind event is for the purpose of supporting the people who tirelessly give of themselves by taking care of the aged and disabled. Caregiving can be physically and emotionally exhausting, and may also place an enormous financial hardship on the caregiver. It can

become stressful and lonely so it's crucial for us to take care of our caregivers, as well. The time, energy and love provided is the gold standard by which caregiving is measured. In dollars, it amounts to billions of unpaid for care. In 2009, AARP estimated that the unpaid cost of family caregiving was \$450 billion.

We also hope that by providing an evening of "friend and fundraising" we can engage the community in supporting Elder Services and ServiceLink's efforts to provide essential services designed to help ease the burdens caregiving can impose. Services such as Meals on Wheels, Senior Companion Program and ServiceLink provide reassurance for caregivers that good nutrition and compassionate companionship is available for their loved ones and much-needed respite is available for them.

The Bowls of Care evening will include a handcrafted bowl; dinner of soups, salads, breads, and desserts; and the best part of all, the chance to interact with and listen to Dr. Dennis McCullough, renowned author of the book on caregiving entitled *My Mother, Your Mother* and Peggo Horstmann Hodes, the warm and vivacious singer/entertainer in her own personal tribute to caregiving "Singing for My Mother."

Tickets are \$30 and seating will be limited. If you are interested in more information, please call Joan at (603) 225-3295 or email at jbarretto@bm-cap.org.

Hours:
Mon. to Fri.
8:30 am—2:30 pm



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Go to www.srkg.com for project & SRK Greenway Coalition info!
 More info on each event: CONTACT leader for meeting Time & Place

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 Help and Learn: Assess Problems on a Town trail. Then help lopping.
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 Help and Learn: Loppers & handsaws to re-open an old trail on Town land.
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Contact: Lee Carvalho (ph: 735-5719 or email: leecarvalho6@gmail.com)
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A Note From the Past

To The Editor:

4th of July Parade, 1995, Bradford,
New Hampshire

Every year we attend the only parade I've ever truly enjoyed, Bradford, New Hampshire's July 4th affair, which this year took place on July 1st. Some one who is a "real writer" ought to take this on some day, but this will give you an idea. This year's "marchers" included about twenty-five fire trucks from Bradford and neighboring towns (Henniker, Newbury, Weare—home of Associate Justice David Souter); three vintage tractors; several "floats" featuring costumed locals (children and adults) sitting at old desks in barely remembered classrooms—gigantic quill pens were used to make certain that everyone "got it"; a dozen young ladies in red gym blouses and skirt struggling to keep up with one another on unicycles; an assortment of displays from feed and hardware stores as well as the local IGA food store; a number of local "cowboys" on horseback; one jazz band, fifteen strong, packed on a platform built onto the rear of a large truck; approximately a dozen greyhounds (saved from their usual post-racing-career fate, execution, marching smarting along on leashes; several little league teams; and, bringing up the rear, the *piece de resistance*, two llamas.

We sit on the porch of a house on Main Street applauding, cheering, and laughing over the whole silly business, one of the few remaining shreds of authentic artificiality, I would guess, in the country—and, of course, very New Hampshire.

Erwin A. Jaffe
(1928 – 2008)



Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Thanks to Odds Bodkin, our Summer Reading Players, and parent volunteers for producing a really wonderful play this summer. It was a magical evening. A big thank you also to the Pizza Chef for a nice discount on the pizzas for our after-play celebration!

We would also like to thank the Masons at St. Peter's Lodge for all the hard work that went into the Library Fundraising Dinner. We heard many complements on the food! We are very grateful for your support.

Thanks to a new initiative of the Friends of the Library, the library will host a Chess Club on the third Monday each month starting on Monday, September 16 from 6:30-8pm. Chessmaster or beginner, all are welcome to join in!

This month we offer a Librarian's Choice Movie (from France) on Friday, September 20 at 7pm. The *New York Times* states "Like few other films about illegal immigration and its perils, [this film] puts you so completely into the shoes of a young man facing almost insurmountable obstacles that you feel a profound empathy not only for him but also for all who are ready to risk everything for the dream of a better life."

On Friday, October 4 at 7pm we will compare the movie *The Company You Keep* with the book by Neil Gordon, a suspenseful political drama. Copies of the book will be available by September 17.

