

# Bradford Bridge

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## BRADFORD INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Save the date **07.01.17**  
**Schedule of Events**

**7am** Mason's Breakfast

**8am** Church Fair and  
 Library Book & Plant Sale

**9am** 5K Road Race & Bloodmobile

**1pm** Pre-Parade line-up and contestant judging  
 (for Pedals on Parade & Pets on Parade on Old Warner Rd.)

**1:30pm** INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE featuring Pedals  
 on Parade and Pets on Parade!

**2pm- 6pm** Games, Vendors, Live Music, Bouncy House,  
 Food, Concessions, Cow Flop Bingo @ Brown Shattuck Field

**2:30pm** Andrew Pinard's "Absolutely Magic Show" @ Brown  
 Shattuck Field

**9:30pm EXTENDED FIREWORKS** this year in honor of  
 David Witcher and all the Bradford veterans



### KRSD Important Dates

Kearsarge Regional School District  
 celebrates 50 Years 1967-2017!!!!  
 KRHS Graduation June 10 at 10:30  
 Last Day of School June 16



Two denizens of Lake Massasecum.  
 The milfoil is on the left.

### Fighting Massasecum Milfoil

Divers harvested 25 gallons of milfoil from Lake Massasecum in 2016, marking the third successive season of reduced milfoil density in the lake. This success has come through a team effort involving the town of Bradford, the state DES, and the volunteer divers of the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association (LMIA). The crisis is now over, and a milfoil-free lake is possible on a decadal timescale.

LMIA divers will hunt and kill milfoil from Memorial Day weekend through the rest of the summer, keeping up pressure on the invader. To aid their activities, please steer clear of any Diver Down flags while

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Underneath the Town Hall. Most of the concrete has been poured. Original details highlight the craftsmanship of a time gone by. Update pg. 3

### Coming Soon . . .

The June 1992 issue of The Bradford Bridge announced the beginning of the Community Cornerstones Project in Bradford. The program was developed by the Governor's Commission on New Hampshire in the 21st Century to help communities identify and protect their "cornerstones" – a tangible thing, place, building or event that makes the community what it is.

Over the next few months, The Bridge will revisit this process, identify the 21 Cornerstones chosen by residents and take a look at how well Bradford has protected them seventeen years into the 21st Century.

*. . . to be continued*

# The Bradford Bridge



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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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*Town offices are temporarily  
located at BACC*

## From the Editor

"The gardener of the World" has been making his presence known with a few pre-summer "glowing days" during May. As summer approaches we keep track of sun "showers" as we plan and attend seasonal outings.

There is plenty happening in Bradford to satisfy many interests. Happily, again this year, Bradford will be hosting an Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 1. Many thanks to all who are working to make this possible. Also, check out the happenings at the Old Bradford Center Meetinghouse where history meets modern artists.

With delightfully warm summer days ahead and with our easy access to beautiful woods, I want to recommend the practice of "forest bathing." The Japanese call it *Shinrin-yoku*, contemplative walks through the woods that reconnect the individual

with nature and can lead to decreased stress, natural mood elevation and even a stronger immune system.

To give *shinrin-yoku* a try, choose a spot based on physical ability and convenience. Do not choose a route that is too strenuous: It is recommended that in four hours, you should walk no more than three miles. This is not an endurance hike. Rest when necessary and find a spot where it is pleasant to sit and read for while (bring The Bradford Bridge and maybe take a selfie for "Where We Go") or simply look out into the trees.

This means of mobile meditation has been recognized by the Japanese government since 1982 and has been endorsed by the Forest Agency of Japan as a means of improving quality of life. The practice can be a natural way to combat the toll of stress and anxiety.

Wherever your spirit takes you, we hope you enjoy the pleasures of "blue and glowing days." As always, thank you for your support of The Bradford Bridge.

## Summer Sun

*Great is the sun, and wide he goes  
Through empty heaven with repose;  
And in the blue and glowing days  
More thick than rain he showers his rays.*

...  
*Above the hills, along the blue,  
Round the bright air with footing true,  
To please the child, to paint the rose,  
The gardener of the World, he goes.*

Robert Louis Stevenson



*Kathleen Bigford, June Editor*

## Town Hall Progress Report From the Ground Up



Who knew healthcare reform was so complicated? We did. And we knew that on a slightly less grand scale, so would be the restoration of the Town Hall. If you have ever tried to solve a Rubik's Cube, you know that moving one piece changes how you can move another piece and unless you do them in the right order, you won't be done until way past bedtime. Consider the sprinkler system. The Town Hall is still perched on I-beams and cribbing because the Southeast section of the foundation is not done. That's not so we can have a walk-out basement; it's because the water pump for the sprinklers will be housed in a concrete room in that part of the basement. We don't know the dimensions of the room yet or the locations of the various doors and other holes ("penetrations," for you construction types) necessary to get water from the outside to the pump, vent the exhaust from the pump and drain the pump room in case there is water on the floor. We also need a large door directly from the room to the outside world.

