

Bradford Bridge

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Water Street Bridge

On January 30, 2017, the Town received a Critical Bridge Deficiency Notice from the NH Department of Transportation for the Water Street Bridge over West Branch brook. The notice read, in part, *The advancing deterioration has reduced the safe calculated live load capacity, resulting in a reduced posting of "Weight Limit 3 Tons" and "Passenger Cars Only" for the short term. However, without action, this bridge will likely require closure in the near future.*

The Selectmen recognized that emergency equipment could not use this bridge and acted quickly to address the situation. Eckman Engineering was engaged to provide the plans and Cold River Bridges LLC, who recently completed the work on the Breezy Hill Road Bridge, to do the required repairs. The work included removal of the existing steel deck and concrete abutments, constructing a new concrete superstructure and installing bridge railings. The Bridge was closed on March 6th, new deck poured on March 21st, and reopened on March 31st. The total cost, including engineering was \$75,882.



We Cannot Help You If We Cannot Find You

We have put man on the moon and yet we cannot get people to put their house number visibly showing from the street. If we cannot find you we cannot help you, time is the essence during an emergency. The 911 call system has been a great help in getting you help quickly. The problem is we usually only get a street name, house number and cross streets. Usually we do not even get a person's name. All you have to do is go out of your driveway to the Town road and visualize how Emergency Responders would find your house. If you cannot, then you have a problem and you should correct it. Also think about snowy winters so your numbers are not covered by or obstructed by snow or by flora in the summer. Bradford does have a numbering ordinance to go by and certainly feel free to call any of the emergency agencies in Bradford if you have a question or concern. We have included an article, one of way too many, about tragedies that could be avoided if your house is properly identified. The numbers need to be large and visible from both directions of travel.

Thank You
Bradford Fire and Rescue

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Before they began.

By April 14 the Town Hall was raised 4' to provide space for new foundation

Bradford Parks & Rec French's Park Annual Spring Clean Up!

If you love French's Park as much as we do, please join us for a morning of spring cleaning on Sunday, May 7th from 9 am until noon. (Rain date Sat. May 13). Drinks and refreshments provided. Please bring your own rake (or your favorite outside "toy", gloves and bug spray.

If you have any questions please call: 938-5900 if you have any questions.

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Submissions

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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Thu & Fri - 8 am - 4 PM
(closed 12 -1 pm)
2nd & 4th Sat - 9 am - Noon

Planning Board Circuit Rider Wednesday

call 938-5193 for appointment
*Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC*

From the Editor

This month a cautionary tale. With warmer days coming early, NH Fish & Game advised early removal of bird feeders. Some of us, however, prefer to watch and see what happens. What happened was a smallish bear on a pine tree challenging the feeder. He was duly shooed away. Feeders came down so as not to encourage him. Some, also, use the approach of down at night, up during the day. Two days after the initial appearance, there were sounds coming from the roof of the house (one story, flat roof). Investigation determined that the same bear climbed the same pine tree at one end of the house, jumped to the roof, meandered down the length of the house, jumped from that roof to a flat car port roof, and then to another pine tree. After peering around the tree (and grinning) he ambled off down the road and up the hill. That not being quite enough, the same afternoon, in a two hour period, he returned (unseen) and tipped over the rubbish barrel. No contents that intrigued him, so off he went.

Lesson: bears are NOT nocturnal.

Finally, there is something positive about 'mud season', which like bears came a little early this year. Immediately after Town Meeting, Rick Geddes informed the THROC that many of the jobs he had underway were being delayed because of early road closings. Since Main Street was not closed, work could begin on the Bradford Town Hall, which it did. Photos scattered throughout this Bridge give a limited sense of how the work has progressed.

It is not possible to acknowledge and thank all those who have contributed goods, services and help to date, but a few should be mentioned. No ledge was found under the building, but huge boulders were – either by nature or by our forefathers when they erected the building at that site in 1860. One in particular was too large for the equipment being used by Geddes. Nate Kimball arrived on the scene with what was needed and the boulder was put in its proper place. The shrubs around the building were carefully dug up and placed out of harm's way. How to keep them safe until they could be returned? Karen Hambleton took on the task. Matt Gerald offered his help by rigging up soaker hoses with a timer and Fred Brunnhoelzl arrived with a donated pickup truck of woodchips for Matt and Karen to throw over the shrubs.

Bradford runs on volunteers, sometimes those you ask for or recruit; sometimes unexpected and much appreciated. Thanks to these four and all those who have or will keep this project going until the historic building is back in service.

*Marcia Keller
May Editor*

**Town Hall Progress Report
From the Ground Up**



Breathtaking! That was my reaction to watching Rick Geddes and his crew work on the excavation and elevation of our Town Hall. They started with small Bobcat tractor/loader devices and worked like giant ants taking out the earth and “nuggets” and loading them onto Town trucks for later “recycling” on our roads. As they tunneled inward, they inserted I-beams and cribs to support the building. It was ballet worthy of the Bolshoi. When they were done with the excavating and shoring up, the building was raised to its present lofty height of about four feet.

