

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lockbox The Board approved a purchase order from the Fire Department for \$1,300 to order a lockbox from the Knox Company for secure storage of paramedic prescriptions.

Town Hall Update The Board accepted \$24,000 from the Rural Heritage Connection to pay for the granite work done at Town Hall. The Board expressed thanks to the many donor contributions made towards the work done at Town Hall. A motion was approved to move forward with roof repair services from Sentry Roofing.

Fund Balance The board approved a motion to reduce the Fund Balance by \$100,000 to offset taxes which will leave the total amount in Fund Balance at \$580,767.

Tax Rate set at \$27.91. Rate Break-down: Municipal \$9.20, County \$2.83, Local Education \$13.53, and State Education \$2.35.

Scholarship Fund The Board accepted a \$500 donation from The Bradford Business Association made in honor of Dawn Rich for the Bradford Scholarship Fund.

Dunfield Road School Cleanup costs were higher than originally budgeted for. The Board approved a motion to pay \$3,000.00 for dumpster fees for the project.

Solar Power A motion was approved to form a town committee that will explore solar power options for Bradford.

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BML Hosts TEDx Talk



In October Hanna Flanders appeared in the first TEDx event in Concord NH to tell the story of the building of the Kearsarge Food Hub home of the Sweet Beet Market. She shared her talk at Brown Memorial Library in November. Taken from her talk, here are the ingredients of the “secret sauce” she hopes will empower listeners to succeed in any endeavor.

Slow down. Slowing down creates space for learning how to ask the right questions and for finding creative solutions.

Find common ground. This does not mean we all have to be the same! Quite the opposite - it provides the fertile soil on which we can more fully embrace our differences and work together to find solutions.

Show up. This means being present, paying attention, and being willing to do the work.

Use systems thinking. Systems thinking is a disciplined approach for examining problems more completely before acting. It’s a method of design that can be applied to literally any field of work.

Embrace Humanity. Being vulnerable and openly embracing the humanity in ourselves and each other will allow us

to unlock all the best parts of ourselves—Compassion, patience, creativity, intuition, love. These are the qualities we must nurture to build beautiful things, to solve the most pressing issues of our time, and to become truly fulfilled.

And finally, **Share.** The stories we share make us greater than the sum of our parts. They have the power to shape the world around us.

Thank you Hanna for these inspiring ideas. Watch for a replay of Hanna’s talk on *TED.com* coming soon. You can contact Hanna at:
info.kearsargefoodhub@gmail.com



To Bradford Family and Friends,

October 21st, 2019. My granddaughter, Molly, gave me a medallion with this message, “May the Hand of a Friend Always be Near.” Thank you Bradford friends with all the loving hands you gave me this night. The delicious meal that the Fenton Family made for us was very much appreciated by all. I will never forget this night of love and happiness.

May God bless you all with the same love and happiness you gave me this evening.

*Love and Hugs to All,
Dawn Rich*



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*Town offices are temporarily located at
Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East
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From the Bridge



The Shortest Day

So the shortest day came, and the year died,
And everywhere down the centuries of the snow-white world
Came people singing, dancing,
To drive the dark away.
They lighted candles in the winter trees;
They hung their homes with evergreen,
They burned beseeching fires all night long
To keep the year alive.
And when the new year's sunshine blazed awake
They shouted, revelling.
Through all the frosty ages you can hear them
Echoing, behind us — listen!
All the long echoes sing the same delight
This shortest day
As promise wakens in the sleeping land.
They carol, feast, give thanks,
And dearly love their friends, and hope for peace.
And so do we, here, now,
This year, and every year.
Welcome Yule!

By Susan Cooper
© Susan Cooper 1974

Originally written for “The Christmas Revels,” Susan Cooper captures the spirit of the winter solstice with reminiscences of celebrations “through all the frosty ages.”

As you revel in holiday festivities, take a break, slow down, and find a quiet corner to enjoy the December Bradford Bridge where you’ll find:

- News from Tall Pines Realty,
- A profile of Merrimack County Customs LLC,
- A listing of December events in Bradford and the surrounding area,
- Hanna Flander’s “secret sauce” for success in any endeavor,
- Devin’s summary of town board meetings,
- News of George Beaton’s Spirit of NH Volunteer Award,
- And, ads from local businesses whose support makes possible the publication of this monthly local paper.

I wish you merry and healthy holiday celebrations and much happiness in 2020.

*Warmly, Kathleen Bigford, Editor
And our merry band of volunteers who work
hard all year to bring you the Bradford Bridge*



How does the Curator of the Museum at West Point become Santa Claus?

First, he and his lovely wife Jane retire and head north. On the way to the “Pole” they got a message that some children in Bradford, NH needed a visit. He was so impressed by the interesting stories and private wishes that he came back every year. When the suit is tucked away in January Santa Claus is disguised as mild-mannered Mike Moss from Newbury. Although not in red, he still helps people all the rest of the year. During his trips downtown he always has a funny story to tell. At the end, he starts to laugh along with everyone—except his laughter sounds like “Ho Ho Ho”. Thank you, Santa Claus, for 15 wonderful years making children’s dreams come true.

