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Historic Property Assessment Report on Bradford Town Hall

by John Harris

Christopher W. Closs and Company has submitted a report on the Bradford Town Hall, which was financed by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance with matching funds from the Rural Heritage Connection and the Bradford Historical Society. The report identifies the Town Hall as “a cornerstone element in the stabilization, reinforcement and future development of the Village District. “If preserving community character is a common objective, then retention of the ‘anchor’ use on West Main Street cannot be understated.” (p.7) The report adds that “as a corridor, West Main Street represents one of the better-preserved, surviving 19th century village residential districts in rural New Hampshire” (p.6) and refers to the 1998 Plan NH Charrette (a copy conveniently appended to the report) which stresses the importance of concentrating future investment in the village center.

Closs recommends that we consider nominating Bradford Village to the National Register of Historic Places as a federal historic district. “There are many advantages to this planning designation, which carries no encumbrances or interference with private property ownership or management. The advantages include preferential treatment in applying for state and federal grant funding. NRHP listing is a cornerstone of the development of any municipal revitalization program for downtown areas enriched with historic and cultural resources.”(p.8)

The report goes on to review previous studies, copies of which are

appended to the report, all of which find the building to be in good structural shape but in need of major work, particularly in electrical and mechanical systems, and considerable maintenance/rehabilitation efforts to prevent further deterioration. He notes the cost of major rehabilitation in 2007 is in the range of \$125-150 per square foot while new construction cost for office space is around \$143 per square foot. (p.29)

This quick summary cannot give due justice to the full report – you need to look it over in detail, but the key point is that this provides guidance for planning the future use of Town Hall. Copies are available at the Town Hall, the Library, and the Historical Society for the public to peruse. It provides citizens, and their representatives on the Needs Assessment Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board a framework for identifying the larger questions that need to be addressed in making plans for the future renovation and use of the Town Hall.

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Dawn Rich, Grand Marshall, leads the parade down Main Street in celebration of the July 4th holiday. Dawn and her many contributions to the town of Bradford will be featured in a future issue of the Bridge.



Bradford Wins Restoration Grant

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts has approved a \$10,630 Cultural Conservation Grant to the Town of Bradford. The purpose of the grant is to restore and preserve the town’s historical Charles W. Henry theatrical backdrop and to protect the Bradford Bi-Centennial Quilt that hangs in the stairwell of the Bradford Town Hall.

This historically important theatrical stage backdrop, hand painted by the prominent Vermont stage painter, Charles Washington Henry (1850 – 1918) was discovered in the upper reaches above the stage in the Bradford Town Hall in May 2006.

The grant provides funds to install and light the backdrop in accordance with proper conservation conditions and to photograph and document the restoration process through interviews with participants and the restoration team. A contract with the town will be issued pending Governor and Executive Council approval.

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

From the Editors

There has been lots of activity in and around Bradford this summer (so far) with all the 4th of July festivities, the Lettvin Concerts, bear and loon sightings, youth sports and scholarship winners. We note progress on the town's Needs Assessment Committee and successful grant writing that will help us restore town hall and its artifacts. This issue of the Bridge gives a wrap-up of this past year's legislative session and several articles about what is happening in and around our town. Have a safe, fun summer and keep the Bridge volunteers abreast of anything you would like to share with your neighbors in the months ahead.

Beth and Marcia

Bradford Bears

Bradford Police Officer Sheri Valiquet took this photo of the "Bradford Bears" a couple of weeks ago in the back yard of the Magistro residence on Old Sutton Road.



This mother bear and her three cubs have been seen around town since early June. Many people have called concerned for the bears and for the safety of people and their pets. The mother bear has an injury to her leg and seems to be sticking close to homes for food.

The best thing to do at this time if

you come in contact with these bears is to leave them alone and they will go away. Do not feed them and do not get close to them even though they seem calm, cute and cuddly. Feel free to take pictures though!

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Bradford News

Bradford Fire and Rescue To Host Mass Casualty Drill.

Bradford Fire and Rescue will be the host of a mass casualty drill on Sunday, August 12 at 7:00 AM. This drill will be a mock water rescue situation and will be held at and in Lake Massasecum. The surrounding towns have been invited to help out, loaning equipment and assistance. Bradford Fire and Rescue is looking for volunteers to be casualties and bystanders, some of whom will be hysterical, and other helpers. The "victims" will have "injuries" applied with make-up and all who are in the water will be required to wear life jackets. If you are interested in helping please call Heidi Slatunas 938-5583 or Laurie Brown at 938-2451.

July 4 th 5K Road Race Results

Thirty-three year old, Terrance Shea from Cambridge, Mass. was the overall men's winner with a time of 16:06. The women's overall win went to twenty eight year old Carly Graytock of Cambridge, Mass. with a time of 18:21. Top KRHS overall winners for the Warren Brook Award went to Shamus Heffernan of Sutton with a time of 9:52 for boys and Krystina Pulaski of Newbury with a time of 25:19 for girls. Top ten winners from Bradford in their age categories were: Sarah Long, Krystina Pulaski, Molly Quigly, Owen Dayton, Jeff Stewart, Laurel Bauer, Sheldon Bruss, Paddy Dayton, Isaac Bruss, Marc Lebowdais, Kristina Thompson, Amy Cook, Shanna Braden, Philip Lamoreaux, Jean Bishop, Deborah Green, Buddy Allen, Ann Brayfield, Ellen Hersh, Joseph Emerson and Ed MacLeod. Congratulations to all the runners!

