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Ausbon Sargent Adds Another Important Property in Bradford

Ausbon Sargent Press Release

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust added its newest property on October 20, 2017 when it closed on the George Clark Woods property in Bradford. Ausbon Sargent now helps to protect 9 properties in the town of Bradford, encompassing 1,269.17 acres of land.

Gary Clark placed an easement on his 63-acre property in Bradford believing it was the perfect way to pay tribute to his father, George. In 1958, George Clark purchased the property with the hopes of creating a retirement spot for his family and a wildlife and recreation haven for all to enjoy. Gary obviously shares his father's appreciation for this special property as he wrote in a recent article for Ausbon Sargent's Chatter newsletter, "Every piece of land holds its own wonders and is beautiful in its own right, but not every piece of land offers such diversity as this: streams and vernal pools, lowlands and highlands, wetlands and drylands, a mature mixed forest, all of it bounded and crisscrossed by magnificent stonewalls."



The Clark property is highly ranked for wildlife habitat in the 2015 NH Wildlife Action Plan and can be managed for forestry and agriculture, boasting highly ranked forestry soils. In addition, it is located near other protected land including Low State Forest, Battles Farm and both of the Blitzler protected properties and it preserves scenic views for people traveling on Rowe Mountain Road.

With the addition of George Clark Woods, Ausbon Sargent now protects 143 properties covering 11,263 acres in its 12-town region.

Out & About

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 the *Out & About* section of our paper. 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. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Kathleen Bigford



Recent sighting of moose in Lake Massasecum. Photo credit - Mike Kelly

Selectmen Explore Options and Costs

At a meeting that included Selectmen, the Architect, two representatives from the Fire Marshal's office, Building Inspector, Fire Chief, and members of the Town Hall Committee, Selectman Pfeifle said the Town would like to find the best route forward given the current circumstances, new information and associated costs. He said the Board is committed to securing the building and emphasized the desire to get back into the building.

Tom Humphrey, from the State Fire Marshal's Office, said the first step is to classify the occupancy of the building as that would determine both fire and building code restrictions. If the first floor space is classified as business use, the following would apply:

- the maximum number of people allowed on the first floor would be 49
- the second floor needs to be emptied of all records, stuff etc.
- the basement (with the exception of the mechanical room) must be sealed off.
- the mechanical room would need fire separation (sheetrock)

Additionally, it was noted that the current first floor loading does not meet the requirements for business use.

It was agreed that at this point the Town should send a letter to the Fire Marshal's Office indicating they would like to classify the Town Hall for business use (with the above restrictions in place). Also in the letter, the Town should outline a plan and a timeline for completion of the project. In the interim, the first floor of the Town Hall would act as

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Letter from the Editor

Autumn Haiku

*The autumn breeze makes
Flurries of yellow and red
Peering skeletons*

By bicycle I have ridden through flurries of yellow, red and gold. Pine cones thick with sap litter the roads. The trees have given another spectacular show. On to brown November and anticipation of all that winter brings.

November is the time to contemplate gratitude. Assembling this edition of the Bradford Bridge brings gratitude for Bradford's quiet life. This is especially appreciated as life outside our corner of world is loud with voices raised on more issues than can be absorbed in a day.

The Bridge is happy to welcome two new contributors. Barbara Bridgewater will be writing all about food, specifically locally available food; and Laurie Farrell DVM will be writing on veterinary topics. Please let us know if there is something you would like them to cover.

Also in this edition read about your neighbors, Sandy and Steve Bravo, vintners on Howlett Road. And, when you need a break from indoor pursuits, get out and find all 12 of the sites of the old Bradford school houses.

It is a pleasure to let you know that the Bradford Bridge's IRS tax exempt status has been restored. Thanks to many hours of tedious work on the part of the Bridge Advisory Board and Connie Brooks, our very special volunteer, we are now able to accept tax deductible donations. If you would like to make a donation to the Bradford Bridge, now would be a perfect time to do so and we would be most grateful. Our financial record keeping system needs to be updated with new software and hardware, an amount between \$800 and \$1,000.

As always, the Bridge is grateful to our readers and advertisers. May your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth and love.

*Kathleen Bigford,
Co-editor*

Ice Rink Volunteers Needed

Bradford Parks & Rec is looking for volunteers to help with the setup and maintenance of the Ice Rink this winter. Set up of the rink will likely occur the week after Christmas. Throughout the winter, we will need folks to help clear the Ice Rink of

snow. We hope to hold an "Open Rink" type event to kick things off. If you enjoyed using the rink last year and would like to have it available to the Town again this year, please contact Jim Valiquet at 938-2880 to become a member of the "Ice Rink Volunteer Group".

Town Hall Progress Report: From the Ground Up



It is so easy to become discouraged or encouraged about an entire project such as ours based on one or two events along the journey. I think this relates somehow to the marvelous ability of human beings to adapt to their circumstances. How often are we greeted by a sunny and warm day in early April and conclude, “Oh, Great!; the winter is finally over. How nice!” You all know what happens the day after that. It’s a lesson that I have to relearn often. In the context of the town hall project, faithful readers of this column will recall a certain lack of “bubbiness” in one or two of my recent articles. It was indeed discouraging to learn some of the basic facts of life about major construction projects. One of them was that professionals have to plan them and put their license numbers on their plans. It is important to remember, though, that a few bits of bad news or a month or so of discouragement all need to be put in perspective and considered just setbacks. This whole plan to restore the town hall to a centerpiece of Bradford will conclude successfully. We will find a way! There are many, many people (TNTC—“too numerous to count”) working in remarkable harmony who will make it happen. This despite the fact that not all of them are in favor of the project to begin with. Yet.