Here are some of the new books added to your library in August:

Adults:

The White Princess / by Philippa Gregory
Tell the Wolves I'm Home / Carol Rifka Brunt
The Ocean at the End of The Lane / Neil Gaiman
Massacre Pond / Paul Doiron
Countdown City / Ben H. Winters
The Cuckoo's Calling / Robert Galbraith
Zealot : the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth / Reza Aslan
The Yankee Magic Collector, issues 12-14 / ed. Andrew Pinard

Children:

The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp / Kathi Appelt
Flying Solo : how Ruth Elder soared into America's heart / Julie Cummin
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library / Chris Grabenstein

Library Hours

Monday, 10-8
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 Saturday, 10-3
 Sunday, 11-3



Town Hall, cont'd from p. 1

was painted by the famous artist, playwright and actor, Charles Washington Henry. He is known to have done backdrops in just a few New England towns. There were several vaudeville entertainers from Bradford. Wiley, West and Maginty lived and performed here as did Pat Rooney and some of his friends. Square dancing was a favorite pastime and this all took place here with the musicians and caller on stage. With the advent of basketball the area also served as an indoor court, although small and not what we would have today but rural people made do with what they had.

This town hall still serves the town of Bradford. The town is currently starting to restore the town hall and removing mold, lead paint and other potential hazards. The building was constructed when there was little consideration as to energy savings and making the building efficient in that regard. We also need to make the building more handicap accessible so that the second floor can be used again as a performing arts area.

The Bradford Town Hall is in the federal registry of historic places. This building is a tremendous source of pride today as it was 216 years ago when it was built and as it was 150 years ago when it was moved to its current location.

On July 22, 2013 the Selectmen established the Town Hall Maintenance and Renovation Trust account. This account may be used for money raised through fundraising events and for private donations, including tax deductible donations. You may also volunteer with the Bradford Town Hall Restoration Committee in order to bring town hall restoration to fruition.

Need more info? Contact Eileen Kelly at "ekelly@mcttelecom.com"

13 Annual Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports Golf Tournament

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 8:30am
The Country Club of New Hampshire
Kearsarge Valley Road North Sutton, N.H.

The annual golf tournament is the most profitable fundraising event of the year for the non-profit organization which provides quality sports opportunities to area youth, while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation. Advanced team registration is required and includes green fees, cart, food, prizes and range balls.

In addition to players, we are also seeking sponsors, prizes and donations for our wildly popular "pick-a-prize" raffle.

BNSYS would like to thank last year's supporters including: Appleseed Restaurant & Catering, Barrett Lewis Property Management, Bob Skinners Ski and Sport, Bubba's Bar & Grille, Clarke Distributors, Colby Insurance Company, Colby Real Estate, Country Club of New Hampshire, Country Spirit Restaurant, Crown Point Cabinetry, DMGrant Photography, Dunkin' Donuts of Bradford, Emmbee Photography, Flying Goose Brew Pub and Grill, LaValley Building Supply, Lake Sunapee Bank, Sunapee Country Club, Legends Golf, Lumber Barn, Mascoma Savings Bank, MJ Harrington and Company, Mount Sunapee Resort, Mountainside Racquet and Fitness Center, New London Copy Specialists, Northeast Delta Dental, Old Hampshire Design, Randy's Appliance Repair, RP Johnson & Son, Salt Hill Pub, Sturm Ruger, Stiles Associates LLC, and Tall Pines Realty.

For more information contact: Kellie Spinney at [603-801-0260](tel:603-801-0260) or kelspinney@gmail.com

Bradford Artist Receives Award

The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen presented many awards honoring the work and accomplishments of its juried members during the 80th Annual Craftsman's Fair held at Mount Sunapee in August.

Among the honored craftsmen was Bradford's **Judith Ann Eldridge** who received a GORST Print Award for her etching, *North Country Cedar Swamp* seen in this year's "Living With Crafts Exhibit". Ann, a League exhibitor for many years, continues to show her intaglio prints throughout New England galleries, including the Decordova Art Museum, Lincoln, MA, and Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, VT. She is also an author, illustrator, and contributing illustrator for The Nature Conservancy, NH Audubon Society, and The Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

Congratulations, Ann.

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Church Happenings



Sept. 15-Rally Day/ Celebration of Sunday School Starting (nursery-12th grade)

Curriculum for nursery to 5th grade: "Fruits of the Spirit"
 Sunday school every Sunday during the worship service.

Grades 6-12 have class on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during worship service. Curriculum: "Power of a Praying Teen"

A Celebration Picnic will be held after the worship service for the entire church family.