It was fascinating to observe that huge rocks—not ledge—had been placed under the building back in the 1860’s. These were rocks that a large excavator had trouble moving but apparently Civil War era oxen were up to the task. Rick planned to put a glass of water on the town clerk’s counter to see if any spilled but I don’t know if he did.

The level of the dirt in the new basement is smooth and level, reflecting the care and skill Rick displayed all along. Indeed,

the restoration is off to a great start. The concrete crew has now moved in and footings and walls will be in place by the time the *Bridge* appears. At that point, the visible progress will slow down and the bidding and review of bids will take place.



Once the building was raised, work began to lay the footings for the foundation.



Foundation forms under the front of the building.

**Belanger Home
Improvements
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A financing agreement has been reached with Lake Sunapee Bank and the terms are excellent: 3.5% for 20 years—no adjustment. Thanks and gratitude to our neighbor on Main Street.

A reminder to contractors, local and otherwise: Requests for bids have not gone out yet but if you want to be on the list of prospects or have any questions or comments, contact the project manager, Scott McKenney, by email at ProjectCoordinator38@gmail.com.

We will be looking for volunteers along the way. There will be many tasks that we could use help on. One that comes to mind right away is the removal of the wall in what I now refer to as the “East Room.” Should be fun!

If you have any comments or concerns, feel free to send an email to both Harry Wright and me at handswright@tds.net and BrackettScheffy@tds.net. We will respond as soon and as well as we can. Continue to look to the *Bridge* for more information!

Brackett Scheffy for the THROC



Cribbing under the floor of the building. Old flooring in that area was removed.

A LAUGH A MINUTE
Will Cressy 1863-1930
Part 2 of 4

This is the second 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 100th anniversary of US involvement in WWI. For a full list of area events pertaining to WWI, visit : www.overthereoverhere.com and check the Bridge calendar.

The Cressy brothers' act went broke by 1890, with only two "plug" (derby) hats and one overcoat as their assets. Father Frank bailed them out with train tickets home where Harry joined the family business. Will and Blanche decided to give the theater another try. They were hired by Sawtelle Theater Company of Rutland, Vermont and performed for \$18/week. At a tent performance for 1,400 people in Oneonta, New York, the Father of Yankee Humor, Denman Thompson, spotted them. He chose Will and Blanche out of 700 applicants to play the characters of Cy Prime and Rickety Ann in his popular play, "The Old Homestead," for six years.

In 1898, Cressy and Dayne debuted Will's playlet "Grasping an Opportunity" at Keith's Union Square Theater in New York City for \$135.00. Within a year, Will was writing sketches for other performers, as well. In all, he wrote over 150 sketches,

monologues, pamphlets, poems and plays with his characteristic inventiveness and distinct "rube" (country bumpkin) humor. His forte was Yankee humor, but he dabbled in other regional themes, like his hit "Wyoming Whoop." Will coined the phrase "a laugh a minute," based on the performer's need to calibrate the success of the act. He was the first vaudevillian to add pathos to his scripts, with a guaranteed laugh-getter at the end.

"Hills o' Hampshire" is a novel he co-wrote with James Clarence Harvey about a village lawyer named Squire Tappan, based on Bradford's own beloved Colonel Mason Ware Tappan. Although the book was published in 1913, Will had been portraying Squire Tappan since 1903 in a sketch he called "Bill Biffin's Baby." Here's a sample of the fictional Squire's philosophy according to Will: "The world is made of two classes. One half does all that is ever done and gits all the cussin'; the other half lays back and does the cussin'. Now which would you rather be, the cusser or the cussee?"

(continued next month)



Will Cressy and Blanche Dayne were a world famous Vaudeville act at the tun of the last century. Many of Cressy's skits involved references to his birth town, Bradford.

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In accordance with RSA 32:5.I, notice is hereby given that The Commissioners of Lake Todd Village District in the Towns of Bradford and Newbury, NH, will hold a hearing on a proposed budget for the District.

Date: Saturday May 27th, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Where: Bradford Area Community Center
134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH

All persons, residents and non-residents of the Lake Todd Village District are invited and encouraged to attend.

Lake Todd Village District, P. O. Box 169, Bradford, NH 03221-0169

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 caption would be nice. One last request is to submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

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Tuesday Morning Mom’s Group at 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Prayer in the Sanctuary at 7 pm

Thursday Night Bible Study at 6:30 pm Book of Exodus

Special Baptism Service on May 14th during the Sunday worship

Church spring cleaning day on May 17 at 9:30 am.

Bradford Resident Runs for Cancer Research

On April 17, Bradford resident Joseph Conway ran to conquer cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 121st Boston Marathon®. Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, he ran Massachusetts’ historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 28th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC) team. One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge goes to Dana-Farber’s Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising scientific research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$80 million for the Barr Program to date.

Chris Frey Honored



At their annual meeting on April 17, 2017 the Bradford Fire and Rescue Department recognized and thanked Chris Frey for his 50 years of service.

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New Members Welcomed By New London Rotary

The New London Rotary welcomes new members Kate Seamans and Beth Camp. These two individuals are sharing the role of Colby-Sawyer College rotary representatives. Beth works as a Major Gift Officer in the Development Office and Kate is the Senior Director of Communications at the college. People join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking and camaraderie. New London Rotary welcomes

individuals who reside in the territorial area of our Club which includes West Andover, Bradford, South Danbury, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot OR he/she must be employed by a company/business within the territorial area.



