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Independence Day Celebration - July 6 & July 7

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2007: Bradford Parks and Recreation, Roast Beef Dinner from 5-7 p.m. Street Dance with DJ in front of BACC 6-9p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2007

7 - 10 A.M. Mason's Breakfast (St. Peter's Lodge)

7:15 5K Road Race Registration (Town Hall)

8:00 - 2:00 First Baptist Church Fair

9:00 Road Race begins (Town Hall)

9:00 Brown Memorial Library Book Sale

9:00 Red Cross Blood Drive (BACC)

9:00 Kids fun run registration & Children's activities at Church

10:00 Ice cream sundaes (Served at the Fiske House)

10:00 Antiques Crafts & Farmers Market Brown Shattuck Field

10:00 Cow Flop Bingo

10:30 Fun Run Road Race for children

10:30 Luncheon Table Opens at the church

11:00 Little Red Wagon at the church

1:00 Children's Games and Prizes at Brown Shattuck Field

2:00 Mr. Phil & Co. Balloon animals Brown Shattuck Field

3:00 Line up for the BIDC Parade (Old Warner Rd. & Post Office)

Judging for Parade Entrants

4:00 Parade Begins, Rt 114 and Main St. Ends at Appleseed Restaurant on High Street

5:00 Midway opens Brown Shattuck Field Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, chips, sponsored by BNSYS

KRES Bradford PTC will sponsor games and more Kearsarge Baseball will sponsor chicken barbeque. Other vendors there for your enjoyment.

5:30 Bradford Country Squares

7:00 Music under the tent with the "BRADFORD BOYS"

9:30 FIRE WORKS BY ATLAS FIREWORKS

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parade, 1987

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Chandler, State
Senator from
Warner, attended all
local political
functions*



LETTVIN CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

by Phyllis Wilcox

The Lettvin Music Series celebrates its 15th year by once again bringing classical music to the Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Friday, July 20th and Saturday, July 21st with both performances at 7:30 pm. Music lovers in the area will be exposed to the exquisite sounds of professional musicians in the tradition of Theodore Lettvin, internationally known concert pianist who lived in Bradford until his passing in 2003. His wife, Joan Lettvin, carries on his legacy by inviting former students and colleagues to perform at the 1838 Center Meetinghouse on Rowe Mountain Road.

On Friday, July 20th, the Music Amici Trio, with violinist Marti Sweet, cellist Kate Dillingham, and Christopher Oldfeather at the piano, will perform the music of Haydn, Shostakovich and Dvorak. On Saturday, July 21st Danwen Jiang, violinist and Shoshana Rudiakov, pianist will play music of Beethoven and Respighi.

Although only a two-day event each summer, there is a great deal of planning in advance spearheaded by Joan Lettvin and a group of dedicated music-loving Bradford residents who pull together the logistics vital to this highly successful, long-running series. Somehow, the Steinway piano is moved from the Lettvin home to the meetinghouse; brochures, tickets, posters, press

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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

Good weather beckons and we look forward to enjoying the summer activities before us. The local ball fields are filled with our young athletes in training, we savor long leisurely days and cool nights and best of all is the opportunity to see our friends and neighbors after a long period of hibernation. We are looking forward to the July 4th festivities, the Lettvin concerts, swimming lessons, free concerts in Newbury Harbor, town wide yard sales and all the other wonderful activities in and around Bradford.

Some changes have occurred at the Bridge with the departure of Editors Dorothy and Gerry Monigan who will be greatly missed. Beth Rodd and Marcia Keller will be sharing editorial duties. We feel fortunate to have Tandy Hartford fill in for Beth Von Beren for the summer as Business Manager. We hope you will contact us if you have time to share your volunteer expertise and would like to be reporters, photographers, proofers, ad reps or have ideas to make the Bradford Bridge a better paper. We are always open to new ideas. Have a wonderful summer!

Marcia Keller & Beth Rodd

Newbury Harbor Summer Concert Schedule

- June 14, 7 p.m. Pirizzoli & Putnam - Jazz & Pop
- June 21, 7 p.m. Karen Morgan/Pony Express - Country
- June 28, 7 p.m. Tammy Jackson - Country
- July 5, 7 p.m. Kid Pinky/Ruthless Nights - Blues
- July 12, 7 p.m. Saylyn - Reggae

Old Home Day, Saturday, July 14

- July 14, 3-6 p.m. Lunch at the Dump - Pop
- July 14, 7:30 pm Bruce Marshall Group - Blues/Pop

- July 19, 7 p.m. The Flames - Oldies
- July 26, 7 p.m. Mink Hills Band - Bluegrass
- Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Chris Kleeman - One-man Band
- Aug. 9, 7 p.m. Kan Tu Band - Blues

Sunday

- Aug. 12 12:30 Roxanne/The Voodoo Rockers - Rock

- Aug. 16, 7 p.m. East Bay Jazz Ensemble - Jazz
- Aug. 23, 6 p.m. Saylyn - Reggae

- Aug. 30, 6 p.m. Captain Fiddle Trio - Cajun, Banjo

Rain dates for the Thursday concerts will be the following Wednesday

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Uncle Sam will be at the Mountain View Senior Center's First Friday Brunch on July 6th to tell everyone about his life and times in Mason, NH. Brunch starts at 11:30 AM. Seats are limited, please call 938-2104 to RSVP by June 25th. A \$2.00 donation is requested.

