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## Bradford Town Hall Awarded Grant

The Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc., and the Bradford Historical Society have received a \$500 Preservation Services Grant from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for the Bradford Town Hall, a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The scope of the grant is to conduct a building assessment of the current conditions and submit a written report to include preliminary recommendations for reuse options.

The NH Preservation Alliance has chosen Christopher Closs, of Christopher W. Closs & Company of Hopkinton, NH to be the specialist for the Bradford Town Hall. Closs has an extensive background as a planning and development consultant offering spe-

cialized services to municipalities, government agencies and private clients in the integrated areas of historic preservation and contextual community planning, adaptive re-use of certified historic structures and innovative approaches to downtown revitalization.



Resources that the Town of Bradford, pending approval by the Governor and Council, will receive a \$10,000 "Moose Plate" grant to inspect and, possibly address, the structural needs of the Town Hall building. This project is funded in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources through the sale of Conservation License Plates.

**LATE BREAKING NEWS:** Word has just been received from the Department of Historic

## An Urgent Message from the Bradford Rescue Squad

We need new members. That's the whole message. Bradford is fortunate to have an ambulance—most of the other towns around us must wait for an ambulance from another town to arrive. But if we can't staff our rig the town will lose this valuable asset. Help us keep that service available by joining us as an Emergency Medical Technician-to-be or a driver.

Yes, it is a commitment, but one that brings great rewards. Any member of the Squad would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Here are a few names and numbers: Deborah Bede, captain, 938-2393; Jon Thomas, lieutenant, 763-5405; Carl Goldberg, training officer, 938-2449; Heidi Slatunas, secretary, 938-5583; and Linda Powell, 938-2228.

## Register to Vote!

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on September 5 at the Bradford Town Hall from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm to register new voters before the Primary on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. Please bring proof of residency and age.

## 10 Questions: Selectman Bruce Edwards

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This is the second in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with town leaders. Selectman Bruce Edwards is our guest this month.*

Bruce Edwards moved to New Hampshire from Somerville, Massachusetts at the age of eight. He commuted from Loudon to work as a sawyer for Breezy Hill Lumber from 1995 until 1999 when the plant moved out of town. He needed another occupation and bought a carpet cleaning business from Carl Olson. He married Lynne Burdette on October 1, 2005; they combined families and are raising three boys and one girl.

**Q. What got you interested in becoming a selectman?**

I complained about a hole at the bottom of my driveway. I wanted to get it fixed. Cheryl Behr said, "become a selectman." I ran in 2001 and this is my last year in office.

**Q. What advice do you have for someone interested in becoming a selectman?**

Primarily what a selectman does is maintain the town roads and public safety. Selectmen make the overall decisions, with input from the town committees, but the final say is made by the voters.

**How long have you been in office? What is your specific area of expertise?**

This is my sixth year in office. The first year my area was planning board, but then for the next years it has been roads. I'm the Emergency Management Director (EMD) for the town. Bradford belongs to the Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN). We joined in December, 2005 along with 21 other towns. The fiscal agent is Concord Hospital. We start training for mass inoculations on September 19, 2006 with a public forum. In the

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# From The Editor's Desk: *Speak Up!*

by Mike Quinn

Our town may be diminutive in population, but it is rich in a natural resource: opinions.

At the transfer station and the post office, in homes and in shops, there are plenty of opinions about ways to do things better, faster, cheaper—or the way we've always done them.

Instead of our welcome signs at the town borders referencing Bradford's position as a regional gateway, they should read, "Welcome to Bradford. Just Ask Me."

There is nothing wrong with small, informal gatherings. They represent the kind of grassroots advocacy we enjoy here in Bradford and across New Hampshire. Unfortunately, we tend to wait for public hearings or town meeting to let fly with our comments.

While those gatherings make for interesting, often entertaining evenings, many minds have already been made up when we approach the microphone.

I'd like to offer a suggestion: help to shape the debate months before the hearing or vote by sending a letter to the *Bradford Bridge*. We'll print up to 250 words (more than enough to make your point), and your opinion will be read by hundreds of residents and voters. Just be accurate and fair, and provide us with contact information to verify your identity and check facts.

The Board of Directors and I are committed to printing reader letters. We have the space, you have the opinions. Let's work together to improve Bradford. (Including this note, my opinion is 240 words long—Editor.)

## Bradford Fun Day.....



The third annual Bradford Fun Day, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation and the Kearsarge Area Preschool, is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Brown Shattuck Field on Cilley Lane.

The festivities include live animals, crafts, face painting, and games. Hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage grinders will be served at the snack shack.

Hay rides will be scheduled throughout the day and the popular pie eating contest will return.

If you bake a mean apple pie, make sure it is entered into the apple pie baking contest! There will be music from noon to 3:00 pm, and a performance by Mr. Phil who will do a little magic and make balloon hats for everyone.

At 1:00 pm there will a presentation with Nancy Lyons from the NE K-9 Search and Rescue on "Lost Proofing Your Kids." This presentation is designed to show children 4-12 how to stay safe if they get lost in the woods. The presentation will end with a live demonstration using the search and rescue dogs.