Another example of a project pothole: it was extremely stressful and annoying when we were abruptly stopped because of a report made to the fire marshal’s office. That was not a good day. However, that report proved to be a gift in disguise. Actually, disguise is hardly an adequate description and the “gift” part was not apparent. The result of the fire marshal’s becoming involved – in the form of Tom Humphrey, who could not be more cordial, upbeat and positive about what we are trying to do—is a substantially better project: more organized, more professional, higher quality in every respect and more certain to satisfy the needs of the Town’s people safely and beautifully for more years than I will observe.

Back to my basic point of darkness before dawn, we are still reasonably certain to see the building lowered onto its foundation by the first week in November, as reported last month. As of last month’s article, it seemed to all

of us that doing that and making it winter-proof was about all we could handle with the available funding. That was a conclusion that Selectman John Pfeifle was not willing to accept. He organized a meeting in mid-October with the fire marshal, the fire chief, the architect and others TNTC. John’s goal was to find a way to get the town offices back into the town hall soon by doing only the parts of the project that were most necessary for reoccupation and which would not involve wasting money by doing work that might later have to be ripped out. Of course, building and fire codes have to be satisfied. As I write this article, it is not certain this goal will be reached. However, I see an excellent chance that it will. Thanks, John.

So, to end at the beginning, there is a clear brightening on the horizon. Wish yourselves luck!

*Brackett Scheffy for the THROC.
See you next month!*



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Vino Bravo Meet your Neighbors

When Thomas Howlett tilled the soil uphill of Massasecum Pond two centuries ago, he battled stones and stumps and eked out subsistence crops. Little did he know that today the same property would host a winery to rival any found on Tuscan terrain. Welcome to Bravo Vineyard, created through the hard work of Sandra and Steve Bravo, with help from family and friends. Winemaking is a relatively young craft in New England, although cider and beer-making date back to Mayflower days. Until the development in the 1990s of hardy varieties of French-American wine-quality hybrid grapes that could survive our weather extremes, local grapes were used merely for jams and jellies. Now there are at least twenty commercial wineries in New Hampshire. And since grape harvest coincides with fall foliage season, wine tours are becoming popular for tourists and natives alike.

The Bravos bought 115 acres in Bradford in 1998 to use as a vacation home. Sandra's family had summered on Howlett Road and Lake Massasecum since 1968 so the location was ideal. Their first priority was to clear some of the acreage to open up the views and provide a varied landscape for wildlife. They also began rebuilding the extensive stonewalls on the property. Next, they consulted with UNH Cooperative Extension Agents as to the feasibility of using their southern exposure for various crops. The vineyard venture won out and then the real work began.

Typically, there is a five-year lead time from first planting to maturation of a new vineyard. The Bravos figured that by the time their youngest child was through college, they could sit back and relax with a sip of their well-earned rewards. Steve still works as a CPA and values various businesses.



Sandra shows their custom label, designed by a friend, in the wine cellar, which was converted from a bomb shelter built in the 1980s.

So, Sandra, a recently retired environmental engineer, became the viticulturist and wine-maker for their new project. Her background in biology and chemistry has served her well in the scientific aspects of both growing the grapes and in creating delicious wines.

The first year was dedicated to preparing the soil, landscaping and fencing for deer and other animals. The second year they planted 50 vines, followed by 150 vines in year three. By year four they had a full hillside of hearty vines, which had been strengthened by pinching off the flowers. Finally came the year of the yield, when sun-kissed grapes were allowed to grow in abundance. For the past two years they have harvested over 1500 pounds of grapes, which is enough to make 120 gallons of wine, an equivalent of 600 bottles.

Many people have helped Sandra with what she laughingly calls her "second act." She is a member of the NH

Winery Association, a subscriber to the Weekly Market Bulletin, and has attended classes all over New England. She has always relished being outdoors and was excited to learn something new. She admits it's a full-time commitment from April through September and is grateful to her siblings and children, Sam and Stephanie, who have pitched in a lot. She has also invited friends to participate in all steps of the process: pruning, netting, picking, stemming, crushing and pressing. Afterwards, everyone gets to partake of the magical wine in taste trials and good times.

For white wines, the Bravos grow Traminette, La Crescent, and St. Pepin grapes. Their reds are made primarily from Marechal Foch, Marquette, and St. Croix. Red wines are usually fermented for several days, extracting flavor and color from the skins and stems before being pressed. White wines are usually pressed right after harvest. Sandra also grows apples, peaches, elderberries and black currants which she uses for liqueurs and brandies. Their lab is pristine and high-tech, but creativity graces each concoction. Every bottle of Vino Bravo is imbued with distinct enthusiasm and effervescent personality.

Out of respect for the neighborhood and to maintain low impact on their rural road, the Bravos do not intend to go commercial. It is enough for them to share their bounteous yield and views with family and friends. They are now experimenting with new Summerset Seedless table grape vines. You will swear you can taste a bit of Bradford in every bite.