BWC News

Brianna L. Kelley of Bradford was the winner of the 2007 BWC scholarship. Brianna has been active in the Kearsarge HS girl's tennis team, the yearbook committee and the cheerleading squad. She will be pursuing a career as a dental hygienist at the New Hampshire Technical Institute. Congratulations and best wishes to Brianna and all the recent Bradford graduates. We are very proud of all of you!

Our Bradford yard sale/flea market was a big success. Thank you to all who participated and all who helped with the BWC table.

Members will be getting our fall bulb package in the mail soon and our fundraising sale will be ongoing until October. Bulbs planted in the fall will yield beautiful spring flowers. The BWC Annual Red Hat tea will be Sept. 18 so ladies, dust off your hats.

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Legislative Wrap Up

by Eileen Kelly

Last November's election brought about an historical change in Concord with Democrats in the majority in the NH House of Representatives for the first time since the Civil War. The six month session ended June 28 after much hard work by your legislators. Here is a wrap-up of some key legislation passed.

Health Care

Many families struggle daily with health care needs and the Legislature took steps to help in several areas. The Legislature funded the New Hampshire Cancer Plan with \$6 million to be used over the next two years toward: tobacco use prevention programs for prevention and cessation; early detection and screening for breast, cervical, colorectal cancer; support for prostate cancer patients; support services for cancer survivors and the collection of behavioral risk and cancer rates data. The state budget also allocates nearly \$10 million for alcohol and other drug treatment and prevention services. The long-term savings to our taxpayers for prevention in these areas will benefit the entire state.

Starting in September, families will be able to keep dependents enrolled on their family insurance plans up until the dependent is 26 years old. Currently, most health insurance carriers provide coverage only for dependents who are enrolled full-time in schools and colleges. Under the new law, the dependent must be a NH resident; must not be eligible for coverage under another plan; and if the dependent marries, health coverage is terminated.

Timely access to home-care alternatives for our seniors will increase through an eligibility program to reduce delay and prevent unnecessary, costly institutionalization of seniors eligible for Medicaid nursing home care.

Effective this December, New Hampshire will have a smoking ban in public restaurants and bars. According to a UNH poll, 79% of New Hampshire voters support a smoking ban.

Environmental Protection

The Legislature passed a number of bills to protect New Hampshire's environment. The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) was fully funded in the recently passed budget and will have a dedicated fund beginning in 2009 to ensure the program's long-term stability. LCHIP funds conservation and preservation of historic and cultural resources critical to New Hampshire's quality of life and tourism. Bradford could benefit directly

Several bills passed that will expand shoreland protection for our lakes and preserve our natural beauty and attraction for tourism.

Economic Development

Significant strides were made for economic development in New Hampshire. A Research & Development Tax Credit, effective July 1st, 2007, will provide up to \$50,000 per business annually for businesses to provide higher paying jobs and stability. Credit is applied toward the Business Profit and Business Enterprise Tax. The Job Training Fund will become available this fall for NH workers. Businesses apply for the training fund through the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED).

The Renewable Energy Act is designed to stimulate new renewable energy businesses in the state and create new jobs, decrease energy price and supply volatility, and reduce air emissions. It

requires that an increasing percentage of electricity come from renewable sources (close to 25% by 2025) which will help to increase our energy independence.

The first increase in New Hampshire's minimum wage in over 9 years will occur on September 1, 2007 when the minimum wage will increase from \$5.15 to \$6.50 per hour. In September 2008, it will increase again to \$7.25/hour. Of the more than 30,000 New Hampshire workers who earn less than \$7.25 per hour, most are parents or older workers. Women comprise 60 percent of full-time, low-wage workers.

This session the Legislature passed a bill that will increase the drop-out age from 16 to 18 in 2009. New Hampshire's compulsory attendance age was set at 16 in 1903 and is no longer appropriate for today's students. The bill exempts home schooled students and students who have com-

pleted all requirements for graduation. When alternative learning plans are necessary, they will be developed in consul

Improving Education

tation with the pupil, a school guidance counselor, the school principal and at least one parent or guardian of the pupil. The state budget includes an additional \$4 million to support and establish alternative education programs. In total, the state will spend \$54 million in state and federal funds over the next two years to help young people graduate from high school.

The Legislature was mandated by the New Hampshire Supreme Court to define an "adequate education" by July 1st of this year. House Bill 927 met the court-imposed deadline to define adequacy. The definition uses the NH Department of Education's school approval standards and curriculum frameworks as criteria. For the first time, every child in NH will have access to kindergarten: the definition requires that an adequate education shall cover kindergarten through twelfth grade. Public input was gathered through statewide forums at which educators, government officials, and members of the public offered their opinions. The bill establishes a joint legislative committee on costing an adequate education with a report due by February 1, 2008.

The author is the Senior Legislative Policy Director for the NH House of Representatives



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10 QUESTIONS -

MARK GOLDBERG - Fire Chief

HEIDI SLATUNAS - Lieutenant,
Rescue Squad

This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people who make a difference in Bradford.

Mark Goldberg was born in Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York. When he was two, the family moved to Plainview, Long Island. He studied at Ferris State College and Big Rapids, Michigan where he became a mechanical engineer, majoring in thermodynamics. His parents had a summer house on Lake Massasecum and at the age of 13 he spent his summers on the lake. In 1974, he moved to Bradford where he made his permanent home. Mark began to volunteer with the fire department and proceeded to become chief, a volunteer job he's had for almost 30 years.