Jackye Pehrson

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Planning Board Secretary Position

The Bradford, NH Planning Board is accepting applications for a Planning Board Secretary position. Responsibilities include taking meeting minutes, and transcription, posting notices and agendas, written and verbal correspondence, filing and assisting with access to the property files.

The successful candidate will be detail oriented and attentive to deadlines with effective customer services skills. Strong written and verbal communication skills as well as computer capability with Word and Excel is required. Hours average 3 to 5 hours weekly which include office hours one day a week as well as meeting attendance twice a month in the evening. Interested candidates should submit their resume to: recorder@bradfordnh.org.

Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. The Town of Bradford is an equal opportunity employer.



Letter to the Editor:

Dear Bradford,

This is a love letter to my town of Bradford as we commemorate the 20th anniversary of the addition to Brown Memorial Library. The March 1999 Town Meeting warrant article passed after previous trials and gave us the go ahead to expand the 1932 building! The whole town came together to make this happen. Monies set aside at previous town meetings, a very special Thrift Shop, donations, fundraising, and a Capital Campaign brought this to fruition.

All the inns in town supported us with delicious dinners and everyone having a good time. The library closed in August 1999. Books were stored in trailers with the Boy Scouts and many volunteers helping to make a memorable day. It was all a labor of love.

Articles in the Bradford Bridge tell our story. I thank everyone who made this possible. The Dedication in December 1999, just four months after closing, was a great day. Bruss Construction and our architect had brought a dream to reality. A children’s room, three public computers, 2 bathrooms, new space for books and movies, a kitchen and room to breathe were here to stay.

This all happened as a result of our caring town coming forward to bring us into the 21st century. It’s all been good fun from that day to now. All the trustees during this project, and those before them, together with the librarians gave hours of dedication to make possible the library we have today.

Maggie Ainslie, Bradford

Winter Gathering

A Rosewood Holiday Tradition

**Holiday Buffet Dinner and Humorous
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Dec 7, 6:30-9:00 pm
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Reflection

As you will see from our ad this month, change is coming. Change is difficult, but good and even necessary. For as long as I can remember I have written a real estate article for the Bradford Bridge and I have seen our town paper grow under the guidance of many capable and generous volunteers, just as I have seen Bradford grow. When I see the new businesses in town and the new spirit that comes with greater opportunity, it warms my heart and makes me proud that for 31 years we were the real estate company next to the covered bridge and we helped many families move in and call Bradford their home.

I was blessed to have my mother as a mentor to teach me the business and together, through some ups and downs that are part of any business, we made it work and flourished thanks to the support and loyalty of this community and the many other towns we served. We supported as many causes as we could and served on many committees with the simple idea that you give back when you are lucky enough to receive. Both Ann and I were honored as Local REALTORS® of the Year and I was humbled to be named State REALTOR® of the Year in 2010. We hope that you will stop by the celebration at the Appleseed on December 7th and that you will open your minds and hearts to The Milestone Team. In addition to providing outstanding real estate services, they will carry on

writing this article and sharing recent sales. In selecting them to assist you with your real estate needs I will still be part of the listing process as an active real estate broker, albeit solely in the background. I will continue to work directly with buyers until I decide where my next adventure takes me, and I promise to let you know! THANK YOU for the wonderful feedback over the years and the kind words. It has been an honor and a privilege to educate and possibly inspire you and to touch so many lives.

The market continues to be strong with low inventory and low interest rates and our local board just held a forum on affordable housing and how difficult it can be to find a house in the \$250,000 and under range or a rental unit for less than \$1,200. Those properties go quickly and hopefully there will be an influx of inventory next spring so we can continue to see Bradford grow and prosper. Happy Holidays to All, and to All a Good Night!

There are 9 active and 5 pending residential listings ranging in price from \$60,000 to \$439,000, 15 active and 1 pending land listings ranging in price from \$26,000 to \$625,000, 0 active or pending commercial listings and 1 active multi-family listings and 0 pending priced at \$164,000. None of the active, pending or recently sold listings is a foreclosure or short sale.

Laura Hallahan, Broker

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 244 Breezy Hill Road, 1937 Waterfront Cottage on .70 acres for \$270,000
- 46 French's Park Road, 1953 Waterfront Cottage on .22 acres for \$277,500
- 136 Johnson Hill Road, 2007 Split-Level Ranch on 12.23 acres for \$310,000
- Lot 16 North Ridge Road, Solitude Ridge vacant lot of 2.32 acres for \$25,000
- 0 West Road, 60.10 acres of vacant land w/private road access for \$62,500
- 0 Jewett Road, 75.90 acres of vacant land on Class V Season Rd. for \$110,000



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After serving and supporting the greater Bradford community for 31 years next to the covered bridge and helping make the dream of home ownership come true for our many customers and clients, it is time for Ann to retire and Laura to fulfill her own dreams. We will be closing our office at the end of the year.