Easy, eh? Not so fast. The first step is creating an RFP—Request for Proposal—outlining all the specifications the entire sprinkler and alarm system (all three floors and the attic) has to comply with. Various sprinkler companies will bid on the project and one will be chosen. Then and only then, the successful bidder will do actual "shop drawings" which are highly detailed diagrams and additional specifications of what model pump will be used and all the detail that comes from that choice.

Included in the shop drawings will be, you guessed it, the design of the pump room. So, when that room is designed, we'll know where to put the rest of the concrete and the basement wall will be complete. Then the building can be lowered to its final resting place. Whew!

This may be the most complicated Rubik's Cube we deal with but it surely is not the only one.

On a completely different note, the THROC has met regularly and enthusiastically. We have talked about such items as getting volunteers to help with the project, what can be done by volunteers in the first place (there is a lot volunteers can do!) and publicity for the project to keep everyone informed. We are



committed to bringing the project for the basement and first floor in on or under budget and are feeling more and more confident of doing just that. We are also committed to NOT going back to the Town for more money. Among the tasks volunteers can help with are tearing down a couple of walls in our very own East Room, landscaping, some light carpentry, interior and exterior painting, and cleaning up some of the interior of the building. We already have a food budget to keep the volunteers happy. And look for the fifty-fifty raffle to guess the weight of the Town Hall.

My final thought is simply to recall a recent visit—before the building was jacked up—to the second floor meeting area of this marvelous building. To stand in the center and feel the openness and sense its history is truly a moving experience. As is true of many of you, I go back far enough to remember having our Town Meetings in that space. It will be a glorious day when we can be together there again.

*Brackett Scheffy for the THROC*



### THE LITTLE RED FLAG WITH ITS ONE BLUE STAR

by Will M. Cressy

A million flags are flying o'er this mighty land;  
 The stars and stripes of freedom are seen on every hand.  
 But there's another emblem, with its meaning deep and true;  
 Those Service Flags of crimson, with their stars of Heaven's own blue.

Each star means a hero; a boy of yours or mine;  
 Fighting, suffering, dying, somewhere along the line.  
 And the flags that mean the most, no matter where they are;  
 Are those little flags of crimson, with a single bright blue star.  
 I saw a little farmhouse out on a Western plain,  
 Surrounded there on every side by waving fields of grain.  
 And shining in its window, like a beacon light afar,  
 Flew this same dear flag of crimson with its same blue star.

I saw a mansion, a home of wealth and ease,  
 Surrounded by green hedges, flowerbeds and trees.  
 But just beside the portal, hanging from a golden bar,  
 Hung this flag of crimson, with its one blue star.

So when the bands are crashing, and the flags are waving high,  
 And you're laughing, waving, cheering, as the troops are marching by;  
 Don't forget the Dads and Mothers and these homes, where'er they are,  
 Where these Service flags are flying, with their one blue star.



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**A LAUGH A MINUTE**

**Will Cressy 1863-1930**

Part 3 of 4

This is the third in a four-part series by Laurie Buchar. It introduces a new exhibit featuring artifacts and writings by local vaudeville star Will Cressy. Items will be on display at the Bradford Historical Society from Memorial Day through Columbus Day in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of US involvement in WWI. For a full list of area events pertaining to WWI, visit : [www.overthereoverhere.com](http://www.overthereoverhere.com) and check the Bridge calendar.

In 1910, Cressy and Dayne toured Europe with their original "Town Hall Tonight." This was the beginning of many tours including performances all over the world. Their travel souvenirs are now on display in the Tin

Shop. Will later published comic columns in the "New York Star," called "Three Minutes on One," based on their travel escapades.

When WWI broke out, Will started writing war poems. The sale of a booklet of these poems raised \$5,000 to buy tobacco for soldiers. He also headed the YMCA Overseas Theater League, which was responsible for transporting a thousand actors to France to perform for troops. At Saint-Mihiel, on a stage made of ammunition boxes, a shell fragment exploded near Will and scarred his lungs for life. When he returned from France, he continued to perform at Red Cross benefits.

Since Will's lungs could no longer bear New Hampshire winters, Cressy and Dayne adopted a seasonal touring season

with winters spent in Florida and summers at Blodgett's Landing on Lake Sunapee. In the 1920s he became president of the Cottage Owners Association of Blodgett's Landing (which he had started in 1892). With the Cressys' support, it had developed in thirty years into a large complex with everything from a library to a pool hall. Will also became a Rotarian and entertained ailing children in hospitals. The Rotary Club awarded him the unique business classification of "Sunshine Manufacturer."

*By: Laurie Buchar  
(continued next month)*





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Sunday Worship Services and King-  
dom Builders at 10 am

Youth Group for 6-12 graders at  
11:30 am

Bradford Community Food Pantry  
Open on June 21 5:30-6:30 pm

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*Milfoil Cont...*

boating, and keep your distance  
from any milk jug or noodle harvest  
markers in the Lake.

