

THE Bradford Bridge

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July 2015

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY BRADFORD, SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 2015

700AM	MASON'S BREAKFAST St Peter's Lodge
800AM	CHURCH FAIR Bradford Baptist Church
	BOOK & PLANT SALE Brown Memorial Library
900AM	5k ROAD RACE Brown Shattuck Field
	BLOODMOBILE Bradford Area Community Center
1000AM	EXHIBITS & DEMOS Bradford Historical Society
1PM	GAMES * *
6PM	PETTING ZOO * VENDORS COW FLOP BINGO Brown Shattuck Field
100PM	PARADE LINE-UP & JUDGING Old Warner Road
130PM	PARADE FEATURING * PEDALS ON PARADE & * * PUPS ON PARADE
230PM	ABSOLUTELY MAGIC SHOW ANDREW PINARD Brown Shattuck Field
330PM	LIVE LOCAL MUSIC THE FONDTONES & PULSE Brown Shattuck Field
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10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

The July Bridge features Bob Toppi who definitely looks at the world through rose colored glasses. Bob's life has been filled with many successes in various fields. When you look at the picture of his early life it appears that it would not be filled with different jobs, adventures and joy. Because his view of the world is one of optimism and not pessimism he has faced up to what could have been difficult. Because of his vision his life has turned out very well.

Q. Tell me about your early life. You were born in Manchester, New Hampshire and said that you were a ward of the state. Can you explain what that means?

That means that after I was born my mom could not take care of me. She was unwed and I became a ward of the state. I was placed in numerous foster homes. None of them were willing to keep me for a long time. When I was seven years old I was placed in "St. Charles Orphanage" twice for six or seven months each time. It was run by nuns and I liked being there. I looked at life as an adventure. I was never abused and I know who my parents are.

Q. You lived in many foster homes and attended different schools.

Happy Independence Day

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Town offices are temporarily
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From the Editor

School is out and summer keeps trying to get here. One or two warm days, followed by clouds, cool and rain. That is New Hampshire at its best although our memories always go back to the endless days of sun even if it was really never that way.

This year Bradford gets to celebrate Independence Day on the real day with July 4th on the Saturday. Camila Devlin and Claire James have spear-headed the planning for this year with many new events. Pets and Pedals will highlight the parade as participants show off their efforts at transforming all manner of pedal powered vehicles into Fourth of July spectaculars or walk along with their patriotic pups.

The day promises to bring smiles and entertainment to residents and guests alike, from the 5-K road race and Masonic breakfast, through the Church Fair, Magic Show, games, and food to the grand finale at 9:30 PM. Fireworks by Atlas will be best viewed from Brown-Shattuck Field, the Post Office or the Garden on East Main Street.

Pick up a brochure available at all local businesses or the Town Office and follow along so you don't miss any of the excitement.

July 17th and 18th will bring the Lettvin Concerts to the Center Meetinghouse. Come and enjoy this annual event that brings world-class musicians to Bradford's historic meetinghouse.

Summer is all too short. Whatever your activities of choice, enjoy every day.

Marcia Keller
July Editor



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Flower Box Build

It took 9 adults and 3 children an entire Sunday to complete but the boxes are done! By the time this issue of the Bridge comes out the finished boxes will be lining Main Street in preparation for the July 4th festivities.



Bradford Parks & Rec/YMCA Swim Lessons at French's Park

Dates July 6th to July 17th (total of 10 lessons per age group)

Pick up a registration form at the Town Office

Class Cost: 1st child \$65.00 additional children living in the same household: \$55.00 (per child)

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New Hampshire Telephone Museum

4th Phridays at the Phone Museum

Every month from May thru October
(6:30-8pm unless otherwise indicated)

July 24

My Phone is Smarter Than Me!



August 28

The History of the CCCs



September 25

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October 23

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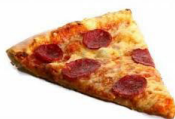
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It has been approximately one year since the Town contracted with the Town of Henniker for Ambulance transport services. Along with the move to Henniker the Bradford Fire and Rescue Department formed a Volunteer Fast Squad to provide immediate medical care to patients while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Most of our Fast Squad members are trained to a certain State level of care, one level being Emergency Medical Responders which is the State's basic level. We are always looking for new members who are willing to help their neighbors, themselves and their families if a medical emergency should arise.

New London Hospital is offering an EMR class starting September first. Anyone interested in taking the class and joining our team, please contact Captain Carl Goldberg at 938-2271 during the day or emailing him at carl@valleyfireequipment.com.