Laurie Buchar

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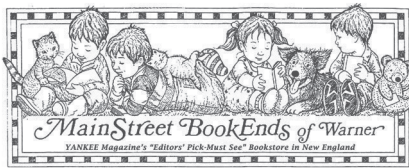
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Local Feast - Seasonal Recipes from Local Produce

Nothing sums up Autumn more to me than the pumpkin. A happy old orange thing lined up on hay bales at the Sweet Beet Market just begging to be taken home.

We all like to decorate for Halloween, but pumpkins can be used for a whole lot more than carving. Did you know pumpkin is known to aid weight loss and boost immunity? However you plan to use your pumpkin it's definitely worth the haul.

I wanted to celebrate the season by coming up with some fresh and new ideas. Pumpkins are so versatile and lend themselves to both sweet and savory recipes. Diced into small cubes, it can be added to chilis and stews or tasty risotto. Small pumpkins are fantastic stuffed with rice, vegetables and cheese. Or, try pumpkin oven-roasted fries. Coat with oil, salt & pepper and cook on a baking tray at 450 degrees for 25 mins. One of my favorite ways to eat pumpkin is to cut thick slices, drizzle with melted butter, chili and thyme and slowly roast until the flesh is melting.

Pumpkin puree can be used to add to pancakes, muffins, bread pudding and, of course, pumpkin pie. Yes, I know good pumpkin puree exists in canned form, but it really doesn't take long to make your own. Just cut a pumpkin in half, remove seeds and pulp, and cover each half with foil. Bake in a 350-degree oven for an hour or until tender. When cooked, scrape out the pumpkin meat from the shell and puree in a blender.

Then, there are the seeds. Scooping and removing seeds is a messy endeavor, but well worthwhile. Scoop out the seeds, remove as much pumpkin pulp as possible. Fill a bowl with cold water and swish them around until they are clean. Put them on a baking tray, add salt, and roast for approximately 20 mins.

If you want to try some other flavors: *Rosemary Parmesan Pumpkin Seeds*. Melt 2Tb butter, mix in 1Tbs chopped Rosemary, 1 tsp Chill powder and 1/2 cup of grated Parmesan. Mix with your seeds until well coated and bake for 25 minutes. *Salted Caramel Pumpkin Seeds*. If you have a sweet tooth, then add 1/2 cup of caramel sauce and 1 tsp salt to your seeds, make sure they are well coated and roast for 15-20 mins.

I'll finish with a recipe for Easy Pumpkin Cobbler that I tried last week

Barbara Bridgewater

Pumpkin Cobbler

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp ginger
- 1 1/2 cups pumpkin puree
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Topping:**
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 1/2 cups hot water

Whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt, sugar, and spices. Add the pumpkin, oil, and vanilla. Stir just till blended. Spread into a well-greased round casserole dish or 9" square pan.

Mix together the brown sugar, cinnamon, and walnuts in a small bowl. Sprinkle evenly over the batter. Pour hot water over the top. Bake at 350° for about 50-60 minutes. The cake will rise to the top, it should be cooked through, but there will be sauce at the bottom. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

Barbara Bridgewater and Traci Quigley operate a local personal chef and catering service, Feast of New Hampshire, feastofnh.com.

Bradford's Cornerstones in the 21st Century

Lafayette Square

A plaque honoring the Marquis de Lafayette, hero of the French Revolution, was erected at the east end of Main Street in 1913 by the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The dedication reads, "In memory of Marquis de Lafayette, beloved of all Americans, who visited this town June 27, 1825, stopping at the Raymond Tavern, which stood near this spot." The plaque is implanted in a boulder supported by a stone doorstep from the Raymond House Hotel.

As Lafayette reached the town line, coming from Warner, he was greeted by Dr. Jason H. Ames, Chief Marshal for the day, with the words: "We bid thee welcome to Bradford." The memorial tablet was unveiled in 1913 by Masters Mason Tappen Goode-nough, grandson of Mason Ware Tappen, and Ralph and Julian Dodge, grandsons of Corporal Abel Blood, who fought with Lafayette. The address for the day was given by Ex-Governor J. Q. A. Brackett.

Before the railroad depot became Bradford's prime area, the intersection of Main Street (then Route 103) and Route 114 was the center of business activities. The Raymond House and livery stable, a blacksmith shop, a store, tin shop, small brick school, two dress shops, and two funeral parlors were scattered among the homes in this area.

By 1992 a barber shop, a real estate agency, and convenience store were all that remained. Today those are gone and the area is the site of Bradford Historical Society's buildings including the re-named Tin Shop. Many of us pass by here every day without seeing the Plaque, but it comes into prominence each year in late October/early November when the nearby tree is highly decorated for Halloween.

In 2015, Bradford resident Nate Herrick wrote a book "General Lafayette Stood Here" to help children (and the rest of us) understand why Lafayette was so special. Check the book out at Brown Memorial Library, which also has a copy of the Lafayette Memorial Exercises from 1913.

Brown Memorial Library

The first record of interest in a library in Bradford was in 1811 when the residents of Bradford Center approved the "Proprietors of the Union Library." A library with user fees was established in a store on Main Street in 1873 and in 1892 voters accepted the state statute to establish a free public library.

The Georgian-style Brown Memorial Library was built on Main Street across from the Town Hall when a town committee hired an architect and builder in 1931. Discussion of the need for more space began in the 1980's driven, in part, by the introduction of computers. Bradford successfully competed with many other libraries in the State and was one of 12 to receive a grant in 1989 to purchase a computer. Among other advantages, this simplified the process of getting books through the inter-library loan program.