As many educated eyes as possible  
are needed to aid search efforts.  
Several discoveries of previously  
unknown milfoil last year illustrate  
that exploration of the lake is  
imperfect. You can visit [http://  
lakemassasecum.org/milfoil/](http://lakemassasecum.org/milfoil/) for  
information, and watch an excellent  
video of volunteer LMIA divers in  
action. We also invite you to the  
Weed Watchers meeting at 9:00  
AM on June 10 at the Casino where  
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**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
**at the Warner Town Hall**

In 2003, 85 years after the armistice, it took Richard Rubin months to find just one living American veteran of World War One. But then he found another. And another. Eventually he managed to find dozens, aged 101 to 113, and interview them. A decade long odyssey to recover the story of a forgotten generation and their Great War led Rubin across the United States

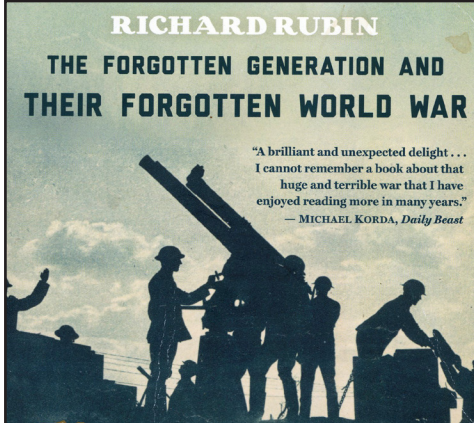
and France, through archives, private collections, battlefields, literature, propaganda, and even music. But at the center of it all were the last of the last, the men and women he met.

This program is part of **World War I and America**, a two-year national initiative of Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.

*By: Laurie Buchar*

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*The*  
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### BRADFORD PARKS & REC

Thank you to all who joined us on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for the Annual French’s Park Clean-up. We had the largest turn-out of volunteers yet! There were several new faces along with members of Parks & Rec and Boy Scout Troup #96. We raked up a lot of debris but unfortunately were unable to do anything on the beach as it was under water! We welcome the help of anyone who wishes to rake the leaves etc out of the water on the beach area. Again, many thanks to the volunteers who helped.

#### SAVE THE DATE:

**Bradford Parks & Rec YMCA Swimming Lessons**

**July 10 – 21 (Monday through Friday).**

**Early Bird Sign up – Thursday, July 6 from 9 – 12 at French’s Park.**

**For more information please call: 938-5900.**

**Registration forms will be available soon.**




The Zelinski family raking



Jim Allen and Jim Raymond raking




Boy Scout (Troop 96) loading a picnic table into a truck. They are building new picnic tables for French’s Park and took one of the unsafe tables to use as a “model” to work from.



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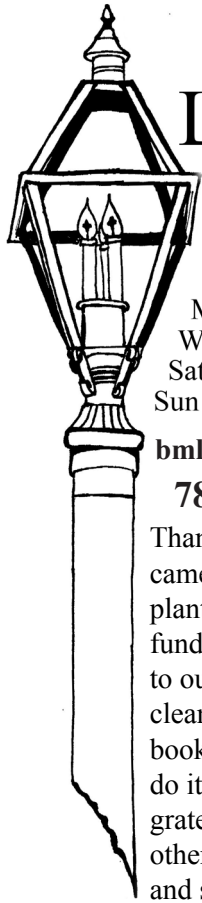


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# LIBRARY LANTERN

By: Meg Fearnley

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Thanks to everyone who came to our annual book and plant sale! This is our best fundraiser each year thanks to our tireless volunteers who clean and organize donated books (and how well they do it!). We are also very grateful to Janet Sillars and others who donate plants and seedlings. The plants

are dispatched with lots of excellent advice...priceless!

The book discussion this month is on *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* by Ben Fountain on Wednesday, June 21 at 7pm. The *Washington Post* calls the novel "Catch 22...updated for a new era". Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. In July we will read *The Tsar of Love and Techno* by Anthony Marra.

The Friends of the Library are working on presenting a variety of programming at the library this year. Keep an eye on the *Bridge* and our website ([brownmemoriallibrary.org](http://brownmemoriallibrary.org)) for announcements! Thanks to the Library Trustees Special Fund we are updating our program facilities with a 55-inch smart tv. This device will allow us to stream *POV* documentaries and *Masterpiece Theater* and can also be used for presentation slide shows.

The Summer Reading Program is finalizing plans. The theme "Building a Better World" will be the

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focus. We are very excited to have Ashley Bauer leading the program this summer. The program will be on four Mondays at 1:30pm, check our website for exact dates.

Some of the new titles added to your library in May:

for adults

*Walkaway* / Cory Doctorow  
*One of the Boys* / Daniel Magariel  
*The Burial Hour* : a Lincoln Rhyme novel / Jeffery Deaver  
*The Last Days of Café Leila* / Donia Bijan  
*The Delight of Being Ordinary* : a road trip with the Pope and the Dalai Lama / Roland Merullo

*The Stars are Fire* / Anita Shreve

for children

*A List of Cages* / Robin Roe  
*The Murderer's Ape* / Jakob Wegelius  
*Thunder Underground* / poems by Jane Yolen  
*Over and Under the Pond* / by Kate Messner  
*Defy the Stars* / Claudia Gray  
*Overtaken* / Lamar Giles

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### Scholarships Awarded

St. Peter’s Masonic Lodge in Bradford has announced the awarding of three scholarships this year to students of the graduating class of Kearsarge Regional High School.

Outstanding performance in their studies and involvement in school and community activities was so impressive that the lodge increased the number of scholarships awarded this year to three.