If you are interested in becoming a member of New London Rotary, contact Membership Co-Chairs Debbie Stanley at dstanley@ausbonsargent.org or Steve Ensign at sensign@tds.net or visit the club’s website at <http://newlondonrotary.com>



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MAY NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe, but in less than one month the Class of 2017 graduates on June 10th at 10:30am! The school year has brought much success to our student body and staff. I have no doubt the remaining month will be filled with lasting memories.

The Class of 2017 is busily preparing for their graduation ceremony by making final touches to their Senior Projects in preparation for presentations on Senior Expo Night, which will take place on May 16th here at KRHS. Final exam and graduation week schedules will be mailed home to parents and prospective graduates. Information can also be found on our website. It is important for our seniors to finish strong and fulfill all of the expected obligations that involve academics, attendance, and graduation events.

Our underclassmen are hard at work preparing for final exams, finishing projects, and engaging in meaningful academic exploration. Underclassmen final exam schedules will be posted on our website. Additional information about exams will be sent home in the coming days.

Spring sports are gearing up for their season and many teams are looking forward to post-season play. Participation and sportsmanship have been outstanding this season. KRHS is in the running for another Division III Sportsmanship Award, and a strong finish to the season may secure that honor for the third year in a row!

Our Chorus and Band programs had a successful concert season, as well as visiting multiple sites in the district to engage in festive singing with community members.

We continue to develop and implement the various pieces of our change to competency based education. We are proud of the work our students and staff have put forth this year, and appreciate the patience and understanding that go with this transformation.

It is important for students and parents to stay in touch with teachers and administration to ensure a successful end to the school year. Please monitor your student's grades and attendance on PowerSchool; do not hesitate to call if you have questions or concerns.

It has been a wonderful school year, and we thank the students, staff, parents, and greater community for their continued support and efforts.

I wish you a safe and healthy summer!

Respectfully submitted, Rob Bennett, Principal



DISTRICT WIDE

5/11 & 25 @ KLC-School
Board Mtgs @ 6:30 PM

5/12 Progress Reports
Close for 4th Quarter

5/29 Memorial Day-No
School

KRHS

5/06 SATs & PROM

5/13 Project CLIMB Trip

5/17 Jazz Combo Concert

5/24 Spring Band/Choir
Concert

5/31 CRTC Graduation 6:00

KRMS

5/02-5/05 8th Grade
Washington, DC Trip

5/03 PTO Meeting @ 6:00

5/19 Activity Night/Parent
Social & 5th Grade Parent
Night

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

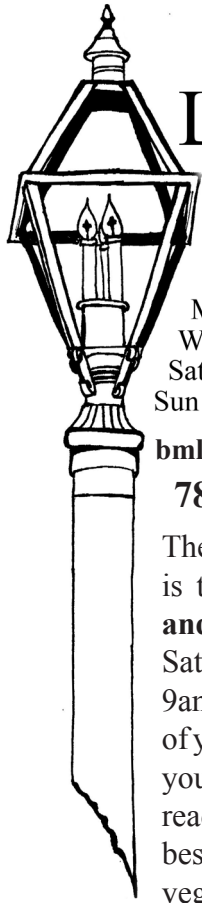
5/02 5th Grade Step-Up Day

5/02 NLES PTO @ 6:00

5/17 Bradford ChiPS
Meeting & Sutton PTO Mtg.
both @ 6:30 PM

5/03 Simonds PTO Mtg @
6:30 PM & Family Lunch @
12:15

5/25 & 26 Bradford &
Simonds Environmental
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LIBRARY LANTERN

By: Meg Fearnley

Library Hours

Mon 10:00am - 8:00pm
Wed 10:00am - 7:00pm
Sat 10:00am - 3:00pm
Sun 11:00am - 3:00pm

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The big news this month is that our annual **Book and Plant Sale** will be on Saturday, May 27 from 9am until 2pm. As many of you know, not only will you find great books to read but also some of the best seedlings for your vegetable and flower gardens! Thank you to our hard-working volunteers who make this happen each year. All donations benefit the library (hooray!).

Our **monthly book discussion** continues on Wednesday, May 17 with *Stoner* by John Williams. This book was originally published in 1965, but sold fewer than 2,000 copies. After gaining popularity in Europe, the novel "sold hundreds of thousands of copies in 21 countries" [*The Guardian*]. See what you think, and join the discussion!

The **Friends of the Library** are working on booking new programming for the library. Keep an eye out for announcements! Stop by the library and pick up a Friends brochure and membership form.

The library is closed on Monday, May 29.

