

THE Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS BY NEIGHBORS

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Pond Bridge Reopens



In June of 2010, the 'Pond' bridge at the Route 114 end of Breezy Hill Road was closed, based on an inspection made by NHDOT. Concrete barriers and Bridge Closed signs were posted at both ends of the bridge.

March 2014 Town Meeting appropriated funds for the Highway crew to begin the repair work. This proceeded that summer until heavy rains washed out many roads in town and diverted



the crew's attention to repairing the wash-outs. Since the paving had been removed, a walkway was constructed to all pedestrian passage, primarily to students, could catch the bus on Route 114.



Additional funds approved in March 2015 allowed the work to continue this summer. Rusted beams were replaced by new ones, the bridge was narrowed to slow traffic, and on July 28, after five years, Pond Bridge was once again open for vehicles.

The Bradford Highway Department did an experienced and much appreciated job to restore this historic bridge and provide access to Route 114 from Breezy Hill Road.



10 Questions

By Phyllis Wilcox

This month we met with a group of kids from Canada, Minnesota, Southern US and other places who were hiking the Appalachian Trail. They stopped for a weekend at the Cooley cottage in Bradford to rest before they tackled the most difficult part of the trail, which is in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Cooley's daughter, Eliza, is one of the hikers. When they are hiking the trail they all have "trail names", like hippie names, given to them when they are on the trail. They plan to finish the long hike sometime in September and this rest stop was spent at the Cooley cottage on Lake Todd. They are very enthusiastic hikers and were willing to share their adventure with the Bradford Bridge.

Q. Tell me about the Appalachian Trail. Where does it begin and end? How long is the hike?

Eliza. It starts in Springer Mountain, Georgia and ends in Katahdin, Maine. The trail length is 2,189 miles.

Q. I understand that you all have trail "names". Tell us about that tradition and what are your trail names?



SCHOOL IS OPEN

First Day: Sept 1st



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From the Editor

Heavy rain and a thunderstorm as the September Bridge is ready to be sent off to the printer. Rain has been an unequal occurrence this summer – some places getting too much, others, sometimes nearby, not enough. But that is summer in NH and it is drawing to a close. Schools will be open as this issue is 'on the street'. Be especially alert on Old Warner Road until the repairs are completed.

This summer has served Bradford well - the extraordinary July 4th celebration, continued improvements along East Main Street and the successful launch of the Kearsarge food hub.

Progress has been reported in the ongoing effort to remove, *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* (milfoil) from Lake Massasecum. Thanks to the efforts of so many dedicated volunteers.

The re-opening of the Breezy Hill Road (Pond) bridge is much appreciated by many residents in that area, shortening the distance to the Bradford businesses along Route 114 and south along that highway by several miles. It even cuts 1/2 mile from the trip to 'downtown' Bradford. The highway crew is credited with returning this bridge to service after five years and at a great savings to the town budget.

On to the next season. School for our young people and those heading off to or back to college. For others perhaps new jobs, new families, new activities.

Enjoy!!!

Marcia Keller
September Editor



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Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - noon
Selectmen meet every other
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until further notice
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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

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Selectmen's Highlights

Highway Department

Work has begun on Old Warner Road and will be completed by the 2nd week of September. Route 114 access to Old Warner Rd will be limited to local traffic during this time.

The Fairgrounds Road culvert, previously blocked by beavers, has been cleared.

The Road Agent will be asked to brush cut around the "Welcome to Bradford" signs.

The anticipated total cost to repair Breezy Hill Bridge (Pond Bridge) will be 15-16k (8k from this year). Steve Liakos of DOT will inspect Pond Bridge and establish a rating. He will also assess which bridge project can be started next.

At Town Attorney's advice, a petition for layout of Breezy Hill Road at the Route 103 end was read to record. A Public Hearing for the road layout will be held Monday, September 28, 2015. Estimates were received for paving driveway/parking lot at the fire station (12k) and church lot (17k). No action taken.

Parks & Rec

Debbie Flinkstrom requested permission of the Selectmen to continue their investigation into the use of the old Autocraft Garage slab on the Naughton property. They hope to use the slab as a basis for an ice rink. The Board approved their plan.

Assessments

Assessment hearings were held and went smoothly with some adjustments to be made. The assessor will be available on the

3rd Thursday of every month beginning in September. Call 938-5900 for appointment.

Center Road Building

Selectmen met with the Building Inspector and owners of property at Map 2, Lot 104-1 to discuss the large shed built there. Selectmen advised that the property deed clearly states no further buildings on the property. Motion approved that the building may remain until 12/1/15 during which time an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment may be filed.

Revolving Loan Fund

Stephen Heavener, Executive Director of CRDC (Capital Regional Development Council), discussed the role of CRDC and the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund. It was agreed that the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee will go dormant until next year. The Town Administrator will continue to keep up communications with CRDC as needed and Mr. Heavener will send monthly updates to the town.