The scholarships are given to deserving students from Kearsarge Regional High School not only from Bradford.

The scholarships are dedicated to the memory of Charlie Marston, a student graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School and also a member of St. Peter’s Masonic Lodge. The proceeds from the spaghetti and meatball dinner every year makes the awarding of these scholarships possible.

Similarly, proceeds from Masonic Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Observance Breakfast goes to supporting the Food Pantries in South Newbury, Sutton and Bradford. Support also is given to Thanksgiving Basket program at the Bradford Community Church combined with matching funds from New Hampshire Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation.

St. Peter’s Masonic Lodge is proud to serve their community and wishes to thank the community for their support.



Thanks to Seth Benowitz for his handmade signs! Follow them to the Bradford Center Meetinghouse this summer to see our historic district. Check the calendar for events.

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**LETTERS  
TO THE  
EDITOR**

A Huge Thank You to All!!  
 Many thanks to the scores of generous people who helped with our annual fundraiser and Walkathon for Meals on Wheels this month! Your generous gifts and extraordinary efforts made for a record success in support of the frail and elderly homebound in our nine town area! Special thanks go out to Pellettieri Associates, Ayer&Goss, Weaver Bros. Construction Co. Inc., American Legion Post #39, the Warner Men's Club, St. Peter's Masonic Lodge, our Stitches from the Heart Quilters, our Fitness Group, and our Mahjong group. Thanks also to all who donated prizes to our fundraiser raffle at the LOCAL: Cyr Lumber, Edmunds Hardware, Lumber Barn, Warner Beauty Salon, Main Street Bookends, Courser Farms, Courser Meadows Farm, Edwards & Sons Carpet Cleaning, Schoodacs, the Warner Historical Society, the School House Café, and the Tackle Shack. And to Bill at the LOCAL, of course, for hosting us and generously contributing. Special thanks also to Sandra Wadlington for donating the beautiful original oil on linen painting! Thank you one and all!! You have all contributed to a very worthy cause!

*Phil Stockwell,  
 Director, Mt. View Senior Center*

To the Editor,  
 I'm reading the latest Bradford Bridge, about what was placed under the Town Hall back in the 1860's, (and the oxen!) and thought that a time capsule filled with details and news articles and anything that might survive 100 or 150 years (photos? flash drive?!) would be nice to include during the re-commemoration ceremony. I loved your article that combined both the current work and thoughts about what happened in the past. Maybe in the future, they can have a better idea of what you were thinking (and how you moved those boulders). The pictures are great. Did you ever hear if there was a glass of water?

*Thanks,  
 Betsy A. Rand*

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 and  
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# JUNE NEWSLETTER

***In rivers, the water that you touch is the last of what has passed and the first of that which comes; so with present time. ~Leonardo da Vinci***

On June 10th, our senior class of 2017 will complete their commencement ceremony and move forward into the world at large. With their hopes and dreams for future success in attaining access to college or career opportunities firmly within their grasps, they are well positioned and prepared to take on the new challenges life will offer. They have worked hard to be prepared for a dynamic future, and have demonstrated the persistence, grit, and determination required to build their academic and civic competency to levels that would afford them independent access to whatever course of employment or continuing education they desire. Travelling with them are the collective well wishes of our faculty and staff, as well as those of the supportive community of the Kearsarge Regional School District - seven towns whose children have become one graduating class in receipt of the care and dedication of a single school community in service of the students. ~

Similar in nature to the river water described in the quotation above, our graduates are the "last of what has passed and the first of that which comes." Their achievement marks the confluence of family and community support with that of the dedicated efforts of the faculty and staff of all of our schools. Like the water passing us by in the river, the student walking across that graduation stage shares a journey with us, a period of time from whence the water began its trek, starting perhaps as a single drop of rain, only to join with others to become the trickle of a stream and ultimately the flow of a strong and inspiring river. Along the path, the water encounters the stones, and shores that help to shape its path. In keeping, the water shapes the world around it as well, helping to carve new paths and natural beauty that only time and water can conspire to craft. So too is the journey of our students, as they encounter the teachers and staff who touch their lives. Perhaps it was an elementary school teacher, whose passion for science inspired the young girl to pursue science and engineering courses leading to her decision to attend a bioengineering program in college. Maybe it was the weaving of details of a middle school teacher's service to the country as a member of our armed forces who inspired a student to similarly serve others. The impact might have been witnessed in the work of a high school vocational teacher, whose interactions with a student led him to discover his passion for shaping metal, and fueled his desire to pursue a career in industrial welding. Each graduate has his or her own course that their journey has taken, and with that course has come the contributions of the faculty and staff, both direct and indirect, that have shaped the course of each student's life. ~

When coupled with the caring of parents and families, the efforts of the school faculty and staff have blended together and strengthened the outcomes for the students. Their journey in the river of life is just beginning, but as with many rivers, the current has slowed for a moment allowing us to view the water as it passes by us. Please know that we wish ALL our students well, but particularly, we wish the graduating class of 2017 good fortune and much happiness in life to come. Graduation is our collective moment of being present together with the students, and recognizing that the combined efforts of all families and the KRSD faculty and staff have both shaped the future, and have been shaped by it as well. ~

Congratulations to the graduating students of KRSD class of 2017, and a sincere thank you to the families, faculty, and staff who have contributed so positively to their journey!