Lots of new books were added to your library in April. Here is a selection:

For adults

The Gatekeepers : how the White House Chiefs of Staff define every presidency / Chris Whipple

4 3 2 1 / Paul Auster

Earthly Remains / Donna Leon

All Grown Up / Jami Attenberg

A Separation / Katie Kitamura

Anything is Possible / Elizabeth Strout

The Women in the Castle / Jessica Shattuck

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane / Lisa See

How Emotions are Made: the secret life of the brain / Lisa Feldman Barrett

Family Photo Detective / Maureen A. Taylor

For children

The Hate u Give / Angie Thomas

Princess Cora and the Crocodile / Laura Amy Schlitz

Bull / by David Elliott

See You in the Cosmos / Jack Cheng

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Everyone lines up, ready for the hunt to begin...



And they're off!



Aleah Barker gathers eggs on the lawn of the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford during the annual Easter celebration. Thanks to the Friends of the BML and the fourth grade students who filled the eggs with candy for all to enjoy!

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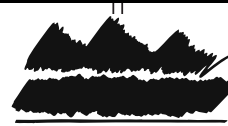
Friends of Bradford Memorial Library

Spring is coming in like a lion at the library. In March the Friends sponsored "Rosie's Mom" an informative talk about the role of women in World War I. This talk funded, by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, featured scholar Carrie Brown. Snacks made with World War I era recipes were served after the event.

The friends also sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the library. Many thanks to the 4th graders at Bradford Elementary School for filling 800 eggs and to Jan Riley who coordinated that effort. Also, thanks to children's librarian, Laurie Buchar for reading stories to set the mood for the hunt, to Andrew Pinard who MC'd the event, and to all the volunteers who hid eggs and kept the hunters out of the road.

The annual meeting for the Friends of Brown Memorial will be held on Wednesday, May 3, at 5 PM at the library. All are welcome to this yearly event to help plan Friends activities for the upcoming year. Elections will also be held and the Friends are in need of a Secretary in particular.

Spring is also membership renewal time. Please consider joining or renewing. Membership forms are available at the library. Your support helps us provide free programming for our community. Members should watch their emails for an interest survey to help plan for upcoming events.



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Donkeys on Parade: The Road to Independence

If you watched Bradford's Independence Day Parade last summer, did you wonder what might be special about the donkeys on parade? I discovered how special they were when I talked with Bradford native, Pebbles Sillars, a volunteer in a unique organization, *Road to Independence*.

Pebbles added: "*Road to Independence*, entering its 7th year, is a well-established non-profit vocational training program for individuals with mental and physical challenges. Most of our participants pay nothing to be in this program and so far we are staffed by dedicated volunteers.

For most people independence is acquired in stages as we grow into adulthood. Typically we find it by our mid-twenties. By this time we have generally learned how to hold a job, interact socially and provide for ourselves. But what about the people who for whatever the reason, be it physically or mentally, don't fit into that mold? What do they do? How do they move towards independence? If they are lucky

they might find an organization like *Road To Independence* (RTI).

The RTI programs focus on establishing and strengthening life skills for individuals so that they gain more self-esteem, self-confidence and independence in their everyday lives. We have seen individuals blossom after mastering new skills; we have seen the pride of participants selling their produce at our Farmer's Market; and proudly demonstrating their donkey-handling skills to the public."


RTI is expanding its vocational training program this summer with a bakery program: Aurora Bakery and Café at 29 Main Street, Newport. To volunteer, take part in RTI, or to contribute: contact:rtivtp@hotmail.com.

Watch for the "Donkeys on Parade" in Bradford, July 1, 2017. Nicki Dubaere's campers from Shallow Pond Day Camp will volunteer again with the donkeys.

Pebbles Sillars & Audrey V. Sylvester

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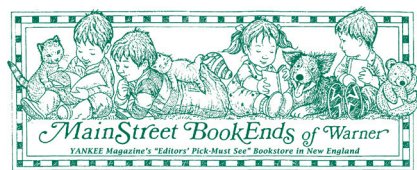
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maximum. Tell someone to get an AED, if there is one available.

You can learn CPR. It does help to have some training and practice. “Bystander” CPR training will be available at the Bradford Fire Station on Saturday, May 27, 2017, 10:00 AM to noon.

Brooks McCandlish



Ice out. Unofficial date is April 12, 2017- just above average.



The sign says ‘please’. The ordinance, enacted in 2012, says: “Failure to comply with this ordinance will result with first a warning from the police department, and then the imposing of a \$25.00 fine.” Be polite and respectful of your neighbors and Bradford’s downtown sidewalks.



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Town Boards

Selectmen

John Pfeifle was elected as Selectman Chair. Committee Responsibilities –John will continue to work with the Road Crew and the Budget Committee, Sonny Harris will remain as Selectman’s Rep to the Planning Board (Jim Bibbo as backup) and the Conservation Commission. Jim will continue with the Town Hall Restoration Oversight Committee.

Appointments: Selectmen signed Appointment Forms for members of the Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board and the Parks & Recreation Committee. They approved a recommendation from the Library Trustees to appointment Ellen Barselle to fill out the position left vacant by the resignation of Garry Kalajian.

Jim Bibbo expressed concern that Bradford is behind in making payments to the KRSD. Town Administrator Karen Hambleton explained the town is waiting for the State’s bridge reimbursement payment and the Tax Anticipation Note to be authorized.

LED Lighting: After reviewing the proposal and timing, the Board voted to proceed with the LED replacement of street lights to reduce the Town’s street lighting cost. The contract was signed and work should begin soon.