Nonprofit organizations and groups are encouraged to set up at this event to promote and solicit new members. Businesses, artists, and crafters are also encouraged to set up, but a small fee may be required.

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# Bridge to the Past: September 1991

by Mike Quinn

Each month from now through July 2007, we'll take a look back at the Bradford Bridge published 15 years ago that month.

As the September 1991 edition of the *Bradford Bridge* rolled off the press, Gorbachev's Soviet Union—Reagan's Evil Empire—was unraveling; newly-independent Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia were recognized as sovereign nations by the United States.

Bradford residents had one eye on tumultuous world events and the other on a lawsuit that was making its way toward the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

The issue's lead story, written by Hugh Keays, described a suit filed by Bradford and Warner that challenged the manner in which Kearsarge Regional School District taxes were apportioned.

Nicknamed the "50/50" suit, it called for apportionment based on an equal ratio of payment between student enrollment and assessed valuation.

That month, 96-year-old Alma May Ryder received the Boston Post Cane and Congressman Dick Swett came to town to meet with constituents. The then-recently-reformed Friends of the Library held its second annual meeting and birthday party complete with "Bigford's famous cake," as reported by Mary Keegan-Dayton.

Bradford's recycling efforts took a quantum leap forward with the purchase of a

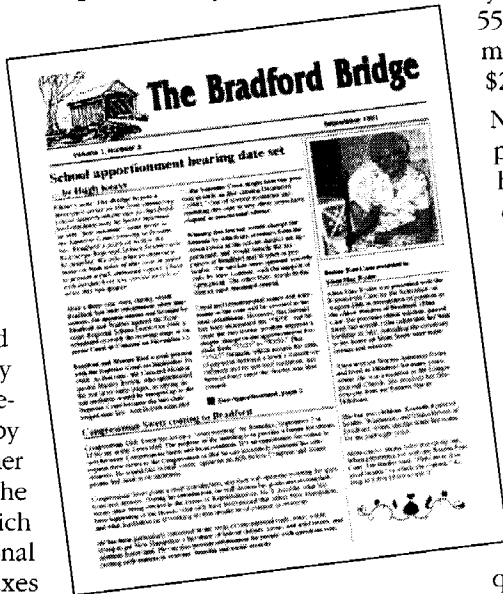
Philadelphia Tram Rail baler, replacing the pit baler that the *Bridge* article defined as "cumbersome, difficult to repair, and often of questionable safety." Even then, Bradford was serious about its recycling, generating 55.5 tons of recyclable materials and \$2,078.48 in revenue.

New balers aside, the process was still quite hands-on: "The Recycling Committee would welcome additional volunteers to join Nora and Larry White, Joe Cleary, Millie Kittredge, Charlie Betz, John Forgiel, John Robie and numerous others who devote time to sorting the vast quantities of paper that pass through the facility."

A photo of Joe Battles, 12, and Amanda Battles, 11, and their working steers appeared with a lengthy caption chronicling impressive records of competition victories and appearances.

By the *Bridge's* second issue, the columnists were well-established. Howard Brooks' "Tech Talk" noted parallels between the rapid development of the automobile and computers; and Mildred Schmidt's "Cozy Corner" offered up a chicken salad recipe—and took the occasion to mark her and husband Gene's

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50th wedding anniversary, complete with a delightful description of their trip to Atlantic City. "The Taj Mahal in Atlantic City is the glitziest!," Schmidt wrote. "...For one special week, we were really with the 'fast crowd.'"

Maggi Ainslie's "Library Lantern" column revealed that 1,519 books and videos had circulated through Brown Memorial Library in July 1991. In "Gardening," Fred Winch advocated the use of fallen leaves for composting.

Debbie Pickman, sports reporter, ran a photo of the Carter & Co. softball team, which competed in the Black Water Beer Ball Softball league. The Bradford Newbury Sports organization and coaches Scott MacLean, Dan Wolf, Peter Kusinski, Gene Fox, Kevin Daniel, Harry Seidel, Lou Garcia and Peter Fenton were setting up co-ed youth soccer teams for the first time, holding practices at Brown-Shattuck Field.

In a letter to the editor, Hugh Keays congratulated the people who launched the newspaper and wrote, "I'm sure the editors are waiting for stimulating letters to publish in each issue. Such communication will make Bradford a finer town for our children to grow up in!" Well said, Mr. Keays.



# Library Lantern

*by Meg Fearnley*

The library will be closed on Labor Day, Monday September 4. The library will remain open on Sundays from 11 am until 3 pm until the 2007 Town Meeting where we hope our budget including these new hours will be approved by the town. The Sunday hours have been very successful, we have seen many new faces!

Thank you to everyone who attended our fundraising dinner on August 26. It is always a fun event for us.

Copies of our next book-to-movie title are available at the library. We will be reading *The Game of Their Lives* by Geoffrey Douglas. The movie night will be on Friday, October 6 at 7 pm.

Our final book sale of the season will be on Saturday, October 7 from 9 am until 2 pm. Lots of new donations keep streaming into our book sale area, so stop by and beef up your fall reading stash.