Meetings

Biweekly meetings will continue through October. Beginning November 2, 2015 meetings will meet weekly again. September and October schedule as follows: September 14, 2015, September 28, 2015, October 12, 2015 and October 26, 2015

Selectman Pfeifle will visit area Boards of Selectmen to discuss shared services. Selectmen are encouraging Joint Board of Selectmen meetings to begin again.

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

Milfoil Update

Over the summer, the Milfoil Harvest Reports sent almost daily to Amy Smagula at NHDES, reported continued success in the ongoing attempt to rid Lake Massasecum of milfoil. Additional volunteer divers were certified, previous located growths were checked, and new areas were identified.

Dr. John "Russ" Rice in his last report said, "We haven't eradicated the milfoil in Massasecum but, in combination with Amy's herbicide, the stuff has been significantly debulked!"

Volunteers have kept the containment net cleared and Mike Davidson has continued to survey the Lake.

This year's success is attested to by the report of 54,437.5 gallons of milfoil removed by the divers this year as compared with the total of 155 gallons harvested in 2014 because so much has been eliminated by the diver process.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR HIGHWAY LAYOUT

It is hereby given of a public hearing to be held at the Bradford Area Community Center at 134 East Main Street at 5:30pm September 28th, 2015.

The public hearing shall be held by the Board of Selectmen to hear all evidence regarding a Petition for Highway Layout Dated August 20, 2015. The proposed highway shall be laid out at the following as follows:

Breezy Hill Road construction project. Permanent and temporary easements required for construction and future maintenance of the proposed roadway side slopes and channel embankment slopes. The temporary easement is required for construction of roadway embankment slopes, channel embankment slopes, temporary roadway approached, temporary bridge and protective barrier and other necessary construction activities.

The hearing location will be open one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for inspection of the plans by any interested persons. Interested landowners, local officials and highway users are welcome and will be given an opportunity to express their feelings relative to the proposed highway layout.

Signed August 24th, 2015
Bradford Board of Selectmen
at their Aug 24, 2015 meeting.



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September 28	
October 12	
October 26	

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Kid's Bridge Q & A

For the September issue Camila Devlin interviewed new Bradford resident Caiden McKenna. Caiden is starting 3rd grade at Bradford Elementary this September and was kind enough to donate some of his last moments of summer freedom to answer a few questions for *The Bridge*.



So Caiden, what was your favorite part of this summer?
Swimming at Lake Massasecum

I think a lot of people would agree with you. Is there anything that you didn't get to do this summer that you want to do next summer?
Ride a jet ski.

Do you think your parents will let you ride a jet ski next summer?

One of the neighbors at [my grandparent's] cottage is going to give me a ride on a jet ski.

That sounds like a smart first ride. So, what excites you most about starting 3rd grade at Bradford Elementary?

I heard there are two gym classes!

Now that's a selling point! If you could be any animal, what would you be?

A cat, so I could find my cat because he's lost.

That's really nice of you. Now tell me, what's the grossest thing you can think of?

A stinkbug in a toilet bowl.

That's a good one! And finally, what do you want to be when you grow up?

A rockstar!

Awesome. Are you going to play the guitar?

Yeah, I play my dad's guitar.

Thank you to Caiden and his family for the fun interview! If you know a local kid you'd like to see interviewed (or if you've come across a grey and white cat in the downtown area recently) please send an e-mail to Camila at recorder@bradford-nh.org.

New Hampshire Telephone Museum Introduces Alzheimer's Cafe

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"More and more people are being impacted by this terrible

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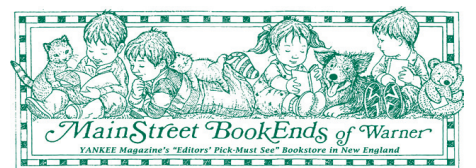
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Update from the Bradford Historical Society

Take a moment to browse East Main Street...what a lovely place to walk these days. The new Community Garden speaks for itself, but you may never have explored the buildings across the street. The Old Post Office, the Village Smithy, and the Tin Shop are all maintained by the Historical Society and represent the beginnings of a historical village in the making. You, too, can be part of this process.

sure to stop by on Halloween for treats from the Good Witch!



Bradford Historical Society Campus

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR MEETINGS AND EVENTS! HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



The Bradford Conservation Commission regrets that in our condensed chapter of the Natural Resources Inventory on Invasive Species in the August edition of the Bridge, we stated that the species of milfoil plaguing Lake Massasecum is the Eurasian Milfoil, *Myriophyllum spicatum*. It is not. It's the Variable Milfoil, *Myriophyllum heterophyllum*.

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We hold meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm and we are open every Saturday morning from 10 am till noon, through October. Visits can also be arranged by appointment. Call 938-2078.