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Outside

By J. Ann Eldridge

It's traditional at New England town meetings for speakers to preface their statements with an enumeration of their years of residency. This confers a degree of authority on any topic. Meanwhile, some of the very oldest residents here are presenting themselves in my gardens with an annoying and increasing air of entitlement that may come from their superior length of inhabitation.

These offending plants, often known as 'horsetails' or Equisetum, are described as living fossils – meaning that they are still here and yet are recognizably represented in the fossil record. In this case, of the Devonian era 350 million years ago. This was when Bradford was a part of the continent of Pangaea and, at that time, located down by the equator. Horsetails dominated these tropical forests for 100 million years as trees soaring over 60 feet tall. We are now burning their fossilized remains as gasoline and heating oil.

Thought to be precursors to the ferns, horsetails have hollow, jointed stems where photosynthesis takes place. Their tiny leaves are merely whimsical suggestions decorating the stems at the internodes. Like ferns, instead of seeds they reproduce by a complicated two-step dance. Mature plants produce nearly microscopic spores that each has a half share of chromosomes. If they fortuitously survive their flight on the air currents, spores create pinhead-sized plants that under moist conditions

pair up to form a plant now working with a full set of chromosomes. There being risks involved in this pattern, they hedge their bets by also spreading by infernally deep rhizomes. They are also known as 'devil's guts'.



It is the common horsetail, Equisetum arvense that is comingling with my cabbages. In early spring its hopeful six inch tall spore-producing periscope briefly appears. Soon the dull green whorled stems show up – looking more like worn out bottle brushes than the hair growing from a horse's stern end. Quoting Richard Fortey from his book Horseshoe Crabs and Velvet Worms (at the library), "They feel somehow like do-it-yourself assembly plants, as if they could be supplied in kits." In truth, they do feel more like plastic snap together straws than plant. This is due in part to their being riddled with silica, a main component of glass. They may have developed this trick to ameliorate the heat, salts, and heavy metals common in the extreme conditions of their beginnings. Because of the high silica content, species of Equisetum

have stood in for Scotch Brite and sandpaper for millennia. A second species called 'scouring rush' or Equisetum hymale is perched discretely high on a bank of Center Road looking down on Hoyt Brook. Scouring rush doesn't have the bristly lateral stems of the common horsetail though and its beautiful two foot tall organ pipe stems clatter in the wind. Tufts of the common horsetail here grow at their base. Even the rebuilding of the road and the addition of rip rap can't stifle the ambitions of these two.

Which may be why if you should google 'horsetails' you will find dozens of pages excoriating them as weeds with headings such as 'weed of the month' and their inclusion in a book called 'The World's Worst Weeds'. New Zealand and Australia, the only locations along with Antarctica that are Equisetum-free, are positively panicked at the thought of their introduction.

Weeds, like beauty, are defined by whoever is looking at them though. In my gardens horsetails aren't casting much shadow and I hope they aren't hogging too much food and water. There isn't much I can do about them anyway but admire them. If they completely take the field, I am comforted by the knowledge that horsetails can accumulate metals in their cells. A ton of horsetails in the right location can harbor four and a half ounces of gold. What is the price of gold running lately?



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Town Hall Highlights

The Town Hall Restoration Oversight Committee held their monthly meeting on June 11th. A progress report on the architectural plans was given by architect Kelly Gale, who will be providing the DHR (Division of Historic Resources) and LCHIP with phased plans and elevations for the final project. Electrical, mechanical and plumbing plans are yet to be completed.

Jim Bibbo stepped down as head of the planning subcommittee and requested that Marcia Keller be reappointed in his place. He will continue to work with Marcia and others on the committee and will also be pursuing a grant for restoration of the second floor of the building under the RHC (Rural Heritage Connection). Committee Chair, Harry Wright, suggested that the RHC also handle fund raising efforts for the restoration project. This is under active discussion with no decision yet confirmed.

Claire James is heading up the public relations subcommittee. Plans are under way to personally reach out to as many residents as possible in the coming months in order to gather important feedback and to provide everyone with the means for direct contact with the PR subcommittee. The proposed project is a significant undertaking in both size and financial scope. As such, Bradford residents will be given every opportunity to ask questions, stay informed and share any thoughts or suggestions they may have.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 9th at 5:30pm in the youth room of the Community Center.

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



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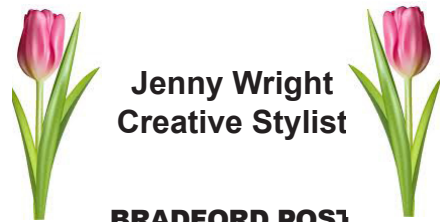
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Saturday, July 18th at 7:30pm
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Minghui Lin, Cello

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That must have been a difficult time for you. Can you tell me about that period of your life?

