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John D. Pfeifle 1949-2020



John died on January 16, 2020, in the peaceful setting of the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, NH surrounded by family: his wife, Mel, of 50 years, and his three sons; Trask, Bret and Jeb.

John was a dynamic and kind person, passionate about all that life had to offer. In addition to his sons, John had three wonderful daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren that were never far from his thoughts. He adored each of them and took great pride in their successes.

John spent most of his childhood in the outdoors of Maine at Sugarloaf Mountain and later went on to boarding school at Holderness where he was the school president and captained two sports, lacrosse and skiing. From Holderness, he went on to join the class of 1971 at Dartmouth College where he lettered in skiing and was a member of Theta Delta Chi and The Senior Society, Sphinx.

While at Dartmouth, he married Mel Hinman and developed lasting friendships. After graduating from Dartmouth, John moved to Bradford, NH and went to work for Universal Packaging, now known as Graphic Packaging. He was promoted to plant manager of their Bow, NH facility at the young age of 26 and went on to become Vice President of Manufacturing when his longtime boss, Glen Dillon, retired. Upon the later retirement of Jack Hutton, he was named President of what is now Graphic Packaging's folding carton division. John was a mentor to many of the company's current executives. He continued to pursue innovation technology in the folding carton industry.

John was a current selectmen in Bradford, where he resided for the last 50 years, and an active selectmen for the past 17 years where his town meeting attendance was nearly perfect for his entire tenure. As a town leader, he used his business talents and experience to support the town and most importantly to him, all of the town employees.

John was an avid sportsman, as well as a private pilot with a seaplane rating. He loved fly fishing, hunting and skiing almost as much as the people that he shared each of these hobbies alongside. This has become part of his legacy that lives on through his family as they continue to embrace his passions. A memorial reception in honor of John and his legacy was held January 24 at Mount Sunapee.

Tribute to John Pfeifle

From Sonny Harris

John experienced an exceptionally rich life of integrity and participation. His untimely passing is not only a tragic loss to his family and friends, but to the Town of Bradford as well as the ecology of northern New England for which he embraced a deep reverence and strong conservation ethic.

John possessed a rare and beautiful combination of many uncompromising, fine qualities including integrity, wisdom, patience, loyalty, enthusiasm, humility, forgiveness, temperance, sincerity, humor, selflessness, perseverance, compassion, sincerity, imagination, optimism and genuineness.

It was an absolute privilege to have him as a friend and a true honor to have served with him as a Selectman. His untimely passing brings to mind lines from Robert Burns' poem, "Tam O'Shanter":

*"But pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flow'r, its bloom is shed;
Or like the snow falls in the river,
A moment white—then melts forever;
Or like the borealis race,
That flit ere you can point their place;
Or like the rainbow's lovely form
Evanishing amid the storm.
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Q.E.D.





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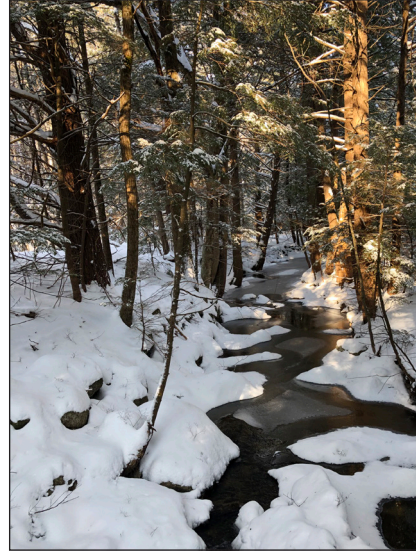
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From the Bridge



From the Holland Bridge over “Silver Brook”
Near Old Bradford Center

This place on “Silver Brook” has everything a person needs to appreciate the immense fortune afforded by Bradford’s natural surroundings. Named in memory of a lovely neighbor, the bridge connects two trail areas. Musicians are known to sit and play on this bridge in harmony with the watery notes as the brook burbles and babbles under the ice. I hope everyone has a similar place to find peace and presence to brighten a February day.