Heidi Slatunas has been with the Bradford Rescue Squad for two and one half years. She attends NHTI nursing school full time and works at Concord Hospital. Heidi was born in Concord. She is married and has two children, 10 and 4. Her spare time is spent with her family and she enjoys recreational running. The following 10 questions were answered by both Mark and Heidi in a spirit of working the two organizations in tandem.

Q. What direction is the Rescue Squad going to go now that it is part of the Fire Department?

We are working well together. We can provide better service to the town and together we can grow and expand our services.

Q. Is the Rescue Squad able to respond 24 hours a day?

I'd like to say yes. It's a volunteer service. When we don't have volunteers in town we can't respond. We have 24 people - first responders and EMT's including the drivers. The state requires first responders or EMT's to transport patients to a hospital. We take calls 24 hours but have New London and Henniker as backup.

Q. Are there any hard feelings about the new arrangement?

There are none that I'm aware of. It benefits everyone.

Q. What insurance is covering the Rescue Squad? Is this adequate?

The town of Bradford's insurance covers the squad and yes, it's adequate. This is the same coverage as the fire department.

Q. What training do the Rescue Squad members have? How are they able to keep up the training?

EMT's take 12 to 15 weeks of courses-120 hours of class time-10 hours of clinical time. They have to pass both state and national exams. First responders have a shorter training period but they have to pass both exams. Recertification is mandatory every two years and monthly training periods are held.



Q. What are the good and bad points of being a squad member now?

We have a brotherhood and sisterhood of fantastic people. We all enjoy doing it. It's a way to give back to the community. We all have to either live in town or in the immediate area. John Thomas, our captain, works in Bradford but lives in Newport. He's doing administrative work for the squad. As for disadvantages, there are none. Prior to this, fire and rescue calls were separate. Now we work together and help one another out.

Q. How big are both squads?

The Fire Department has 20 active members. The Rescue Squad has about 12 active. Some of the members are both fire and rescue.

Q. Is sharing the building a workable combination?

We've always shared the building. We're sort of outgrowing the space.

Q. How does the Fire Department back up the Rescue Squad and vice versa?

When we get a call, they get a call and we support one another. Quite a few of the firemen are first responders now. They help lift the patients. They help transport us to the scene and keep the scene safe. They take us in the fireboat (Zodiac) or the four wheel drive (Gator) that can go into the woods or over rough terrain where people may be lost while hiking. Chief Valiquet, his wife, son, and his son's wife are all trained now and so is Ed Shaughnessy. It makes sense since they're usually at the scene first.

Q. How are the two organizations dealing with homeland security?

We have taken courses in weapons of mass destruction, anthrax drills, it's never enough. We have to be careful about giving out information because of security. On August 12th we're planning a Mass Casualty Drill at French's Park. We'll have helicopters, fish and game, an entire day is planned. There will be more information prior to the date. We're looking for public participation in this event.

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Bradford has gone Loony

July 13, 2007 was a memorable day for Lake Todd residents and our loon family. A baby loon chick was born after many excited loon calls throughout most of the day to announce what was happening.

By mid-afternoon the new chick was seen riding around on a parent's back and sometimes swimming around in the water.

A summer staff member from the Loon preservation Committee came over that weekend to inspect the nest and to gather the egg shells for

inspection back in headquarters in Moultonboro.

Now is the dangerous time for the new chick. Maverick loons, turtles, and boaters unaware of the new chick may be some of the enemies. We ask that anyone using Lake Todd please be very cautious and look out for our newest loon family. Thank you!

Allene Hamilton, Loon Observer

Massasecum Loon News

Early in July the Loon Preservation Committee released an adult loon on Lake Massasecum. He had beached on Pleasant Lake in Deerfield possibly injured by another loon. After x-ray examination showed no damage, Massasecum was chosen for release since there was no resident loon there. Please keep an eye out for this new visitor. If he is spotted on the shore (beached), please contact the Loon Committee 476-5666 so he can be rescued again.

Marcia Keller

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NAC

At their July 19th meeting, the Needs Assessment Committee reported on the subcommittee meeting of July 9th that was followed the next day with a site walk with the engineering firms that were interested in doing the objectives listed in previous communications. Dave Brouillet, SFC Engineering, Manchester, Judith Houston, Louis Berger Group, Manchester and David Eckman, Eckman Engineering, walked the upper and lower sites with Everett Kittredge, Peter Fenton, Jim Pickman, Paul Gross, Steve Lucier, Road Agent and Jim Valiquet, Police Chief. The engineering representatives will recommend one of the proposals on the preferred site after reviewing both sites on the walk. The town has received the state permit to make a commercial entrance on Route 114. The proposals from the engineering companies are requested by Friday, July 27th, by noon. The subcommittee will recommend one of the proposals on the 30th and it will go to the Steering Committee. Selectmen will hold a special meeting on July 31st. The next Needs Assessment meeting will be August 2nd. A meeting of Needs Assessment Committee and Town Budget Committee is planned for July 24th. Carol Conforti Adams and Audrey Sylvester of the Town Hall Grants subcommittee spoke about their goal to write grants to renovate and bring up to current code our historic Bradford Town Hall, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To secure matching restoration grants, they need the selectmen to assist with a financial plan to complete restoration of Town Hall for vote by Town Meeting 2009.