The reason that I was moved a number of times was that some people didn't want me. This happens. I didn't find it difficult. I made an adventure out of the experience. I always attended public schools and graduated from Tilton Northfield High School in 1961. When I was twenty one years old I joined the Air Force.

Q. You served in the Air Force from 1961 to 1969. What were some of the highs and lows of that period of time?

I was stationed in Texas, California, and Fayetteville, North Carolina. I worked in personnel. I enjoyed that period of my life. I worked with records and it was seldom dull. When I was discharged I lived in California.

Q. In 1969 you became a member of the Air National Guard and did a lot of traveling to every state except Florida and Hawaii.

I enjoyed that period of time. I enjoyed the traveling and seeing the places where I was stationed. I learned about different cultures. People knew me for my personality and not my sexual preferences.

Q. The next period of your life took a different turn when you worked at New Hampshire Hospital where you held various positions.

I worked at the hospital with the clients for thirty years. In the early days I lived at the hospital and worked in a variety of positions. I retired in 2006.

Q. You moved to Warner and then to Bradford. What drew you to Bradford? Was it the small town atmosphere? Did you have friends here? Have you ever regretted that move?

My partner and I were renting in Warner. We moved from Warner because the house we were renting was sold. Fortunately our next door neighbor in Warner had a cottage for rent in Bradford. It was on Lake Massasecum. We liked the idea of living on the lake and being near the water. We didn't know anyone in Bradford at the time. We never regretted the move here.



Q. The year 2010 was the time you and your partner were married. Is that when marriage became legal in New Hampshire? You have been together for thirty three years. Where did you two meet?

We met at New Hampshire Hospital where we were both employed. The year 2010 was when New Hampshire recognized same sex marriage. We had a small wedding in the house. We have been together for thirty three years but when same sex marriage became legal we decided to make it legal.

Q. Your life moved on and you became Deputy Town Clerk for three years before you retired. What were the highs and lows of those years? Is that something that you enjoyed or just another job?

I enjoyed working as the deputy town clerk because I got to meet people. I am a people person. The deputy clerk position was a job that I applied for. It is not an elected position. Once again, I enjoy helping people.

Q. Your home is located on the lake. Do you enjoy the amenities of living near water? Do you swim, fish and other water sports?

We do enjoy living on the lake. We kayak and swim. We do not enjoy fishing. We do love living here in Bradford.

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Blacksmith Garry Kalajian entertained and enlightened a lively audience with a demonstration of smithing techniques and a discussion of traditional arts in our modern world at the Bradford Historical Society. BHS is open every Saturday from 10 am to noon through Columbus Day.



I love summers. I white water kayak most weekends, camp and do lots of hiking. I water my wife's many plants and try not to mow over them. I do lots of reading as well. Some of it is professional, but most of it is what I call recreational. My wife, a school librarian, tells me all my books are the same, just the names change.

Our District has a school board policy that states that students up to fifth grade will be encouraged to read during the summer. However, fifth through twelfth grade students are required to do summer reading. This policy was put in place because we know that students who don't read during the summer months show regression in their skills and take a significant amount of time to "catch up" to where they were when school ended upon their return to school in the fall. Our school has tried numerous strategies to encourage our students to read, from setting whole school goals, pep rallies, suggested reading lists, having high school students send cards to remind students to read, tailgate parties, baseball and football games, and even movie nights.

I think we got caught up in the numbers and lost sight of the purpose - the actual experience of students reading during the summer. Growing up I read the sports section every morning. I love to read car magazines.

Comic books are popular; my favorite still remains Richie Rich. Please encourage your children to read. Reading is the cheapest way to travel and will make a difference in your children's school performance. Reading with/to children is always a good thing. All Bradford students were given a log to record their reading. Using this log is optional.

I also hope students practice math skills during their "time off" as well. There are lots of games that use both math and reading skills. My family is very big on playing cards. Pinochle, our favorite, and Hearts a close second, require counting and strategy. We used our grocery list as practice and had my son compare prices to improve his computation skills.

Teachers worked very hard to build balanced classes and to ensure students had a friend or two in their classroom. KRES at Bradford is very fortunate to have so many exceptional teachers to work with our awesome students.

Enjoy the break and I hope all students continue to exercise the brain and the body. Rest up and know that we miss our students already.

Thanks for your continued support and for the gift of working with your children.