We invite one and all to stop by the **Appleseed Restaurant** on

**Saturday, December 7th
between 1 and 3 pm**

to celebrate with us and allow us to show our heartfelt gratitude to the community that has given us so much.

Ann and Laura Hallahan
1 Center Road, Bradford 938-2366



and Hello

We are pleased and honored that Ann and Laura have asked us to continue their work as the company of choice for the greater Bradford community. We look forward to getting to know you and we will work hard to fill their shoes and become the local resource for all of your real estate needs. We have collaborated successfully on many occasions and it is our goal to continue to provide you with the best, most professional, thorough and considerate assistance.

Please come meet the "Best Team" at the Appleseed celebration.



Marilyn Kidder, Broker/Owner
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Not-Too-Sweet Oatmeal Cookies

This is such a common recipe that you might ask "why publish this?" Trust me, many who sample these cookies love them and ask for the recipe. It must come down to the unique mix of less sugar, brown rice flour, and ground flax seed. Who knows? They are firm, crunchy and somehow wholesome tasting. (one friend confided that she prefers them for breakfast). Since they use rice flour (gluten free) they tend to be crumbly which is why the xanthan gum is used. It's a binding ingredient that attempts to add back the chewiness that regular wheat flour has. But what the heck is Xanthan Gum? (sounds horrible). First of all it's expensive, but, a small bag will last a decade. Xanthan gum is a powder made by mixing fermented sugars with a type of bacteria called *xanthomonas campestris*. Our family has ingested this stuff for years in our gluten-free baking, and we haven't noticed any ill effects (time will tell). Lastly, we've learned from some burning accidents that baking for a full 18 minutes brings out the natural sweetness of the oats and enhances the flavors and texture quite deliciously.

Susan & Don Moss

- 1 stick butter or dairy free margarine
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1 cup brown sugar (try using less)
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups brown rice flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. xanthan gum
- 3 Tbsp. ground flax seed
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
- 3 cups oats
- + optional nuts, raisins, choc. chips.

Preheat your oven to 350°. Soften the butter and blend it in with the sugar. Beat in the oil, vanilla and eggs until it's a smooth mix. Blend in all of the dry ingredients. Spoon out the dough in blobs about 2" wide onto a cookie sheet. Bake for 18 minutes. Yield will be 36-48 cookies.



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**Hatbox Theater Presents
Dickens' A Christmas Carol
adapted by Jill Pinard**



Credit: Jane Button Photography

For the fourth year *A Christmas Carol* will haunt the Hatbox stage in Concord, but for this incarnation, Jill Pinard of Bradford takes the helm directing the script she adapted for Hatbox in 2016. This original adaptation of the holiday classic, focuses on how the dream-like qualities of the ghost story aspect of Dickens' work can bring about redemption. Is it "an undigested bit of beef" – a line in the original story – that leads Scrooge to have bad dreams or is he really being visited by ghosts intent on helping him redeem himself? Audience members, too, will wonder if they are dreaming when they are immersed in sound, lights and projections that bring out these eerier aspects of Scrooge's fateful night. In creating this script Pinard set out to leave as much of Dickens' original as undigested as possible.

Erik Hodges, who plays Scrooge, explained, "I've come back to the character of Scrooge because his story is an enduring tale of redemption. We like to think that no soul is beyond repair and Scrooge's recovery is made by him alone, on a restless Christmas Eve. We live today in a world that yearns for that kind of redemption, and the Christmas season, and this story, make it possible for all of us. 'God bless us, everyone.'"

Dickens' A Christmas Carol adapted by Jill Pinard will be performed at the Hatbox December 6-15. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm, Sundays at 2pm and bonus performances on Saturday, December 7th at 2pm and Thursday, December 12th at 7:30pm. Tickets may be reserved by calling 603-715-2315 or purchased online at www.hatboxnh.com.

"I've come back to the character of Scrooge because his story is an enduring tale of redemption. We like to think that no soul is beyond repair..."

The cast also features Ian Allan as Marley, Paige Annis as Martha Cratchit, Tina L. Annis as Mrs. Cratchit, Lauren Batchelder as Belle, Nancy Brennan as Christmas Past, Wilder DiMaura as Fred, Laura Hoglund as Christmas Present, Holly Keenan as Tiny Tim, Audrey Malone as Fan, Erik Shaffer as Bob Cratchit, and Pamela Vizcarrondo as Mrs. Dilber. *A Christmas Carol* is directed by Jill Pinard. The production includes costumes by Lynn Head, set and lighting design by Andrew Pinard, sound design by David Peck, and stage management by Doris George.

For local trivia fans: Jill Pinard's first experience with *A Christmas Carol* on stage was playing the role of Belle for Moon Mountain Arts production at Town Hall in Bradford in the late '90s.

Jill Pinard

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Town Meeting – Wednesday evening or Saturday morning??