Over the next few years, many approaches were considered – building a new library, renovating the now Community Center building and fitting an addition on a very small lot.

Voters approved annual contributions to a Capital Reserve fund and ongoing fund-raising events were held, including a very successful thrift shop. The Library was closed from August to December 1999 while the building was renovated and an addition designed and built that carried forward the original architectural features. With the added space came the opportunity for expanded services. There is a children's corner, plus story hours for young and old, movies, chess, summer reading program, and computers with high speed service at no charge to the public. The Friends of the Library put on special events and the Library Arts Group presents new exhibits of work by local artists in a variety of styles and media.

In October 2017, the Library received its most recent accolade when St. Peter's Masonic Lodge awarded Brown Memorial Library its Community Builders Award: *In recognition of Outstanding Service to the Community, this award is given and heartfelt gratitude is expressed for significant efforts toward making our Community a better place in which to live.*

Brown Memorial Library continues to be acknowledged as one of Bradford's Cornerstones.

Both of this month's Cornerstones remain and Brown Memorial Library plays an increasingly valuable part in the life of Bradford.

Marcia Keller



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Leptospirosis

Welcome to my little corner. I am a firm believer that knowledge is power. The more information that you have about your pet's health, the better able you are to make choices that best fit his/her lifestyle. Please feel free to contact the Bridge with requests for future articles.

Vaccinating our pets is always a controversial subject. We need to weigh the risks vs. the benefits of any vaccine or medication. Vaccines are broken down into core and noncore vaccines. Core vaccines are those which every animal should get. These are the Rabies vaccine and the DA2PP (distemper combination) in dogs and FVRCP (distemper) in cats. There are several Noncore vaccines. I would like to discuss one in particular, Leptospirosis.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection seen in many species. It is transmitted through water, contaminated food, soil or bedding. Infection is through ingestion or through broken or thin skin.

There are several species of leptospira, 4 of which there is a vaccine for in dogs. No vaccines exist for cats. The timing from infection to onset of signs of illness is 4-12 days. These signs are nonspecific, such as lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever. Later, disease can progress to kidney failure, liver

failure or bleeding disorders.

If treated early and aggressively (with penicillins and doxycycline), there is an 80% chance of survival. Left untreated, the animal (or human) will often die.

The practice at which I currently work had 2 dogs infected this year. One dog survived after a week in the hospital; the second dog (under 2 years of age) died within 2 days despite intensive care.

No vaccine is ever 100% effective or safe. But the Leptospira vaccine does protect against the main 4 species that infect dogs. This is a newer and safer vaccine than what was around 10 years ago. Unfortunately, the immunity does only last 1 year. The dog that died was 4 months overdue for his booster

Humans can get Leptospirosis. One-third of human infections are from dogs; one-third are from rats; and one-third are from the environment (mainly water). Some experts say that New England has the highest prevalence in the country, although 40 dogs and one human got sick from this in Arizona last winter.

I am a conservative when it comes to vaccines, but if your dog is outdoors and active, please discuss this vaccine with your veterinarian. This is a disease that frightens me!

Laurie Farrell

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Upbuilding Weekend
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Rico Petrocelli
November 10th at 6:30 pm. Rico is a Hall of Fame Red Sox player. He will be speaking on his faith journey and his new book called *Rico Petrocelli's Tales from the Impossible Dream Red Sox*.

Sister To Sister
November 11th at 8:30 am. Women's group in the church office building. Devotion, prayer and fellowship.

Communion Service and International Day of Prayer
November 12th will be special prayer for our persecuted Brothers and Sisters across the US and around the world.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets and Food Pantry November 18th at 9-11 am. Note from our Food Pantry about Christmas Gift: Tags with the children's gift wishes will be available November 18th and due back by December 16th. There will also be a box in the church office for donations of new toys.

Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, November 12th and 19th at 11:30-1 pm in the youth room.

Wednesday Night Prayer in the Sanctuary every week at 6 pm.

Bible Study every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Studying 1 Samuel.

Mom's Group New day, every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the church office building. Child care provided.

Christian Yoga resumes on Fridays starting on November 10th at 6 pm in the church office building

No **Men's Breakfast** in November

Obituaries

Christine (Westerberg) Yeaton
Christine (Westerberg) Yeaton, 54, of St. Petersburg, FL, died suddenly, September 18, 2017, of natural causes.

She was the loving daughter of Kris Westerberg and the late Arthur (Buddy) Westerberg. Born on Nov. 30, 1962, she was a 1980 graduate of Kearsarge High School. Christine is survived by a sister, Leona Leist (Greg) of Cincinnati, and a brother, Scott Westerberg of St. Petersburg, FL. A skilled accountant, she served several companies in the Concord area. She lived in Epsom for many years, relocating to St. Pete nearly 10 years ago.

A private service will be held at the Sunny Plains Cemetery in Bradford at Christmas. Donations may be given in her memory to the church of your choice.



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Obituaries



Jane Miele Lucas

Jane Miele Lucas, also known as Grammy, Mammy, Momma Jane, 81, of Bradford, passed away October 14, 2017, surrounded by family and her devoted Yorkie, Wilma, after a period of declining health.