Jim Spadaro,
KRES Principal



Debbie and Paul Flinkstrom receiving a quilt from Charlene Harris and Fay Davison of the Kearsarge Quilting Guild. The Guild makes and donates quilts to families who have suffered a loss or tragedy.

JULY CALENDAR

Wed. July 1st

4:00 PM Special Group #5
 6:00 PM Yoga
 6:00 PM CIP Interviews
 7:00 PM Zoning Board

Thurs. July 2nd

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group
 5:30 PM Cub Scouts

Fri. July 3rd

Fourth of July Holiday Weekend
 Senior Center Closed Friday
 No First Friday Brunch
 No Meals on Wheels or Bus Service

Sat. July 4th

Independence Day Celebration
 Check Brochure & Enjoy
 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Book and Plant Sale, BML
 Library closed (except book sale area)

Mon. July 6th

1:00 PM Bridge Group
 1:00-2:00 PM - Summer Reading Program "Peter Pan", BML

Tues. July 7th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group

Wed. July 8th

1:00 PM Knitting Group
 6:00 PM Yoga

Thurs. July 9th

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group
 4:30 PM BACC/P&R Committees
 5:30 PM Town Hall Oversight

Sat. July qqth

1:00 PM "Founding Fathers" BHS at Tin Shop

Mon. July 13th

1:00 PM Bridge Group
 1:00-2:00 PM - Summer Reading Program "Peter Pan", BML
 5:30 PM Selectmen's Meeting
 7:00 PM Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. July 14th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 HealthSouth's "Balance and Fall Prevention"
 1:30 PM Mahjong Group
 7:00 PM Planning Board

Wed. July 15th

9 AM carpool Franconia Cannon Mountain
 Tram ride and lunch
 4:00 PM Special Group #5
 6:00 PM CIP Meeting
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM Book Discussion Euphoria, BML

Thurs. July 16th

10:30 AM - 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic Lake Sunapee VNA
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group
 5:30 PM Cub Scouts

Fri. July 17th

9:30-11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic LSVNA at North Ridge Apts.
 10:00 Movie: Selma with David Oyelowo PG-13 127 min.
 12 Noonish Café Brunch
 7:30 PM Lettvin Concert Center Meetinghouse

Sat. July 18th

7:30 PM Lettvin Concert Center Meetinghouse

Mon. July 20th

1:00 PM Bridge Group
 1:00-2:00 PM Summer Reading Program "Peter Pan", BML
 6:30-8:00 PM Chess, BML

Tues. July 21st

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining

Wed. July 22nd

10:30 AM - 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic Warner Senior Rm.
 6:00 PM Yoga
 6:30 PM Budget Committee

Thurs. July 23rd

12 Noon Older Americans Act Celebration Luncheon with Entertainment

Mon. July 27th

1:00 PM Bridge Group
 1:00-2:00 PM Summer Reading Program "Peter Pan", BML
 5:30 PM Selectmen's Meeting
 7:00 PM "Peter Pan" performance, BML

Tues. July 28th

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

Wed. July 29th

6:00 PM Yoga

Thurs. July 30th

12 Noon Senior Dining

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.

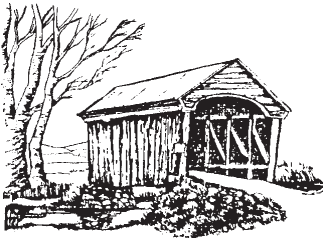
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Abbreviation Key

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
 ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.



How Far Do We Go?

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Lake Sunapee Bank - 2015 Citizenship Awards

Each year, Lake Sunapee Bank recognizes a graduating student from 22 local high schools in its market area with a \$500 Citizenship Award. Each student is chosen by his or her respective high schools for exemplary scholastic and community contributions during his/her tenure at the High School.

Eric Morin from Kearsarge Regional High School received congratulations and a 2015 Citizenship Award from Lake Sunapee Bank.

Ongoing Events

- Children's Storytime - Mondays 10am Pre-school, Wednesdays 10am Toddlers at BML
- Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-2119 for info
- Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML
- Fish and Game Club - 1st Tuesday 7PM at Fish and Game Club
- First Friday Bunch - 11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/ call 938-2104 for info
- Historical Society - Tin Shop, East Main Street, open Saturdays from 10am-noon May-October or by appointment. Please call 938-2078.
- 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

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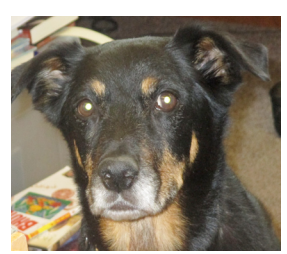
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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley



In June, we welcomed Izzy, the new library dog. She is quite mellow and friendly. Come in and meet her! For those of you who remember Cece, she is still in a foster home and is doing well.