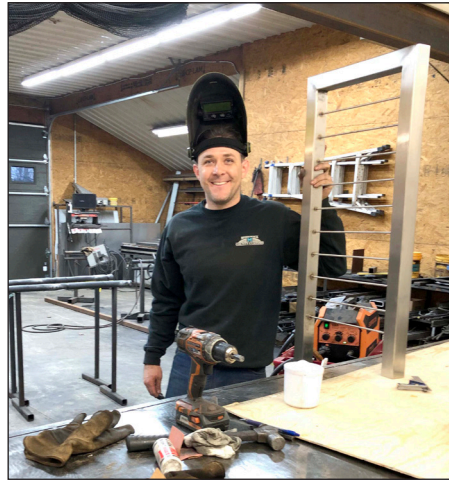
The Select Board recently discussed the possibility of moving our annual Town Meeting from Wednesday evening to Saturday morning in March of 2020. The Board thinks this might give more residents the opportunity to attend and participate in Town Meeting. Opinions matter and we want yours! Please share your thoughts with the Selectmen's Office at 938-5900 or administrator@bradfordnh.org!

Thank You From the Selectmen's Office

The Selectmen wish to gratefully acknowledge the many donors who, through the Rural Heritage Connection, donated \$24,000 in support of the granite foundation work at Town Hall. When the building was lifted off its original foundation in the spring of 2017, the old granite stones were hauled away to be professionally cut into slabs. With the Town Hall settled onto its new concrete foundation, the granite slabs were mounted to the exterior of the concrete this fall. The Town Hall was backfilled leaving the granite showing, resulting in the appearance of an authentic granite foundation. This maintains the historic appearance of the Town Hall and complies with the conditions of the \$105,000 LCHIP grant the Town was awarded in 2014. The Select Board thanks you for your continued support in preserving this historic Town landmark.

Local Business Profile: Merrimack County Customs

Name of business and owners?
Merrimack County Customs LLC.
Jason Allen, Owner/Operator



What do you do?

I use a combination of traditional and innovative metal crafting techniques to perform general metal fabrication, however, I specialize in custom architectural metal railings and staircases for residential and commercial properties.

When did you start the business?

Although I officially started my business in 2012, I started developing my business plan in 2005 while attending welding technology classes at NHTI Manchester.

Why did you start the business?

I am passionate about designing and building things. I also saw the increasing demand for welding professionals in the workforce and decided to branch out on my own.

What is your background?

I have worked in the welding industry since I was 15 years old. I also have a vast knowledge of motor vehicles and a love for building construction of all kinds.

What is your favorite part of being a business owner?

My favorite part of being a business owner is being in direct control of my success or failure. I run my business with integrity, passion and a strong work ethic.

Who helps you run the business?

I have a great team of local subcontractors that help me with accounting, insurance, locating materials and friends that are willing to give me a hand when a project is too large for one person.

Who are your customers?

Most customers are general contractors and architects, but I also work with homeowners and other business owners to achieve their goals.

What is your most popular service/product?

My most popular products are my custom crafted metal railings and staircases.

What are your plans?

I hope to continue to build my portfolio of railing and stair projects. I also would like to start creating more artistic items to sell.

***Great Work, Jason! Let the sparks fly!
Can't wait to see more of your original pieces.***

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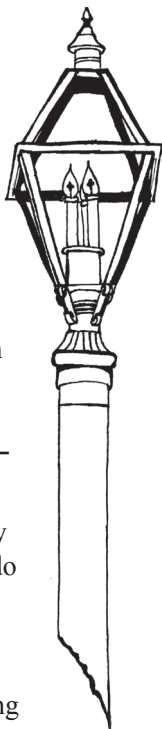
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Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm
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Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



We have several happenings this December at the library. We hope you get a chance to stop by and make an ornament, visit Santa, and watch a movie while you make a craft.

Don't forget we have passes to the Currier Art Gallery. We also just purchased a pass to the SEE Science Center in Manchester, NH. Those will be available for use in mid-December, just in time for Christmas vacation!

Saturday, December 7th. Drop-in Ornament Making all day.

Saturday, December 14th at 11am. Visit from Santa and light refreshments.

Friday, December 27th from 1-3pm. Holiday Movie & Craft.

Book Group: We will not be having book group this month, but look forward to reconvening on Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm. For January, we are reading Willa Cather's *My Antonia*.

Ellen Barselle

From the Director's Desk:

For Thanksgiving this year my family and I have decided to do something non-traditional and head to NYC. We're avoiding the meal preparation and clean-up and instead embarking on an adventure to the city. Upon this writing, we have not left yet, and I am going in with very low expectations. I fully understand that a trip to the city will be exciting, and busy, but most likely exhausting. We hope to see most of the main tourist attractions. We will miss the Macy's Day Parade but will hopefully delight in the holiday and light displays, trips to the museum, and good food. I hope it may spark some holiday spirit in me! I want to wish everyone a happy holiday. Get cozy, read a book, and spread good cheer.