## June CALENDAR

### DISTRICT WIDE

6/8 & 22 @ KLC-School Board Meetings @ 6:30 PM

6/16 Last Day of School

### KRHS

6/01 Senior Academic Awards

6/02 Senior Dinner Dance 7 PM

6/09 Scholarship Night 6 PM

6/10 KRHS Graduation 10:30

6/12 KADP Graduation 7 PM

### KRMS

6/01 & 02 Drama Production

6/03 Grade 8 Celebration

6/06 Chorus Concert 7:00 PM

6/07 PTO Meeting 6:00 PM

6/13 Band Concert 7:00 PM

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

6/01 Sutton Grade 5 to Boston

6/02 NLES Grade 5 Career Day

6/06 NLES PTO @ 6:00

6/07 NLES Students Singing on the Town Green; Sutton all School to Fisher Cats; Simonds PTO @ 6:30 and All School Field Trip

6/14 Sutton PTO @6:30; NLES Grade 5 Celebration 6:00 PM

6/15 Sutton All School Fun Day

6/16 NLES Field Day & Whole School Cookout; Simonds Davis Awards, Grade 5 Celebration & PTO-sponsored Cookout

### Bradford Events Bradford Bicentennial Quilt on Display



The Bradford Bicentennial Quilt will be on display at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse for the month of June. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of our town's wonders. This sample was made by Harriet Douglass, depicting Bradford Center. It is one of 36 colorful works of art that was united into a finished quilt in 1985 by many talented local hands.

The quilters "used every imaginable type of material - cloth, felt, buttons, an earring, beads, sequins, metallic threads, hair from a cow's tail, human hair, plastic mesh, a ravelled mitten, ribbon and a farmer's dyed shirt for the sky of his farm." Bring your family and try to find all these elements and to identify Bradford landmarks. Scheduled viewing times: June 3rd from 6-9 pm and June 14th from 9-11 am. Or call 938-5372 to arrange a private viewing.

### Vaudeville Show

Come see a Vaudeville Show at Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Sat. June 3 at 7:00 pm directed by Wally Borgen. Lots of laughs to benefit the upkeep of the Meetinghouse and Schoolhouse. Co-sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society and the Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

### The Center Schoolhouse needs a coat of paint!

Please come to a Baked Bean and Ham Supper with Strawberry Shortcake June 24 from 5 - 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Lodge (beside the Fire House) to help us raise the funds to do so.

Be sure to visit the Schoolhouse this summer with your family for a flash back to olden days. Call 938-5372 for a private tour or attend one of the public events at Bradford Center.



### Lake Massasecum (Public Invited To Attend)

- June 10 9am at the Casino LMIA Weed Watchers Meeting
- June 24 8am LMIA Yard Sale West Shore Drive

### Bradford July 1 Celebration Sign ups

- To Sign up for the Parade please contact Claire James at [cerinjames@gmail.com](mailto:cerinjames@gmail.com)
- Cow Flop Bingo squares will be available for the purchase starting June 1st and available on day of at Bingo location. Contact Claire @ [cerinjames@gmail.com](mailto:cerinjames@gmail.com) or 938-2041

(Visit [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org) for details!)

### Selectmen's Summer Schedule

- June 5, 19, 26
- July 17 & 31
- August 14 & 28
- September 11

### No meetings

- Independence Day July 4
- Labor Day September 4.

### Important Dates

- July 8 at 9am LMIA Annual Meeting Casino
- July 3 (Monday) at 9pm Flare Night
- September 2 (Saturday) at 8pm Flare Night



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

**Thurs. June 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Fri. June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:45am Mt. View Sr. Ctr.  
Fitness  
11:30 First Friday Brunch w/  
50/50 raffle and door prizes

**Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7pm Vaudeville Show at  
Center Meetinghouse

**Mon. June 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:45am MVSC Fitness  
1pm Bridge Group  
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tues. June 6<sup>th</sup>**

10am Stitches from the Heart  
12 Noon Senior Dining

**Wed. June 7<sup>th</sup>**

1pm Knitting Group  
6pm Yoga  
7pm ZBA Meeting

**Thurs. June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9am AARP Driver Training**  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
4:30pm BACC/Parks & Rec

**Fri. June 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:45am MVSC Fitness  
1pm Mahjong Group

**Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup>**

9am-12pm Town Clerk Open  
9am LMIA Weed Watchers  
Meeting, Casino  
10:30am KRHS Graduation

**Mon. June 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:45am MVSC Fitness  
1pm Bridge Group

**Tues. June 13<sup>th</sup> - FLAG DAY**

10am Stitches from the Heart  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong Group  
7pm Rural Heritage  
Connection  
7pm Planning Board

**Wed. June 14<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Yoga

**Thurs. June 15<sup>th</sup>**

11am - 12 Noon BP Clinic  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong Group  
5 pm Friends of BACC