JULY 4. The Book and Plant Sale runs from 8am until 2pm. There are lots of new donations in the sale, so be sure to check it out. The Kearsarge Community Band will play on the library lawn, co-sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Bradford. Please note: the library will be closed and our bathrooms will not be available. Sorry!

SUMMER READING. Join us in performing an adaptation of J. M. Barrie's classic *Peter Pan*. The program will meet every Monday in July from 1-2pm, culminating with a performance on the last Monday, July 27, at 7pm at the library. We need pirates and mermaids and lots of other characters. Other activities will include games, treasure hunts, and reading logs will be available to submit to your teacher in the fall. This program is free to all children from Bradford and Newbury. Call 938-5562 for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION. Our next book discussion (Wednesday, July 15 at 7pm) is on *Euphoria* by Lily King. The book is a fictionalized account of Margaret Mead's time in New Guinea. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

CHESS. Every third Monday of the month play chess at the library. This summer's sessions are on Monday, July 20 and August 17 from 6:30-8pm.

A selection of the new books added in June:
 Adults:
Birth, Death, and a Tractor by Kelly Payon-Roopchand
Brief Loves that Live Forever by Andrei Makine
Radiant Angel by Nelson DeMille
The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery
The Fixer by Joseph Finder
A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing by Eimear McBride
 Children:
You Nest Here with Me by Jane Yolen
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**Report from the
Fire Department**

Tuesday morning June 23 around 9:30, the FD received an all units call along with our automatic Mutual Aid response for Naughton Recycling on Jones Road for a building fire. Heavy smoke was showing from the recycling building and a second alarm was called for additional mutual aid. The fire was caused by a container with gasoline inside. As they were sorting the pile, a spark set off the gas that had spilled causing the pile of recyclables to ignite. All FD did an excellent job and the building was saved. The fire was under control in about a half hour and there were no injuries.

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2015 Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibit Postponed

The Bradford Art Group is postponing the 2015 Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibition for the 4th of July celebration. Bradford Selectmen have informed the organizing committee that the 2nd floor auditorium is closed to the public. Since plans to return town offices to the building on the first floor are in progress, the art committee decided to postpone the exhibit while it considers future exhibits, alternative dates and locations.

The First Annual Bradford Artist & Artisans Exhibit was held on August 15, 1992 at the Bradford Elementary School. Fifty artists and artisans from Bradford participated. Since 1992, exhibits have been arranged in the school, the Bradford Town Hall during 4th of July celebrations, and in Brown Memorial Library's continuing exhibition program.

Artists and artisans wishing to be considered for the Annual Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibitions, exhibiting their work in Brown Memorial Library or becoming a committee member, should contact Audrey V. Sylvester at: asylvester@tds.net, or write Audrey Sylvester, PO Box 92, Bradford, NH 03221.

Center Meetinghouse Summer Events



July 17-18, 7:30 PM - Lettvin Classical Concerts
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August 8, 7:00 PM - Honest Millie Concert
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Obituaries

Gerard Chatfield Kriester of Henniker died on June 5, 2015. Born at the Henniker Hospital on Nov. 25, 1931, to Grace (Farley) and Alexander Kriester, he was in the National Guard from 1949 to 1952 and was known for his constant projects, gardening skills and many trips and adventures, quick wit and extraordinary knowledge. He enjoyed family, camping and mystery rides. Married to Marlene Ann Martin on July 26, 1958; they were a couple for 60 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene, daughter Karen Irwin of Hopkinton, son in law Jim Irwin, grandchildren Melissa Irwin and Katherine Irwin and his brother Michael Kriester, and brother in law Michael Martin, Perley Strout, and sister in law Marcia Strout and his wife's many nieces and nephews.

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Area Events

Warner

Saturday July 4, 10am-5pm. Traditional Native American Tattooing Demonstration Contemporary Art Gallery, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum 18 Highlawn Rd, Warner. For more information call 603-456-2600 or see www.IndianMuseum.org.