The librarians and trustees would like to thank the Bradford Pizza Chef for donating free ice cream cones to children who participated in the Summer Reading Program; and B. Edwards and Sons for the great job cleaning our very dirty carpet and for donating a large portion of the bill.

Here are some of the new books added to your library in August:

FOR ADULTS:

- Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg
- Alentejo Blue* by Monica Ali
- The Places In Between* by Rory Stewart
- Angels Fall* by Nora Roberts
- The Stolen Child* by Keith Donohue

FOR CHILDREN:

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### From the Senior Council:

The Senior Council will hold its annual picnic at the home of Dick and Jean, 21 Crittenden Rd., by the lake, on September 9 from 1pm to 3pm.

All area seniors are welcome to attend; bring a favorite dish to share. The Council expresses its thanks to the Kennedys for sharing their home, beautiful gardens and lawn for this annual event. In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled. Information: 938-2640.

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**Cub Scout Pack 69 of Bradford/Sutton** invites all boys in first through fifth grades to attend its "Join Scouting" night on Friday, September 15 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Bradford. Leaders and current Scouts will be available to talk about the Scouting program and what it can offer for boys. Registration will be available at the event.

**Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS)** will host its sixth annual golf tournament on September 28 at the Newport Golf Club. Shotgun start for the scramble-format tournament is at 10:00 am, and a social hour with a cash bar and appetizers will follow. The fee (which includes lunch) for each team of four golfers is \$400; there are hole prizes, mulligans for sale, and a Rolex watch from MJ Harrington and Company for a hole-in-one. Advertising opportunities are available for sponsors. Proceeds benefit BNSYS fields and equipment. To register, or for more information about sponsorships, visit [www.bnsys.org](http://www.bnsys.org) or call Jill Firstbrook at



*John Huber, (center, seated) formerly of Newbury, celebrates his 100th birthday with tennis buddies and friends from the elite 10th Mountain Division. John is a tennis pro and coach who taught many Bradford residents over the past thirty years. John was inducted into the USTA New England Hall of Fame in 2002.*

938-6128 for more information.

**The Sunapee Ragged Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's 13th annual Fall Walkabout** starts Saturday, September 9 and continues every Saturday and Sunday for seven weeks. Call the hike leader two nights before to learn starting location and time. Remember to bring water, sun screen lotion, a hat, and a snack. For more information about the SRK Greenway Coalition see

[www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com). The SRK Greenway Coalition, is a ten-town, all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond. Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores.

**A connection to Bradford's past** can be found in "Suspended Worlds: An Exhibition of Vermont's Historic Painted Theater Curtains" at Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Vermont. The exhibition begins on September 23 and runs through October 22. The exhibition of historic painted theater curtains will feature the work of Charles Washington Henry, Vermont's foremost painter of theatrical scenery and creator of Bradford's own painted backdrop. There will be examples of his best curtains, information about the Henry Family Troupe, and the nature of rural entertainment in Vermont between 1880 and 1915. The exhibition is free and open daily, 10 am to 5 pm. A "Grand Opening Symposium" will be held on Sat. September 23 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Seating in the Shelburne Farms coach barn is limited. To reserve a seat (\$5 contribution) for the symposium and reception, call 802-863-4938 or [chris.hadsel@gmail.com](mailto:chris.hadsel@gmail.com).

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# Zoning Board of Adjustment Highlights - August 2006

**Special Exceptions granted:** To Laura Joslin and Richard King, 111 Pleasant View Road, to build an addition to a home on a non-conforming lot.

To Saxonville Lumber, (aka the Lumber Barn), 2460 Route 114, for an addition to the present building that does not meet wetlands setbacks. The Board determined that the undercover storage will reduce traffic in the back, and the proposed grass swale will improve present drainage. This now proceeds to the Planning Board for a Site Plan Review.

**Sign Ordinance:** The Board decided that the present "apple barn" at the Merrimack Farm Store is a separate operating space and will be a separate business. As a result, owner John McPherson will be allowed a sign on the building.

**Continuations to September 5:** An

application from John and Ruth-Ann Harris to install a shed that requires both a variance and a special exception from shoreline and property setbacks. A right-of-way question will be reviewed.


An application from Kevin Allen, Route 103 East, for a special exception to permit a commercial (professional) building in a rural residential area. The Board requested a list of the types of businesses to occupy the building.

A request for a rehearing from Chris and Jean Bishop on East Shore Drive, who were denied permission to construct a garage on an under-sized lot. Additional information was requested.

**Alternate Member:** Brian Muchow was appointed as an alternate member of the Board.

*Official minutes of the Zoning Board of Adjustment's meetings are on file at the Bradford Town Hall.*

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Tom Greenlaw

# August Selectmen's Meetings Highlights

**Needs Assessment Committee** NAC Chair Dick Keller updated the Selectmen on the committee's progress. The committee is working toward deciding whether to propose a complete package to cover the priority needs or to present a long term building program. The selectmen commented on some of the possible sites and suggested a public forum to be held soon.