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Moon Circle | Kris Foss | Dec 12th 6-7:30PM | BY DONATION

Wellness Chat | Mindfulness as a Calming Tool

Lisa MacLean | Dec 11th 6:30-7:30PM | \$10

Chakra Bhedana Meditation

Danielle Thomas | Dec 14th 10-11:30AM | \$20

WEEKLY YOGA CLASSES

MONDAYS 5:30-6:30PM | YOGA - TARA MAHADY | \$10

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George Beaton Receives Volunteer Award



George Beaton, right, with Carrie Deegan, Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager

From Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests News, November 20, 2019

Volunteer Land Steward George Beaton, of Bradford, was recently recognized at the Spirit of New Hampshire Volunteer Awards, an annual event organized by Volunteer NH. The Forest Society nominated George for this honor for his outstanding volunteer efforts on many fronts: monitoring and stewarding trails on the Black Mountain Forest (Sutton, NH), helping high school students learn carpentry and trail work techniques through Mount Kearsarge Outdoor Classroom at Black Mountain Forest, and participation at Monadnock Trails Week and many other stewardship workdays across the state.

Forest Society staff and volunteers all enjoy working with George for his sense of humor and easy-going attitude. He doesn't get upset when things don't go right, and in fact seems almost entertained by most of the logistical curveballs and eccentric personalities one encounters in group volunteer projects! We are excited to see him recognized at the Spirit of NH Volunteer Awards, and hope he'll continue to volunteer for many years to come!

Carrie Deegan

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Obituaries

Morgan Renee Patten



On November 8th, 2019, Morgan Renee Patten, renowned “pretty big deal” was taken from the world at the age of 24.

Morgan was born in Lebanon, NH on October 1st, 1995, to Steven and Renee (Duquette) Patten. She attended and graduated from Kearsarge Regional Schools, and earned a degree in Geoscience from Southern New Hampshire University. Morgan was accepted to, and enrolled in the Coastal Environmental Law program at Roger Williams University to begin in August 2020. She had recently accepted a proposal of marriage from Phillip R. Brandon, Edgartown, MA.

From the age of three, Morgan was an insatiable reader, and loved to share her favorites. A multiple sport athlete, talented musician, passionate writer and self-proclaimed nerd, Morgan developed friendships across all social genres, and felt drawn to those who were left out. Her hobbies included travelling, skiing, hiking, kayaking, tuna fishing, shooting, nature photography and running; her mission, to save the world. Morgan enjoyed the tranquility of Lake Solitude as much as a Broadway show; equally savored snow capped peaks and flat seas, but would put her interests on hold if a friend were in need. The family grieves the untimely and unjust loss of Morgan Patten, and for those who will never know her power and conviction.

In addition to her parents and fiancé, Morgan is survived by her paternal grandparents, David and Grace Patten of Bradford, maternal grandfather, Robert Duquette and his wife Joan of Sutton. Several aunts and uncles, dozens of cousins and about a billion friends are mourning this tragedy as well.

A fund has been established to ensure that Morgan's voice will be heard loud and clear and her visions still realized in her absence. Contribution may be made to the “Miles to Go” fund, c/o Steven and Renee Patten, at Bar Harbor Bank or Sugar River Savings Bank. To sign an online guestbook please visit: www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

Phyllis Anne Lee Ormiston



Phyllis Anne Lee Ormiston, born in Endicott on September 27th, 1940, died in Manchester, New Hampshire on October 31st, 2019. She was known as “Gram” to her family and “Philly” to dear friends. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Phyllis had an inherently curious mind and was a natural teacher. After graduating from Oswego State College, she taught kindergarten at Charlotte Valley Central School in Davenport, was the education coordinator for head start in Schoharie County and taught GED classes for BOCES in Grand Gorge.

Phyllis had a flair for transforming spac-

es both inside and out and was an avid and talented gardener. She was an active volunteer in numerous organizations with formal roles in many organizations in Stamford.

In their later years, Phyllis and Dick, her beloved husband of 57 years, began spending their summers in Bradford, New Hampshire, hosting grandkids and friends on the lake and becoming known for their famous pancake breakfasts. Regardless of whether they were in Stamford or Bradford, friends and neighbors knew they could always find Phyllis and Dick sitting on their front porch, ready to offer lively conversation and a cold drink.

A loyal and committed friend, Phyllis was always a person you could count on. Whether it was whipping up a wedding cake, making a prom or wedding dress, reupholstering a chair, creating one of her signature dried-flower arrangements or simply providing a warm meal for an unexpected guest, Phyllis was always there. As a mother, she instilled kindness and a strong work ethic in her children and served as a “second mom” to many of their friends.

Phyllis and Dick had a true love story... still holding hands after 55 years, and had just begun a new chapter together in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Phyllis is survived by her husband, Dick; sister, Elsie; sons, Lee (Kasey) and Todd (Elizabeth); and grandchildren, Tucker, Maddox, Andie and Chase. She was predeceased by her sister, Gloria Dykman; mother, Myra Schoening Lee; and father, Maynard Alphonso Lee.

A memorial celebration was held at the Mill Pond Inn in Jefferson, Another memorial celebration will be held at a later date in Bradford, New Hampshire. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Stamford Village Improvement Association (SVIA) are welcome by sending a check to: SVIA, P.O. Box 44, Stamford, NY 12167, or by donating online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/phyllis-ormiston-tribute-fund-for-svia>.