July 11 & 12 16th Annual Intertribal Powwow. Gates open at 10am. Grand entry at noon. Music, dance, crafts, storytelling, food. Admission free for members and Native Americans. Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. For more information call 603-456-2600 or see www.IndianMuseum.org



July 11, 2015 7:00 PM Sixth Annual Tory Hill Authors Series at the Warner Town Hall. Warner historian and author, Larry Sullivan, reading from his latest work, Mt. Kearsarge: History, Stories, Legends and Folktales. This is the first comprehensive history ever written about this majestic mountain located in central New Hampshire. The evening is the first of four presented by the Warner Historical Society. On July 25 Vermont author Ben Hewitt will be

featured. Tickets may be purchased at the door or on-line at www.toryhillauthorsseries.com. For information call 603-456-2437 or email: info@warnerhistorical.org.

Newbury

Saturday, July 4th Parade 9:45 AM. Parade will begin about 10:30 AM Old State Shed on Village Rd/beside the Friendship House

Kids of all ages are welcome to bring a float, dress up, bring music, decorate their bikes/wagons, banners, trucks, cars, farm equipment, etc....or just be a spectator. For kids who have bikes/wagons that need to be decorated...bring them to the Friendship House at 9:00 AM and someone will help you. Lots of balloons, juice, cookies and fun.

Danbury

Thursday July 9 3:00- 5:00 PM LeBaron-Brewer Hike led by Land Protection Specialist, Andy Deegan from Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Specific directions to the meeting area provided by calling the Ausbon Sargent office to RSVP at 526-6555 or emailing info@ausbonsargent.org.

Hopkinton

July 6-10 and July 20-24 Two one-week sessions at Farm Camp at Owen Farm. Space is limited to eight campers per session. Activities include arts & crafts, helping with the ani-

mals, swimming, nature walks and special activities led by guests. Contact: Ruth Owen (225-2252) or Sherry Young (sherry@newwww.com).

Concord

June 26 to September 18, 2015 The Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters Friends and Fellow Travelers -- A Tribute to Gerry Williams by the New Hampshire Potters Guild.

Bradford Tall Pines Walk



Once again this year, the Bradford Conservation Commission will sponsor a leisurely 45 minute walk through the Bradford Primeval Pines on Independence Day. Come along and help identify and enjoy the flowers and fauna of the hemlock-hardwood-pine forest as we marvel at the majestic pines that have been with us for some 200 years. Please join us at 11:00 am in front of the Brown Memorial Library, weather permitting.

We look forward to sharing the beauty and splendor of the pines. See you on the 4th!!

Bradford Conservation Commission

Town Board Notes

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Meetings: The Board is reviewing the policy on holding/canceling meetings. Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Public notices are posted at the Post Office, the Town Hall Bulletin Board, and the Town website, and notice given to each member of at least forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, prior to such meetings.

Anyone wishing to be included on the agenda of a meeting shall notify the secretary or the chairman at least 3 days, excluding weekends and holidays, before the meeting.

The chairman may cancel or reschedule any meeting due to a lack of business, inclement weather, etc. provided that notice of cancellation is posted as soon as practical, and notice of rescheduled meetings is given as detailed above, in accordance with RSA 91-A:2.

Members Official letter of resignation was received from George Cilley. The Board thanked him for his time and his years of service. In light of his resignation the ZBA is in search of a suitable replacement.

Board of Selectmen Actions: Safe Routes to School report accepted.

Bidding for Breezy Hill Road bridge off Route 103: postponed until November. Town Administrator will make sure Wetlands permit doesn't expire.

July 4th parade permit: signed.

Intents to Cut for Map 13, Lot 22 and Map 9, Lot 40: signed by Selectmen.

Selectmen agreed to \$300/month rent for Kearsarge Area Preschool with an increase to \$450/month at the end of the summer. KAP thanked BACC for supplying the paint and NFI volunteers for painting the deck of the BACC.

Community Action Program: lease signed by Selectmen with no changes

Rural Heritage Connection (RHC): confirmed they will fund a permanent ADA handicapped-accessible entrance for Bradford Town Hall. The Board thanked RHC for their assistance and their care of the future town hall project.

Historical Society: requested mowing of the historic district. Board will get quotes from the landscapers who currently maintain town owned property.

Cemetery Commissioner Diane Whalley: requested support for tree removal for a fallen tree at Pleasant Hill Cemetery and others at New Pond Cemetery, Baptist Cemetery and Marshall Cemetery. Board suggested the Cemetery Commission get the trees audited for cost and encouraged the Commission to include added budget as a warrant article for town meeting 2016.

LMIA President Dave Gaudes: gave an update on the milfoil situation on Lake Massassecum. A no parking sign will be posted at the boat loading area. A fish line recycling container and a welcome mailbox can be found at the boat loading site.

Transfer Station Manager Lois Kilnapp: thanked NFI volunteers for their road clean-up efforts. She

thanked Ken Anderson for saving money by finding alternate means to recycle paper after current paper recycler, Empire Paper, announced they are going out of business.