As can be seen on Page 1 and the obituary pages, this edition brings surprising news of the loss of two dear community members. Our deepest sympathy goes to the families and friends of these two bigger-than-life men.

Also in these pages find

- lots of events to chase away cabin fever.
- the hows and whys of listening.
- the real estate outlook for 2020.
- what the founder and first editor of The Bradford Bridge thinks of our present efforts.
- how to recycle paper safely.
- ads from our loyal business supporters. Please shop locally whenever possible.

As always, thank you for reading The Bradford Bridge.

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

and all the volunteers who make possible this publication



Letter to the Editor:

I'm speechless! How amazing is that paper! And what a testimony to community support ... both contributors and advertisers. Congrats to everyone involved!

The Bradford Bridge's Founder and First Editor: Nancy Way Scribner

Congratulations Lt. Ed Shaughnessy!

Lt. Ed Shaughnessy is the 2019 recipient of the Community Member of the Year Award from the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce. Each year the LSRC works to celebrate and recognize the importance of leaders and the good work being done in our community. Thank you Ed for all you do!



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Candidate must be a Bradford resident and registered voter to apply.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, PO Box 607, Bradford, NH 03221 or at TC@BradfordNH.org

Questions about the position should be directed to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office at 938-2288 or the Town Administrator at 938-5900. Detailed job description is available at the Town Offices.

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5 Acres – Business Profile



What is the name of your business?

5 Acres Garden Center & Pet Supply, owner, Jessica Michie.

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When did you start your business?

We purchased the old Kearsarge Fitness Center property on June 27, 2019 and had our grand opening five months later on November 30.

Why did you start your business? My family (Jess) owned Hillside Meadow Agway in Tilton, NH. I managed the family store for 15 years after I gradu-

ated from college. I have also worked at Millican Nursery, and managed the farm stand at Spring Ledge Farm for a few years. I went back to school in 2017 and earned my MBA in Business Administration and started working for a firm in Lebanon shortly after. Even though I was working in my academic field, I never felt fulfilled. That is where 5 Acres came into play. I missed the industry and couldn't wait to get back to playing with the dirt!

What is your favorite part of being a business owner? My favorite part of running the business is the customers! I get the chance to meet new people on a daily basis. And I get to share their hobbies with them whether it be their love for their four-legged family member, or their love of nature’s beauty in the form of flowers. Our customers are the salt of the earth, and I couldn’t be more privileged and honored to be able to work with them.

Who helps run the business? I run the day-to-day operations. I also have a few great staff who come from either the nursery industry or the pet industry. So whenever a customer comes in, they can be assured that they are working with employees who are well-trained and knowledgeable. My husband Matt also comes in and helps when he isn’t working his full-time job and my two kids help run the store on weekends as well.

What is your most popular service/product? Currently, our most popular products are Fromm and Taste of the Wild pet foods. We also sell quite a bit of birdseed and bird feeders!

What are your plans for the future?

This spring, our greenhouse will be open and fully stocked. We will also have bulk bark mulch for sale. We are hoping to start a landscape division in the next few years, where customers can come in and purchase their plants and our staff would come out and plant.

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Thursday, February 13, 2020
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Recycling Paper Safely

Some residents of Bradford have mentioned that they burn mixed paper in their woodstoves or fireplaces to start their fires or to enhance the BTU's of the flame. Knowing that some mixed paper products are made with chemicals and dyes that become dangerous to our health when they are insufficiently burned, I did some research to obtain more definitive answers.

First, all modern wood stoves and furnaces are independently safety-tested and certified based on burning only clean, dry, uncoated wood and just enough plain newspaper to get fires started. Further, none of the safety features, instructions, or clearances provided by manufacturers are valid if the stove or furnace, including those having a catalytic combustor, is used as an incinerator. And, further, the chemical cocktail of vapors resulting from burning non-wood fuel can corrode stove parts, clog up the firebox, and prevent catalytic combustors from functioning properly.