**Naughton Property** The renewal application for testing on the property was signed and the required number of tests to be conducted was decreased.

**Utilities** The selectmen approved a request from TDS to extend a pole on Old County Road. PSNH will do extensive maintenance work on Fairgrounds and Pleasant View Road.

**Appointments** Kirsten Lemire was appointed as the deputy town clerk. Office space for building inspector Edwin Fowler is being researched.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** Selectman Bruce Edwards is overseeing the certification of members of town emergency personnel under the National Incidence Management System.

**Transfer Station** Ken Anderson, transfer station manager, spoke about a problem of dumping after hours. He provided information regarding new state restrictions on disposal of electronic equipment. This issue will be referred to the Solid Waste Recycling Committee for study.

**Highway Issues** A portion of Center Road will be paved on September 6. Chipping on Fairgrounds Road will begin September 18. Decking for the Bement Bridge will be done by the town crew with donation of lumber and cutting provided by Chris Mock and Perry Teele. A warrant article for repairing the roof will be prepared for the next town meeting.

Following a public hearing, the selectmen voted to replace "yield" signs with "stop" signs at the intersections of Davis Road and Massasecum Lake Road and Davis Road and East Shore Drive.

The selectmen also voted to place "No Parking" (for any vehicle) signs at the boat launch. The milfoil worker on duty will be given proper identification and allowed to park there.

**Town Hall Usage** Committees are reminded to check the availability of the meeting room before scheduling any meetings.

*Official minutes of the Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Bradford Town Hall.*

## Planning Board Notes

**Subdivision Regulations** After two years of work, many hours of effort, and response to input from the Fire and Highway Departments, the Planning Board unanimously adopted a major revision of the Subdivision Regulations. The new version has been edited for clarity and a comprehensive table of contents added.

The public hearing held on August 22 resulted in several changes to Board regulations. An amended Subdivision Application form was adopted. The Site Plan Review Application form was also amended and a required section dealing with developments in special flood hazard areas was added to the Site Plan Review Regulations.

The revised documents will be used for any subdivision or site plan review developments. Copies will be available as soon as they are printed.

**Site Plan Review** John MacPherson presented the an amended site plan for changes he wishes to make at the Merrimack Farm Store property. The Zoning Board of Adjustment determined that the proposed signage for

an antique business in a separate building could be allowed. The remaining issue is separation between an existing building and a proposed storage building. Fire Chief Mark Goldberg will be consulted on this issue. The public hearing was continued to September 12.

**Subdivision** An application for a minor subdivision presented by Katryna Jacobsen for property on East Washington Road was discussed on August 8. The Board determined the application was not complete at that time. The required elements were detailed for the applicant and the revised plan was presented by RCS Designs on August 22. The application was deemed complete and, following the public hearing, the Board voted to approve the subdivision.



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BACC-Bradford Area Community Ctr.  
 BML-Brown Memorial Library  
 BNSYS-B/N/S Youth Sports  
 BWC-Bradford Womens' Club  
 KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool  
 KRES-Bradford Elementary School  
 MLI-Mountain Lake Inn  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><i>Ongoing Events</i></p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S STORYTIME</b>                      Brown Memorial Library, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>"CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST CAFÉ"</b>                      Senior Center, Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m., Fresh fruit, pastry, cereal, juice &amp; coffee.</p> <p><b>BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>                      Old Post Office Bldg, open most Sats. 1:30-3 p.m. or call 938-5386 for appt.</p>		<p>NOTE: The Budget Committee does not start meeting until October 17. Budget process begins at the end of the 3rd quarter when budget sheets will be sent to all departments.</p>	<p><b>Special Meeting</b>                      will be postponed                      Town Board and                      Bradford                      24 hours</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Brown Memorial Library and Mountain View Senior Center Closed to observe Labor Day</p> <p>1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10 am, Mountain View Quilters &amp; Crafters, MVSC</p> <p>5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH                      6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC                      7 pm, KAP Parents mtg, BACC                      7 pm, Zoning Board, TH</p>	<p>1 pm, "You Can't Off, meet at 1                      See at                      7-9 pm, <i>Bradford</i></p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC</p> <p>10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, MVSC                      10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC                      1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC                      7-10 pm, Scrapbking Grp, BACC                      7 pm, Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, BACC</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10 am, Mountain View Quilters &amp; Crafters, MVSC</p> <p>6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC                      7 pm, Planning Board, TH</p>	<p>6:30 pm, Park Committee</p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC</p> <p>10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, MVSC                      10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC                      12 pm, Sudoku Puzzlers Club, MVSC                      1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC                      7 pm, Library Trustees, BML                      7 pm, Recycling Committee, TH</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10 am, FREE Hearing Tests by Sound Advice, 938-2104.</p> <p>10 am, Mountain View Quilters &amp; Crafters, MVSC</p> <p>6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC                      5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH                      7:30 pm, Conservation Commission, TH</p>	<p>3-5 pm, Brus Supervisor's                      7:15 pm, Brat Soc. Carr Family</p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC</p> <p>10 am, Ceramics w/Doris, MVSC                      10:30 am, Yoga from the Heart, MVSC                      11 am, Mystery Lunch Bunch, MVSC                      1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC                      7-10 pm, Scrapbooking Grp, BACC</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10 am, Mountain View Quilters &amp; Crafters, MVSC</p> <p>6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC                      7 pm, Planning Board, TH</p>	<p>2:30-4 pm, Bn Employee                      6:30 pm, KAP</p>