We also host monthly events, including craft workshops and historical talks by esteemed presenters. This fall, watch for details on harvest events and be

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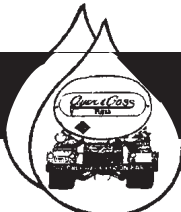


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10 QUESTIONS (cont from pg 1)

The names are a tradition, which is closely followed by all the trail walkers. They range from Sunshine to Oilcan, and Glacier. Sunshine is Eliza Cooley from Bradford. The rest of the group came from Michigan, Minnesota, Georgia, Louisiana, Chicago and elsewhere. None of them had met prior to this hike but seemed to have formed firm friendships as they hiked.

Q. What is the number of male and female hikers? Is it pretty much equal or vastly different?

One in four is female and the rest are male.

Q. How are the names chosen?

You can choose the name yourself or it is given to you as you hike. It is part of the Appalachian Trail culture. It's like starting a new life.

Q. What kinds of wild life do you see as you travel?

You see all kinds of animals. They range from bears to porcupines, deer, and all kinds of birds depending on where you are on the trail. The bears are always hungry and try to steal our food.

Q. Will you continue any of your friendships?

Friendships are formed for a lifetime. We plan to stay in touch and hopefully to do this hike together again.

Q. You go through many towns along the trail and there are stops for provisions and rest. How have you been received along the trail?

The towns welcome hikers. Everyone is friendly and nice to be with. They see so many hikers that it is part of their own lives to welcome people that come through the towns on the trail route.

Q. This must be a life changing event. Tell me about how you view this experience?

After the first couple of weeks it gets better and better. When I talked to my dad about it, he said that you become accustomed to it. He has walked the trail and said that things that stress you out back home become much less important.

Q. You must have met many different people on the trail. What age groups did you encounter?

The age groups vary with twenty to fifty the majority.

Q. When is the most popular time to begin the hike?

Is it a particular season? Do many people hike during the winter months?

Some people hike during the winter months but April and May are perfect to start on the road. Most of us started in early April, some in May and some as late as June 28th.

Q. If you were to do this hike again, what would you change if anything?

Some of us might start with a lighter pack. I started with a forty pound pack and I would probably limit myself to twenty pounds.

Q. When the hike is finished what are your plans for the future?

Just for today we will relax. Some of us will continue to travel. One of us is going to Ecuador, another will ride his bike on a long trip and some of us will start to plan for the next big adventure.

This article about the Appalachian Trail would not be complete without listing some of the trail names. Since all the hikers except for Eliza Cooley were strangers I cannot put faces with names but they are worthy of attention. The names begin with Sunshine, Oilcan, Glacier, Splinter, Cornfields, and Kaleidoscope. Some of the states that the hikers came from are Louisiana, Ohio, Georgia, Minnesota, Illinois and, of course, New Hampshire with Eliza Cooley from Bradford.

Bradford Historical Society



Monthly meetings of the Bradford Historical Society are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Tin Shop. All are welcome.

Master Plan Update

A town's master plan is the basis upon which the Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Review Regulations, and Subdivision Regulations are written and revised. It is typically updated by the Planning Board every five to ten years.

The purpose of a municipal master plan is to set down as clearly and practically as possible the best and most appropriate future development for the town, to aid the planning board in designing ordinances that result in preserving and enhancing the unique quality of life and culture of New Hampshire and to achieve the principles of smart growth, sound planning, and wise resource protection. The information compiled for the master plan must include sections on the vision of the community as well as land use. Additional sections that can be included are transportation, community facilities, economic development, natural resources, natural haz-

ards, recreation, utility/public service, cultural and historic resources, regional concerns, neighborhood planning, community design, housing, and implementation. Bradford's Master Plan was last updated in 2006. A survey is currently being developed to seek input from town residents in preparation for revision of the 2006 Master Plan. Keep an eye out over the next few months for more information on this in The Bridge.

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Town Hall Update

In preparation for the upcoming submission to the LCHIP committee, architect Kelly Gale presented an updated Town Hall plan - including aspects of the plan that had changed as well as the remaining work to be done. Committee member Karen Hambleton was appointed to track all donations and expenditures going forward.

A Town Hall informational session will be scheduled on an as yet to be determined date during the month of October. This session will be open to all. Town residents will be brought up to date on the current plan and will also have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Further details regarding this session will be posted in next month's Bridge.

Jane Johnsen and Mark Fournier were welcomed as members of the Town Hall Restoration Committee.

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Tues. September 1st

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

Wed. September 2nd

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

Thurs. September 3rd

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group

Fri. September 4th

8:00 – 11:00 AM Planning Board
 11:30 AM First Friday Brunch
 raffle, The Time Travelers, door
 prizes! Call for reservations please.