**Fri. June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Last Day of School  
8:45am MVSC Fitness  
9:30-11:30am Foot Care Clinic  
at North Ridge Apts.  
10am Movie: *Allied*  
12 Noonish Brunch

**Mon. June 19<sup>th</sup>**

1pm Bridge Group  
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tues. June 20<sup>th</sup>**

10am Stitches from the Heart  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong

**Wed. June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Meals on Wheels Driver  
Training Day- No meals  
delivered**

10:30am-12pm Blood Pressure  
Clinic at Warner Senior Room  
6pm Yoga  
7pm - Book Discussion, BML

**Thurs. June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong

**Fri. June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:45am MVSC Fitness

**Sat. June 24<sup>th</sup>**

8am LMIA Yard Sale, West  
Shore Dr  
5pm - 6:30 pm Supper  
Fundraiser for  
Center Schoolhouse@  
St. Peter's Lodge

**Mon. June 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:45am MVSC Fitness  
1pm Bridge Group  
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tues. June 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:30-11:30 Foot Care at  
Warner Pharmacy  
11am Carpool to Winslow  
State Park for BBQ Picnic  
Lunch on Mt. Kearsarge  
(rain date Wed. June 28th)  
1pm Mahjong Group  
7pm Planning Board

**Wed. June 28<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Yoga

**Thurs. June 29<sup>th</sup>**

12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong

*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*

**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.  
KLC- Kearsarge Learning Center

## Area Events

### Friendship House, South Newbury Union Church

Ham Supper June 17th 5:00-7:00 PM. Ham, beans, choice of salads rolls, drink and HOMEMADE DESSERTS! Cost:\$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 6 - 11 and under 6 FREE.

Friendship House is handicap accessible and Take Outs are available. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BENEFIT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. For more information call: 938-2064 <http://www.southnewburyunionchurch.org/>

### MT. KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM & LITTLE NATURE MUSEUM

The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is pleased to announce its Membership Reciprocal program which will begin on June 1, 2017. This program is designed for visitors to visit other participating museums and historic sites. If you are a member of the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, you will be able to visit the following museums and sites at no charge or discounted rates:

June: Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury, NH  
 August: McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord, NH  
 September: New Hampshire Telephone Museum, Warner, NH  
 September: The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens, Newbury, NH  
 October: Fort # 4, Charlestown, NH

If you are a member of any of these organizations, you will be able to come and visit MKIM for free! If you are not a member, now is the time to visit your favorite site and you can reap the membership rewards of this program!

### United Church of Warner

Public Supper at the Warner Town Hall, Saturday June 3, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Serving from 5:00 - 7:00pm. There will be a raffle. Proceeds to support United Church of Warner new furnace Cost \$10.00

### Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust Events Forest Health Woods Walk with County Foresters and the ASLPT Land Protection Specialist

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-6pm (Rain or Shine) Clark Pond Natural Area, Bog Road – New London  
 1.8 mile easy hike with a focus on forest habitat and insect and disease pests of trees.

Free event – please register by calling Kristy at 526-6555 or by email at [kheath@ausbonsargent.org](mailto:kheath@ausbonsargent.org)

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Ausbon Sargent Day

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1-2:30pm – New London Town Common (in case of rain, event will be at the New London Outing Club's gymnasium on Cougar Court) Bring a chair or blanket and come celebrate 30 years of land preservation with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Live music from the Kearsarge Community Band, the New London Elementary School children, and the New London Barn Playhouse. Hear the story of Ausbon Sargent, and witness a Selectman from the Town of New London proclaiming the day as "Ausbon Sargent Day." Cake, lemonade and water will be served. All are welcome!

### Easement Monitor Training

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm  
 With so many properties and acres to monitor, we could use your help. Participants will meet Sue Andrews and Andy Deegan at our NL Ausbon Sargent office where they will cover the basics about the monitoring process. The group will then head to a local property for an introduction to the fieldwork involved in monitoring a property. We'd love to have you volunteer to join our team. Please call Kristy to register at 526-6555 or by email at [kheath@ausbonsargent.org](mailto:kheath@ausbonsargent.org)

### Dr. Donald Eberly Named Chair of Lake Sunapee VNA Board

New London, NH: Donald A. Eberly, MD, FACS, has been appointed *Chair* of the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice Board of Directors for 2017-2018. Eberly, a long-time



resident of New London, retired in 2016 after 36 years as a general surgeon at New London Hospital. He also served on the New London Hospital Board 1990-1998. Eberly received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and attended medical school at the University of Florida. He brings not only a great depth of knowledge and experience in health care, he also has an exceptional commitment to the wellness of our community. For more information please contact Cathy Raymond at 603-526-4077 or [craymond@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:craymond@lakesunapeevna.org).



## Ongoing Events

- Children's Storytime - Mondays 10am at BML
- Retold Story Hour - Wednesdays 6-7pm 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 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
- Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC



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## Looking Back

Volume 2, Number 6 marked the end of first year of The Bradford Bridge.