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<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Challenges/Hearings held on the Main Board at the Post Office in advance.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Bradford Transfer Station Hours</b> Wednesday, Saturday, &amp; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Challenge Kick off 12:30 pm follow. Bridge, BACC</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at MVSC 10:30 am, Massage w/Betty Perron, MVSC 6 pm, Cemetery Comm, Riley's 7 pm, Needs Assessment Committee, TH</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>&amp; Recreation Mtg., BACC</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at MVSC 5-6:30 pm, BACC Governance Board Mtg., BACC</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC  Bradford Bridge Deadline Call 995-6252 for info.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>11 am-1 pm, Writing Group, MVSC</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Construction Mtg., BACC  Board Historical Old Post Office</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at MVSC 11 am-12:30 pm, Blood Pressure &amp; Foot Clinic, Free, MVSC 7 pm, Needs Assessment Committee, TH</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC  Matineeé Movie Club, Call 938-2104 for departure time</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Construction Mtg., BACC  pts mtg, BACC</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at MVSC</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, MVSC 10 am, A Walk through Historic Waterloo, Register before the 18th, 938-2104, MVSC</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>11 am-1 pm, Writing Group, MVSC 11 am-4 pm, Bradford Fun Day, Brown Shattuck Field</p>

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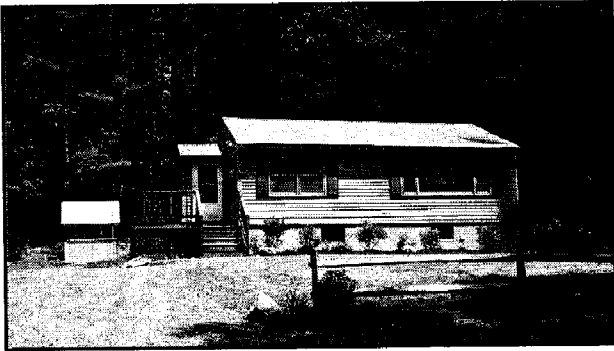
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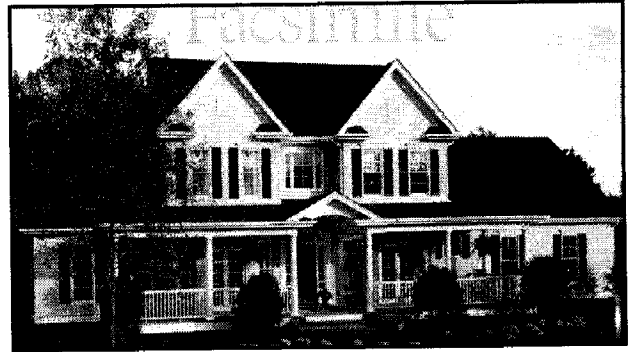
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# Needs Assessment Committee Update

When the Selectmen approved the continuation of the Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) in May, an effort was made to bring together a representative group of townspeople to address the on-going need for facilities to house the highway department, police, and town offices. Since that time, twenty members have been meeting twice a month, and working on sub-committees in-between, to gather and digest information that not only supports the needs but addresses the solution. This included reviewing the specific problems and needs with the personnel directly involved. A tally of options for addressing, and locating, the needed facilities was summarized in last month's *Bridge*.

The current committee list includes: Dick Keller, chair; Jane Johnsen, vice-chair; Annie Ball, secretary; Peter Fenton, selectmen's representative; George Cilley; Marge Cilley; Carol Conforti-Adams; Marlene Freyler; John Harris; Ruth-Ann Harris; Don Jackson; Don Johnsen; Eileen Kelly; Milly Kittredge; Steve Lucier; Mike Quinn; Beth Rodd; Audrey V. Sylvester; and Gary Wall. The resignation of Everett Kittredge, who chaired the committee last year, was accepted with regret by the NAC at a recent meeting. He continues to assist the group with sage advice from his long

familiarity with the town and its needs.

The NAC's months of hard work and long meetings came to fruition in August. At the first meeting of the month, the members voted to "assign Town Hall as the site for the town offices." On August 17, the committee voted unanimously to recommend the transfer station site as the location for new buildings for the highway garage and the police station. The committee further voted to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an engineering consultant be engaged to work with the NAC to develop the necessary documents for submission to the town for approval.

The NAC continues to meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the town hall. Meeting notices are posted at the Bradford Post Office, Bradford Town Hall, and other usual locations. The public is welcome to attend. Watch for the announcement of an upcoming public meeting to present these recommendations, and to seek public input on the proposal.

*Official minutes of the Needs Assessment Committee meetings are on file at the Bradford Town Hall.*



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**Bruce Edwards** *from page 1*

event of a pandemic Hopkinton High School is where the town residents will be inoculated for H5N1 Bird Flu.