Sept. 5 & 12 Bible Study with Pastor Lynne & Fred will be a four week program beginning Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 pm in the office building the focus on "The Book of James".

Sept. 7 Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 am in the office building with a hearty breakfast and devotion and discussion.

Sept. 14 Women's Prayer Breakfast at 8 am in the office building.



The annual Brown Memorial Library summer reading program under the direction of Laurie Buchar was epic! This year's theme was "Reading Is for Heroes: A Celebration of Greek Mythology." The program culminated in a performance of the play "Persephone: Story of the Seasons" showcasing the summer reading participants and followed by refreshments. The Friends would like to thank The Lumber Barn for its donation of materials for the play's props.

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Labor Day
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Tues. September 3rd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:00 AM - Noon - Community Outreach
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 7:00 PM - Main St. Revitalization Comm.

Wed. September 4th

6:00 PM - Yoga
 7:00 PM - ZBA

Thurs. September 5th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00 PM - Mahjong Group
 7:00 PM - Journey Continues Group

Fri. September 6th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch raffle, music, door prizes!
 Call for reservations please.
 6:00 PM - UCS Potluck & Annual Meeting
 Center Meetinghouse

Sat. September 7th

9:00 AM - Noon - Town Clerk Office Open

Mon. September 9th

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

Tues. September 10th

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

Wed. September 11th

6:00 PM - Yoga

Thurs. September 12th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00 PM - Mahjong Group
 4:30 PM - BACC/ P& Rec. Comm.
 6:00 PM - Bible Study
 7:00 PM - Journey Continues Group

Fri. September 13th

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

Sat. September 14th

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. September 16th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group
 5:30 PM - Selectmen's Meeting
 6:30-8:00 PM - Chess Club, BML

Tues. September 17th

9:00 AM - Community Outreach
 10-Noon - Flu Clinic & LSVNA BP Clinic
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 7:00 PM - Main St. Revitalization Comm.

Wed. September 18th

11:30 AM - Lake Sunapee Luncheon Cruise
 Carpool to arrive by 11 AM
 6:00 PM - Yoga
 6:30 PM - Budget Committee

Thurs. September 19th

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 SENIOR CENTER WEEK
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 4:30 PM - Annual Meeting
 Friends of BACC
 7:00 PM - Journey Continues Group
 7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration Comm.

Fri. September 20th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic LSVNA at North Ridge
 10:00 AM - Movie: "Strangers in Good Company"
 12 noon- Senior Dining
 7:00 PM - Librarian's Choice Movie (from France)

Sat. September 21st

9:00 AM - Noon - Town Clerk Office Open

Mon. September 23rd

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

Tues. September 24th

9:30-11:30 M -LSVNA Foot Care Warner Pharmacy
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00 PM - Watercolor class
 7:00 PM - Planning Board

Wed. September 25th

10:30 AM -12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic
 Warner Senior Rm.
 6:00 PM - Yoga
 7:00 PM - BHS Rebecca Rule "That Reminds me of a Story"

Thurs. September 26th

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

Fri. September 27th

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

Sat. September 28th

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. September 30th

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

**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

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.

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Childrens Story Time - Wednesdays, 10:30 AM
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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Real Estate News



After a strong winter and early spring market, the summer market in my view was a bit disappointing overall. Interest rates ticked up and we all thought that would get buyers off the fence since prices had long since hit bottom and would only be going up. That, along with a higher interest rate would defeat the purpose of waiting for a deal. The weather did not help. A very rainy Memorial Day Weekend followed by more rain in July, especially on critical weekends, was a factor. The waterfront market in particular was very quiet and we saw price reductions across the board on all lakes to try and stimulate interest. On the good news front, as can be seen from the statistics below, distressed and foreclosed properties waned and that is a positive improvement for the overall market. After several land sales this winter there was a hope of an uptick in new construction and there is more activity, but not a significant increase. In the minds of buyers it is still a better buy to purchase and existing home and make changes than to start from new.

All of that said, even more perplexing are the very positive numbers from July I am about to share with you, hot off the presses from the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS®. The numbers were equally good in June. As you read them below, you will wonder why more properties are not being sold as I do, though I have done this long enough to know that the market ebbs and flows, and it could all change with one showing, one

buyer. Even if our numbers are not as stellar as the county or state-wide results, properties are selling in Bradford and will continue to do so.