Second, woodstoves and furnaces do not destroy the harmful inks, plastics, dyes, and fluorine that are used for manufacturing, coloring and printing of paper products. In fact, the relatively low heat of woodstoves and fireplaces creates caustic emissions such as:

- Dioxins, highly toxic stable chemicals, and
- PFAS, synthetic chemicals found in many products such as food packaging, household items and stain resistant items.

These airborne chemicals settle in soils, water, and humans creating a host of serious health problems.

The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center ships its mixed paper and cardboard to a paper mill that makes new paper products without creating the dangerous dioxins and PFAS that woodstoves and furnaces emit into the atmosphere. *Just a reminder: beer boxes must be put into the compactor.* Ken and I welcome your mixed paper for proper and safe recycling.

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Real Estate Update

Introducing Marilyn Kidder, The Bradford Bridge's new real estate contributor. Marilyn is Broker Owner of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, The Milestone Team, New London.

Looking Ahead...

What will the housing market do in 2020?

Like any other attempt to forecast the future, there are differing opinions, but not extremely so....

There is confidence fueled by a strong job market and continued low interest rates. If this holds, 2020 will be a solid year for real estate, though price gains will be less. Inventory will continue to remain low, but not as low as in the last few years, which may mean fewer multiple offers in some areas. Finding a home to buy will continue to be the biggest problem for buyers.

But what's that mean if you are planning to sell?

Some who report on the industry have said that January is the new April, so don't wait for "spring". If your property is priced to the market, you will likely have a lot of showings and go under contract quickly. A word of caution, however, you'll want to have your next move planned.

If you're thinking about selling your house, what should you do to get ready?

- First things first, find a great real estate agent, someone you can trust to guide you from listing to closing and smooth away any bumps that come up along the way.
- Consider your curb appeal
- Declutter living areas
- Consider fresh paint in obvious areas
- Have an unbiased third party conduct a smell test
- Clean, clean, clean
- Consider staging.

The NH Realtor Association (www.nhar.org) tracks state-wide and individual county sales year to year. In 2018, the

state saw 17,555 housing units sold. The median price was \$283,000 with an average of 61 days on the market. Comparably, the 2019 statistics show sales of 17,615 units, a median price of \$300,000 and an average of 56 days on the market. Merrimack County was up 16% in the number of sales to 2,000, up 3.8% in median price to \$270,000 and down 14% to 50 days on the market.

Land sales were fairly steady with 8 in 2018 and 7 in 2019. The range was a low of \$10,000 for .61A to a high of 75A for \$110,000.



Recent Real Estate Sales in Bradford (9/20/19 - 12/31/19)

168 Breezy Hill Road – 2 BR and 2BA log cabin on 29A w/ frontage on Lake Massasecum Outlet for \$224,500 (asking \$224,500)

30 Maple View Drive – 3 BR and 2BA split-entry new construction on 1.65A for \$259,500 (\$269,500)

244 Breezy Hill Road – 2 BR and 1 BA cozy cottage w/ views and lake frontage for \$270,000 (\$295,000)

45 French's Park Road – 3 BR and 1.5 BA 1953 cottage on .22A and w/ waterfrontage for \$277,500 (\$314,900)

136 Johnson Hill Road – 3 BR and 2.5 BA split level on 12.23A new flooring and fresh paint for \$310,000 (\$320,000)

49 Maple View Drive – 3 BR 2 BA 2005 Colonial on 1.9A views of hills and Common Land for \$315,000 (\$325,000)

338 East Washington Road – 4 BR and 4 BA custom designed Timber Frame on 156A w/ views of the Mt. Sunapee Foothills \$1,070,750 (\$1,195,000)

The total number of residential sales for 2019 were 32 (37 in 2018). At the present time, there are 5 properties on the market with 3 Under Contract. Because the inventory was low, some communities experienced fewer sales, but in many there were a rise in the median price. Supply and demand at its best.



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Rising Sun



(l-r) Brent Baker, Calla Baker of Sunapee, and Evan Miller of Bradford were recognized as 2019 Twin State Champions for New Hampshire and Vermont. Miller earned a Double Crown Championship for Forms and Fighting. He was also promoted to 3rd degree black belt in 2019.