**What would you like people to know about your role as selectman?**

I have several roles but roads and bridges are my priority.

**In the past months many new families have moved into Bradford. How do you think they can become involved in town affairs?**

Come to all the meetings and see what they would like to become interested in. Make sure that you get to town functions like the pig roast and library dinner.

**What is the most rewarding part of your job?**

Seeing a new bridge built. There are about 40 bridges in town and most of the older ones are redlined by the Department of Transportation (DOT). The bridges are inspected every two years by DOT.

**What is your most frustrating part of the job?**

It's when people in town don't show up for meetings. We recently had a meeting about putting up signs around the town and we had two people there. It was passed, but there was no one there. All the meetings are posted and we meet the first and third Tuesdays of every month. We have about 1400 people in town and on the average, unless there is a big issue like last year with Valley and the middle school, about 300 people vote. That's pretty frustrating.

**How do you balance your working life with the duties of selectman?**

I work for myself as a carpet cleaner and set my own schedule.

What other interests do you have besides your work?

Kayaking and hiking . The family just hiked Solitude.

**Is Bradford ready for a town manager?**

No. Other towns around us have them. Our meetings only last 2 to 3 hours and we meet every 2 weeks. We can handle town business now but maybe when Bradford has more business moving in, then it might be a possibility? Right now we have only a few with many in -home businesses.

# BNSYS Summer Soccer



*More photos coming next month.*



*Nippers Group Front row (L to R): Spencer Taylor, Ben Corbyn, James Brady, Erin Joly, Anna Newman, Kaden Von Kannewurff, Taryn Hubley, Gina Merullo, Phoenix Labbe. Back row (L to R): Matthew Hubley, Alanna O'Keefe, Henry Pfeifle, Rachel, Caleb Hasey, Hunter Burns, Corbin Montminy, Julia Merullo. Not pictured: Jocelyn Young. Coaches: Alex Green of Ripon, N. Yorkshire, England, and Jeremy Sauer of London England*



*Corbin Montminy learns to head the ball as Caleb Hasey (left) and Taryn Hubley look on. Coach Jeremy Sauer from London, England.*



*Munchkins (ages 3-5) Front row (L to R): Gabe Benedict, Brian Falvey, Tucker Valovic, Patrick Lewis, Hayleigh Battles, Jack Staiti, Christopher Brahan, Scott Bassi, Matthew Strickland. Back Row (L to R): Megan, Coenrad Taylor, Sage Labbe, Caitlyn Messer, Marissa Pickman, Rachel Swindell, Emily Swindell, Ryan Bassi, Gabrielle Smith. Coaches: Jeremy Sauer of London England (left) and Alex Green of Ripon, N. Yorkshire, England (right).*

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# KRSD SCHOOL NEWS

**Editor's note:** In response to reader requests for more of a local perspective on the schools that support Bradford's children, we are pleased to welcome Mary Keegan-Dayton to the Bradford Bridge's corp of columnists. Mary will join Jon Steiner as a monthly columnist and will provide an "on the ground" perspective on our schools. We are also happy to report that Mary, in the spirit of the "How can I help?" credo, recently agreed to join the Bradford Bridge Board of Directors. We are grateful for her time and guidance.

## BRADFORD KRES NEWS

Mary Keegan-Dayton

**H**ow can I help? These are four words that every teacher wants to hear from a parent. The answer varies. Provide your child a good breakfast, make sure they get enough sleep and help on math homework. "There is no topic in education on which there is greater agreement than the need for parent involvement." Well said. It is a quote from a book written by a few researchers from John Hopkins University and Stanford in their book titled "School, Family and Community Partnerships." (Corwin Press, 2002)

As a parent and teacher, this conventional wisdom has me hooked. With a daughter going back to college, my list looks something like this; help her pack, ask her about course work, drive her to school, attend parents weekend, frequently call to tell her I care, ask how she's doing and visit the college website. The college encourages all these actions.

Two words, parent involvement. KRES at Bradford became a better school last year because of parent volunteers like Patricia MacDonald, Gail Beaton, Debbie Flinkstrom, Steve Patton, Jane Bready, Faye Torro, Mary Adams, Deb Andersson and Jay Tucker. There were many others. These parents read aloud, painted, hauled mulch, listened, seeded, wrote, sewed, photocopied, baked cookies and provided support to the students and teachers. We graciously thank them.

With a new school year upon us, KRES at Bradford wants to encourage parents and community members to again get involved. Come to the Bradford Open House Welcome Back Night, September 5th at 6 pm. Meet our new

teachers in Kindergarten, third grade and library. Tour each classroom. Check out the climbing wall in the gym. Sign up to volunteer. Browse our school website [www.kearsarge.org/bradford](http://www.kearsarge.org/bradford).