The Selectmen voted to waive the Building Permit Fee for the Town Hall project.

Autocraft Update: Cleanup work at the site is nearing completion. The Chief of Police met on the property with George Carrigan from DES who was not overly concerned with the soil conditions because most of the cars have been there for years. If a soil test were to be done it would cost around \$10,000. Mr. Wilcox has not yet contacted the Planning Board to make sure that he is in compliance with the site plan.

Cell Tower: There is currently a cell tower in town, however according to the tower owner no cell provider is interested in housing service on it. Selectman Pfeifle would like to determine if there is a time limit as to how long the tower can be up without providing service. He would like to “Get the tower to work or take it down”.

State Bridge Program: The Board voted to stay with the State program, but to request that the Town’s 2018 slot, which was for the Pond Bridge that was carried out with Town funds, be dedicated to the bridge at the end of West Main Street. A delay of two or three years in the funding will be requested to allow time to develop plans for what is a complicated situation. It will also allow time to re-submit an application for sidewalk funding.

Permission for Tree Cutting: At the request of the State, Selectmen signed a letter of permission allowing someone to cut sections from a dead

pine at Bradford Pines.

Planning Board

Erich Caron was elected as Chair and Claire James as Vice-Chair for the coming year.

Library Trustees

Trustees reported that the new boiler has been installed and is working well. Repair of the lift, and electrical work on the fire alarm system accounted for substantial maintenance expenditures.

An electrical contractor has assessed the lighting situation at the library and a quote is forthcoming regarding the cost of replacing the fluorescent lights with LEDs.

The resignation of Garry Kalajian was received. A motion was made and passed to nominate Ellen Barselle to fill the vacancy until the next election. Selectmen were asked to approve the appointment.

Cemetery Trustees

Discussion was held regarding the inability of the Bradford Trustees of the Trust Funds to come forth with funds that the Trustees of the Cemeteries are able to use for the particularly expensive tree removal and headstone repair. Diane Whalley will discuss this with town officials.

Custodian Jim Lord will be contacted about the signs to be posted at Sunny Plains and Pleasant Hill Cemeteries reminding dog walkers to pick up the poop left by their dogs.

Carey Rodd will contact the State Diversion Group for community services to ask for help with cemetery headstone cleaning. Jane Lucas and Diane will furnish the cleaning kits with needed supplies.

Jane reported that the Civil War Memorial at Pleasant Hill may be missing some cannon balls that were placed there when the memorial was built in 1906. Carey volunteered to try to locate them over the nearby bank by the brook.

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

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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.

Mon. May 1st

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1-4pm Bridge
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. May 2nd

10am Stitches from the Heart
12pm Senior Dining
1:30pm Watercolor Class
12-4pm Planning Board Office

Wed. May 3rd

5pm Friends of Brown Memorial Library, annual meeting, BML
6pm Yoga
7pm Zoning Board Meeting

Thurs. May 4th

12pm Senior Dining
1 pm Mahjong

Fri. May 5th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
11:30am 1st Friday Brunch ft. Pontine
Theater Group of Portsmouth
1pm Mahjong

Sat. May 6th

10-Noon Meet Your Representatives
Henniker Grange

Sun. May 7th

9 – Noon French's Park Cleanup

Mon. May 8th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1-4pm Bridge
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. May 9th

10am Stitches from the Heart
12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong
1:30pm Watercolor Class
1-4pm Planning Board Office
7pm Planning Board Meeting

Wed. May 10th

1pm Knitting Group-visitors welcome!!
6pm Yoga

Thurs. May 11th

12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong
4:30 pm BACC/P & R Committees
7 pm Pollinator Workshop
7 pm Roads Taken or Not
Steve Taylor, Tin Shop

Fri. 7 May 12th

8:45am MVSC Fitness

Sat. May 13th

9am-12pm Town Clerk Open

Mon. May 15th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1-4pm Bridge
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. May 16th

10am Stitches from the Heart
12pm Senior Dining
1:30pm Watercolor Class
1-4pm Planning Board Office

Wednesday, May 17th

6pm Yoga
7pm Book Discussion, BML

Thurs. May 18th

11am- 12pm BP Clinic at MVSC
12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong
5 pm BWC Luncheon Appleseed
6:30pm Budget Committee Meeting

Fri. May 19th

8:4am MVSC Fitness
9:30-11:30am Foot Care Clinic at North Ridge
10am Friday at the Movies
12 Noonish Senior Brunch
1pm Mahjong

Sat. May 20th

March for Meals Walkathon at NHTI, Concord, call MVSC for details

Mon. May 22nd

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1-4pm Bridge
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. May 23rd

9:30- 11:30 Foot Care clinic at Warner Pharmacy
10am Healthy Eating Class

11am Quilting Group
12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong
1:30pm Watercolor Class
1-4pm Planning Board Office
7pm Planning Board Meeting

Wed. May 24th

10:30am- 12 Noon BP Clinic at Warner Senior Room
6pm Yoga

Thurs. May 25th

12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong

Fri. May 26th

8:45am MVSC Fitness

Sat. May 27th

Town Clerk Closed
9am-2pm Book & Plant Sale, BML
9 am – LTVD Budget Meeting
10 – noon 'Bystander CPR Fire Station

Mon. May 29th

Memorial Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL
Town Offices Closed
Library Closed
Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels
1 pm Bridge

Tues. May 30th

10am Stitches from the Heart
12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong
1-4pm Planning Board Office

*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

Meet Your State Representatives

What's been going on at the State House State House so far this year and what more could happen in state legislation before this July? That's what Reps. Beth Rodd and Dave Woolpert will be ready to discuss with Henniker and Bradford voters who show up for a meeting on Saturday morning, May 6th. This public "Town Hall" will be held at the Henniker Grange building next to the Tucker Free Library on Western Avenue.