Winter Walks in February

Bradford Parks and Recreation invites you to join us as we go walking in a winter wonderland. Winter is a beautiful time to explore trails around Bradford and we have some top picks for you. If you've wanted to get out for a walk, but didn't know where to go or wanted a buddy, these walks are for you. The walks are "show and go" and will take place on Tuesday morning starting at 10am, lasting between 1-2 hours. You will need snowshoes or winter boots with micro spikes, and appropriate winter clothing for these walks. Foul weather will cancel.

February Schedule:

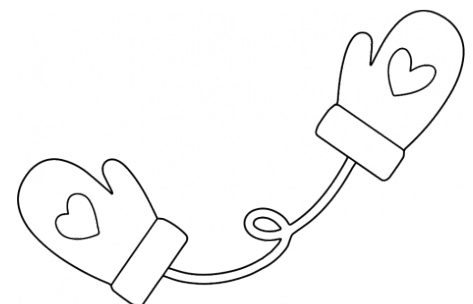
Tuesday, February 4th,
 Naughton Property Trails, behind the Bradford Area Community Center. Wooded Trails. Meet in the BACC parking lot.

Tuesday February 11th,
 Behind the Rosewood. Wooded trail, moderate incline. Meet at the Rosewood Inn parking area, far right of the lot, Pleasant View Road, Bradford.

Tuesday, February 18th,
 Bradford Bog. Meet at the Bradford Bog kiosk on East Washington Road.

Tuesday, February 25,
 Meet at the Bradford Center Meeting House. Wooded trails. Meet at the Bradford Center Meeting House. At the end of the walk we will have sledding and treats by the fire. Bring the kids, a sled and be ready for FUN!

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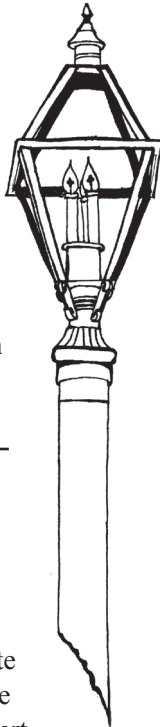
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Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



January felt like a month to regroup and to return to some normality of schedule. I was pleased for my children to return to school and activities, although we had an awful spate of the flu and lice. Neither one fun. I have become a lice expert though, and if anyone has any questions on the subject, I would be happy to help. I've also thought about writing a book called A Louse in the House. I just need to find an illustrator. At the beginning of February, my family will be adding one member to our clan, a puppy, who we've named Toby. We thank long time patron and library enthusiast, Bindy, for giving us one of Beo's pups, and allowing us into her home for lots of visits prior to his arrival. I'm looking forward to my last month of freedom, but I know the new puppy is going to bring joy and laughter to our family. February offers more light and a shorter month to bring us a bit closer to spring.

This month we have several upcoming programs.

Saturday, February 1st, 10am, Technology Talk for the Technophobe

Leslie Grey will be giving a presentation on the what and the how of using technology such as your kindle, Ipad, Iphone/Android, Facebook, Twitter, and online safety including potential scams. Please have your questions and devices ready for her!

Wednesday, February 5th, 6pm, Sketches of Lee. Michael M. Ward will be here to discuss "Sketches of

Lee," a performance of his family's story as a black family in mid-century New Hampshire. In 1957 the Ward family relocated from Brooklyn, New York, to Lee, New Hampshire, to escape gang violence. As a Black family, they became the "Index of Integration" in Lee, a town of 600. Michael and his three siblings integrated the Oyster River School District on the same day as Little Rock, Arkansas. Their family faced a myriad of challenges, some expected, some not. But in doing so, they were able to demonstrate that they were "regular people," and could be relied on as part of the community. At the request of his father before his passing, Michael has written and published their family history in "Sketches of Lee." His book will be available at the library prior to the program.

Saturday, February 15th, 11am, Understanding Bobcats in NH with Dick Wright. This presentation covers a brief history of wildlife in NH, the Sport Fish Restoration Program, bobcat natural history, research, and management in NH.