Congratulations to Sandi Bandieri, director of the Mt. View Senior Center, winner of the Health and Human Services Survey drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate from the Mt. Edge Resort. Thanks to the Mt. Edge Resort and all those who took the time to fill out the survey. The results will help us with future programming and events at the Bradford Area Community Center.

Thank you volunteers Did you know that our computer instructors are volunteers? Big thanks go to Laura Trow and Paul Riley - we appreciate all you give back to the community with your quality instruction and thoughtfulness.

Thank you to everyone who helped to clean up French's Park . This is a large job that gets done every year by kind folks who give time to make the beach area clean and ready for swimmers and picnickers.

Thank you to all of the folks who help out at the Bradford Area Community Center and the Parks and Recreation Department. If you would like to become a Community Center volunteer please call us at 603-938-6228.

How Safe is Your Computer? Heather Turner, a professional in computer design and use, will

share her knowledge of computer security at the BACC on Wednesday, July 18th from 9:00 -10:30 AM and Thursday, July 19th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. For information call 938-2433 or email at forfengdesigns@tds.net.

The Sacred Garden - A women's group facilitated by Sasha Wolfe begins on Thursday July 12th from 2 to 4pm. This is a support group of women in a safe and nurturing atmosphere to share truth, dreams, fears and life. Call Sasha at 938-2115 or email sashawo@tds.net to register. \$5.00 per session.

Tai-Chi classes are ongoing at the Bradford Area Community Center - Mondays 6 to 7pm and Fridays 9 to 10am. Call Sasha at 938-2115 for more information. \$5.00 per session.

Computer classes will resume in the fall - in the meantime please call with suggestions and to pre-register. 603-938-6228

Swim Program sponsored by the Bradford Parks and Recreation Committee will be the weeks of July 23 and July 30 at French's Park on LakeMassasecum, 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The Red Cross instructor is Nicole Wallace.Class

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Planning Board Notes

Hill & Dale Gravel Pit: At the continuation of the public hearing on the application to expand the gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road, the potential impact of increased drainage on the Warner River/Lake Massasecum drainage basin was discussed at length. The Board voted to request that the engineering firm that prepared the drainage report expand the analysis to include 100 year flood events and to assess the off-site impact including the Warner River drainage basin. The application was accepted as complete and the public hearing continued to July 10th.

Route 103 Business Site Plan: The proposal from Kevin Allen to construct a 3-unit professional business building on Route 103 next to Compassion Veterinary Clinic received a special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The application has not, as yet, been accepted as complete by the Planning Board. Some of the issues raised include items on the checklist that have not been submitted, cistern size, clarification of size and location of sign, and possible review of plans by an independent engineering firm. This has been continued to July 10th.

Preliminary Consultations: Martin Wilson discussed a proposal to subdivide the 123 acre parcel of land owned by Martin Chivers on Breezy Hill Road. Further preliminary plans for alternative conventional and cluster proposals will be presented at a later meeting.

Brian Bailey presented a preliminary boundary adjustment of land on Rowe Mountain Road and Forest Street owned by Gary Bardsley. The plan would transfer 12.8 acres from a 100 acre parcel to the 2 acre parcel where a house is located.

Chestnut Hollow: At the request of Susan Janicki, the Board re-visited the issue of damage done to her property during the construction of the subdivision road at Chestnut Hollow off Forest Street. The Board agreed to forward Ms. Janicki's concerns to the town attorney with a copy to the holder of the bond for the road advising the bond money will not be released at this time.

Complete minutes of Planning Board meetings are available within 144 hours of the meetings at the Town Hall.

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releases are prepared and ready; the refreshment stands, lighting and flowers are in place. On opening night, concertgoers pull into the parking lot assisted by our volunteer parking attendants to enjoy chamber music, usually heard only in large halls in urban locations, at its best in a rural setting.

We are blessed to listen to Beethoven, Haydn, Respighi, and Shostakovich with a background music of birds singing, a pastoral setting of trees and expansive areas of green grass with Bradford's early cemetery adjacent to the premises. In a world where peace and beauty are at a premium this Chamber Music Series brings the ambience of powerful entertainment combined with a peaceful, beautiful setting to its audience.