Gordon H. Lynam

Gordon H. Lynam, 74, of Bourne, MA passed away on November 16th, 2019 at Toby Hospital.

Gordon was born in New Bedford, MA, the son of George H Lynam and Helen (Bagley) Lynam on December 17th, 1945.

Gordon joined the Navy in 1963 and served his country with honor. He love the water and started fishing soon after leaving the Navy quickly working his way to Captain. He owned several fishing boats throughout his life and worked on the water with his wife and partner until his passing.

He leaves behind his loving wife Pam Lynam of 39 years, his son Brandon Aruda, his mother Helen Lynam of Bradford, sisters, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and cousins.

For online condolences please view www.nickersonbournefuneralhome.com

Ross Jenks Seymour

Ross Jenks Seymour passed away at The New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, October 15th, 2019, at the age of 91.

Raised and educated in Concord, he graduated early from Concord High School in 1946 in order to enlist in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard the U.S.S. Harmon. He was a gifted and dedicated athlete: A Golden Gloves boxer, he practiced Kodokan Judo and he was a marathon runner.

He was a loving husband and father. A 30-year federal employee, he served as Regional Compliance Officer for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Virginia Ceriello Seymour; children: Margaret Seymour Asselin; Christian Seymour; Ralph Jenks Seymour; Geoffrey Jenks Seymour; John Jenks Seymour; and Jill Seymour Pinard and her husband Andrew of Bradford; grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Ross was predeceased by a sister Ruth (Seymour) French; son, Michael Jenks Seymour; and son-in-law, Robert A. Asselin.

Memorial gifts may be made to the NH Veterans Home Resident Benefit Fund, 139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH 03246. Bennett Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Convergence

We gather and converge
to unveil what is submerged.
To give voice to our choice
to dig deep and unearth,
arise and rebirth...
or skim the surface like a bird,
sing songs with our words.
Whatever shall emerge -
reaches for the verge,
releasing an energetical surge
that diverges then merges
spinning myriad threads
linking living and dead
with the thoughts in my head
in a chaotic convergence
of insightful intelligence
and in the midst of this web
beats the heart of the Mother
pumping lifeblood through the land,
sweet water to the sea
where elements converge,
submerge and surge,
diverge and merge beyond the boundless,
into timeless infinity.

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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget Review The Budget committee will meet in conjunction with the Select board and Department heads to review 2020 budget submissions. Budget submissions from the Library, transfer station and highway will be reviewed on December 5. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector, police, and fire departments will be reviewed on December 19.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Bylaws Update A motion was approved to change the bylaws to read that a majority of members would constitute a quorum, replacing the previous requirement for a 5 member quorum.

Membership The committee approved adding Tracy Quigley as an alternate member.

PLANNING BOARD

Site Plan Revisions Following public hearings on November 12, the Planning Board approved site plan revisions for Jessica and Matt Michie for Map 3/Lot 52-2A, and Holly Riley for Map 17/Lot 58.

Sign Permit Application was approved by the Board for Map 17/Lot 58.

Sign Ordinance The Board of Selectmen attended the Planning Board meeting to discuss the Sign Ordinance and a letter the Planning Board had submitted requesting they enforce the current ordinance with 2 properties. The Selectmen

felt there were other sign violations in town and that any enforcement would need to encompass all violations, but felt that the better solution might be to review the ordinance and make some adjustment that would support the needs of businesses in town.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Variance Application Process The Board reviewed the process for a variance application with the owners of 22 Massasecum Lake Road, Map 23/Lot 20.

Accessory Dwelling Units The Zoning Board reviewed a draft Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulation proposal from the Planning Board. The Zoning Board recommends that the Planning Board review the entire Zoning Ordinance to make sure there are no conflicts with other regulations, and with regard to ADU's specifically, the Zoning Board has no comment.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Non-permitted Junkyard Complaint to be filed with the town regarding a non-permitted junkyard on Fairgrounds Road that is in close proximity to West Branch Brook and a threat to the aquifer.

Survey The Warner River Local Advisory Board has posted a survey on the town website seeking input that will help formulate the Warner River Corridor Management Plan.

Bradford Bog New Plant identification signs have been made for the bog. To prevent Boardwalk users from going

astray a new directional sign will be placed at the spur trail.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Exterior Doors New doors were ordered from the Lumber Barn to replace the front and lower entrance doors to the Library.

Movie Events The library has renewed its membership with the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation so that it can screen movies for patrons.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Cemetery Maintenance The Trustees revised and updated the job description for the Cemetery Maintenance position. A draft Request for Proposal for this position will be sent to the Board of Selectmen.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at bradfordnh.org. For an audio file (mp3) of the recordings of meetings, please visit <http://bradfordnh.org/mp3/>. Some meetings are now streamed live - check website!

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How Far Do We Go?