Sat. September 5th

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Book Sale, BML

Mon. September 7th

Labor Day
 Senior Center Closed
 No Meals on Wheels
 Library Closed

Tues. September 8th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group
 7:00 PM Planning Board

Wed. September 9th

6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM - Book Discussion, BML

Thurs. September 10th

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group
 4:00 PM BACC/P&R Committees

Fri. September 11th

8:00 – 11:00AM Planning Board
 8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 11 AM Leave for Sunapee Harbor

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Mon. September 14th

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

Tues. September 15th

10-Noon Flu Clinic (downstairs)
 provided by LSVNA
 10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Watercolor class

Wed. September 16th

6:00 PM Yoga

Thurs. September 17th

10 AM till Noon BP Clinic
 Ask a Nurse Provided by LSVNA
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group
 5:30 PM Town Hall Oversight Com.
 7PM Local Writer's Night, BML

Fri. September 18th

8:00 – 11:00AM Planning Board
 8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:30–11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic
 LSVNA at North Ridge
 10:00 AM Movie: And So It Goes
 12 noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group

Mon. September 21st

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM Bridge Group
 6:30-8:00 PM - Chess, BML

Tues. September 22nd

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. September 23rd

10:30 AM –12 Noon Blood Pressure

Clinic Warner Senior Rm.
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM BHS Tin Shop

Thurs. September 24th

11:30 AM – 1:00PM SENIOR CEN-
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 1:30 Mahjong Group

Fri. September 25th

8:00 – 11:00AM Planning Board
 8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group

Mon. September 28th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM Bridge Group
 4:00 PM Water Coloring
 5:30 PM Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. September 29th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 10-Noon Free Hearing Screening
 Clinic Please call 938-2104 to re-
 serve appointment.
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group

Wed. September 30th

6:00 PM Yoga

All events take place at the Brad-
 ford Area Community Center
 (938-6228) or the Mountain View
 Senior Center (938-2104) unless
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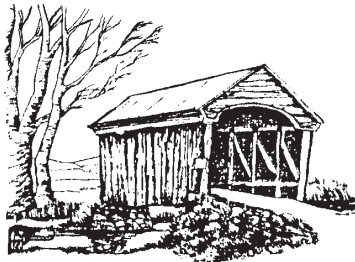


Abbreviation Key

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.

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
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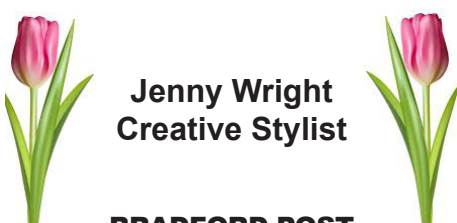


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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

BOOK SALE. Our last book sale of the season is on Saturday, September 5 from 9am until 2pm. Lots of new items have come in since the last sale, so be sure to check it out. No need to wait for Memorial Day for the next sale. Our ongoing book sale is open to the public any time the library is open. All items are for sale by donation and all proceeds benefit the library.

LABOR DAY. The library is closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

BOOK DISCUSSION. Join us on Wednesday, September 9 as we discuss *The Dismal Science* by Peter Mountford. Limited copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

CHESS. Play chess at the library every third Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00pm. All abilities are welcome.

Let us remind you of some free library services: Free passes to the Currier Art Museum; Free downloadable e-books, audiobooks, and digital magazines; Ancestry Library Edition free access to heaps of genealogical information; Telescope available for free 1-week checkout; Kindles available for you to try; and free delivery of library materials to anyone who is housebound.

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

- For Adults
- Brush Back** / Sara Paretsky
 - In the Dark Places** / Peter Robinson
 - Landfalls** / Naomi J. Williams
 - Last Bus to Wisdom** / Ivan Doig
 - Last Ragged Breath** / Julia Keller
 - Thin Air: a Shetland Mystery** / Ann Cleeves
 - Nemesis** / Catherine Coulter
 - Scents and Sensibility: a Chet and Bernie Mystery** / Spencer Quinn
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 - The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up** / Marie Kondo

Library Hours
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Wednesday, 10-7
Saturday, 10-3
Sunday, 11-3

- For Children & Teens
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 - Sleepover with Beatrice and Bear** / Monica Carnesi
 - Goodbye Stranger** / Rebecca Stead
 - Blizzard** / by John Rocco
 - As an Oak Tree Grows** / G. Brian Karas



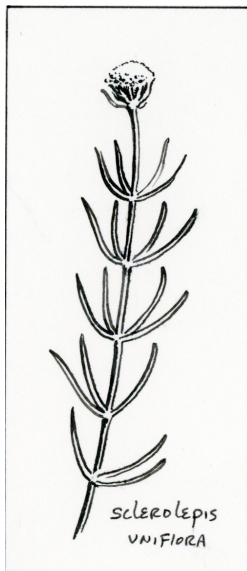
Outside

By J. Ann Eldredge

Resting in a cabinet at Harvard University's extensive herbarium is a sample of a small plant. Its label reads "Sclerolepis uniflora - F. T. Lewis, Bradford Pond, Warner, New Hampshire, 1905". This marks the first official record of this plant to be found in New Hampshire. Lewis that year was prowling about the Mink Hills and down to Lake Massasecum, then known as Bradford Pond, studying the plant life. This is quaintly what people used to do for recreation. Lewis may not have known what town he was in or perhaps the town boundaries have changed, but he did know an unusual plant when he saw one. Sclerolepis can be found elsewhere on the coastal plain of the eastern U.S. It abounds in Florida and Georgia. In New England it occurs only here at Lake Massasecum and at Wallum Pond on the Massachusetts/Rhode Island border. From thence south it is not to be found until you've passed New Jersey.