The Bradford Center Meetinghouse and the Bradford Area Community Center co-

sponsor the events and are the recipients of all proceeds. Tickets will be sold at the door. Fifteen dollars for adults and five dollars for children under 12. For additional information, phone Joan Lettvin at 938-5373.



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10 Questions - Joan Lettvin *by Phyllis Wilcox*

This is a continuation in a series of *Bradford Bridge interviews with people who make a difference in Bradford.* Joan Lettvin is the originator and moving spirit behind the Lettvin Chamber Music Series and is our guest this month.

Joan Lettvin was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Her early schooling took place at the Cleveland Playhouse Curtain Pullers, a children's theater run by the Cleveland Playhouse. She attended school there from the age of 10 to 18, then on to Bennington College in Vermont where she studied theater, dance, music and political science. The last subject was at the request of her father who insisted on a more practical area of study since the country was involved in World War II. After graduation she worked at a Black National Theater where she directed children's theater.

Q. How did you meet Ted Lettvin?

We met at a New Year's Eve party. We arrived there as singles but Ted gave me a ticket to a concert in which he was performing. Two years of dating ended with elopement since neither Ted nor Joan wanted the social "folderol" of a wedding.

Q. How did you arrive in Bradford?

My father and mother vacationed with friends in New Hampshire for three years. In 1952 they bought the farmhouse on Rowe Mountain Road in Bradford. I would come to visit them. My father died in 1960. Ted wanted to buy the place but my mother said no and gave us the house as a gift.

Q. Do you have musical training?

Yes. I studied piano for five years. My very first boyfriend was a composer and pianist. I was exposed to classical music from an

early age. My parents had season tickets to the symphony. I remember meeting Myra Hess, the concert pianist when I was very young.

Q. Bradford is a small town with limited cultural resources. How do you fill your spare time when you are in residence here?

I do wood carving with Amy Blitzer. I attend yoga classes. I spend a lot of time on the Internet. This is my way of keeping in contact with my husband's former students and colleagues. I have friends in the Bradford area and I visit my children often in Israel, Texas and Seattle.



Q. What is your earliest memory of your summers here?

Visiting my parents and watching my mother do her organic gardening and my father going off in search of manure for the gardens at the various stables in the area.

Q. What is it like each morning to waken on a clear day and see the panorama of the lakes and mountains?

It is a spiritual renewal. The view is never the same two minutes in a row and it is always a spiritual renewal. I am so lucky to live here in this spot with this breathtaking view of the world around me.

Q. You've been the wife, and now the widow, of a world renowned concert pianist, the mother of three children and still managed to keep your identity. How have you done this and dealt with all the stress involved?

I have to say that I haven't had a life of my own until Ted passed away. I sublimated my own ambitions. I met the needs of my children and my concertizing husband. It was stressful. The children were quarrelsome. No concert artist is without moods and although it was exciting, it wasn't always sweetness and light.

Q. The Lettvin Chamber Music Series is in its 15th year. How did you arrive at the idea of the series? How did you manage to get this off the ground and keep it running with only volunteer assistance?

It started when Betty Cilley, then Town Clerk, asked my husband to perform at the Bradford Baptist Church in 1993. The first year he played solo piano. Then he asked some of his Rutgers students to share the program. The appreciation of the audience was so

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strong that people volunteered to help get a series started. In the early days former residents Glen Mayo and Nancy Hibbard assisted with their expertise in management and many volunteers came to help. The whole town has joined in to make this happen.

Q. How did you happen to go into concert management?

In 1974 my husband asked what are you going to do when the plane crashes? You need a means to support yourself. A conductor friend of ours suggested the Harvard Institute (a six-week course in Arts Administration). I said that I would do this if Ted was there to see that I did the right thing. I took the course and that was the beginning. I became the director of the New England Performing Arts Association. I also started the Great Lakes Performing Artists Association when we lived in Michigan. I was there from 1978 to 1988. This program continues to exist.

Q. If you could change one thing in your life what would that be?

I have been so fortunate in my life, education, background and family. Life has been very good to me and I am grateful every day. If I could change one thing it would be the death of my sister who died at age 11 of spinal meningitis. I wish she were still here. Also, I always wanted children and although I had my first of three children at age 37, I wish it had been earlier.

Bradford Parks and Recreation committee has announced this summer's Red Cross Swim Program to be held the weeks of July 23 and July 30 at French's Park on Lake Massasecum during the hours of 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. the Red Cross Instructor is Nicole Wallace.