Mary Derry recently spent time in Bali, Indonesia where she was able to try Balinese painting, wood carving, and making Batik fabric. The tropical weather was a wonderful change from NH in November and Mary reports that the people of the island were just as warm as the climate.

It's important to stay connected to home. Do you live away? Do you take your Bridge along on vacation? We want to know where you read your copy of The Bradford Bridge. Share your photographs with us so we can stay connected with you!

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Elderberry Syrup

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A simple elderberry syrup recipe made with dried elderberries, honey and herbs for an immune boosting and delicious syrup. Can be used medicinally or on homemade pancakes or waffles.

Ingredients

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup dried black elderberries (about 3 ounces)

Frontier Elder Berries Whole Organic - 1 lb

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of water

2 Tablespoons fresh or dried ginger root

1 teaspoon cinnamon powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cloves or clove powder

1 cup raw honey

Instructions

Pour water into medium saucepan and add elderberries, ginger, cinnamon and cloves (do not add honey!)

Bring to a boil and then cover and reduce to a simmer for about 45 minutes to an hour until the liquid has reduced by almost half. At that point, remove from heat and let cool enough to be handled. Mash the berries carefully using a spoon or other flat utensil. Pour through a strainer into a glass jar or bowl.

Discard the elderberries (or compost them!) and let the liquid cool to lukewarm. When it is no longer hot, add 1 cup of honey and stir well.

When honey is well mixed into the elderberry mixture, pour the syrup into a quart sized mason jar or 16-ounce glass bottle of some kind.

Ta Da! You just made homemade elderberry syrup! Store in the fridge and take daily for its immune boosting properties. Some sources recommend taking only during the week and not on the weekends to boost immunity.

Standard dose is $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp to 1 tsp for kids and $\frac{1}{2}$ Tbsp to 1 Tbsp for adults. If the flu does strike, take the normal dose every 2-3 hours instead of once a day until symptoms disappear.



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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 any changes have been made.

Monday, December 2

- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
- 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR

Tuesday, December 3

- 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
- 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
- 2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR

Wednesday, December 4

- 8:00 am Mother's Group, LR
- 7:00 pm ZBA Meeting, YR

Thursday, December 5

- 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
- 6:30 pm Budget Committee, YR

Friday, December 6

- 11:30 am 1st Friday Brunch, 50/50 Raffle
- 12:00 pm Noon Saxophone Performance by Caleb Parsons

Monday, December 9

- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 10:30 am Cookie Swap & Tree Decorating
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
- 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
- 6:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, SR

Tuesday, December 10

- 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
- 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
- 12:20 pm Transportation Discussion
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
- 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
- 7:00 pm Planning Board, YR

Wednesday, December 11

- 8:00 am Mother's Group
- 1:00 pm Knitting Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Thursday, December 12

- 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, SR
- 5:00 pm BACC Governance, YR
- 5:30 pm Parks and Rec
- 6:00 pm Econ. Development
- 6:00 pm Cemetery Commission

Saturday, December 16

- 11:00 am Santa Visit at BML

Monday, December 16

- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
- 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
- 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR



Detail from the Bradford Center Meetinghouse Quilt 18" x 12", 1987 by Harriet Douglass

Tuesday, December 17

- 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
- 11:00 am LSVNA Free BP Clinic
- 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
- 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
- 7:00 pm Conservation Commission

Wednesday, December 18

- 8:00 am Mother's Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Thursday, December 19

- 11:30 am Annual Christmas Reception for our Meals On Wheels clients
- 6:30 pm Budget Committee

Friday, December 20

- 10:00 am Friday at the Movies: "Elf"
- 12:00 pm Noon 3rd Friday brunch

Monday, December 23

- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
- 3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Tuesday, December 24

- 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
- 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
- TBD Driving School, LR

Wednesday, December 25

Closed for Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26

- 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

Monday, December 30

- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
- 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
- 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR

Tuesday, December 31

- 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
- 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
- TBD Driving School, LR

Ongoing Events

Mondays

- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR every other week
- 7:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, BACC 2nd Monday/month

Tuesdays

- 7:00 pm Conservation Commission, BML 3rd Tuesday/month
- 7:00 pm Fish & Game Club 1st Tuesday each month
- 7:00 pm Planning Board, BACC 2nd & 4th Tuesdays/month

Wednesdays

- 6:00 pm Library Trustees, BLM 1st Wednesday/month
- 7:00 pm Zoning Board, BACC 1st Wednesday/month

Thursdays

- 6:00 pm Cemetery Commission 2nd Thursday/month; call 938-2119
- 6:00 pm Economic Development Group, BACC 2nd Thursday/month
- 7:00 pm Road & Bridge Repair Committee, BACC, 4th Thursday/month

Fridays

- 11:30 am First Friday Brunch, MVSC call 938-2104 for reservations

Other

Historical Society Tin Shop, East Main Street; by appointment, call 938-2253

Calendar Abbreviations

BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BCMh	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
BML	Brown Memorial Library
FGC	Fish & Game Club
KLC	Kearsarge Learning Center
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
SR	Senior Room
YR	Youth Room
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment

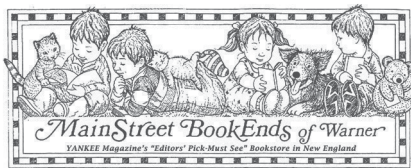


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The Food Pantry is currently in the process of planning for the Christmas food baskets and is accepting donations of canned goods or of a monetary donation. Checks can be sent to Bradford Community Church, PO Box 57, Bradford, NH 03221, made out to BCC Food Pantry. We also give out gifts to our pantry children at Christmas. If you would like to donate, please memo on the church for children's toys. The food baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 21st from 9:30-10:30am.

A Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th at 7pm with Pastor Bob Wyand. A worship service of Carols and Scripture that has been enjoyed over the years.



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Wednesday December 4
Bradford K-5th Winter Concert, 6:30-7:30pm at Kearsarge Regional High School. Snow date is Thursday, December 5th. Contact: Kearsarge Regional Elementary School 603-938-5959.

Tuesday December 10
High School Winter Concert, at Kearsarge Regional High School. Snow date Wednesday, December 11th. Contact: Kearsarge Regional High School 603-927-4261 for time.

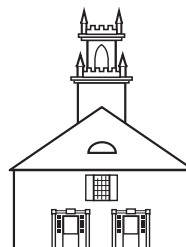
Thursday December 12
Women's Moon Circle, 6-7:30pm at Evergreen Healing Arts, 11 West Main Street. Class is free with donations welcome. Contact: 603EHA@gmail.com

Saturday December 14
Santa's Visit to the Library, 11am at Brown Memorial Library. Don't miss your chance to sit on Santa's lap and make your Christmas dreams come true! Contact: Ellen Barselle at 938-5562.

Saturday December 14
Children's Crafting Event, 10:30am-12:30pm at the Rosewood Country Inn. All materials will be provided, plus hot chocolate! The event is free, but parents must register their children by December 7th to account for supplies. Contact: Odo at 603-938-5253.

Monday December 16
Middle School Winter Concert - 7th/8th Band and Chorus, 7-9pm at Kearsarge Regional Middle School Gymnasium. Snow date Wednesday, December 18th. Contact: Kearsarge Regional Middle School 603-927-2100.

Tuesday December 24
Christmas Pageant, Bradford Center Meetinghouse, 5pm. Contact: 603BCM@gmail.com.



NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Wednesday December 4
Gingerbread Houses and Ornament Making, 3:30-5:30pm at Vets Hall in Newbury. For kids in grades 1-5. Bradford students can take the bus from school to the Newbury Town Offices. Cost is \$10 per child. Sign up at www.newburynhrec.com. Contact: Sydney at recreation@newburynh.org.

Saturday December 7th
Warner Hometown Holiday Celebration, 9am-6pm. Including a farmer's market at the Warner Town Hall, caroling at MainStreet BookEnds and other festivities. Go to www.mainstreetbookends.com or call 603-456-2700 for full event details.

Sunday December 8th
Release Party of The Friendship Book, 12pm at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner. Contact: MainStreet BookEnds 603-456-2700.

Sunday December 8th
Poetry Workshop with Deborah Brown, 2pm at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner. Lead by former UNH professor and author. For the novice to the published. Free. Contact: MainStreet BookEnds 603-456-2700.

Sunday December 8th
Make and Take Holiday Crafts for Adults, 1-3pm at Vets Hall in Newbury. Cost is \$15 per person and \$10 for seniors 65+. Sign up at www.newburynhrec.com. Contact: Sydney at recreation@newburynh.org.

Saturday December 14th
Guitar in the Gallery – Mike Stockbridge with John Stowell, 2pm at the Gallery at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner. Free and all are welcome. To RSVP email mike@mikestockbridge.com. Contact: MainStreet BookEnds 603-456-2700.

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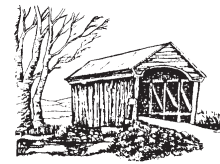
(Left) Members of the Mountain View Senior Center Fitness class gathered at The Village Cafe to enjoy laughing with each other and an after-class snack. Each fitness session has the class pondering a question or theme. This day's question was, "What has surprised you as you aged?" Amidst many hilarious comments I heard, "Our parents were right," "It happened so fast!", "Now I have patience with old people." and, "I lost my family." This last comment garnered many replies of, "Now we're your family." The kind and humorous spirit of this group made my day.

(Right) Laurie Buchar snapped this photo of Laura Beaton, one of many volunteers who showed up to repair the boardwalk on the Bradford Bog in early November. If you haven't visited this local gem, check it out in the East Washington Road.



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.

Kathleen Bigford



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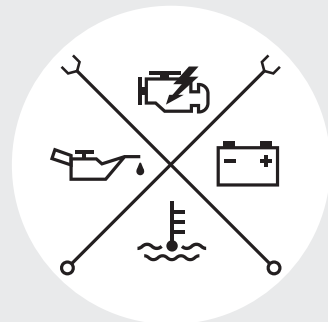
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