Wednesday, February 19th, 7pm, Book Group. For Black History Month we are reading two books this month: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates and *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. I'm looking forward to both reads and the discussion to follow.

Thursday, February 20th, 6:30pm, KRES Bradford Children's Art Opening. We are looking forward to hosting, along with the art teacher, Elise Lacourse, our first annual Children's Art

Gallery Night on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm. The art displayed will be by Bradford Elementary students of all ages. The reception is open to the artist's, family, friends, and the general public. Come and enjoy the art opening and light refreshments.

Friday, February 28th, 3pm, Movie & Craft

If you're looking for something to do during February break, we'll have a movie, craft, and a snack available from 3-5pm. Come down, see a few friends, and hang out at the library.

For new movies and books please check out our Facebook page and website.

Trustee Meeting: Wednesday, February 5th at 6pm

Library Closed on Monday, February 17th for President's Day.

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New Exhibit at Brown Memorial Library

The Bradford Art Group's new exhibition, "The Sky on the Water," watercolor paintings by Laurette Carroll, opened Brown Memorial Library's 2020 exhibition schedule.



The exhibition focuses on paintings inspired by the light of the sky on the water, the play of lights and darks, and reflections. Laurette said, "They present themselves to me when I paint directly from nature and stay with me as visions when I work from memory and imagination in my studio."



Laurette Carroll studied at the School of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Her work ranges in genres from representational to impressionistic, tonalist, and abstract. Her paintings have been widely exhibited and is featured in many private collections. She and her artist-naturalist husband David M. Carroll have lived in Warner since 1969.

Exhibitions by area artists have been featured in the library since the library's expansion. A small committee, The Bradford Art Group, facilitates scheduling and installations for the library. For more information, call: 938-5562.



THE MILESTONE TEAM



We thought it would be fun for you to get to know us all a bit better, so each month we'll feature a Team Member.

February Agent Profile



Anne Marie grew up on the NH Seacoast and moved to New London in 2000. She supervised the restoration of an antique home on Burpee Hill, began work as a Licensed Massage Therapist and got to know the area (and its people) by working at Peter Christian's Tavern and the New London Inn. In 2007, she began her career in Real Estate as a licensed Sales Associate and also the construction of a new home in Wilmot with her boyfriend, David. They married in 2013. She also enjoys competitive obedience and agility with her two dogs, skiing and hiking our great region, singing & playing the piano and guitar, and organizes Team TLC each summer to ride her bike in the annual Seacoast MS Escape, raising money for MS research and support. She loves showing people how to "love where you live", and enjoys putting her enthusiasm and attention to detail to work for both buyers and sellers. She hopes you will give her the opportunity to work for you! www.mynhlife.com

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Obituaries



Daniel William O'Leary

Daniel William O'Leary, 72, unexpectedly died at home with his wife, Nancy Kathryn (Lewis) O'Leary present, on December 14, 2019, the day of their 50th wedding anniversary. Known as Dan, he was Danny to childhood friends and family, Mr. O'Leary or Mr. O to students, Coach to the KRHS softball team, and Poppy to cherished granddaughters.

Dan and brothers, Paul, Gerald and John were raised in Somerville, MA, the children of John and Katherine Agnes (Otto) O'Leary, Sr. Dan's education and career were rooted in his Classics education at Boston College High School where he studied Latin, Greek and German. Dan received a BA in German Language and Literature from Boston College in 1968 and a Masters in English Education from Boston State College in 1975.

Dan married Nancy, had two children, was drafted, served in Vietnam and was a salesman for Beatrice Foods. Dan had many objections to the war in Vietnam, not the least of which was that his daughter was five months old when he saw her for the first time.

Having grown up in the city, Dan said he couldn't sleep for a week after moving to rural New Hampshire because it was so quiet and dark. He moved here in 1975 for his first teaching job at an

open concept high school with no walls, Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS). He taught English and Latin for 30 years and critical concepts such as "semper ubi sub ubi" He introduced students to John Irving, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck and Kurt Vonnegut. His caring, empathetic, supportive and involved approach to education is displayed in the hundreds of tributes from former students and colleagues posted since his death. Although humble and unassuming, Dan would have been touched to see how many lives he impacted. His kind and giving nature served as a role model for his students who became teachers, exponentially growing a vast legacy.