Class size is limited and will be determined by the instructor as to the ability of the swimmer with priority given to early registrants. The charge is \$20 (\$15 for additional children in the same family). Registration forms are available at the Bradford Town Hall, Post Office, Brown Memorial Library and the Bradford Area Community Center.

Completed forms should be left at the Bradford Area Community Center or mailed to Kate Dobrowski, PO Box 276, Bradford, NH 03221 no later than July 16,2007

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Friends of Brown Memorial Library announce the 2007 Summer Reading Program: "The Secret Garden" will begin on Saturday July 14 at 10 am and continue on July 21, 28, and August 8. The free program is open to children of all ages. Younger children should be accompanied by a caregiver. Arts & crafts activities will follow stories read by Librarian Meg Fearnley. Reading certificates will be awarded to all participating children.

The Secret Garden will take place in the handicapped-accessible Brown Memorial Library, 78. W. Main St., Bradford, NH. For more information, call: 938-5562.

Historical Society: The Center School House will be open during the Lettvin concerts on July 20th and 21st. The Old Post Office is open most Saturdays from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. A recent gift of photos of the Loch Lyndon Golf Course will be on display.

Kearsarge Area Preschool will have a "KAP Kids Area" at the Town of Bradford's July 4th Celebration at the First Baptist

Church Fair on July 7th, 9am to 11am with activities for young children. There will be face painting and kids will be able to choose from several different crafts. A "Kid's Fun Run" with Bradford's First Baptist Church is at 10:30 am. At 11am the "Little Red Wagon Puppet Show" will perform. Come join us for loads of fun! For questions on this or other KAP events please call Elizabeth at 938-2805.

SoccerFest 2007 Wednesday, August 1, 2007 (rain date Thursday, Aug 2) at Warren Brook Park, Old Warner Road, Bradford, to benefit the BNSYS Fall Soccer Program.

Games and activities for the kids start at 5:00 pm, dinner ready at 6:00 pm. Exhibition Soccer Game, 6:30-7:30 pm. Music provided by Wayne Seaholm. Raffles. Movie for kids.

Admission is free (donations gratefully accepted). Food, children's games and activities, and any raffle entries will be cash-as-you-go. Please come and support our program!

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For more information contact: Nancy Hibbard, LINEC publicity, ndhibbard@comcast.net 603-547-2430.

Summer course catalogues are available by mail and in most area public libraries. To register for July classes or to get further information, please phone LINEC registrar at 428-4248 or check on line NEC.edu/academics and follow LINEC links.

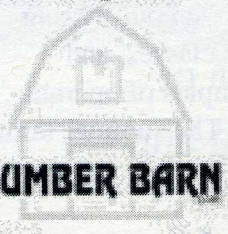
SRK The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Coalition has announced the 2007 Summer Hikes. For specific dates, places, and contact numbers and for membership and other information about the SRK Greenway, see www.srkg.com. Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores. The SRK Greenway Coalition, incorporated in 1993, is a 10-town, all-volunteer, non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond.

"ONE MILE and FORTY YEARS BACK". Longtime Bradford resident Perley Strout (now of neighboring Sutton) has written a

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| <p>18</p> <p>9 AM -Mountain View Striders- MVSC parking lot 11 AM - Senior Community Luncheon - Lake Todd Picnic. Meet at MVSC to carpool. 11:00AM- 12:30PM Blood Pressure Clinic MVSC 6:30-8 PM Computer Safety and Health - BACC</p> | <p>19</p> <p>9:00 - 10 AM Tai Chi 8:45AM SLE 9AM N.L. Outing Club nature walk. Meet at MVSC to carpool 7 PM International Movie BML</p> | <p>20</p> <p>10 AM Summer Reading Program</p> |
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| <p>28</p> <p>ASL - American Sign Language-BACC, call 938-6228 for info CC- Computer Class-BACC-Call 938-6228 to pre-register CWD - Ceramics with Doris - MVSC HW- Heron Wind- Raising Teenage Children - BACC MVQC- Mtn. View Quilters & Crafters - MVSC 938-2104 SLE - Strong Living Exercises - MVSC YH- Yoga from the Heart for older Adults -MVSC Yoga - BACC , call Fran at 456-3099 for info</p> | | |

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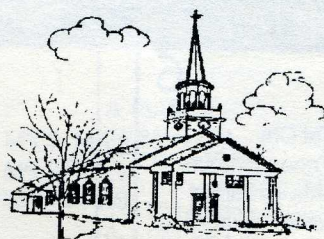
ZONING BOARD 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM TOWN HALL

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book about growing up on a farm a mile in the woods and at least 40 years behind the times. Copies are available at local bookstores. For more information contact Perley R.Strout, 603-927-6335.

Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS) will hold a model rocket launch on JULY 14th from 1PM to 4PM in Warner, NH. For directions and other details, please visit www.KARSNH.org or call Mike Bellino at 938-5129

South Newbury Union Church: Country Chicken Barbeque, July 28, 5-7PM, Friendship House, Village & Sutton Rds., Rt. 103, \$10.00. Raffle and Chinese Auction tickets available for August 11 Church Fair. Info: Call 938-2064. Also, seeking vendors for 17th Annual Church Fair on August 11, rain or shine. Info: Call 464-6657.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

Summer Bible Study: On Tuesday evenings, July 3, 10, 17 and 24, there will be a Bible study of the Book of Ephesians in the Fisk House from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Beginners and advanced students are welcome.

Church Fair: Our Fourth of July Fair is Saturday, July 7 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Kids Fun Run at 10:30 a.m. (registration begins at 9:00a.m.); children's crafts and face painting, and a children's lemonade stand. Ice Cream Sundaes, served from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m; The Luncheon table is open from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. UNH's Little Red Wagon will perform at 11:00 a.m. Patriotic and Christian songs will be sung and played in the sanctuary by Bonnie Wrisley and her mother. White elephant set up in the barn; hand-made quilt raffle; plants, cookies, baked goods, crafts, books, jewelry and much much more.

Food Pantry: The July distribution date for the food pantry will be Wednesday, July 18 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-513.



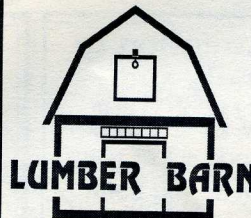
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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

"The Secret Garden" is the theme of this year's summer reading program. All children are welcome to join us for four Saturdays of stories and craft projects. A caregiver should accompany younger children. The program will be on Saturdays from 10-11am July 14, 21, 28 and August 4.

The July book-to-movie discussion will be on Freedom Writers Diary, Friday July 13 (not the 6th) at 7pm. I have heard a lot of positive comments about the book and the movie. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. This month's international movie on Friday, July 20 at 7pm is an Italian romantic comedy that takes place in Venice.

Looking forward to August, save the date of Friday, August 3 for the next book-to-movie discussion of Silas Marner by George Eliot. Copies of the book will be available in early July. The August international movie is from Iran. And of special note, the Library Trustees Annual Fundraising Dinner will be at St. Peter's Lodge on Saturday, August 25 from 5-7pm. Look for menu details in the August Bradford Bridge. New books added to your library in June:

For adults:

Divisadero by Michael Ondaatje

The Navigator by Clive Cussler

On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan

Einstein by Walter Isaacson

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

The Reagan Diaries by Ronald Reagan

For children:

Dog and Bear by Laura Seeger

Castle Waiting by Linda Medley

Selectmen's Highlights for June

Fire Department: Department representatives discussed the possible sale of Fire Department equipment. The decision was made to gather more information and adopt a formal policy regarding disposal of donated items. Fire Chief Mark Goldberg read a letter he had written to the New London Rescue Squad pertaining to ambulance coverage and statistics.

Independence Day: Marlene Freyler reported on the status of contributions to date under the umbrella of the Friends of the BACC. There was discussion of becoming a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Committee. The unanimous vote was to continue the way it currently functions.

Highways: Paving bids have been received for the rest of Center Road. Road Agent Steve Lucier reported on plans to improve drainage at French's Park and water problems on West Main Street.

Needs Assessment Committee Report was given of the site walk conducted at the Transfer Station where test pits were dug in several locations. A proposal for engineering services will be prepared and sent out to interested firms.

The police and highway sub-committees recommended locating the proposed new buildings on the upper site at the transfer station based on the test pit results and potential monitoring issues. The recommendation was approved with Selectmen Fenton and Meany voting in favor; Selectmen Pinard, opposed.

Chestnut Hollow Susan Janicki met with Selectmen regarding a driveway permit at the Chestnut Hollow subdivision on Forest Street. Motion was made and passed to restrict a certificate of occupancy permit for a lot in that

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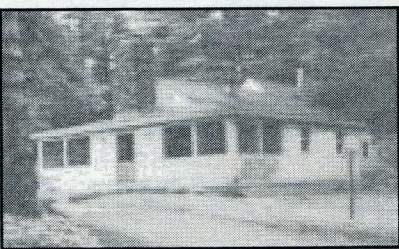
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Bridge To The Past: Bradford's Paper Celebrates Its 1st Birthday

Staying true to its no-nonsense, down-to-business approach to news and information, the production team for the July 1992 issue took a one-inch box at the bottom of the right column. The headline—"It's Our First Anniversary!"—was the extent of the overt celebration.