How Sclerolepis got here is a broad guess. One possible explanation is that migrating waterfowl serendipitously transported fragments on their webbed landing gear. An alternative explanation for this plant's appearance goes something like this: at some point before the turn of the century, someone traveling from some southern state, and/or from the

aforementioned Wallum Pond visited 'Bradford Pond'. They brought with them an aquarium complete with the local vegetation. This was dumped with or without ceremony into the waters of our lake. Is it possible that there were people migrating up and down the eastern seaboard in that era that could not be deprived of the companionship of their aquatic pets? I consider my ancestors to have been less frivolous.



Whether "duck foot" or "fish bowl" theory, Sclerolepis, a member of the enormous aster family, is for now abundant in Lake Massasecum. Had this fragment landed in nearly any other lake in New Hampshire, it would have met with less hospitable conditions. Massasecum

is however, itself unusual. It formed post-glacially some 10,000 years ago in a huge sand and gravel deposit. It is a relatively shallow, acidic lake with extensive sandy shores that are buffeted by wave action and fluctuating water levels. Unlike most lakes, Massasecum is not artificially dammed. These factors create unique communities of plants that are adapted specifically to these conditions. Only a dozen similar sites exist in New Hampshire. Massasecum has a tenuous hold on these "critically imperiled" habitats, remnants of what is known as "twig rush sandy turf

pond shore communities". And the Sclerolepis fits right in.

This is a spindly plant that quietly possesses the interesting characteristic of being dimorphic. This means that the same species takes two distinctly different structural forms. For the Sclerolepis, one form is totally aquatic, reproducing vegetatively and covering large areas of the lake floor with soft greenery looking much like a vast evergreen forest seen from an altitude. It is commonly and unfortunately often mistaken for the dreaded milfoil. Milfoil eradication efforts could impact this unique occurrence of the 'one-flowered Sclerolepis.

Which brings us to face yet another mystery. Normally self pollinating, it appears that our population does not produce pollen. On Massasecum, the Sclerolepis has not been known to produce viable seed. It is possible that these plants are one giant clone of a single fragment of Sclerolepis appearing by duck or by fish bowl that for whatever reason is not self-pollinating.

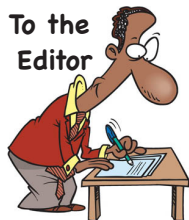
Take a slow boat around the lake some day, and, if you were wondering all along, Sclerolepis uniflora is pronounced "sclair - oh - leap - iss you-nih - flor - a".

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Thanks again!
Jen Wright,
Dockside Hair Design



Sclerolepis in Bloom



When the aquatic, vegetative form of this plant is washed ashore or stranded in a dry season, it changes shape. Becoming stouter and more upright, this diminutive stoic then flowers quite nicely. In this dry summer, Sclerolepis has been stranded on the shores and flowered mightily.

Warner Events

October 9, 10 & 11. Warner Fall Foliage Festival in beautiful downtown Warner, NH. Entertainment, foot races, oxen & woods-men competitions, midway, food, music, crafters, farmers market, awesome parades & more. Fun for the entire family. Hours: Fri 6-9 p.m. (midway, oxen pull & band only), Sat 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Country breakfast at the church from 7-9:30. For full schedule, check wfff.org.

Save the date: Sunday October 4 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Harvest Moon and Nature Fest Kearsarge Indian Museum. For details call 456-2600 or www.IndianMuseum.org.

Telephone Museum
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illness, so to be able to provide a little relief for people is a good feeling.” said Laura French, Executive Director of the Museum.

The Café is free and reservations are not required. “We are able to provide free admission due, in part, to our partnership with the Warner Pharmacy,” said French. “When we approached owner, Cindy Snay, with the idea she immediately jumped on board.”

For more information contact Laura French, 603.456.2234 laura@nhphonemuseum.org



Friends of the Brown Memorial Library Summer Highlights

On August 20th Professor Annette Holba of Plymouth State University presented, “Lizzie Borden Took an Axe-Or Did She?” sponsored by The Friends and through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Looking ahead to September, the Friends are planning a Local Writers Night featuring Maralyn Doyle, Nate Herrick, Thom Smith, and Martha Von Redlich on September 17th at 7:00pm. This event is free and open to the public.