In comparing July 2012 with July 2013, new listings were up 20.5 percent and pending sales increased 22.9 percent. The median sales price was up 10.6 percent to \$230,000 and the monthly supply of inventory decreased 25.7 percent. 1,637 properties sold this July compared to 1,331 last July and days on market decreased by 17.8 percent. There are 11 months of inventory in the state versus almost 15 months a year ago. The number of homes for sale is down 13.9 percent which typically means fewer choices and an uptick in prices as a result, the supply-demand scenario. Another positive statistic is the percentage of list price received (which can be somewhat skewed by price reductions) is 96.3 percent. The affordability index is down as prices rise slightly. Looking specifically at Merrimack County, closed sales July to July were up 26.1 percent and for the year to date, up 15.8 percent. The median sales price is up 20 percent July to July and 9.7 percent for the year. Sales volume is up 54.2 percent and 19.3 percent respectively. Properties were on the market 10 fewer days this July versus last July and 16 days for the year to date. Pending sales are up as well. The numbers for condo units are also positive with an even higher median sales price across the state than single family homes.

Summer Recap & Fall Market

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 8 Cilley Lane, 1960 Ranch on .20 acres for \$137,000
- 152 Marshall Hill Road, 1962 Colonial on 2.30 acres for \$197,000
- 35 Ring Hill Road, 1988 Cape on 1.40 acres for \$222,500
- 38 Water Street, 1775 Colonial on 1.90 acres for \$235,000
- 88 Marshall Hill Road, 1999 Cape on 5.20 acres for \$235,000
- 61 South Brook Circle, 1989 Cape on 3.95 acres for \$252,350
- Lot 48 Forest Street, .75 acres of raw land for \$20,000
- Lot 68 Forest Street, 2.78 acres of raw land for \$20,000

There are 38 active and 3 pending residential listings ranging from \$49,900 to \$1.25 Million, 25 active and 0 pending land listings ranging from \$34,000 to \$2.5 Million, 3 active and 1 pending commercial listings ranging from \$10,000 to \$650,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. Of the 38 active and 3 pending residential listings, 25 active and 0 pending land listings, and 3 active and 1 pending commercial listings, only one is a foreclosure or short sale, another positive sign for the market.



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

We would like to add our words of praise for *Persephone: Myth of the Seasons* performed on the lawn of Brown Memorial Library on a lovely summer evening.

This was truly a joint effort by Laurie Buchar who directed the play, Odds Bodkin who supplied the background music and played Zeus, parent volunteers who crafted costumes, the Library Trustees as Greek Goddesses, the Friends of the Library who tied up all the loose ends, and especially the children who carried out their parts with talent and enthusiasm.

Our thanks to all. We look forward to the not too distant future when productions like this and many others will be presented on the stage of our restored Town Hall.

Dick & Marcia Keller

To the Residents of Bradford,

Obviously things at the Bradford Post Office have changed. With our former clerks Chuck and Paula leaving, customer service has been greatly impacted. Their knowledge of our customer base and the attention given to our customer's needs is already missed by many. Lisa, our new clerk, is new to the postal service and doesn't have prior experience. She performs her duties as she is instructed to and is learning the system under very trying conditions. I have no doubt that given time Lisa will develop into a fine clerk. During this growth period please work with her, it will make the transition easier for all concerned.

Regarding last month's Letter to the Editor, I have a couple things to address (no pun intended). While the purchases of our products and services does pay our salaries, we are self-supporting and do not receive any tax dollars. It was also noted that Box 337 was not that hard to learn. What is Box 337?...is it a Post Office Box or could it be an old Rural Route Box Number? (they still come in on a daily basis).

Apparently things are not quite so simple. Again, please work with us. it's best for Bradford.

Dave Janvrin, Rural Carrier, Bradford

Obituaries

Stephen Smith

Stephen Michael Smith (aka Smitty, Smitdog, Our Hero) age 31, of Breezy Hill Road, died Aug. 23, 2013, at home after fighting a courageous battle against cancer.

He was born in Cape May, NJ, April 21, 1982, son of Kerri MacKenzie and Stephen Smith II. He grew up in Cape May, Springfield and Hartford, VT, and Lebanon. He graduated from the Lower Cape May Regional High School in 2000. He married Wendy Knowlen on July 30, 2011.

He loved all the major New England sports; loved anything outdoors, and enjoyed visits to Cape May seeing the ocean and playing cribbage.