Reps. Rodd and Woolpert will go over bills that have changed or are attempting to change the following:

- More funding to combat the opioid/drug epidemic in NH
- Restrictions on Food Stamp eligibility
- Full-day public kindergarten
- National election campaign financing and the role of the Electoral College
- Restricting eligibility for voting in elections
- Retirement benefits for state workers
- Allowing "personhood" legal status to fetuses as young as eight weeks
- Local real estate tax breaks for veterans
- More funding for the NH Division of Youth and Family Services
- Requiring payments to unions by non-union workers in union places of work
- Authorizing gambling casinos in NH
- Protection of transgender people's rights

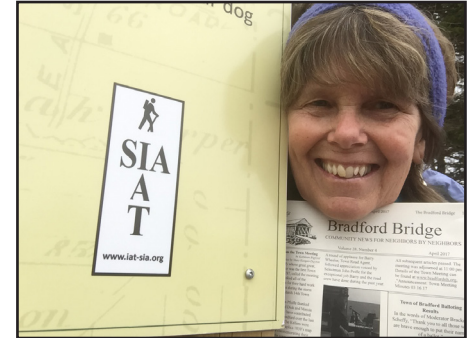
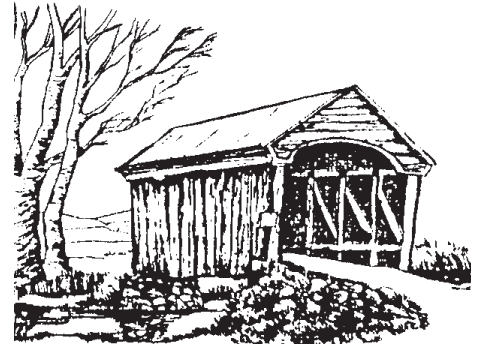
Voters are invited to come and ask questions about any topic that could be affected by the N.H. House of Representatives, give your two State Representatives your opinions, or just learn what has been going on in the State House this session.

When: Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Henniker Grange, 31 Western Ave.,

Questions? Call. Rep. Woolpert at 848-3490 Rep. Rodd at 496-0307

How Far Do We Go?



Inspired by Bill Duffy's talk about Greenland and the International Appalachian Trail (IAT) I took my trusty copy of the "Bridge" and ventured to Prince Edward Island to explore the trails there. Where next?



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NH Humanities Talk

**New Hampshire Roads Taken—Or Not
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May 11 at 7 PM at the Tin Shop



Following World War II, New Hampshire embarked on an extensive program of constructing new highways and improving existing roads to accommodate explosive growth in passenger vehicles and the need for better infrastructure to accommodate commercial traffic. Hundreds of millions in federal, state, and local tax dollars would be expended on this initiative over the second half of the 20th century and road construction would become an enduring part of the states economy.

Decisions about when and where highway projects would be undertaken were often driven by political considerations as

well as by policy dictated from Washington. Frequently, choices not to build or improve certain roads would generate as much conflict and controversy as would the proposals that would eventually be implemented. Either way, decisions about highways would come to have profound and lasting impacts upon communities and entire regions of the state. In this program, Steve Taylor reviews some of New Hampshire's most significant highway choices in the 20th century, followed by discussion of the economic, social, and cultural changes that followed decisions to build or not to build.



In true Yankee style, the Bradford Historical Society Tin Shop has served many functions during its lifetime. This striped pole was found on the property and has had a facelift in honor of the years the building served as the local barbershop. Thanks to Colonial Woodworking, Inc. for donating a replacement ball for the top! Keep an eye on other progress on this site as the Old Post Office is seated on a new foundation this spring.

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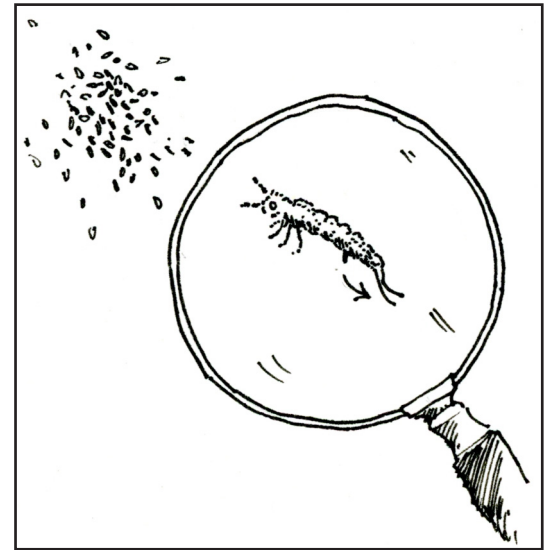
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Outside: Snow Fleas by Ann Eldridge

In mid-April as I write this there is still snow on the ground. But the earth is tired of it and with a body shake undetectable to us it has sent millions of snow fleas scuttling to the surface. ‘Spontaneous generation’, the theory that organisms can be created out of inanimate objects, was rejected a few centuries ago but snow fleas do make one wonder if there might possibly be one or two cases where a life form appears full-blown from the elements. Tens of thousands of these nervous poppy seeds collect in footprints and puddles on the first warm days towards winter’s end.