**Property Reappraisal** A front page article by Phyllis Wilcox reported on a hearing held to outline a complete property reappraisal done by the NH Department of Revenue Administration to reflect a recent economic downturn. Residents were advised that some property taxes would go up, some go down and some stay the same. *(Nothing new there.)*

**Library** Brown Memorial Library began a year of celebration with display of a banner made by Barbara Hall commemorating 100 years of free public library service to the Town of Bradford. Sixty of the 100 years have been in the present building. *(Now 125 years of service, 85 in the same building!)*

**Clean-up Day** Eighth grade students from the Middle School participated in a district wide land use program by assisting with clean-up of French's Park.

**State Representative** Bernie Lamach announced that he will again be a candidate to represent Bradford & Henniker in the NH House of Representatives.

**Bradford Historical Society** Rev. Daniel V. Biles presented the background for his book *An Enduring Love*, based on the letters and diaries of Harriett and Benjamin Franklin Pierce, which described his life as a Civil

War soldier and hers as a "grass widow" on the Pierce farm on what is now Breezy Hill Road. *(Copies available at the Library.)*

**At Work At Home** Audrey Sylvester interviewed Odds Bodkin and described how he made the transition from New York City to rural New Hampshire and to life as a story teller.

*Compiled by Marcia Keller*



## Cemetery Notes

The cemeteries officially open on April 1<sup>st</sup>, but there was a delay because of SNOW. After several days of cool, rainy weather Spring clean up has begun.

Sunny Plains has a new look. The two large pine trees on the right front were dying and were removed. At the same time an oak on the other end of the front fence had some dead branches which were removed. More work will be done over the open season to remove dead and/or overgrown shrubs at the 6 larger cemeteries (Union Sunny Plain, Baptist, Pleasant Hill, New Pond and Burial Ground at the Center).

The small American flags will be placed at all the veterans' graves prior to Memorial Day. In commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary the WWI vets will have a red poppy attached to the flag.

Many relatives of deceased family members, while studying their genealogy notify cemetery member Carey Rodd, who oversees the Find a Grave site. Some genealogists stop by the library or the Historical Society looking for family information.

While working in the New Pond Cemetery, I wandered around the cemetery reading headstones. I discovered a Bradford mother who died at the age of 67. She outlived her husband and seven sons. Her husband died in 1865 at the age of 53. He was predeceased by three sons. A baby died at the age of 9 months and two sons died in VA during the Civil War, one in 1861 and the other in 1864. The mother then lost 4 more sons between 1869 to 1878, one 18 years old and the others were in their 20's.

If you visit the cemeteries you can find many old Bradford families that endured such losses. It is also interesting to try to read the epitaphs. Many are worn and are difficult to read, but it's worth the try.

While I am writing this I am going to take the opportunity to appeal to anyone who would be interested in cleaning headstones. The cleaning is an arduous task, but the finished result is worth it. Right now there is a team of two taking on this ominous project.

Please call 938-2119 if you are interested.

*from Diane Whalley*



**Selectmen’s Highlights  
Town Hall Renovation Note**

Town Treasurer Marilyn Gordon will handle the bookkeeping and is the only one who can disburse funds. Scott McKenney will invoice the work so the Town can track who should be paid. To date \$149,932.20 has been disbursed.

**Street Lights**

LED fixtures have been ordered to convert street lights to energy efficient bulbs.

**Conservation Commission**

Ann Eldridge introduced Chris Connors from Trout Unlimited who discussed the Warner River Watershed Conservation Project. Workshops on Flood Resiliency and Community Action have been held. Public meetings are planned as the project continues.

**Rail Trail**

Michele Halsted reported that the RHC continues to work on the Rail Trail Project, planning a one mile stretch from the Appleseed to Bradford Market. Grants have been applied for and donations are accepted. At her request Selectmen signed a Land Owner Project Permission Form, required to receive funding from the Bureau of Trails. Michele also inquired about using some of the boulders from the Town Hall foundation for the rail trail.

**Halloween**

Selectmen denied a request to change the date that conflicts with the 6th grade trip to ‘Nature’s Classroom’ and Bradford will continue to celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31.

**Preschool**

The lease for the Kearsarge Area Preschool has not been renewed. Selectmen were informed that the school will close on June 30th due to lack of needed volunteers to help run the program.

**Regionalization**

A joint meeting will be held in Sutton with the Sutton Selectmen on June 5 at 5 to discuss joint efforts/regionalization.

**July 4th Celebration**

Selectman John Pfeifle is hoping to raise \$5,000 in donations to be matched by Atlas Fireworks to increase the fireworks for the Celebration to be held in Bradford on July 1st.

**Loader**

The Town was informed that NHDRA has disallowed the amendment to 2017 Town Meeting Article 12 regarding lease-purchase of a loader for

the Highway Department. The amendment would have prepaid the 2018 and 2019 payments from the Highway Expendable Trust Fund. Alternate funding will need to be determined.

**Junkyard**

Selectmen received a complaint about a junkyard on Massasecum Avenue. A follow-up letter will be sent to the property owner.

**Tax Bills**

Bill 1 of 2 of the 2017 Bradford Property Taxes have been mailed out. Payment is due July 5, 2017. Interest of 12% APR will be charged after that date. *Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*




**Happy Father’s Day!**

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# Obituaries



**Richard Philip “Dick” MacLeod Sr.**, 91, of Bradford passed away at home, April 28, 2017, after a long illness, with family by his side. He was born to Philip and Mary (Hoak) McLeod of Bradford, April 1, 1926. A native of Bradford, he lived there almost his entire life. His family lived on a small farm at the end of Lake Massasecum where they farmed best they could, kept boarders in the summer and survived the Great Depression.