During the KRHS years, Dan spent his summers on ladders and scaffolding as part of the unofficially named Flying Zucchini Brothers Painting Company (named for the fact that they had each fallen from the ladder while working) with his friends and colleagues, Albert and Dan, along with many teachers needing to earn extra income painting houses. Dan taught at New Hampshire College (now Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester) during 20+ years as an adjunct professor of English and Education. Dan was currently teaching Latin at Trinity High School in Manchester. He started there in 2008 after realizing that he could not turn off the desire to teach after leaving KRHS. This was to be his final year at Trinity as he was going to make another attempt to retire.

Dan is survived by his wife Nancy, a brother John O'Leary, Jr. and Kathleen, a son, Christopher O'Leary and Bree Johnson of Wilmot, a daughter, Bernadette O'Leary Austin and Chuck Austin of Warner, and an extended family. A celebration of life was held January 18. Contributions may be made to the Daniel W. O'Leary Scholarship Fund, c/o MainStreet Warner, Inc.

Excerpts from "In Memoriam Dan O'Leary"

by Albert Circosta

Dan, Dan and I, "The Three Zucchini," spent hours of laborious, torturous, perilous and laugh-filled days house painting together in the summer. Much of that time listening to endless etymologies and Latin idioms from our most erudite member of the crew. *De mortuis nil nisi bonum*, when speaking of the deceased, say nothing but good. When it comes to Dan [O'Leary] there is "nothing but good" to say. Our friend was a teacher par excellence, excelling in the teaching of literature, grammar and Latin. He had a deep knowledge and understanding of the German language and literature. Students looked up to him, trusted him, emulated him, sought solace from him, and sincerely loved him...

Dan, we miss you, we will never ever forget you, we love you as a brother. We once read that we enter the world and leave the world alone, and it is the friendships we make on earth that are the true measure of a man's success. We can't think of a man who has made more friends and affected in such a positive way so many young minds through his teaching. You are the epitome of a successful man. God bless you always!

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Be Well

“When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new.”
 - Dalai Lama

There is a silence that the winter brings. Have you heard it? The snow insulates the ground and acts as a sound absorber, dampening the sound waves, scientifically creating the calming silence of the season. It’s easy to ignore, but well worth paying mind to. Take a moment and take it in. Then hold onto that intent and listen to a friend with the same care.

We have many conversations throughout our days. We are often thinking of a response before the other person finishes what they are trying to say. We are checking our phones. We are being interrupted. We are uninterested. We are distracted by thoughts, responsibilities, by life! So take yourself off the hook. Being a good listener isn’t just this skill you should have learned from your third-grade teacher. It’s a practice. It takes effort. And sometimes it’s really hard!

But it’s worth it! Effective listening allows us to follow instructions and learn something new. Active listening allows us to demonstrate to someone that we care about them and that nurtures our relationships. Good listening allows us to collect opinions and information which help us formulate our own sets of values. Educational, social and personal benefits!

What are we waiting for!? Find a friend. Tune in. Focus on the person that is

speaking. Look at their body language. Try not to offer a quick fix or to one up them with a better (or worse!) story of your own. Make eye contact. Be patient. Simple, subtle stuff. Here are a few opportunities in town to try out your new skills!

These events were created to help build, support and embrace community. What a lovely thing to be a part of!

Coffee & Chaos

Wednesdays 9am-noon at the BACC

A time for parents and caregivers to sit and chat while the littles play! If so inclined, bring a healthy snack like fruits or veggies to share. And yes, there will be hot coffee! Because these days, nothing’s better than mom-bonding over a hot cuppa. Contact: luvwlcnr@yahoo.com.