Snow fleas are not fleas at all. They belong to a ubiquitous

order with the poetic name of Collembula or ‘springtails’. Known as Hexapods (six-footed) by Those Who Name Things, their six legs are about the only attribute shared with insects. In outline they range from spherical to elongated, include most colors of the rainbow including luminescent, and in texture vary widely from hairy to scaly to smooth. Although many of these wingless springtails have multiple eyes, they are not the multi-faceted eyes of most insects. Springtails rely on a general gas exchange through their skin surface rather than the insect method of respiratory openings in their exoskeletons.

With a reduced number of abdominal segments, all springtails have a pair of partially fused appendages on their fourth or fifth abdominal segment called a furcula that bends under their bodies and fits into a spring-like mechanism on their third. When the catch is released the “tail” instantly propels them to amazing heights and thus gives them their common name. These are arthropods of ancient origins and have survived hundreds of millions of years of earth’s calamities without need of becoming more highly complex than they are.

Hypogastrura nivicola, the common springtail known here as the ‘snow flea’ is gray or blue-gray and slightly bristled. George and Kim, however, have hordes of springtails that appear by their color to have spent the winter absorbing their brick patio.

Some form of springtail occupies every damp corner of the globe including the polar ice caps and they are the most abundant barely-visible organism on earth at sometimes more than 100,000 per square yard. This partially explains why the vast majority of the articles about them on the internet are concerned with global warming and the effects of various forms of pollution. They are used as an early warning of environmental imbalances. If something goes amiss with something that numerous you can be sure that there will be consequences we would eventually take note of.

The question remains: why do tens of thousands of these tiny gray “bugs” migrate to the surface of the snow on a warm day in New Hampshire? They swarm up the thawed crevices at the edges of trees, rocks, and shrubs, frenetically cavort in heaps where they can spring unimpeded, and at nightfall flow back down from whence they came. It may be for food. It might have to do with procreation. It could be overcrowding. Seasonal affective disorder? Some graduate student may be working on the answer.

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To prevent such tragedies, some of the county's municipalities have adopted house-numbering ordinances in recent years. The latest to do so is Langhorne, which last week decided to require property owners to post their street addresses in three-inch letters or face a \$50 fine.



I beams and temporary footings hold the building aloft while a new foundation is poured.



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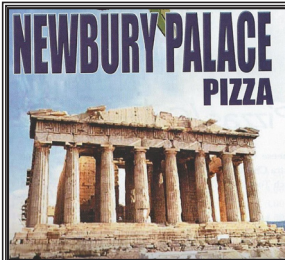
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Obituaries

Charles Bliss Dayton

Charles Bliss Dayton, "Charlie," 94, of Falmouth, ME, died April 3, 2017, of complications from a fall. The son of Elinor (Bliss) & Dr. Arthur Bliss Dayton, he was born December 22, 1922 in Changsha, China.

Raised in New Haven, CT, Charlie attended the Foote School, Hopkins School and Phillips Exeter Academy. He received his bachelor's from Yale, class of 1944, graduating early to serve in the US Navy as 2nd Lt. aboard the USS O'Toole. He was employed by the New Haven Railroad and its successors where he worked in cost accounting. Charlie married Constance Olson in 1953 and together they lived in North Haven, CT for 47 years before moving to Maine in 2001.

Charlie and Connie owned "The Bixby home" on County Road in Bradford for about 30 years starting in 1978. He enjoyed skiing at King Ridge and hiking the woods of Bradford. He was quiet, loving, kind and generous; and believed people should work for peace, which he did through membership in the United World Federalists and later the United Nations Association-USA.



Charlie was predeceased by his twin brother and his sister-in-law, Nancy and Arthur B. Dayton Jr. He is survived by his wife of almost 64 years, Constance Olson Dayton, his children: Nancy Dayton Houston and her husband Stephen of Cranston, RI, Howard Bliss Dayton and his wife Mary Keegan-Dayton of Bradford, NH, Sarah Dayton Bouchard of Weare, NH, and Mary Dayton Follo and her husband Tim of Falmouth, ME and grandchildren: Anders & Hannah Houston, Margaret Dayton Golden and her husband Jeff, Padraic & Owen Dayton, Jessica & Charlie Bouchard and Emily & Timothy Follo.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 123 William Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10038, www.plannedparenthood.org or the United Nations Association, UNA-USA, 801 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017, unausa.org

Shirley M. Keith

A memorial service for Shirley M. Keith, who died on Feb. 2, 2017, will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at the Bradford Community Church, Bradford, NH.