A report from the Henry Backdrop Restoration Committee was read with its future plans by Audrey Sylvester.

All copies of minutes, reports and articles of the Needs Assessment Committee are available to read at the town hall offices.

Planning Board Notes

Hill & Dale Gravel Pit Dave Eckman of Eckman Engineering discussed the potential impact from a 100 year flood event that might result with the expansion of the gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road. He advised that the work to be done will improve on-site drainage by flattening the existing slopes and improv-

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ing vegetative cover, thus resulting in no net increase in off-site run-off. The Board voted conditional approval of the application pending action by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance from required wetlands setbacks and receipt of a State Alteration of Terrain permit.

BNSYS The Board approved the site plan presented by Sam Vose, RCS Designs on behalf of the Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports organization. They wish to construct a building on the sports field on Old Warner Road to consolidate storage of equipment. The ZBA had approved a variance to allow the building to be located 25' from the property line.

Ledgewood Pines: Mark Brunell updated the Board on progress with meeting the conditions of approval for the 24 lot cluster subdivision on Old Warner Road. He is awaiting final permits from NHDES and will return as soon as they are received, no later than January 2008.

NFI North An application for a modified site plan was presented by Paul Dann representing North American Family Institute who have purchased the former Kellco Academy buildings on Route 103. NFI is a non-profit organization that provides services throughout New Hampshire and Maine. The site was originally approved for educational use by 60 students and 15 staff members.

The proposed new program would include an overnight residential program for 15 of the students who will be housed in the renovated main house and cottage. The modular units will be used only for classrooms. The Fire Department has reviewed the application and approved the installation of sprinklers in the residential buildings. Security will be pro-

vided by 3 on duty "eyes open" staff members from midnight to 8 am with additional personnel during the day and evening hours. The Board voted to approve the modified site plan.

Boundary Line Adjustment was approved for Gary Bardsley who owns two tracts of land with frontage on Rowe Mountain Road, Jewett Hill, and Forest Street. He wishes to annex 12 acres from the 100 acre parcel to the 1.39 acre parcel where the house is located, resulting in both house and barn on the new 13 acre parcel. The remaining 88 acre parcel could not be further subdivided until Forest Street is brought up to Class V road standards from its current status as a "seasonal road."

Conceptual Consultation Bob Foor discussed a possible 3 lot subdivision for the Mountain Lake Inn property that would result in two lots fronting on Route 114 and a rear lot using the same access road.

Minutes of Planning Board meetings are on file at the Town Hall 144 hours following the meeting.

Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports

BNSYS will hold "Soccerfest 2007" on Wednesday, August 1 (raindate Thursday, August 2), 5:00pm, at Warren Brook Park, Old Sutton Road, Bradford. This is a fun-filled event to raise money to hire a Major League soccer coach for Fall to work with our players and coaches. Games and activities including a dunk tank, bouncy house, face painting, soccer golf, pony rides and more. Dinner will be served from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the snack shack. Steamship round, hotdogs, sides and home-baked desserts will complete the menu. Please support youth sports and buy your family's dinner from us at the field.

From 6:30 to 7:30 pm, enjoy a spectacular Exhibition Soccer Game between the Major League soccer coaches and the Kearsarge Regional High School players. Music will be provided by our own Wayne Seaholm.

At 8:00 pm, we'll draw winners for the raffles. At 8:30 pm, we'll be showing a movie (rated G) on the baseball field. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to watch in comfort. Candy, popcorn and beverages will be sold throughout from the snack shack.

Admission is free (donations gratefully accepted). Food, children's games and activities and any raffles will be cash as you go.

BACC Notes:

Baseball game: Tickets are on sale for the Saturday August 11th baseball game at the Fishercats Stadium in Manchester, 7pm.; tickets, \$3.50. A hot dog package with drink and chips is an extra \$4.00.

NH Agricultural Innovation Program: Farmers Round Table Discussion and question and answer session, Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Speak French?? Want to learn? Group being formed. Call for details.

Women's Circle: limited to 8, discuss topics of interest in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Call Sasha at 938-2115. Thurs. 6-7:30pm.

Historical Society presents genealogist and co-author of Early Families of Bradford, Sherry Gould, speaking on the Abenaki, historic and contemporary perspectives August 22, 7:00pm,

For more information on the BACC programs, call Kate at 938-6228 or e-mail to bacc@mcttelecom.co

The Bradford Business

Association's next meeting is Wed. August 29 at 4:00 PM.

Thanks also to Bob, Addie & Jeffrey for helping with the road cleanup.

Bradford Area MicrocreditNH Group Forming. For more information about MicrocreditNH please go to www.microcreditnh.org and call or email Janet Cote to set up an orientation.

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Funding for this preliminary report and the first-stage architectural studies carried out last year by R. Wendell Phillips Associates of New London under a grant from the New Hampshire Moose Plate fund were obtained through the initiative of Carol Conforti-Adams, Audrey Sylvester, Beth Rodd, Ruth-Ann Harris, and others with the approval and support of the Board of Selectmen. An application is pending at the Moose Plate fund for a second phase of the architectural work. Closs also identifies a number of other agencies/foundations that should be approached for additional grant funding for work on the Town Hall.