How can I help? I'll be asking at the middle and high school this fall. My sons tell me they don't need help nor want it. But even if I'm just baking for a school advisory party or going to the music department concerts it means I care. Hope to see you at the Open House on September 5th. It's a great way to show you care about our schools.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Jon Steiner

**B**y the time you read this, kids will be back in school. We have an early start this school year and at this writing temperatures feel like fall. My 6 year old is very excited to begin 1st grade at Bradford and is full of optimism and excitement. I am full of optimism that the challenging bus routes have been fixed and kids will not be spending longer than necessary on buses.

The Board and First Student Bus Company worked hard on this issue over the summer and added a new route in Bradford. While I know there will be bugs in the system we should see improvement. Thank you for your patience and for getting your kids to their stops on time.

The middle school is progressing behind the scenes and is still on target. We are hoping to move in over the 2007 holiday break. More to come as we begin the construction process.

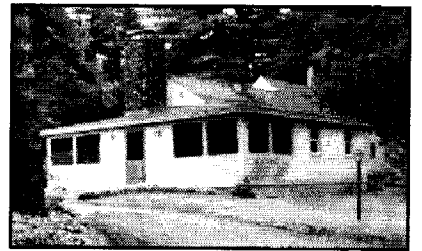
I've enjoyed talking with all of you during the summer about school issues and look forward to the upcoming year and more of your suggestions.



**BRADFORD**—New 28'x38' Cape with ell & 2-stall garage. Ash, tile & berber floors, all applianced, large rooms, 3 BRs & 2-1/2 baths, nicely done home on **4 acres**. Large expandable basement. Quality materials used, big kitchen open to dining area. ....**\$328,500**.



**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.. ....**\$268,500**.



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# First Baptist Church News

from *Lynne E. Hubley*

**HYMN SING:** On Sunday, September 10 at 9:50 am, Edythe Craig will lead us in a hymn sing to start off our worship service.

**KIDS KWIRE:** Children of all ages are invited to sing in our "Kids Kwire." They will be singing on Sunday, September 17 during the worship service at 10:00 am. Practices will be Sunday, September 10 and Sunday, September 17 at 9:30 am.

**RALLY DAY:** Sunday school for children who are 4 years old and older will start on Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 am. Adult Sunday school will begin this day at 8:45 am. There will be a brunch immediately following the service.

**GODSPELL:** Our church is planning to put on the production of "Godspell" next spring. Anyone interested in being involved is invited to come to an informational meeting on Sunday, September 17 immediately following our brunch.

**MINISTRY FAIR:** Our second annual Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, September 24 immediately following the worship service. All of our boards and committees will be displaying their different ministries and opportunities for others to get involved.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** On Saturday, September 30 our church will enjoy a Progressive Dinner by traveling to different homes for appetizers, soup, salad, main meal and dessert. The dinner will begin at 5:00 pm.



## Real Estate Facts:

### Market Update

by *Laura Hallaban*

As newspaper articles and news reports continue to discuss the slowing of the real estate market in the country, I believe it is time to give you an update on where things stand in New Hampshire.

We continue to experience a balanced market overall, though the scales are tipping in favor of buyers over sellers in areas with lots of homes on the market.

Overall sales are down about 8 percent, while the average sales price of a home has increased 1.4 percent—a rate that is substantially lower than in years past. The Upper Valley, Claremont area, White Mountains and Strafford County have seen increased sales, while the Seacoast and Rockingham County, Salem, Manchester and Concord (these two cities account for more than 1/4 of all sales of existing homes in the state, even with the drop-off from last year). The Monadnock, North Country and Lake Sunapee regions have experienced fallen sales.

The Lakes Region has seen the largest percentage increase in home prices, followed by the Claremont area. Given the challenges posed by this data, here is my advice to buyers and sellers in this current market:

**Buyers.** While you wait for prices to drop even further, you may also lose out on the home you want and interest rates may increase and negate any gain. Interest rates are still very good and real estate continues to be an excellent investment. Keep an eye on the market daily and go and see all the homes that fit your budget and taste. Don't be afraid to make an offer, even on a home that just had a price reduction. As always, make sure you are pre-approved and ready to buy so that your offer will be appealing to sellers.

**Sellers.** Be patient! Because buyers have so many homes to look at, be sure yours is in top condition. Curb appeal is crucial because many buyers do a drive-by before making an appointment. Now is not the time to test the market; price your house to sell and understand that even properly-priced houses are staying on the market much longer. Currently, the average is 139 days. Know the competition and listen to the real estate professionals. Buyers know when a house is not competitively priced and no amount of advertising will change that fact. Finally, be willing to be creative by offering to pay closing costs, completing an unfinished project or including a desired personal item in the sale.

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# Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

All is still green and lush but the weather is turning. Those living in the western part of the state, the Sunapee Hills and the edges of Bradford, are experiencing, we hope, a certain blissful amnesia about this past summer's onslaught of caterpillars and flies.

This will be a story of overabundance and rebalance.

For several years now, the trees hereabouts have had a caterpillar problem. Eastern tent caterpillars, *Malacosoma americanum*, the ones that construct protective silken hangouts in the forked branches of trees, lived with us in multitudes for some seasons. Now it has been their cousins the forest tent caterpillars, *Malacosoma disstria* Hubner, that have been in ascension. Despite the descriptive adjective "tent" in their common name, the forest tent caterpillar does not make cotton candy nests. These prickly larvae dine in solitary fashion, gathering together to rest and network in protective, warm, conversational groupings. They, like most caterpillars, have the ability to spin silk, but they use it primarily for rappelling from the upper-story of the forest and for spinning cocoons.