Penny Lee Johnsen

Penny Lee Johnsen. Daughter of Don and Jane Johnsen, of Bradford, died suddenly of heart failure at her home in LaMesa, California.

She had no children. She will be cremated and her ashes sent to the four winds from San Diego to Portland, Oregon by her many friends.

Transfer Station News

Road Clean-up

Bradford Transfer Station has New Hampshire The Beautiful blue bags available for anybody interested in road clean-up. Come in any time to pick up bags and help keep Bradford beautiful.

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Bradford News**Bradford Elementary School**

Wednesday, May 3 - 4:45 to 5:15 pm. Teacher Thom Smith reading from books by Vermont author and artist Jim Arnosky.

The Lumber Barn

Recently completed an exterior and interior remodeling project started in January with a change of their primary hardware vendor and lasted through the winter. The end result is a brighter, better-stocked hardware store with a functional layout, new lighting, new shelving, and a better product selection.

According to Lumber Barn General Manager, Tony Esposito, "We're very excited about the total reset of our store and the ability to offer 67,000 product SKU's in stock to our customers. We've really worked hard to earn the business of residents and contractors in the Kearsarge area and they'll be amazed at what we have to offer."

Lumber Barn will be celebrating their Grand Reopening on Friday May 13 from 8am to 4pm. Highlights of the celebration will include free food and beverages, interactive displays from over a dozen vendors, and door prizes that include Red Sox tickets. More information can be found at facebook.com/lumberbarn.

Annual Bradford Women's Club

Luncheon will be held this year on May 18 at 5:30 at the Appleseed Restaurant. The luncheon is open to all past and present members and anyone else who is interested. Please contact Jackye Pehrson 938-5951 to reserve your seat.

Bradford Center Meetinghouse

Don't miss the Vaudeville Show on June 3rd at 7:00 pm. FREE FUN FOR ALL!!

Area Events**Warner**

Saturday, May 6th at 4 pm at Warner Town Hall, Pillsbury Free Library presents Children's play: "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" based on the book by C.S.Lewis. "Entrance fee" Donation of one or more items or cash for the Warner Area Food Pantry. Handicap accessible. Off-street parking available behind Town Hall at Simonds Elementary School on Church Street.

New London

Saturday, May 6 9:00-11:00 am Spring Awakening Hike – Maple

Leaf Natural Area & King Hill Reservation. Led by Ausbon Sargent Land Specialist, Andy Deegan. For directions and to sign up please contact Kristy Heath at: kheath@ausbonsargent.org or calling [603-526-6555](tel:603-526-6555).

Lebanon

Friday, May 5, 11 am- noon, at the Upper Valley Senior Center, 10 Campbell St., Lebanon. Community members are invited to "*I Dwell in Possibility*", a poetry reading with participants (ages 55+) in the Opening Windows Poetry Class, one of eight classes offered through the Experience Arts Program. For more information contact Sutton resident Catherine O'Brian, Opening Windows, Poetry Class Instructor, tel. 603-370-0034, email CatherineROBrian@gmail.com or visit www.experiencearts.org or Frumie@AANNH.org.



Extensive cribbing supports the second floor extension.

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

Looking Back

May 1992 was a busy month for Bradford news.

Kearsarge Reel has forty-year history in Bradford:

This front page article included comments from Peter Moyer, President of the company, Bradford's largest employer since the late 1960's. He described the ups and downs over those years as the economy fluctuated, leading first to expansions in both Bradford and Warner. The downturn in the economy in the early 1990's coupled with troubles in the banking industry resulted in a planned reorganization of the company that also involved application for a community development block grant. (The grant was later used to renovate the former Bradford elementary school into the Bradford Area Community Center.)

KRSD annual meeting, with a pathetic (27%) turnout of Bradford voters (and a similarly low % from Warner) resulted in defeat of an article that would have brought tax relief to both towns.



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Trash Flash reported on the installation of the new baler and an outline of what and how to recycle from Chris Mock and Ken Anderson.

Audrey Sylvester's **At Work – At Home** interviewed Marion Klein, painter-turned printmaker. Her art career began in Manhattan and continued as she and her family spent more time in Bradford. She and her husband Howard first bought the Canty Barn on Marshall Hill in 1965, moving into the former Lincoln Weld House on Silver Hill in 1981.

Other articles noted **Sculptor and students create mural at Bradford School; Bradford Road Committee officially established; Fishing season is here!; Community Cornerstones coming to Bradford,** and **SPORTS by Laurie Buchar** with schedules and details about the **Bradford Bombers.**

Marcia Keller

Pollinator Workshop

The Bradford Conservation Commission will host a presentation on pollinators at the Bradford Area Community Center on Thursday, May 11 at 7pm. Francie Von Mertens, honored for her selfless work in New Hampshire's conservation community, will be delving into the details of pollination.

June 20 – 26 is National Pollinator Week. Come celebrate the birds (hummingbirds, at least) and the bees, butterflies, moths, and other insects that pollinate 75% of all plant species – including a majority of those plants we eat.

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