Adams, Sylvester, and Rodd will continue to serve as the grants sub-committee of the Needs Assessment Committee during the coming year. If the Selectmen and Needs Assessment Committee, and community are supportive, it is feasible that major grant funds can be obtained to reduce the burden on taxpayers to make the Town Hall a safe, functional, and exciting cornerstone of the village.

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Alicia Schmidt



First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

By: Lynne Hubley

The Continentals in Concert: Once again, the Continentals will be singing at our church on Sunday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and is sponsored by the E. Warren Smith Fund. A free-will offering will be taken. For information call 938-5313.

Operation Christmas Child (project of a Samaritan's Purse): During the month of August our church will be participating in making Christmas shoe boxes to be sent to children around the world. If anyone would like to participate, please call the church office at 938-5313 and we will send you a brochure.

Food Pantry: The Food pantry will be open Wednesday, August 15 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be received at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Women's Retreat: There will be a women's retreat at the home of Judy Marshall on Lake Massasecum beginning Friday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m. until Saturday, August 25 at 10:00a.m. The theme is: "A New You — an extreme makeover".

Bradford Center Meeting House Worship Service: Our church will be worshipping at the **Bradford Center Meeting House on Sunday, August 26 at 10:00 a.m.** Weather permitting, we will enjoy an old fashioned picnic after the service. Everyone is invited to bring a box lunch, chairs or blanket. Drinks and dessert will be provided. There will be fun activities such as pie eating contests, potato sack races and 3 legged races.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of pool, fellowship and refreshments.

Bradford Town Scholarship

Alicia Schmidt, daughter of Lollie Garner and Kenneth Schmidt, is the recipient of the Town of Bradford School Scholarship award. She has been active in community and school activities. Alicia is a member of the Warner 4-H Club, Rolling Bones 4-H and Junior Leaders and a Sunday School teacher at United Church of Christ in Warner. As a member of the National Honor Society at Kearsarge Regional High School, Alicia has been involved in many community service projects. For four years she has been a member of the high school band.

Alicia is a graduate of KRHS and will continue her education at the University of New Haven, Connecticut.

Dawn Rich

Area Happenings

South. Newbury:

S. Newbury 17th Annual Summer Church Fair, August 11th, 9:00am – 2pm, rain or shine, Info: 938-5369.

Warner:

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The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS holding a model rocket launch on AUGUST 18th from 1PM to 4PM in Warner. Free. Info: Mike at 938-5129, www.KARSNH.org.

Sutton:

Sunday, August 19 : Old Home Day on S.Sutton Green. 11:00am Old Meeting House with speaker, Revbecca Rule on "Different Stories for Old Home Day" . Lunch, music and dancing with the Bradford Squares.

Henniker:

5th Annual Chili Fest, Sunday, August 19, 2007 at Pats Peak Recreation Area from 1:00 until 4:00 PM (rain or shine). Also, barbecue, classic rock, concession stands, kid's activities. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 children under 10.

Bradford Historical Society

On May 28, 1966. Loch Lyndon Country Club and Golf Course was dedicated with 84 golfers participating. A new course "by primeval forest, and sylvan dale, by sand traps and mounds," it was a nine hole course located on both sides of Center Road by the Bement Bridge. The fact that Burial Hill was in back provided many comments about fading on the fairway. At the time, a new kind of grass, Kingston Velvet, was laid for the course. The clubhouse was where Barry Wheeler lives and was equipped with a lounge and dining area which hosted many dinners. Through the next decade, many invitational tournaments were held here and many Bradford residents had found an enjoyable pastime.



Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

Have you noticed the new addition to our library sign? Thanks to Brian Wilcox with assistance from Steve Pittman and Steve Hansen of the Lumber Barn, our hours are now clearly displayed. I also want to thank Sarah Chaffee and the Friends of the Library for maintaining our flower garden so beautifully. We receive lots of compliments.

Thank you to everyone who made our July book sale so successful. The next book sale will be on Saturday, September 1.

Beth Eldridge won the raffle of a snowy owl photograph donated by Mark and Marcia Wilson of "Eyes on Owls". The raffle benefits the library and the Bradford Conservation Commission.

Please join us at the trustees' annual fundraising dinner on Saturday, August 25 between 5 and 8pm. The menu will be similar to last year featuring BBQ ribs and fresh-picked corn on the cob. Beth Eldridge and Woody Pringle will provide musical accompaniment. All this only costs \$10, \$5 for children under 10. All proceeds to benefit the library. Hope to see you there!

The August book-to-movie discussion on Friday, August 3 at 7pm will be on *Silas Marner* by George Eliot. The August international movie, a love story filmed in Tehran Iran, is shown on Friday, August 17 at 7pm. The book-to-movie title for September 7 is *Disappearances* by Howard Frank Mosher. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

New books added to your library in July

For adults:

High Noon by Nora Roberts

Dog Days by Jon Katz

New England White by Stephen L. Carter

God is not Great by Christopher Hitchens

On Kingdom Mountain by Howard Frank Mosher

For children

Emily Windsnap and the Castle in the Mist / Liz Kessler

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The Growing Story by Ruth Krauss

The Chronicles of Chrestomanci / by Diana Wynne Jones

How to be a Baby by Sally Lloyd-Jones



Loch Lyndon Country Club and Golf Course

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Selectmen's Highlights for July Highway Department - Road Agent Steve Lucier reported on a clogged culvert at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery driveway that has caused a drainage problem on West Main Street. An alleviation plan is in progress. Selectmen scheduled a public hear-



BRADFORD—Nice setting in Melvin Mills section of Bradford. Great yard mostly level with nice landscaping & perennials/plantings. Sears originally sold these style homes. Nice wood & tile floors, fireplaced LR, lots of new improvements. Must see to really appreciate this cute & comfortable home... ..\$259,500.