However, Marcia Keller did a bit of historically-investigative reporting and wrote that the Bridge was not the first effort to keep people informed about town news. In the late 19th century, publications such as The Visitor, The Lake and The Mountain Pathfinder carried the news on a weekly or monthly basis. Marcia wrote that The Visitor "was described as 'A monthly newspaper devoted to the interests of Bradford, N.H. and surrounding towns. Published about the 10th of each month.' The publisher was Rev. E.W. Potter, 'Subscriptions, 50 cents per year, 40 cents in advance.'"

During its inaugural year, the Bradford Bridge moved beyond being simply a citizen-driven initiative to share information to becoming part of the fabric of the community.

Audrey Sylvester continued her "At Work—At Home" series with an article about Marge Ginepra's Main Street daycare business, and Laurie Buchar reported on the Carter & Co. softball team and Mike Carter's involvement in local youth sports.

Fred Winch's "Gardening" column helped residents with green thumbs (and those that were starting to green up) with practical advice—in July, he wrote about mid-summer weed control, cover crops and deadheading peonies. Maggie Ainsley kept readers current on the Brown Memorial Library's growth, and Mildred

Schmidt offered a summer-classic strawberry-rhubarb pie. Schmidt also wrote that she was looking forward to seeing readers at Brown-Shattuck Field for the annual Independence Day celebration.

The celebration has changed a little bit in 15 years but the Bridge's role in keeping people up to date hasn't. The front page of the July 1992 carried the schedule for the day: a 5K road race was followed by the First Baptist Fair; Brad Sherman the magician; a luncheon; children's activities; a square dance demo; Fireman's Parade; a midway at Brown-Shattuck Field; Firemen's Barbeque; and musical entertainment and square dance demonstrations until dusk, when the fireworks lit up the cool evening sky.

14 years of triumphs and tumult have followed that 1st anniversary issue, but the relationship between Bradford and its paper is stronger than ever.

New Exhibit Opens

The Bradford Art Group's new exhibit, "Great American Southwest Wanderings: Photographs by John Reynolds" will open on July 11 in Brown Memorial Library. The photographs were taken when John and his wife Karen traveled coast to coast with a majority of their wanderings in the Great American Southwest. The couple tent camped and hiked in 15 National Parks and Monuments. Reynolds has been a Bradford resident for nearly 20 years.

The exhibit continues through September. Brown Memorial Library, 78 W. Main St., Bradford, is open: Mon. 10 am – 8 pm; Wed. 10 am – 7 pm; Sat. 10 am – 3 pm; and Sun. 11 am – 3 pm.

KRSD School News

Bradford KRES News Mary Keegan-Dayton

School is out and summer is here. Cathy McKenna, our school Reading Specialist has written this month's column on the importance of summer reading. Look for the suggested summer reading list that will come home with every child's report card: "Making Reading Part of Your Summer Fun"

Swimming, biking, and camping are all part of summertime fun — but don't forget READING! Treating children who are fluent readers is a national priority as well as the top priority of the Kearsarge Regional School District. Over the summer, many children lose ground in the reading skills they have built at school. Families can really help by making books and reading part of every child's summer fun!

Summer reading provides primary grade children with the necessary practice to maintain and sometimes to improve their developing reading skills. It's a fact that children who do not read during the summer may experience difficulty meeting the reading expectations at the next grade level. So please be sure to have your children read for fun and relaxation this summer, so they will return to school in August refreshed, excited, and ready to pick up where they left off.

Unfortunately, many nationwide studies of students' reading behaviors indicate that during the intermediate grades, there is a significant drop in the time devoted to reading for pleasure. The curriculum for the

intermediate grades and for the middle school is demanding. Students need to be able to read content area materials fluently in order to comprehend new vocabulary and information.

According to the U. S. Department of Education, children who read for ENJOYMENT 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week, can dramatically increase their reading and writing skills. This summer, families across the Kearsarge Regional School District are strongly encouraged to set aside 20 -30 minutes every day for pleasure reading.

School District Report Jon Steiner

With all the rain and flooding we've seen these past springs, it's hard to believe we had to bring in bottled water at the high school...I'm reminded of the old adage "water water everywhere, and not a drop to drink."

The problem: it appears that the pipe leading from the underground water tank to the school ruptured, perhaps during the heavy rains, leaving the high school without water. But even with repair, it's not as simple as turning the water back on. The water must be tested for things like chlorine until the readings are back to where they were before the break. As I understand it, the readings were at or near zero before the break so it will take time for the readings to get back to zero.

Ironically, the administration and facilities committee had been making plans to upgrade the water system at the high school and had even gone so far as to have test wells dug earlier this year. Had this problem surfaced next year, it would have been easily remedied. So much of life is timing.

Congratulations to our graduates and to our retirees and thanks to all of our students for their successes in making 2006-2007 a great school year. Enjoy the summer.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A hearing was held for the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports. A variance was granted to build a 40' x 28' equipment shed 25' from the property line. The organization will go to the Planning Board for a site plan review on July 10th.