But why so many and why now? The multifaceted answer seems to have a lot to do with the weather. Outbreaks occur every ten to twenty years and can last for three to five years. The preceding weather tends to be marked by cool winters followed by warm springs. A severe population explosion can be described as when the number of larvae comes painfully close to the number of leaves on host trees. The ground moves and crawls with the multitude, roads become slick with cadavers, houses and cars are furred, slow-moving pets are doubly furred, frass pelts down like a 24-hour rainstorm. Day after day, week after week.

These temporary defoliations can cause "no growth" years for many trees and even death if a tree is already compromised by drought or disease. The brightening of the under-story and sudden influx of quick-release fertilizer in the form of caterpillar frass gives a jumpstart to the under-story trees and can actually speed up the processes of forest succession. Populations of cuckoos increase with the rise in prickly caterpillars. Many other animals, both large and small, dine on tent cater-

pillars, but cuckoos specialize in it. They have the charming ability to periodically regurgitate their fuzz-coated stomach linings - rather like changing a vacuum cleaner bag.

But what about those friendly flies? Excess caterpillars has brought an excess in a certain kind of fly, *Sarcophaga paldrichi*. Slow-moving, plump, fuzzy, striped with gray, they sport big endearing terra cotta eyes that gaze up at us in multifaceted wonder as they fondly pat their pedestal tongues all over us in their every waking moment. They have been driving us nuts. These overly abundant but non-biting flies (who really are called friendly flies) have been killing time until the forest tent caterpillars spin their cocoons. The maternal flies then drop their tiny hungry larvae on the doomed dreaming pupae. The maggots consume their hosts and drop to the ground in turn to pupate and reemerge as adult flies in the spring. Contrary to popular rumor, both caterpillars and flies are native to North America.

An abundance of leaves, a turn in the weather, and a frenzied explosion of parasites. Something of course must give. A stressed-out overpopulation of anything is a sorry sight to see. Resting in exhausted, starving heaps, these forest tent caterpillars twitched in response to loud noises, felt but unheard. Pathogens rush through the population leaving pathetic caterpillars drooping like lost socks from the eaves and branches. Those that survive to spin their dusty greenish cocoons in the rolled leaf litter may be parasitized by the waiting flies. Some will always succeed to mothhood, lay eggs in hardening bubbly masses in the trees and produce a now-reasonable number of caterpillars for the following years. Flies, cuckoos, visible and invisible hosts of pathogens and parasites will decrease also. New leaves have already expanded. Equilibrium returns. For a while.

We are also seeing fall webworm activity, *Hyphantria cunea*. These caterpillars are unsightly but do little damage to healthy trees. Their webs are along the outer branches of trees only in autumn. Gypsy moths are a non-native species that can also erupt in severe infestations. They do not spin webs.

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*Ted and Liz Young, who owned and operated the Merrimack Farm and Country Store from October 16, 1980 until July, when they retired, are looking forward to projects that they'd put "on hold." travel first, maple sugaring and tree farming for Ted, and Liz's passion for volunteering for Visiting Nurse's Association. Photo courtesy of Audrey V. Sylvester*

## Volunteers Needed for Pandemic Response

Bradford's training for mass inoculations against avian flu begins with a public forum on September 19 at 5:15 pm. The location is yet to be determined—watch for information in the *Argus-Champion*, at the post office and transfer station, and posted at Town Hall.

The forum, sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club, will be hosted by Emergency Management Director Bruce Edwards and will feature guest speaker Wendy Dumais of the Capital Area Public Health Network.

Dumais will talk about preparations for a pandemic and stress the need for volunteers to help people register to be inoculated in the event of a pandemic. "We're hoping for 50 to 60 volunteers to staff the point of delivery at Hopkinton High School," said Edwards, who is also a Bradford selectman. "They won't administer inoculations, but will help to get people registered."

## Bradford Recycling Committee

Here are some tidbits of information from Bradford's Recycling Committee: it takes 34 bags of aluminum cans and one and a half hours of labor to make one bale. Presently, aluminum is worth \$.40 a pound and each bale weighs 400 pounds. That's \$160 per bale.

At \$135 to haul away each compactor load, paying for air trapped inside plastic containers gets expensive. Leave all caps off plastic jugs and bottles so that the compactor can crush them; every jug that's flattened saves a gallon jug's worth of space.

Residents who want to learn more about Bradford's recycling efforts are invited to attend the monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Town Hall. Next meeting: September 18.

## Classifieds

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### Who were the Carrs and whatever happened to them?

For a perspective from a direct descendant—along with family photos and history—the Bradford Historical Society welcomes Richard Bridge Moore who will share family photos and history. Wednesday September 20th, 7:15 pm in the Old Post Office Building.

#### Bradford Bridge

#### October 2006 Deadlines

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