Born on July 25, 1936, in Brooklyn, NY to Anthony and Margaret (Wood) Miele, Jane was predeceased by her husband of over 50 years, William (Wacky). Jane is survived by her five children and their spouses, William Jr., and Kim Lucas, Margaret and Jimmy Raymond, Jane M. Lucas, Jennifer and Dana Solms and Joan Lucas and James Pickman. She also leaves her grandchildren, Jessica and Dan Benedict, Emily and Nate Nichols, Meghan and Kathryn Raymond, Lucas and Allie Solms, Mary-Margaret, Matthew and Marissa Pickman; and her great-grandchildren, Mason, Gabriel (Willis) and Gunnar Benedict and Natalie and Marlo Nichols. Jane is survived by her sister, Valerie and her husband, William Scherer and their two children, Jackie and Gregory, and her brother, Robert Miele.

Jane graduated from Oceanside High School in New York. After marrying William, they settled in Oceanside and started their family. Jane was the owner of Jane's Wacky World of Ceramics in Baldwin, NY In 1973, Jane moved with her family to New Hampshire. She opened Our Place Ceramics. Jane served on the follow-

ing committees: Bradford Conservation, Bradford Community Center, Bradford Women's Club (of which she was a past President), Bradford Women's Club Scholarship Board, Bradford Independence Day and was a Brown Memorial Library trustee. She was a long-time chair of Bradford Parks & Rec. William and Jane wintered in Sebring, Fla., where they enjoyed the sunshine and many friends.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 21, at 2 pm at the Bradford Community Church. Burial was in Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford. Donations may be made to: Bradford Women's Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 292, Bradford, NH 03221. To sign an online guestbook please visit chadwickfuneralservice.com.



Meredith Lynne Brooks

On September 22, 2017, Meredith Lynne Brookes, 36, of Bradford, formerly of Haddonfield, NJ, died peacefully after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of Timothy England, loving daughter of Connie and Bob Brookes of Bradford, devoted sister of Maureen Brookes of Lynchburg, VA, and cherished niece and goddaughter of Mary Antonakos Cottingham of New York City. She will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Meredith and Tim had recently moved to Bradford from New Jersey, where she grew up. Meredith was diagnosed with MRKH Syndrome at age 3 and

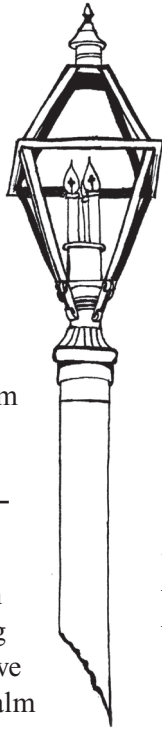
bravely surmounted the many challenges that life with MRKH put in her way. As a young girl, she enjoyed competing for her swim club team, where her teammates dubbed her the "Iron Cupcake" in honor of her tenacious spirit despite her small size. Meredith enjoyed playing soccer for her soccer club's travel team and hiking and canoeing in the Adirondacks. She was also an accomplished diver and diving coach. She was a voracious reader who loved delving deeply into obscure threads of history and sharing unusual insights with family and friends.

Meredith attended Haddonfield High School and Bard College at Simon's Rock. As an adult, she shared her kind and gentle nature as a caregiver for children, including as a teacher's assistant at Haddonfield Friends School. She met the love of her life Tim in 2005 and they were married in 2011. In recent years Meredith became a passionate advocate and was the co-founder of a foundation dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls with MRKH. She organized local support groups and medical conferences and was loved dearly by the MRKH community. Her generous sharing of her life story and the wisdom she had gained gave inspiration and strength to everyone who heard her.

A memorial service celebrating Meredith's life was held in October. Donations may be made in Meredith's memory to Beautiful You MRKH, 13301 Clifton Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20904 www.beautifulyoumrkh.org.

The Bradford Bridge welcomes obituaries of your loved ones. Please submit them to us by the 20th of each given month. bradfordbridge345@gmail.com

Library Lantern



Brown Memorial Library

78 W. Main Street
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Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 8:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday 11:00am – 3:00pm

Staff Picks. November is a quiet month at the library...on purpose! With winter coming on and holidays gearing up, we like to offer a comfortable, calm sanctuary for our library users. Come in to read the newspaper, work on a coloring sheet or jigsaw puzzle, bring your laptop and use our free wireless connection, or, you can even find some great books to borrow.

Veterans Day. The library is closed on Saturday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Book Discussion. On Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm, the discussion group will talk about *Thirteen Ways of Looking*: a novella and four short stories by Colum McCann. The word “empathy” comes up in many reviews of the book...perhaps we will find inspiration in McCann’s writing. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Thanksgiving. The library is open all regular hours during Thanksgiving week.

Young Adult Spotlight Series. Check out the “Spotlight Series” in our Young Adult section. Many adults may find they enjoy some of our young adult titles, I know I do! Ask us for recommendations.

Graphic Novels. We have added many new graphic titles to the young adult and children’s shelves. Come see what we have to offer. *Moon Cop* by Tom Gauld looks especially good. Have you ever tried a graphic novel? Give one a try. This art form has come a long way from the *Nancy* cartoon strips of my childhood (dating myself?).

Some of the new books added to your library in October are...