His is survived by his wife, Wendy, of Bradford, his daughters: Mackenzie Rose of Bradford, and Jaina Neri of Goffstown; his brother, Seth Horne of Lebanon; his father Stephen Smith II and his wife Charlene of Cape May, NJ; his mother Kerri Mackenzie of New Hampshire and his stepfather, Randolph Horne of Newport; four sisters: Carli Merchant of Beaufort, SC; Denise Moore of Cape May, NJ; Christen Dimick of Charlestown; and Kim Horne of Brighton, MA; his maternal grandparents, Jack and Ida MacKenzie of San Antonio, TX, and several nieces and nephews.

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Agriculture in Bradford

by Ann Eldridge

By some measures, agricultural activities have declined in New Hampshire since the 1950s as farmland has been steadily converted to other uses. Nearly 20% of this state's arable land was lost to development between 1982 and 1992, which matches the population spike in Bradford at that time. Despite the loss of agricultural soils, the number of small farms has actually increased in NH. This indicates a trend in diversification - from more traditional larger-scale farming to smaller, custom farms selling specialty products or using greenhouses for bedding plants and flowers, and hoop houses for extended growing seasons. Increased interest in local agricultural products has resulted in a similar increase in Bradford despite its small amount of ideal agricultural soils.

A berry farm on Sunset Hill Road, for example, uses little acreage but can generate substantial income and a pasture with horses may generate little income but might impact more than ten acres.

The Conservation Commission hopes to raise awareness that when important agricultural soils are removed or developed they are essentially lost for food production forever. We also hope to head off conflicts between residential land use and farming by supporting state and local ordinances that economically benefit agriculture while emphasizing 'Best Use Management' of land and water resources.

The list of local agricultural resources in the full report will be constantly updated in an effort to produce a profile of land use in town. Please let us know of any errors/omissions/ or additions by contacting us at bcc@bradfordnh.org. The complete Natural Resources Inventory may be viewed at www.bradfordnh.org under the Bradford Conservation Commission tab.

For its updated Natural Resources Inventory, the Conservation Commission created a map in 2009 depicting current agricultural activity in town. By the time the report was finished late in 2012, a lot had changed, making the map an interesting historical record but almost obsolete. 'Agriculture' was defined for this survey as properties that are offering goods for sale or trade and also includes properties which have an appreciable effect on land use.

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Saturday, September 7, 2013

Last September 2012, Ausbon Sargent and the New Hampshire Cycling Club partnered together for the inaugural Kearsarge Klassic (K2) Bike Event. Participant feedback was so overwhelmingly positive that we decided to repeat this recreational event in 2013. We encourage you to view the "Somerville Trio" blog: <http://lovelybike.blogspot.com/2012/09/the-inaugural-kearsarge-klassic.html> to whet your appetite.


The bike ride has been planned to entice all levels of riders to take part. There is a family-friendly route (approximately 25 miles, on more pavement than dirt), a more aggressive 60-mile route and, for the avid, serious cyclist, an 86-mile route (with options to expand this route even greater). Rest stops and a lunch stop will occur along all routes with a homemade chili and cornbread treat offered at the end of the ride.

Following is the description of the K2 Bike Event in the words of the New Hampshire Cycling Club: *□ The Kearsarge Klassic (K2) Bike Event is a mostly dirt loop in central New Hampshire. The route traverses the towns of Bradford, Sutton, Warner, Webster, Andover, Danbury, Alexandria, Enfield, Springfield and New London and includes some of the most scenic roads in New Hampshire. Although the roads are well maintained dirt roads, a cyclo cross bike or a bike with wider tires is highly recommended. The route goes by a number of properties conserved by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. No prizes will be offered and the event will not be timed. The event is a fundraiser for the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and it is hoped that proceeds from this event will contribute to its efforts to preserve and protect land in a spectacularly beautiful part of New Hampshire, the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region. □*

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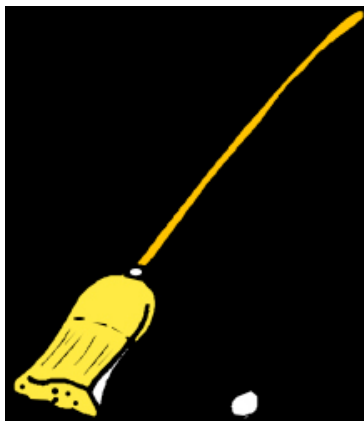
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