Barn on Forest St: that is falling into the road. Town Administrator will bring it to the attention of the Building Inspector.

Septic System Issue on Greenhouse Lane: Board is waiting to hear from Health Inspector. Unpermitted shed on Center Rd. Structure is in violation of deed contingencies. Town Administrator will draft letter for Selectmen's review.

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



Founding Fathers

Bradford Historical Society presents a program about our founding fathers on Saturday, July 11, 1:00 PM at the Tin Shop. Mythology about the founders and their work at the 1787 Convention has obscured both fact and legitimate analysis of events leading to the agreement called the Constitution. Richard Hesse, J. D., Georgetown and Professor Emeritus, University of New Hampshire School of Law, explores the cast of characters called "founders," the problems they faced, and the solutions they fashioned.

Kearsarge Regional School District News

by Andrew Pinard

The Kearsarge Regional School District has been very busy and summer break is upon us. A couple of large projects will be accomplished over the summer (some of which have taken years of planning and effort to get to this point), including a high-school auditorium renovation and some door/window/roofing projects at a number of our schools. The hustle and bustle of students will be replaced by the hustle and bustle of trades people and facility staff working to get things ready for the fall.

The biggest change, however, is not in facilities, but in administrative staff. At the top, Jerry Frew will be leaving the district after many spectacular years of leadership. Jerry is the current NH Superintendent of the Year and will be deeply missed. Other leaders moving on to the next chapter in their lives include Judy Pellettieri, principal of Simonds School in Warner, Don West, principal of KRMS, Percy Hill, assistant principal, Tom Bazos, assistant principal at KRHS, and Mike doCurren, facilities director for the district. I thank them for their service and working so hard on behalf of our students and wish them well for their future.

One leader, while not leaving the district, will be changing positions within the organization. Steve Potoczak, who has served most recently as principal of Sutton Elementary and KRES New London will be continuing as principal in Sutton, will serve as Title I and Emergency Management Administrator, and will

be mentoring two new principals in New London and Warner.

New to the district this year include:
Winfried Feneberg (KRSD Superintendent) was most recently the Superintendent of Schools in Windham, NH. Prior to that, he was the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Timberlane/Hampstead and before that, Director of Special Education and School Psychologist. He received a Masters in Education from the University of Munich and a Certification of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) from Northeastern University.

Robert Bennett (Kearsarge Regional High School Principal) is a veteran of the Kearsarge Regional School District. He has a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree, both from New England College. Serving our district since 1994, Rob was a paraprofessional at the New London Elementary and the Middle School before he went on to teach Social Studies at KRHS for six years. In 2006, Rob became the High School Assistant Principal and has served this past year as the Interim Principal.

Rob's loyalty, sense of cultural pride for our district, along with his passion for "students first", has been evident through the years and his desire is for "all kids to be significant". Rob's approach to leading has been firm but fair and has been known to say to faculty at meetings, "Look, we are doing this folks, so

let's figure out how we will get it done."

Dr. Amanda Downing (Kearsarge Regional High School Assistant Principal) has taught Physical Education and Health at our high school since 2008 and has served as Director of the Kearsarge Adult Diploma Program for the past two years. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Plymouth State University and her Doctor of Arts in Leadership from Franklin Pierce University. Amanda's dedication to the students and the enthusiasm she brings to our District has been well demonstrated having developed strong relationships with parents, faculty members, and students. Additional new members of the staff will be introduced to you in August.

The Kearsarge Community welcomes all our new administrators, teachers and staff. For more detailed information about incoming staff, budget preparations, teacher websites/contacts, sports/activities schedules or any other news concerning the district please visit www.kearsarge.org.

Thanks to all our students, staff, families and community members for your continued support. Have a remarkable summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



Rare Species and Natural Communities

Condensed version of Chapter 13 of the Bradford Natural Resources Inventory;
Full document at: <http://www.bradfordnh.org/meeting-calendar/conservation-commission>

Bradford is home to several known rare species and a few unusual 'natural communities' (distinct combinations of plants and animals found in particular physical environments – the Bradford Bog and Atlantic white cedar swamp are good examples).

Plants and animals are listed by State or Federal government as 'endangered' or 'threatened' because of the present or threatened loss of habitat or a number of other factors that affect their survival.

The reasons a plant or animal may be considered 'rare' or a 'species of special concern' are because:

- it occurs only in a relatively small area;
- its populations occur in widely separated areas;
- it was more common when the state's climate or land use was different;
- it is at the northern or southern extent of its range;
- it has very specific habitat requirements;
- it is declining significantly in numbers due to human activities and is restricted to isolated fragments of remaining habitat.

NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHNHB) chart shows rare species and exemplary natural communities known by the NHNHB to occur or to have occurred in Bradford. New information is being added constantly.

Species or Community Name	Status
Communities:	
(Marsh/shrub swamp systems)	
Inland Atlantic white cedar swamp	Very high Importance
Medium level fen system	Very high importance
Sandy pond shore system	Extremely high importance
Plants:	
Awlwort (<i>Sublaria aquatica</i> var. <i>Americana</i>)	Threatened
Green Adder's Mouth (<i>Malaxis unifolia</i>)	Threatened
Sclerolepis (<i>Sclerolepis uniflora</i>)	Endangered
Vertebrates - Reptiles	
Smooth Green Snake (<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i>)	Species of concern
Wood Turtle (<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>)	Species of concern

Other items of interest regarding rare species in Bradford:

The occurrence of a few mature and seed-producing American chestnut trees (*Castanea dentata*) not damaged by the fungal blight that caused their near total erasure from North America in the 1930s.

Two locations in town have supported great blue heron rookeries in the recent past.

The activities of loons and bald eagles are monitored on Lakes Todd and Massasecum. The Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford installed a loon nesting platform on Lake Massasecum in 2010 with the assistance of the Loon Preservation Committee.

There is also at least one gum swamp in town, a rare tree in the Northeast.

Recommendations

Education is the best method of protecting Bradford's rare species and unusual natural plant communities. Reports of unusual sightings of plants or animals may be sent to the Conservation Commission (e-mail BCC@bradfordnh.org) or directly to the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau at www.nhdf.org or by calling 271-2215. New Hampshire Fish and Game has a program for reporting sightings of species they are tracking.

For further information see www.nhwildlifesightings.unh.edu or the NH Natural Heritage Bureau: <http://www.nhdf.org/about-forests-and-lands/bureaus/natural-heritage-bureau/>.

New Hampshire Magazine Names Andrew Pinard



Discovering Magic "Best of NH 2015"

Andrew Pinard: Discovering Magic has been selected by the editors of New Hampshire Magazine as "Best of NH 2015" for Best Magic Show. The winners were celebrated at the Best of NH Party at Manchester's Northeast Delta Dental Stadium. Proceeds from the event's ticket sales benefited the New Hampshire Food Bank, a program of New Hampshire Catholic Charities.

The July 2015 issue of New Hampshire Magazine has this to say about the show:

"Stage magic is about awesome spectacles but the real active ingredient is wonder. Sometimes that's best when it's produced up close and delivered personally. Andrew Pinard's Discovering Magic has enough 'wow' moments to keep everyone excited, but it provides an intimate connection between magician and audience where wonders never cease. It's also New England's only one-man sleight-of-hand show."

Discovering Magic will return to The Players' Ring in Portsmouth, NH as part of the Late

Night Summer Series on Friday and Saturday nights at 10pm and Sunday nights at 9pm from August 7 through 16 and will again be part of their Main Stage Series with five performances on December 26 & 27 after a sold out run in 2014. More information about the Portsmouth shows is available at <http://playersring.org/>; for more information on Andrew Pinard see <http://absomagic.com>.

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Dragonfly Walk and Exploration in Bradford

Tuesday, July 28 (raindate, Fri, July 31) 2:00-4:00 pm. Join Land Protection Specialist, Andy Deegan and his wife, Carrie of the NH Forest Society, to learn more about dragonflies and damselflies and their significance in nature. The event will take place on the Blitzer property in Bradford. This is always a great adventure for adults and children as you'll net, identify and release a variety of dragonflies. We'll provide specific directions to the meeting area when participants RSVP by calling the Ausbon Sargent office at 526-6555 or emailing info@ausbonsargent.org.

This is limited to 25, with no walk-ins, so please register early.

Reminder:

Summer is here and many are out walking, enjoying sidewalk on East Main Street. These include summer visitors and July 4th guests to our town.

Please respect the feet, Do the right and courteous thing.

Remember Bradford's dog ordinance and come prepared to clean up while you walk your dogs.

Classified

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Selectmen's Meetings Schedule



July 13 & 27
August 10 & 24
September 14

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0	70	75	80	85	90	95
10	89	94	99	104	109	114
20	99	104	109	114	119	124
30	104	109	114	119	124	129
40	108	113	118	123	128	133
50	111	116	121	126	131	136
60	113	118	123	128	133	138
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