For Adults

Don’t Let Go / Harlan Coben
A Column of Fire / Ken Follett
A Legacy of Spies / John le Carré
Trace : a Joe Gunther novel / Archer Mayor
The Rules of Magic / Alice Hoffman
Alone : Britain, Churchill, and Dunkirk : defeat into victory / Michael Korda

For Children & Young Adult

Baabwaa & Wooliam / David Elliott
The Weather Disaster / Matthew McElligott
Turtles All The Way Down/John Green
Wishtree / Katherine Applegate

Meg Fearnley – Librarian



Volunteers Sought

Hazard Mitigation Committee

The Bradford Selectmen’s Office is looking for volunteers to serve on the Hazard Mitigation Committee to update the Town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan. Bradford’s Hazard Mitigation Plan is intended to provide information in the event of a natural disaster, to raise awareness of the vulnerability of facilities and structures in Bradford to such disasters, and to provide measures to help offset the damages of a future disaster. This plan must be updated every five years. The process of updating the plan will begin in November and will be guided by the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The current plan can be found at: <http://www.cnhrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Bradford-2006.pdf>. If you are interested in participating in the update process, please contact the Selectmen’s Office at 938-5900.

Bradford’s Independence Day

The Select Board is looking for a volunteer to lead the planning and organization of Bradford’s Independence Day festivities. Interested individuals should contact the Selectmen’s Office at 938-5900. Further, the Board extends their heartfelt appreciation to Claire James for her efforts in organizing the 4th of July activities over the past few years.

Bradford INNovation Community Fundraiser



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Historic School Houses of Bradford, New Hampshire



District School #12 stood at Box Corners. See if you can find the new sign marking the site. Take a drive around town and look for all twelve of the historical school house sites in Bradford. Brochure maps available at the Library and Tin Shop.

Bradford's founders, like many of their contemporaries, held education as the highest of ideals as well as one of their chief responsibilities. Within six years of the town's incorporation in 1787, our town had established the first of its schools at the geographical center. The era of district schools in Bradford ranged from 1793-1937, but only the first school was open for this entire span of years. Eventually, twelve different schools would grace the landscape, providing equal access to education for children in all parts of town. Some schools were later abandoned, some were moved and made into homes, and some succumbed to fire.

Early settlers sought to break the European model of educating only the privileged. By 1850, in the spirit of this democratic ideal, a greater percentage of Americans under the age of fifteen attended school than in any other nation on earth. By 1937, all of the small schools in town were closed and students attended the newly consolidated Bradford Central School on Main Street, located in the brick building that now houses the Bradford Area Community Center. In 1988, local elementary classes were moved from Bradford Central School to the new Kearsarge Regional School District building on Old Warner Road.

The Bradford Historical Society has just published a new map showing all of the historic school house sites in town. Thanks to Perry Teele, Clark Roberge, Laurie Buchar, Claire James and Bill Duffy for their help with this project. Brochures will be available at the Brown Memorial Library and the BHS Tin Shop, as well as online at www.bradfordnhhistorical.org. Over the years, Bradford's schools were known by many different names, often depending on the families that attended them. The schools on this map are listed by their most enduring names (Center, West, Mills, Pond, Colby, Plains, Andrews, Corner, Village, Springs, Jewett and Hoyt.) Children walked to school and attended when they were not needed on the homestead. Imagine their lives as you search the town. Find all twelve sites, four of which still have the original building standing. A green sign, like the one pictured here, will mark each location. Step back in time and explore Bradford's history with your family.

Laurie Buchar



District School #1 - The first schoolhouse established by our town still stands today at the geographical town center on Rowe Mountain Road near the Meetinghouse.

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Town Board Reports Board of Selectmen

Town Hall Update Architect Jay Barrett discussed his report outlining the costs and options for moving forward. (See full report at bradfordnh.org under Town Hall Restoration Oversight Committee. With this information in hand, the Board met with the Fire Marshal to ask what it would take to hold meetings and elections and have the offices move back to the Town Hall and held a subsequent meeting to discuss the options. See Selectmen Explore Options and Costs, page 1.

3rd Quarter Expenses Areas of concern are Street Lighting, Welfare, Bridges and Fireworks. Bradford received \$400 from sale of equipment at the recent State Auction.

Rebate The Board accepted \$2700 from Eversource as a rebate for the LED street lighting project.

July 4th Celebration Claire James officially stepped down as chair of the event. She put together a folder of information to make the transition easier for a new chair. The Board thanked her for her time and all that she had done to make a smooth transition.

Cell Tower Jim Bibbo sent a letter to the CEO of Verizon stating there is currently a tower in Bradford that Verizon rents but Verizon does not provide service on the tower. The Board is very interested in cell service being provided in Bradford. Jim was contacted by Verizon and asked many questions. He will continue to pursue this.

Auto Craft A letter from the Town Attorney requested the Planning Board to require the new owner of Auto Craft to comply with the original site plan review.

CAP (Community Action Program) Larisa Djuvelek-Ruggiero outlined the purpose of the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council to provide improved, cost effective, transportation options in the region. The initial goal is to raise awareness of the need and encourage coordination of these options. The

Selectmen agreed to send someone to the Mid-State RCC meetings to gather more information

BACC Trees Four trees along the driveway have been identified as in need of removal. The abutter will be contacted to inquire about sharing the cost since the trees appear to span the property line.

Planning Board

Selectman Jim Bibbo presented a draft for a Shooting Range Ordinance for Bradford. It has been reviewed and is supported by the full Board of Selectmen. After considerable discussion Board Chair Erich Caron agreed to prepare a draft ordinance for the Planning Board. A subcommittee was formed to look into a possible sound ordinance for Bradford.