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Letters to the Editor

to the Editors,

Two good people who intended to settle in Bradford for many years, Dorothy and Gerry Monigan, moved away in June—their intentions changed by life's surprises. But in their short stay, they contributed wholeheartedly to our community as though they had lived here for many years. Their work on behalf of the Bradford Bridge—extending helping hands when The Bridge was experiencing its own unanticipated upheavals—was a most valuable and valued contribution to our town. Dorothy, as editor of The Bradford Bridge, confidently guided our town's newspaper through some rough transitions with optimism and a refreshing point of view.

We will miss this warm, friendly, and talented couple. Thank you, Dorothy and Gerry Monigan, for becoming part of our community so quickly and for your many volunteer hours in producing "The Bridge."

Our warmest wishes for your good health and prosperity as you find your new home and community. May your

transitions be filled with the optimistic point of view you shared with us.

The Bradford Bridge Board of Advisors

To the Editor,

"Ma, can I borrow the car?" Has this question been heard around your house? If they are driving it won't be long before they are leaving the nest and establishing a life of their own. OR maybe your kids have already grown up and left your home. We raise our kids to leave home you know. When my daughter left for college in a distant state she said to me, "The nest may be empty, but the heard never is." Become a foster parent. Help kids who need a stable caring home. How about yours? Call your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

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subdivision until the Planning Board has the opportunity to approve a driveway permit.

French's Park: Selectmen unanimously agreed to hire Luke Dobrowski as part-time attendant at the park.

Transfer Station: Robert Stewart discussed collection of cardboard by transfer station personnel from private locations using town equipment. He felt this service could benefit the town and increase revenues. Ken Anderson will be asked to attend the next meeting to establish guidelines and procedures and discuss any increased costs that might be incurred.

CIP: Members of the Capital Improvements Committee, chaired

by Edythe Craig, asked for the Board's support and requested assurance that the work provided by the committee (a sub-committee of the Planning Board) will be actively used in the planning and budgeting processes. Selectmen agreed.

Selectmen's Coffee: The date for the next coffee was set for July 21st. Selectman Pinard is preparing a newsletter to mail out prior to the meeting.

Many issues are discussed at each meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Choosing highlights for the monthly Bridge is not an easy matter. It is strongly recommended that the full minutes be reviewed as they are available at the Town Hall 144 hours after each meeting.

Obituary

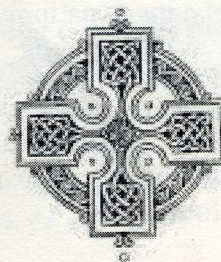
Lauren McCormick

Lauren McCormick, 24, died June 17, 2007, in Concord.

Lauren was born in Quincy, MA, in 1982. She moved to Bradford in 1989 with her family. She graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School and Hesser College with an Associate Degree in graphic arts.

Lauren leaves her precious baby, London Marie; her brother, Jay; her parents, Yvonne and Dan McCormick of Bradford; her grandmother, Margaret McCormick of Quincy, MA; her grandfather, Jerome McCormick of Braintree, MA; aunts and uncles, Paul McCormick of Quincy, MA, Maura and Rich Allison of Quincy, MA, Sean and Lisamarie McCormick of Cumberland, RI, Brian McCormick of Quincy, MA, Carolyn Mackey Grindle of Bradford, Charlie and Janice Mackey of Boca Raton, FL, Roger Mackey of Rockland, MA, Richard and Jill Mackey of Woodbury, MN, and Mary and Steve Ottani of Sandwich, MA; and many special friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sugar River Savings Bank in Warner for London Marie McCormick.



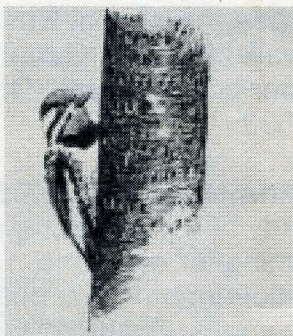
Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Over-the-phone flora or fauna identification is often a muddled, frustrating conversation for both parties and the results can be of dubious accuracy. This one, however, was relatively easy. What birds would be in a springtime mountain ash arguing vociferously with a nasal rattle? Wik-a! Wik-a! Wik-a! A bit of a red crest but not acting like a proper woodpecker? I paused before a likely moniker...

Mobile phone in hand, the inquisitive owner of the mountain ash examined the tree of avian dispute. The bark had orderly rows of small holes making it look like the cylindrical punch card workings of a player piano. Was the bird's body basically a black and white pattern of bars and spots? Yup.