If you are interested in supporting programs like these, please consider joining the Friends of the Brown Memorial Library. Contact bmlibraryfriends@gmail.com for more information.

The following is a condensed version of Chapter 15,

Conserved Land

from the Bradford Natural Resources Inventory

The complete text is located on the Bradford Conservation Commission’s website at

<http://bradfordnh.org/documents/BradfordNRI.pdf>

Compared to neighboring towns, Bradford’s percentage of permanently protected land is low but it’s growing. There were no permanently conserved parcels in Bradford at the time of the 1998 Natural Resources Inventory and there are ten currently.



*Fearnley Easement
photo: J.A. Eldridge*

The following chart outlines land that has been permanently protected with conservation easements. An easement is a permanent attachment to a deed, overseen by a qualified organization, such as a land trust, that allows for specified uses of the land (agriculture or forestry, for example) while limiting or excluding its development potential.

Land protected by conservation easements as of 2015:

	acreage	ownership	easement holder
Aiken Pasture Town Forest	136	Town of Bradford	ASLPT
Battles Farm	143	private	ASLPT
Blitzer Easement Rowe Mtn.	148.8	private	ASLPT
Blitzer Easement Center Rd.	41.37	private	ASLPT
Fearnley Easement	158	private	ASLPT
Kisakanari Easement	318	private	ASLPT
Nelson Family Easement	89	private	ASLPT
New Forestry Easement	451	private	SPNHF
Govener’s Grant Easement	30	private	SPNHF
Bog/Spring Hotel/Goodridge-	177.9	Town of Bradford	ASLPT
Total	1693.07		

ASLPT = Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust
SPNHF = Society for the Protection of NH Forests

Total acreage Bradford = 22,549.14 (land only)
Percentage of permanently protected land = 7.5%

Ten additional parcels, owned by either the State or the Town, are currently used for forestry, public recreation, and/or wetland protection. They are not permanently conserved and could potentially be sold for other uses. Examples would be: Low State Forest, Bradford Pines Natural Area, and West Meadow Wetland. These total an additional 1032 acres.

The Bradford Conservation Commission has identified the following five primary areas for the focus of conservation efforts based on occurrences of valued habitat and local knowledge:

- Lake Massasecum - rare species and exemplary plant communities and co-occurrence of seven wildlife habitats of interest.
- Rowes Hill/Knight’s Hill/Low State Forest/Silver Hill to Durrell Mountain. Important for its connection between conserved areas and eight known important wildlife habitats.
- Bradford Bog/Atlantic White Cedar Swamp. Noted primarily for its rare and exemplary plant communities.
- Central Bradford wetlands/grasslands. Seven habitats of importance within this area. A working agricultural landscape.
- Fairgrounds Road grasslands. Open grasslands and agricultural lands are becoming rarer as are the farmers and wild-life species dependant on these habitats.

Recommendations:

The Conservation Commission promotes private easements as a method of protecting special places in Bradford; If a property is clearly important to residents and a private easement is not possible, the town should assist with protection through an appropriate entity.

For further information on land trusts that hold easements in this area: Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust www.ausbonsargent.org Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests www.forestssociety.org The Nature Conservancy, New Hampshire office: <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/newhampshire/index.htm>.

Obituaries

Barbara (Nelson) McCartney, 89, formerly of Sunset Lane and Pierce Road, died July 30, 2015, at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen.

She was born in Waltham, MA, Nov. 7, 1925, the daughter of Dewey and Ruth (Burckes) Nelson, and graduated from Wichita (Kansas) High School and Lasell Jr. College in Massachusetts. She lived in Wellesley and Needham, MA, for many years prior to moving permanently to Bradford in 1985 where she had summered since 1935.

Barbara worked as a library cataloguer for the Wellesley Free Library and the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford where she had been involved for over 25 years. She liked to read, knit, play cards and was an avid follower of any sport her grandchildren participated in. She was active with the Boy and Girl Scouts and received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts. She was a trustee of Brown Memorial Library, a member of the Bradford Women's Club, Bradford Historical Society, and Bradford Fire Department Auxiliary.

Her husband, Parker G. McCartney, died in 1997. She is predeceased by her sister, Joan (Nelson) Peterke and is survived by her son, Alan McCartney of Bradford; two daughters, Deborah McCartney and her husband, Marty Sams of Pearland, TX, Janet and husband, Mike Bauer of Bradford; eight grandchildren, Calle McCartney, Ashley Bauer-Haan, Garrett Bauer, Laurel Bauer, Jennifer Bloxham, Lea Amerson, Sarah Sams and Ashley Moulton; five great-grandchildren; siblings, Robert Nelson and wife, Sandy of South Sutton, David Nelson of Laramie,

WY; and half-siblings; Peter Nelson of Chelmsford, MA, Martha Nelson of Townsend, MA, Lois (Nelson) Davis of Plymouth, MA, and Douglas Nelson of East Fairfield, VT. She was buried at Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Brown Memorial Library, 78 W. Main St., Bradford, 03221.