The Board received an application for a Lot Line Adjustment Map3/Lot55&56. The location of the lot to be created may be considered a "Rear Lot" and require a Street Plat to deal with the frontage.

No progress has been made clearing up the overflow at the Antiques Shop on Map 17/Lot 62. A Notice of Site Plan Review Required will be sent to the property owner.

Capital Improvements Program

The CIP, a Subcommittee of the Planning Board Committee, has been meeting regularly, reviewing capital requests from town departments based on last year's CIP. The Fire Department presented its project requests. Other requests have been submitted and the Committee is

waiting to meet with the Library, Police, and Highway Department.

During subsequent discussions some questions have been raised:

- Town Hall – Current terms of the bond, will there be a warrant for 2018?
- Police Department – Are the cruisers replaced every two years?
- Highway Department – Has the loader and/or sweeper listed on last year's CIP been purchased? Does the Department need a generator? How much should be set aside for road paving each year? Would a reinstated road committee be a helpful tool?
- Fire Department – Is a new alarm system absolutely needed?
- Is there a life limit on a fire truck? Generally, how long do trucks last?

Town Administrator Karen Hambleton will obtain as much information as possible and report back to the Committee.

Zoning Board of Adjustment The request from Theodore and Susan Chumas for a Variance and a Special Exception to tear down and rebuild a residence located at 82 East Shore Drive was approved unanimously.

Administrative Appeal for Home Business An Administrative Appeal was presented to the ZBA by Attorney Amy Manzelli on behalf of Michele and David Halsted regarding the Planning Board decision to approve a Home Business Compliance Form for Erich Croto to

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manufacture ammunition out of his home on Fortune Road. The ZBA noted several areas where information was lacking in the presentation to the Planning Board and voted 3-2 to hold a Public Hearing on December 6th at 7pm at the Community Center.

Application for Rehearing Attorney Robert Carey, speaking on behalf of Anthony Rosa requested the ZBA to hold a rehearing on its denial of Mr. Rosa's application for a hunting preserve Map8/Lot30&31 Map12/Lot5&6. Following his presentation, the Board voted 5-0 that no new evidence was brought to the table. The motion to deny the request for rehearing was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Cemetery Trustees The trustees repaired the Sarah Hoyt headstone in Presbury Cemetery. Other headstone repair will begin soon. A major removal of dead or too tall shrubs was done at Sunny Plains Cemetery.

Discussion continued about adding the required corner stones for lots prior to a burial. These are often over-looked and not installed. Having them in place as lots are sold will eliminate this over-sight.

Conservation Commission Nomination of the Warner River to the NH River Management and Protection Program was approved by NHDDES Commissioner and will be sent to the NH General Court to be voted on by the legislature. Primary sponsor Senator Dan Feltes, along with co-sponsors Clyde Carlson and others, will introduce bills to both the Senate and House for inclusion in the 2018 legislative session.

Bradford Hazard Mitigation Plan Bruce Edwards attended a meeting regarding a culvert grant for sites around Lake Massasecum. The current hazard mitigation plan expires at the end of this year; Brooks McCandlish volunteered to be the BCC representative to the hazard mitigation committee.

Beaver Activity The feasibility and cost to install a "beaver deceiver" system at two sites in Bradford where in the future

busy beaver business will potentially flood the road is being researched.

Class VI Road Erosion Members have noted a marked increase in erosion on some of Bradford's Class VI public roads due to OHRV overuse. A Central NH Regional Planning Commission meeting

focused on OHRV use in the Mink Hills and set an objective to encourage local Selectmen and Conservation Commissions to compare and collaborate on Class VI road regulations and OHRV policies.

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

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Community Events Calendar

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.

Wednesday November 1st

6PM Library Trustees, BML
7PM Zoning Board

Thursday November 2nd

12 Noon Senior Dining
1PM Mahjong Group

Friday November 3rd

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
11:30 First Friday Brunch with Don West,
50/50 raffle and door prizes!
Reservations please!

Monday November 6th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1PM Bridge Group
5:30PM Selectmen Meet

Tuesday November 7th

10 AM Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Sr. Dining
12:30 pm Mahjong Group
12:30–4:30 Planning Board Office
2:00 PM Watercolor
7PM Turkey Raffle FGC

Wednesday November 8th

1PM Knitting Group

Thursday November 9th

12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00PM Mahjong Group

Friday November 10th

Veterans Day Holiday
No Meals on Wheels or Bus Service
Town Offices Also Closed

Saturday November 11th

LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday November 13th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1PM Bridge Group
5:30PM Selectmen Meet
7PM Rural Heritage Connection

Tuesday November 14th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30PM Mahjong Group
12:30–4:30 Planning Board Office
2:00 Watercolor class
7:00 PM Planning Board

Wednesday November 15th

7:00 PM Book Discussion, BML

Thursday November 16th

10AM–Noon Blood Pressure Clinic provided by LSVNA
12 Noon Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner
1PM Mahjong Group

Friday November 17th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
9:30–11:30 LSVNA Foot Care at North Ridge Senior Housing
10:00 Movie: The Founder with Michael Keaton
12 noonish Senior Dining

Monday November 20th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1PM Bridge Group
5:30PM Selectmen Meet, BACC