BRADFORD—Location is a key for this remodeled original 1809 & 1850 farmhouse. Fieldstone/brick fireplaced LR, wood, tile & berber floors, 24'x24' garage, 28'x28' barn, field, lawn, garden, shed, expansion potential, tastefully redone by caring owner. Must see!.. ..\$257,500.

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ing at a special meeting on July 31st to apply the April flood reimbursement funds from FEMA to the highway budget.

Fire Department - Selectmen accepted a truck donated by the department to replace the forestry truck. The Fire Department requested the Selectmen to place an article on the 2008 warrant to allow the proceeds from the sale of the old vehicle to the fire fighters association.

Police Department - Chief Valiquet discussed the difficulty of finding part-time officers and the possibility of reinstating a third full-time officer in the next budget year.

Hazard Mitigation Plan - The plan has been signed and bound copies with maps will be prepared.

House Numbering - House numbering on private driveways with two or more houses is required by 911. Private roads must be named.

Transfer Station - Improvements were discussed. A building permit needs to be filed as a formality and used materials need to be inspected to be in compliance with the code.

Minutes of the Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall.

ZBA: Tuesday, August 7th, 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, Public Hearing, Hill & Dale LLC.

The Bradford Country Squares: Saturday, August 18th, 7:00pm at the KRES/Bradford, 8:00pm Admission: \$7 per person. Spectators free. Info: 763-0187.

The 5th Annual Duck Race, Aug. 4 7:30pm at the Lake Massasecum Campground \$100, \$50 and \$25 prizes. The fee for a

duck is \$5.00 You do not have to attend to win a prize. Proceeds to the Lake Association for the milfoil program. Questions? call Ann & Steve Lucier 938-5940.

Backdrop- cont. from page 1

The 14-member Henry Backdrop Restoration Committee, co-chaired by Ruth-Ann Harris and Audrey V. Sylvester, raised more than \$5,000 that was required as a cash match for the state grant through the sale of 12-inch "squares of art" purchased by more than 70 individuals, families and by major business contributions from Lake Sunapee Bank, Public Service of New Hampshire, The Lumber Barn, and Bruss Construction. Ruth-Ann Harris said, "All donors will be listed on a commemorative plaque at the completion of the project. Contributions are welcomed and a few squares are still available."

Planning for all aspects of the restoration project will continue throughout the summer and fall. Dates for the actual restoration will be scheduled with the Vermont Stage Curtain Project team that has restored 130 stage curtains in Vermont and New Hampshire. Educational events will be developed to engage people of all ages in the restoration process and the history of Bradford's entertainment industry at the turn of the 19th Century. We are looking for members of the community to become part of this exciting project. If you can participate, call Ruth-Ann Harris at 938-2660.

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KRSD School News

Bradford KRES News Mary Keegan-Dayton

Summer Schedule:

August is upon us and there's nothing quite like a lazy summer day in New England. Take a bike ride, go swimming or take a kid on a hike. Don't plan, just go. Enjoy the unstructured time.

Building and Grounds:

Seasonal work is being done on the grounds and school building. Mike Lacross and our new site manager, Rob Hearne are busy getting the school ready for students to arrive. Floors are being waxed, some classrooms are painted and one kindergarten room is being prepared to become a first grade classroom. The school parking lot and entrance will be paved and painted. Your tax dollars at work!

Summer Reading Goal:

Keep up that reading! School starts Wednesday, August 29th. Each student should bring a completed Summer Reading Form on the first day of school. Visit our website at www.kearsarge.org, select a school and click on KRES at Bradford. Scroll down the left hand menu and click on Summer Reading Forms. There is a *Reading Report Form* to fill out for incoming fifth graders and a *Keep Track Form* for grades K-5. Our school summer reading goal is for 85% of our students to do an adequate amount of reading over the summer and return their reading logs. If we meet this goal as a school, we plan to have a tailgate party and attend the KRHS Football Game on September 7th with families. We met our school goal last year and all went to a Fisher Cats Baseball Game in Manchester. It was a great night. So keep up the reading and get those forms updated.

School Volunteer

Jim Spadaro, principal, has frequently said that school is a place for community members to be in-

involved. We always need volunteers; in the classroom, at lunch, during recess and to serve on school committees. Like working with kids? Are you really good at math or writing or reading aloud and want to share your talent? We need a few good people like you. Stop by the office or call the school at 938-5959 to volunteer.

School District Report

Jon Steiner

Although schools are out for the summer the School Board has still been busy working to ready the district for next year and beyond. By now you have seen the new bus routes in the papers and on the website. Changes were made to maximize safety, not have students boarding prior to 6:30 a.m. and moving toward our goal of no longer than a 45 minute bus ride. However, with a huge geographic district spanning from Bradford to Springfield, it's not easy.

The high school will have a new principal with Jay Lewis taking over for Carl Fitzgerald. Also on board is Matt Laramie who replaces Jay as assistant principal. Matt comes from Lebanon where he served as athletic director. Having served on the interview committee I was able to get to know Matt a little and expect him to do well in his new role. Speaking of the high school, we were given the all clear for our water and we are ready for school to begin the end of this month.