Full Moon Women’s Circles

February 8th from 6-7:30pm at Evergreen Healing Arts

For thousands of years women have gathered together in a circle to connect, learn, share stories and hold space. We will be smudging (burning) herbs at the beginning of each circle including sage, palosanto, and mugwort. Please contact us ahead of time with allergies or sensitivities and we will be happy to make arrangements so that you are able to comfortably attend. ALL women are welcome to join. This includes trans and non-binary women. These circles are held monthly, near each full moon (2/8, 3/8, 4/8, 5/7, 6/5, 7/2, 8/2, 9/2, 10/1, 10/1, 11/1, 11/29, 12/30) from 6-7:30pm. Contact: 603eha@gmail.com.

New Moon Girl’s Circle

February 28th from 6-7:30pm at Evergreen Healing Arts


On the New Moon we welcome our daughters to the circle accompanied by mommas, aunties, mentors and grandmas to engage our next generation of strong, spirited, bold and wise women. Fridays near the new moon each month (2/28, 3/20, 4/24, 5/22, 6/19, 7/17, 8/14, 9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11) from 6-7:30pm. Contact: 603eha@gmail.com.

Quilting Group

Tuesdays 10am-noon at BACC

This group meets every Tuesday to visit and quilt! Sometimes participants bring projects from home and sometimes there is a collective project for everyone to work on together! Each year this group makes and raffles off a quilt to raise money to benefit the annual Meals on Wheels holiday celebration. Contact: Harriet Douglass 938-5314.

This column is a place to share well-ness happenings from our community, with our community. Contact Leah at 603leah@gmail.com if you would like to contribute!



Alcoholics Anonymous

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Bradford Community Church
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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Cemetery Maintenance Funds The Board approved a motion that Bradford will no longer collect money for perpetual care but rather collects funds to be deposited in the Cemetery Maintenance Care Expendable Trust Fund.

Town Meeting Will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9am.

Signs The Board approved a motion to move forward with getting estimates for three new “Welcome to Bradford” signs.

Building Permit Fees The board approved 2-0 to increase the building permit project cost fee to \$7 per \$1000, as of January 1, 2020. John Pfeifle abstained from the vote stating that he would like to see comparison rates for other towns and ensure that the \$7 amount will cover the Building Inspectors costs.

Fire Department Funds The Board approved, per RSA 32:7:7, that any unspent appropriation from Bradford’s 2019 Warrant Article 23, which covered the hiring of a part-time Fire Chief and compensation for the Fire Department, shall be encumbered for 2020.

Vacation Time The board approved a motion to update the Personnel Policy, beginning January 1, 2020, to allow one week of vacation time to be transferred over to the new year and eliminate vacation payouts. The board did approve a one-week vacation time payout for the Road Agent as he was unable to present to the Selectmen prior to the policy change as he had been plowing during Select Board meetings.

New Committee The Select Board appointed Kathleen Bigford, Sue Reeder Moss, Sue McKevitt, Michael James, Michael Bauer, Marcia Keller, Richard Olohan and Brad Keller to the newly formed Alternative Energy Committee.

Timber Tax Warrants signed for Map 5 Lot 37, Map 11 Lot 27, Map 9 Lot 47-1, Map 6 Lot 116, Map 7 Lot 70, and Map 10 Lot 10.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Resignation Courtney Schusler resigned from the Budget Committee.

Department Reviews The Committee met with department heads from the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad to review their budgets. Discussion was had around combining the Fire Dept and Rescue Squad budget lines as they operate as one department. Software costs are increasing for the department and there is a need to replace their radios as they are approaching 20 years old and having operational and support issues.

Public Hearing The committee continues to review the budget line items comparing previous years’ spending and making recommendations for 2020. A Public Hearing will be held on January 30, 2020 to review the 2020 Budget, with a continuance date of February 6, 2020 if needed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Project List The committee has prioritized the projects they plan on addressing in the coming months. Three areas of focus are developing a recreational trail map promoting Bradford, expanding on the celebration of the Halloween/Fall season, and promoting financial incentive tools such as the Community Development Tax Incentive Program and developing an Economic Revitalization Zone.

PLANNING BOARD

Hearing Continued The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding Accessory Dwelling Units on January 14, 2020. No members of the public were present and the ADU document needs to be put into zoning board format so the hearing will be continued at the next Planning Board meeting on January 28, 2020.