Tuesday November 21st

9:30–11:30 LSVNA Foot Care at Warner Pharmacy
10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30PM Mahjong Group
12:30–4:30 Planning Board Office
2:00PM Watercolor
7PM Conservation Commission BML

Wednesday November 22nd

10:30–12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic at Warner Senior Room provided by LSVNA
6PM Thanksgiving Event at Bradford Center Meetinghouse

Thursday November 23rd and Friday November 24th

Thanksgiving Holiday
Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels Either Day

Monday November 27th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1PM Bridge Group
5:30PM Selectmen Meet

Tuesday November 28th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30PM Mahjong Group
12:30–4:30 Planning Board Office
2:00 Watercolor
7:00 pm Planning Board

Thursday November 30th

12 Noon Senior Dining
1PM Mahjong Group

BRADFORD EVENTS

Turkey Raffle

The Bradford Fish and Game Club will be hosting the annual Turkey Raffle on November 18 at the Clubhouse, located on Gillingham Dr. The raffle will begin at 7 pm and include turkeys, food boxes, gift certificates to local businesses, and much more. All proceeds from the event are used to help fund the clubs activities for local youths such as fishing derbies and hunter safety classes.

Gun Raffle

In addition to the Turkey Raffle, the club is selling tickets for a gun raffle. This years raffle will include two great firearms, a Ruger 10/22 Model 1256 carbine and a Traditions Buckstalker Muzzleloader. Winner of the raffle takes home both prizes. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Turkey Raffle or beforehand at the Tackle Shack. Bradford Historical

Ongoing Events

Children's Storytime - Mondays 10am 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 6PM, 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, 7PM, BACC

AREA EVENTS

WARNER

Warner Historical Society

Warner Art Walk. November 4 & 5. Opening Reception November 3, 5-8 pm. A brochure describing the Warner weekend event is available at several local businesses and can be accessed online at www.warnerhistorical.org.

Schoodacs Coffee Shop

Open Mic every Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

Warner Area Farmer's Market

Every Saturday on the Town Hall green, 9 am - 1 pm.

Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum & Little Nature Museum

Annual Fundraiser with an Antiques Appraisal Weekend on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4.

AUSBON SARGENT

Thursday, November 16, at 6:30-8 pm. Data, Maps, Action! Flyer with more details here: <https://ausbonsargent.org>

NEWBURY

Friendship House

South Newbury Union Church, Holiday Boutique, November 4, 9 am - 2 pm. Information: 938-2064

Newbury Recreation Dept

Seasonal Cooking Workshop with Traci Komorek, Registered Dietitian. Veterans Hall, Route 103, Newbury. Wednesday, November 15, 6 -7:30 pm.

Senior Trip (55+)


Yankee Candle Village, South Deerfield, MA. Thursday, December 7. Limited seating. Info: rosie@newburynh.org

KEARSARGE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Band & Chorus Spaghetti Dinner Support Kearsarge Regional High School Band and Chorus as they travel to Disney World in Florida to Perform! November 4, Veterans Hall, Route 103, Newbury. There are two seatings: 5 and 6:30 pm. Call 603-938-5778.

Kearsarge Regional High School presents Mary Poppins

November 9 at 7 pm, November 10 & 11 at 2. Info snelson@kearsarge.org.

	Calendar Abbreviation Key
BACC – Bradford Area Community Center	
BBC – Bradford Baptist Church	
BML – Brown Memorial Library	
FGC – Fish & Game Clubhouse Gillingham Drive	
KRES – Bradford Elemen. School	
MVSC – Mountain View Senior Ctr	
TH – Bradford Town Hall	
ZBA – Zoning Board of Adjust.	




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a one story building at grade. The second floor and basement would be in effect non-existent.

At a meeting on October 25, Architect Barrett expanded on the work that could or should be done to make the building functional for offices and weekly meetings. He displayed the re-designed first floor plan, based in large measure on suggestions from Deputy Town Clerk Mellissa Cloutier.

He summarized the findings from the structural engineer who found some areas in better condition than expected as well as additional areas of concern. Some of the needed structural work should be done now rather than having to tear back into the building later. Structural, electrical, mechanical, and fire safety plans will be completed in November at which time, the General Contractor Trumbell-Nelson will be able to obtain firm bids on the work required.

The Selectmen expect to make a decision by late November whether to ‘button-up’ the building – lowered on new foundation, back-filled and protected from frost - or continue to use the funds on hand to proceed with some of the repairs necessary in order to return offices to the Town Hall.

Marcia Keller

BRADFORD Holiday Events

Thanksgiving Event Join your neighbors on Wednesday, November 22 at 6 pm for a celebration of thanks. Bring food drive items to donate. Informal event, open to everyone.

Holiday Cookie Walk and Make your own Gumdrops

The Tin Shop 160 Main Street. Kids and adults are welcome! Bring your own cookies for the cookie walk. All materials for gumdrop pops to be provided.




L-R Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother John Lobdell; Librarian Meg Fearnley; St Peter's Lodge Worshipful Master Bruce Edwards; Assistant Librarian Leslie Grey; Library Trustee Nola Jordan

Community Builders Award

The Brown Memorial Library has been awarded this year's St. Peter's Lodge Community Builders Award in recognition of outstanding service to the community. This award is given and heartfelt gratitude is expressed for significant efforts toward making our community a better place in which to live. The Library also received a contribution from the Lodge.

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