The middle school continues to progress and is on time and on budget. It will be a great facility and I'm sure will attract people to this area who are looking for a quality place to raise a family.

Obituaries

Marian Tebaldi

Marian S. (Smith) Tebaldi, 94, died July 17, 2007 at the Presidential Oaks Nursing Home in Concord.

She was born in Cambridge, MA, the daughter of the late Ivan J. and Ermina (Harrison) Smith. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Tebaldi.

She worked for New England College for 15 years before her retirement. For many years, she owned and operated the "Odds & Ends Antique Shop" at her home on Lake Massasecum. She also taught horseback riding and swimming to children and adults.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bradford, The Women's Christian Guild and the American Baptist Women's Ministry of the church, and the Bradford Women's Club

She is survived by two nephews, Robert E. Wilson of Bedford, MA, and Peter Smith of El Paso, TX; and two nieces, Beverly Buck of Oakdale, Long Island, NY, and Sally Bailey of St. James City, FL. She is buried at Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford.

Jean A. Gaito

Jean A. Gaito, 77, of North Road, died Thursday, July 19 at New London Hospital. She was born March 9, 1930, in Bridgeport, Conn., to Kenneth and Charlotte (Unwin) Gaito. She lived for many years in Milford, Conn., where she worked as a window dresser for Leavitt's Department Store. Following her retirement, Jean lived in Bradford and Warner for the past 12 years. She was a member and past president of the Bradford Women's Club. Jean designed and made all types of crafts and figurines which she enjoyed sharing with her nieces, nephews and friends.

She was pre-deceased by her parents; a brother, Robert Gaito; and a sister, Susan Morse. She is survived by her brother, Kenneth, and his wife, Lynn of Raleigh, N.C.; a sister, Edith Reed and her husband, Richard, of Palm Coast Gardens, Fla; a brother-in-law, Reginald Morse of Newbury; a sister-in-law, Jeanne Gaito, of Escondido, California; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Women's Club, P0 Box 292, Bradford, NH 03221

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you to Marlene Freyler, Jane Lucas, Beth Von Beren, Judy Magee, Michelle Fredette, Alison McDonald and members of the Independence Day committee for honoring me as Grand Marshal of the 2007 Independence Day parade. It was just an awesome celebration in our community and the residents of Bradford appreciate all the preparation the committee did to make the wonderful days for all to enjoy and especially me!

Hugs to all,
Dawn Rich

Dear Bradford residents,

Thank you for your support in turning out for the Independence Day Celebration. As always it was a fun filled day for family, neighbors & friends. We are very fortunate to have such a close knit community.

Many special thanks to all those who contributed their time and effort to make the day so special.

The Independence Day Committee

Thank you to all the Independence Day volunteers, sponsors and contributors. Big thanks goes to the sponsors of the Cow Flop Bingo game, Erica Gross of The Masiello Group, Bradford Excavating, FVB Landscaping, Lucas Electric, Statewide Fire Extinguishers, and Pickman and sons Inc. Special thanks to Brandon and Kevin Rowe for bringing the pair of black oxen to the front lawn of the Sugar River Bank. Thanks to The Merrimack Farm and Country Store for use of the stock fencing to keep the critters in. Thanks so much to Mr. Steve Patton , .Mr. Bill Hallahan and Mr Wacky Lucas and Mary Margaret Pickman.

Thanks to Toot Pickman, his family and friends, the Lucas family and friends and other good - hearted volunteers and helpers.

Thanks to Joni Pickman for the organization of the Bradford battonette classes, outfits and parade activity.

Thanks to Dawn Rich and Jane Lucas who volunteered at the Bloodmobile and for those who gave or tried to give blood at the bloodmobile at the Bradford Area Community Center on July 7th. The American Red Cross blood services was able to meet our goal for the area. Your valuable gifts are so very important.

Kate Dobrowski
Bradford

Letter to the Editor

As the local exchange student representative working to bring exchange students to the communities of New Hampshire for 30 years, I would like to encourage the families of Bradford, to try out this opportunity for themselves for the upcoming school year.

We are currently still seeking host families for students representing Hong Kong, Indonesia, and the Phillipines, in the Bradford, Sunapee, New London, and Warner communities beginning in August.

For those who would like to find out more about this opportunity, please contact me at (603) 497-4702.

Dolores Siik
PAX Community Coordinator
www.pax.org

To The Editor:

The Lettvin Chamber Music Series on July 20th and 21st at the Bradford Center Meeting House was wonderfully received and appreciated by an enthusiastic audience.

The Friday concert was given by Music Amici, a trio with Kate Dillingham, cello, Marti Sweet, violin, and Christopher Oldfather, piano. The program included the music of Haydn, Shostakovich and Dvorak.

Saturday's concert was given by the Jiang-Rudiakov duo with Danwen Jiang on violin and Shoshana Rudiakov on piano. Their program included the famous "Kreutzer Sonata" by Beethoven , and the little known

Sonata in B minor by Ottorino Respighi.

The performers were superb, playing off of each other in wonderful ways. The "Kreutzer" is full of short rhythms and melodies that are tossed back and forth between the two instruments.

Each program in the Lettvin Series was memorable and wonderful.

Bradford is lucky indeed to be able to attend such superb concerts in the summer. May they continue.