Dick graduated from Henniker High School, in 1944, the first of his family to graduate high school. After graduating, Dick enlisted in the Merchant Marines (his vision too bad for him to join the Navy). He was stationed at Gallups Island, Boston, and served on two tankers, the USS Mulholland and the Gulfwave, working in their boiler rooms.

Over the years, Dick held numerous delivery jobs. He delivered: ice he

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personally cut from the lake, oil, fish from New Ipswich, Fannie Farmer chocolates, lumber, bread, and newspapers all over New England. With his wife Jackie, Dick owned a used furniture business and a “Laundro-Mac” in Henniker. They later owned and operated Fisher’s Store on Lake Massasecum in the late 50’s and 60’s; later they ran food and popcorn concessions at the Hopkinton Fair. He worked nights as a water technician at Sprague Electric Company in Concord for 35 years. He was a long time Justice of the Peace and married people in such places as The Isles of Shoals, in a hot air balloon, on mountain tops and often in his own living room.

Dick served for many years on the Bradford Fire Department, Bradford Rescue Squad and Bradford Police Department. He served on Bradford’s zoning and planning boards, and as town health officer. He was a founding member of the Rescue Squad and taught its first EMT classes. He volunteered for the Red Cross for over 50 years, teaching First Aid, EMT and Disaster Preparedness. After retiring from Sprague, Dick traveled with the Red Cross to help people devastated by hurricanes in the Gulf Coast area. He always helped people however he could, no matter who they were. In his later years, he volunteered for the Bradford Historical Society providing oral history for visitors as he was a native and lifelong resident of Bradford. He loved to tell stories about Bradford, Henniker and his own life. Dick always had lots of stories to tell, and many of them were even true.

Dick’s hobbies included woodworking, making wooden figures, drawing, painting and everything Scottish. He was extremely proud of his Scottish ancestry, wearing his kilts whenever/wherever he could; he even painted his house’s shutters the Loud MacLeod tartan. He was a founding member of the Highland Games at Loon Mountain, helping to coordinate the first clan

picnic there with a couple other Scottish families in 1975. He was a member of various Scottish organizations, played (badly) in a bagpipe band for a time, and was very interested in researching his Scottish genealogy.

Dick was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Robert A. McLeod; and his dear wife, Catherine “Jackie” Fisher MacLeod, whom he missed sorely after her death. Dick is survived by his son, Richard MacLeod Jr., of Henniker; his son, Robert MacLeod and his wife, Georgine, of Bardstown, KY; and his daughter, Maryanne MacLeod and her wife, Lorraine, of Somersworth. He leaves behind his beloved grandchildren; granddaughter, Jaime MacLeod Richard and her husband, Jenner, of Middlefield, CT; granddaughter, Shayla, and grandson, Seamus MacLeod of Bardstown, KY; step-grandson, Daniel Vorosmarty and his wife, Laura, of Barrington; and grandson, Richard MacLeod, III, of Bradford who lived with and cared for Dick in his final years and days. Dick also leaves his cherished great-grandchildren, Samantha MacLeod of Bradford; Emilia and Jagger Richard of Connecticut; and Lucy Vorosmarty of Barrington. He leaves many other family members and friends. Dick was a treasure to his family.

The family requests donations to be made to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse and Hospice. The VNA and Hospice nurses and staff were true Godsenders to him and his family in his final days. For more information, contact the Chadwick Funeral Home at 526-6442 or view: [www.legacy.com/guestbook/concordmonitor/richard-philip-dick-condolences](http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/concordmonitor/richard-philip-dick-condolences).

**Service for Brenda Greenlaw**  
Committal Service for Brenda Greenlaw will be held at 1:00PM on Friday, June 23 at Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford.

### How Far Do We Go?



Will and Holly Rodd visited China and Japan during a recent vacation. But they could not leave behind a copy of their hometown paper- just to keep them grounded! Yeah Bradford.

We are wondering how far afield the Bridge is read, in print and online. Send us a picture of some far away place the Bridge has reached so we can prove that we are just as good as the New York Times.

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The original floor rafters of the Town Hall. Notice how the hand hewn boards are only flattened on one side! So neat to see the bark and knots of the original trees. There are also some incredible timbers spanning the entire length of the floor!

***Subscriptions***

If you live out of town and/or read The Bridge online, but would prefer to hold the copy in your hands, subscriptions are available. Send your name and address along with a check for \$25 to cover the cost of postage to Bradford Bridge, P.O. Box 463, Bradford, NH 03221 and for the next 12 months, you will be assured of having the latest Bradford news on hand.

***Out and About***

*By Kathleen Bigford*

Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I'd like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. Of course proper credit will be given. The most interesting photographs will be from Bradford and close-by places. An accompanying captions would be nice. One last request is to submit images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Heather Labelle sent in these pictures taken on a recent hike around Lake Massasecum. Thank you Heather!