This was one of the favorite father-jokes of my youth. My dad, Herb, would occasionally announce, "There goes a yellow-bellied sapsucker!" With learned suspicion, we would turn but never see one. In fact, we had no idea what a sapsucker actually looked like and we suspected, neither did he. We were all fond of a good name though. "Barely yellowish-bellied sap-lapper" might be an even more accurate name for this bird.



Bird tongues are complex arrangements for the complex tasks they must perform – birds have no helpful fingers, after all. These arrangements are even more complicated for the woodpeckers. The problem is, if you need, say, three to five inches of extendible tongue, and you spend a great deal of time knocking your head against a tree, how do you cope? Where do you put all that tongue when not in use and how do you avoid headaches?

In all birds, the tongue is supported by a set of bones known collectively as the hyoid apparatus. At the rear of this framework are two elongated 'horns' that sweep off the back of the tongue and wrap under the jawbone and around the skull in a sheath of connective tissue. For woodpeckers (and hummingbirds) extreme tongue extension is possible because of exceptionally long hyoid horns that loosely wrap completely around the skull and are anchored near the nostril or around the eye, depending on the species. I can't imagine what this must feel like.

Several adaptations account for a woodpecker's ability to continually hammer trees in search of food and nest holes. The whole body is used in excavation projects, not just the head and neck, but the brain case is enlarged and the frontal bones are folded at the base of the bill to act as a shock absorber. There are similar shock absorbing muscles behind

the bill. Feathers at the base of the bill, and, in some species, adaptations to the nostril itself prevent the inhalation of sawdust during excavations.

The tail feathers and toes are also specialized to allow them to function as braces as a woodpecker clings to vertical surfaces. The central tail feathers are rigidly pointed, curved and stiffened. These central tail feathers are not molted until supporting side feathers have grown in. Instead of the usual bird pattern of three toes in front/one behind, a woodpecker generally has two toes in front and two behind for better support.

Like the other woodpeckers, sapsuckers excavate nesting cavities in soft dead trees and, instead of developing sweet melodies, both male and female drum loudly on percussive objects to announce territories and attract mates.

Sapsuckers have an irregular drum song, distinctive from our other local woodpeckers, and in still other ways they march to a different drummer. Unlike their very beneficial brethren who investigate dead and ailing trees for damaging insects, sapsuckers essentially tap the trees for syrup. For the sapsuckers, the tongue is somewhat shorter and less extensible than other woodpecker species. 'Harpoon' might describe the standard woodpecker tongue with its hard, sticky, sharply barbed tip

specialized for impaling unwilling bugs. The sapsucker has a tongue that is less acute and quite bushy at its tip for lapping up sap. Insects are drawn to these ¼ inch wells and the sapsuckers merrily drink and dine. They monitor their well system constantly and defend them from other sapsuckers, squirrels, orioles, hummingbirds and warblers that would like to share.

More than 200 species of trees are used by sapsuckers but around here apples, pears, and mountain ash are their favorites. Look at nearly any old apple and you will see the faded rings of holes, sagging and worn in comparison to a fresh set of holes in new wood. The intricate markings on mature apple bark look like old and fading tattoos by comparison. Sapsuckers have co-evolved with trees and are unlikely to do serious permanent damage to a tree that is otherwise stress-free and healthy.

Nowadays I can reliably identify a yellow-bellied sapsucker but it rarely happens that there is a rapt audience such as my dad's five gaping youngsters – ready to turn and look and marvel at a charming name. Happy Father's Day.

Kenny's Recycling Facts

Things you thought you could never recycle:

- windshield wipers, worn out clothes, used vegetable oil, broken mirrors, christmas lights, potted plants, small appliances, cell phones, oil filters, old fertilizer, anything made of metal, really worn out footwear, broken china, aerosol cans even partially full ones.

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Bradford Area Community Center Independence Day Happenings

Parade entries wanted NOW – Make this the best parade ever – in Bradford. Enter your idea in the parade – create a float, band or theme for the Independence Day Parade and win a prize in your category. Call 938-2530 for details.

Beef roast Bar-B-Q and Street Dance – Friday, July 6th. Join the Fun – Make an evening of it – great food and dancing in the street to the tunes of DJ Bud Duclos at the Bradford Area Community Center. Beef Roast starts at 5pm and music begins at 6pm.

Become a blood donor on July 7th. Donate Blood at the Bradford Area Community Center. Bloodmobile event from 9AM to 2pm.

Cow Flop Bingo – Buy a ticket to participate in the fun! Steers arrive at 10 am at the Lake Sunapee Bank

Old Fashioned Children's games across the road at The Brown Shattuck Field start at 1:00 pm.

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Garage sale. Sat. July 14. 8-1. Antiques, washer/dryer, stove, furniture, misc. 36 French's Park Rd.

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