Nelson Joseph Perron,

80, of Old Lake Shore Road, Gilford, died at home after a lengthy illness on July 24, 2015. He was born on April 28, 1935, in Bristol, son of the late Frank and Rose (Nadon) Perron. Before moving to Gilford, he was a long time resident of Bradford, where he moved in 1990 after retiring from Saint Paul's School as the maintenance supervisor where he worked for almost two decades.

Nelson will be remembered for his love of Harley Davidsons, and being a collector of all things, including western movies, guns, clocks, and record albums. He made friends wherever he went. His family and friends will always remember him for his friendly nature and sense of humor.

Nelson is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Perron (Fogg); a son, Nelson F. Perron of Loudon; daughters Rose M. Turner of Laconia; Rebecca Bryan of Texas; Rhonda Dubois of Gilford and Robin Floyd of Franklin; three step-daughters, Margaret Batstone of Belmont; Phillis Mayville of Weare and Susan Barksdale of Hooksett; two brothers, Robert Perron and Richard Perron; two

sisters, Beatrice Millette and Florence Soare, 30 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents he is predeceased by his son, Robert A. Perron and a brother, Frank Perron.

The family would like to thank all of the Hospice caregivers. Memorial donations may be sent to Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246. For more information and to view an online memorial go to wilkinsonbeane.com.

Kristine "Kris" Zielinski,

58, of Bradford, NH, passed away in her home following a period of declining health on August 5, 2015.

Kris is survived by her beloved partner of 27 years, Laurie Methven. She is also survived by her sister Karen of Hudson, NH, six brothers, 'Ricky' and his wife Bees of Palm Coast, FL, Bobby and his wife Carole of Loudon, NH, David and his wife Lynn of Cape Coral, FL, Peter & his partner Patti of Pelham, NH, Paul of Dracut, MA, Chuck and his wife Maria of Dracut, MA. Kris is also survived by two nieces and nephews and held a special place for her niece Caitlynn; and Laurie's children who had become Kris' stepchildren.

Kris grew up in Dracut, MA, and was a 1974 graduate of Dracut High where she was class president her senior year. Kris pursued a career in Human Services and obtained a Bachelor's degree from Springfield College in 1999. She especially loved working with senior citizens

Obituaries (continued)

and worked as a sub for Meals on Wheels for years while working at other positions in human services. She was recently employed at the Bradford Elementary School.

Kris had many passions in life besides playing pranks on friends. She enjoyed crafts and always had several projects going on at the same time. Kris was an avid reader and loved the seven cats and two dogs she shared with Laurie. Over the years she saved dozens of cats (from rescues and shelters) and planned to continue her rescue work as a vocation in retirement before she became ill.

Laurie would like to give special thanks to MJ Turcotte, Laurie Bishop, Mary Jo Santoro and Betty Audet in addition to the wonderful staff at Concord Regional VNA for their support and caring in Kris' last few months.

Memorial donations can be made to: For the Love of Dog, P.O. Box 107, Hillsboro, NH, 03244 or an animal charity of your choice.

Andre D. Saxby, of Concord, passed away suddenly Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, doing what he loved, riding his Harley. Andre, 68, was born on June 13, 1947, in London, England and immigrated to the United States in 1950 with his parents, Douglas and Muguette Saxby, where they settled in Bradford. Andre served his country in the United States Army, one tour through Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division and a second tour with the 82 Airborne unit. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1977 with a degree in psychology.

In November 1975 he married his first wife Pamela E. Saxby and they had three children.

Andre was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service from 1978 until he retired in 2002. He served as the President of the Postal Union NALC Branch 72 in Concord. In November of 1998 he married Judy Saxby. They retired to Florida for several years before moving back to Concord in 2013. Andre enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren, breakfasts with his brother Marc, reading, riding his motorcycle, and lounging by his pool with his loving wife, Judy.

Andre is survived by his wife, Judy Saxby of Concord; son and daughter-in-law, Marc C. and Erin Saxby of Middleton; daughter, Anne E. Saxby of Penacook; son, and daughter-in-law, Joshua D. and Caitlin Saxby of Venice Beach, CA; stepson, Christopher O'Hara of Concord; stepson and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Ashley O'Hara stationed in Pensacola, FL; brothers, Marc Saxby and Paul Saxby of Bradford; brother, Daniel Saxby of New London; sister, Francine Felton Epling of Cumming, GA; sister, Colette Sossaman of Cedar Hill, TX; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Andre was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas and Muguette Saxby; and his first wife, Pamela Saxby.

There will be a motorcycle ride and celebration of his life at a later date to be determined. In his memory his family asks that you perform an act of kindness.