Marilyn J. Zifrin

Dear Editor,

Last year I helped Sylvia Larsen do some of the recruiting of candidates to run for the state Senate. One of the targets of my effort was Harold Janeway, a man who thought he was in the process of retiring. Lucky for all of us, Harold didn't make it: he agreed to run for the Senate. And then the voters of District 7 elected him!

My purpose in writing is to say thanks to those voters, because they have given New Hampshire a senator of almost unlimited energy and skill. Harold has become indispensable to the resolution of a score of important issues and his experience in financial matters has served the state well in the budget process and the resolution of retirement issues. Thank you voters in District 7! Senator Janeway is a colleague with whom we are all honored to work.

Senator Peter Hoe Burling

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National Versus New Hampshire Data

by *Laura Hallaban*

With a continuation of articles and new stories about the real estate market and its effort to “recover”, I thought it would be interesting to explore just what is going on in our state versus the country as a whole. What some have called a down market is really just a normalization of the market across the board after a long period of unprecedented and accelerated growth. The New Hampshire Association of Realtors recently published a snapshot of our market so that we can provide accurate information to buyers and sellers and it clearly shows that New Hampshire’s home sales trends look better than the nation’s.

Nationally, housing starts rose 2.3 percent in June following downward revisions for the previous two months. At the same time, building permits were down sharply last month for both single-family and multi-family construction. This makes sense, as builders are trying to sell off their current inventory before adding new listings to the market. The Chief Economist for the National Association of Home Builders expects to see signs of stabilization by the end of this year and a gradual recovery process in 2008. In New Hampshire, we have not seen a major downturn in our housing market. Monthly residential sales peaked in August of 2005 at about 1,800 units and last June peaked at 1,600 units. Last month sales reached nearly 1,400 units. There are seasonal variations in New Hampshire, however, with monthly sales dropping down to an average of 700 transactions in January and February. This may explain why people feel it is an overall malaise as U.S. sales have been trending down monthly with little seasonal variation.

On a national average, single family dwellings were down 10.8 percent and new homes sales were down 15.8 percent. In New Hampshire over the same time period, existing and new home sales were off a combined 12.5 percent. Where New Hampshire has experienced a more severe downturn than the national average is with condominium sales. Monthly condo sales that peaked at 600 units in the summer of 2005 came in 100 units lower in June of last year and yet another 100 units lower last month. Condo sales were down 6.7 percent nationally, but down 15.9 percent in New Hampshire. One reason for this change is the rapid increase in the number of age-restricted condos which can only be sold to buyers ages 55 and older, limiting the pool of potential buyers.

County by county, data from the first half of the year suggests that home prices are holding firm or even rising, but unit sales are below last year in every county except Rockingham. On the good news front, June statistics show that the average for the state is about 114 days on market, or less than four months. Merrimack County is down 10% in units sold and down 4% in average price, coming in now at \$272,100. As for foreclosures, another recent trend with a national impact, New Hampshire has one of the lowest foreclosure rates in the country. While there are an estimated 375,000 owned dwellings in the state and approximately 18,000 of them – or 1 in every 20 – are for sale, less than 400 units are in the foreclosure process.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 1 Chestnut Hollow, New Colonial on 2.79 acres for \$304,000
- 18 Maple View Drive, New Colonial on 1.63 acres for \$260,000

There are 31 active and 5 pending residential listings, 21 active and 0 pending land listings, 4 active and 0 pending commercial listings and 1 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

Kyle Burdette Wins Christian Guild Scholarship:

This year’s winner of the Bradford Women’s Christian Guild scholarship is Kyle Burdette of Bradford, N.H. He is a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School and will be attending a two year Associate Technical College beginning in September of 2007 to obtain a degree in Graphic Arts/Multi Media/Computer Gaming.

Kyle has been an active member and team captain for the KRHS Robotics team for the past four years. Kyle participated in the Drama Club, and was elected as a member of the Junior Prom Court. He is a member of the Baptist Church and worked with the Vacation Bible School Program. We are proud of Kyle and wish him the best of luck for his future.

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First Friday Brunch, July 6, at Mountain View Senior Center featured a visit and talk by "Uncle Sam" who appeared dressed in red, white and blue attire and sported a tall top hat. Peterborough actor Rob Koch, portraying Sam Wilson, relayed how he was born and raised in Mason, NH, and how he and his brother walked to Troy, NY in 1789 where they opened a meat packing factory. Each box was stamped U. S., and eventually people referred to Wilson as Uncle Sam. Koch explained that Uncle Sam was not originally connected with the United States and it was only later in the Civil War period, with the help of

cartoonist Thomas Nast and others, that an Uncle Sam character began to represent the United States. The picture we know today of Uncle Sam was created during WW I. A resident of Peterborough since 1974, Koch first portrayed the Uncle Sam character several years ago on July 4 for the Peterborough Historical Society and has done so since on many occasions. He is a member of the Actors Circle Theater and other local theatrical groups. For information about activities at Mountain View Senior Center contact Sandi at 938-2104.

Classified Ads

Wanted: Volunteers for the Bradford Bridge, your community newspaper. We need a business manager and an ad rep. (training provided). Please contact Beth at 938-2692 if you have skills to share and would like to work with fun people.

Free: Piano and bench. You move. Call Jim at 938-2167.

ANTIQUES BARN SALE
 Sunday, August 5 10am- 3pm rain or shine, 9 Old Sutton Road, Bradford on the corner of Rte 103. (No early birds, please!)
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