Marion (Jesanis) Wade, 96, passed away on July 19, 2015, in Ocala, FL. Marion was the first of five children born to John Strong Risley, Jr. and Winifred Cooley Risley in Vernon, CT. She is survived by her husband Edward Clary Wade; her son Robert E. Jesanis and wife Patty, Hernando, FL and Bradford, NH; her daughter, Mary Ann Hartmann and husband Dan, Ocala, FL; seven grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; a sister, Gladys Hall and Norman, Green Cove Springs, FL. She was predeceased by her parents, sisters, Polly, Gilkey, San Diego, CA, Dorothy Miller, Vernon, CT, brother Richard Risley, Pittsburgh, PA, and daughter-in-law, Linda Jesanis, Hernando, FL, & Bradford, NH.

Until retiring in 1984, most of her working years were in insurance at the Aetna Life Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, and Nationwide Insurance Company, Hamden, CT.

Marion enjoyed singing in choral groups. In 2001, she moved to Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Ocala West United Methodist Church, and Sarah Circle. She was a member of Eastern Star for over 60 years. Marion always enjoyed visiting her son and his family each year at Lake Massasecum. She had fond memories of the many cruises she and her husband went on in their retirement.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Marion County, FL, 3231 S. W. 34th Ave., Ocala, FL 34474.





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September 21-2 PM	Danbury Community Center, Danbury
September 24-6 PM	South Newbury Union Church, Newbury
September 410 AM-1 PM	Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, New London
September 810 AM-12 PM	Upper Valley Senior Center, Lebanon
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September 1010 AM-12 PM	Andover Town Hall, Andover
September 101-4 PM	Kearsarge Council on Aging (COA), New London
September 1110:30 AM-12 PM	Lyonbrook, New London
September 112-4 PM	First Baptist Church, New London
September 144-6 PM	Sutton Town Hall, Sutton Mills
September 1510 AM-12 PM	Mountain View Senior Center, Bradford
September 1611 AM-12:30 PM	Newport Senior Center, Newport
September 1711:30 AM-1 PM	Woodcrest Village, New London
September 175-7 PM	Wilmot Community Association "Red Barn", Wilmot
September 181-3 PM	St. Andrew's Church, New London
September 2110 AM-1 PM	Sunapee Cove Assisted Living, Georges Mills
September 215-7 PM	Newbury Public Library, Newbury
September 239:30-11:30 AM	Warner Pharmacy, Warner
September 249 AM-12 PM	COA @ Center at Eastman, Grantham
September 241:30-3 PM	Our Lady of Fatima Church, New London
September 244-6 PM	Town of Springfield Offices, Springfield
September 2810 AM-12 PM	Sunapee Seniors @ Methodist Church, Sunapee
October 25:30-7 PM	Town of Washington Offices, Washington
October 710 AM-1 PM	Hilltop Community Association, New London
October 109 AM -12 PM	Grantham EMD Health Fair, Grantham
October 149:30-11:30 AM	Warner Pharmacy, Warner



**Dr. Caryce
Rena Morell**

Caryce Morell graduated from Husson University in May 2013 with a BS in kinesiology, and in May 2015 with a doctorate in Physical Therapy. She has passed her national boards and is employed by Copolla Physical Therapy in Concord NH.

Caryce began coming to Bradford in 2000 to a cabin at Lake Massasecum. After her Chatham MA high school graduation in 2009, she moved to Bradford with her mother Caren Morell. For the following five summers, she was a lake host at Lake Massasecum and attended college in Maine. She is happy to now finally be able to live in Bradford permanently.

Caryce and her fiancé Dr. Andrew Casey will be living on Oakdale Road.



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Oct 4 (Sun): Easy hike in Springfield on SRKG Trail 4 from Baptist Pond to NH 114 via Star Lake Farm. 4.1 miles on paved and abandoned roads. **Contact:** Lee Carvalho 7355719 or leecarvalho6@gmail.com

Oct 10 (Sat): Hike SRKG Trail 2 from Old Province Rd in Goshen to Sunapee Town Offices via Webb Forest, Red Water Creek Preserve and Sunapee Riverwalk. Moderate 7.3 miles **Contact:** Nathan Richer 763-2127 or nricher@ruger.com

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Support the trailwork that keeps our hiking trails and forests healthy**



Avast ye!

These children were Hooked on Reading this summer at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford. They performed a delightful adaptation of "Peter Pan" on the library lawn for an enthusiastic audience. Congratulations to the actors: Odin Gosselin (Peter Pan), Amanda Lyons (Wendy), Ben Greenwood (Hook), Maggie Greenwood (Tinkerbell), Sabian Griffin (Crocodile), Samantha MacLeod (Tiger Lily), and a host of adorable mermaids, pirates, and lost boys.

Bradford Bridge Classifieds Really Work!!

The September 2011 Bradford Bridge carried this classified ad:

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Bradford Flu Clinic

Note that the VNA Flu Clinic for 2015/2016 season will be held at the BACC on Tuesday, September 15 from 10:00 AM – NOON.



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