Master Plan Update The Board reviewed the History and Culture, and Community Facilities chapters of the master plan.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Variance Accepted The Board accepted an application for a variance to Article III, Section D:3 and D:4, regarding established setback criteria in the Bradford, NH Zoning Ordinance to facilitate construction of a two-bedroom, single family, home, in a Rural Residential District, located at Map 22/ Lot 3A. A public hearing will be held at the next ZBA meeting on February 5, 2020.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Taxes The Commission discussed how to facilitate the collection of the Land Use Change Tax.

Bradford Bog Trail guide has been updated.

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Collaboration The Conservation commission is looking into working with other town groups on a coordinated town trail approach.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Building Maintenance The Trustees approved quotes from Kilted Builders for the installation of exterior doors and Sentry Roofing for roof repairs.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Blood Drive Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Bradford Area Community Center on February 8, 2020 from 9am-2pm.

Meeting Schedule The committee voted to meet every other month on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. The next meeting will be March 12, 2020.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Purpose The Committee had their first meeting and agreed that their purpose is to find the best way for The Town of Bradford to save on electricity and thereby reduce the town's carbon footprint.

KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Unanticipated Revenue The School Board held a public hearing regarding unanticipated revenue funds of \$40,193.12 from Title IVA Funds. There was no comment from the public and the funds were approved as presented.

Water Treatment The Board approved the purchase recommendation presented by Second Wind Water to install a mitigation system not to exceed \$30,000, that will bring the KRMS PFOA tests down to, or below, the recommended twelve parts per trillion by NH Department of Environmental Services. Testing determined that the well at the Middle School is the source of PFOA contamination, though the levels are below the national standard for PFOA levels.

Deliberative Session The Annual School District Meeting was held on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Warrant articles for March 10 ballot were reviewed.

Minutes for the KRSD can be found at www.kearsarge.org



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Our nursery and Kingdom Builders (Sunday school) are held just after the beginning of our worship service. The first Sunday each month we hold a Communion Service.

We are delighted to welcome Pastor Joseph Sum who will be joining us part-time as of February 2, 2020.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Wednesday each month from 5:30-6:30 pm. For Emergency needs call 938-5313.



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Community Events Calendar

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case any changes have been made.

Saturday, February 1

10:00 am Technology Talk for the Technophobe with Leslie Grey, BML

Monday, February 3

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 9:45 am Continental Breakfast
 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Tuesday, February 4

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 12:30 pm Book Club Organizational Mtg.
 2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 7:00 pm Fish & Game Club

Wednesday, February 5

9:00 am Mother's Group, LR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 6:00 pm Library Trustees, BML
 6:00 pm Book presentation: "Sketches of Lee" by Michael M. Ward, BML
 7:00 pm ZBA Meeting, YR

Thursday, February 6

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, SR
 12:30 pm Estate Planning session
 6:00 pm Econ. Development
 6:00 pm Cemetery Commission
 6:30 pm Budget Committee, YR

Friday, February 7

8:30 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 11:30 pm 1st. Friday Brunch, 50/50 Raffle
 Noon Music Performance by Harpist, Pamela Stohrer

Monday, February 10

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 6:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, SR
 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR

Tuesday, February 11

MVSC Closed for Election Day
 8:00 am Presidential Primary Election
 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 3:30 pm Driving School, YR
 7:00 pm Planning Board, YR

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 am Mother's Group, LR
 1:00 pm Knitting Group
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

8:30 am Mt. View Senior Fitness

Saturday, February 15

10:00 am Scholarship Committee, LR
 11:00 am, Understanding Bobcats in New Hampshire with Dick Wright

Monday, February 17

MVSC Closed for the Holiday
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Tuesday, February 18

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
 11:00 am LSVNA FREE BP Clinic
 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 7:00 pm Supervisors of the Checklist, YR
 7:00 pm Conservation Commission, BML

Wednesday, February 19

9:00 am Mother's Group, LR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 7:00 pm Book Discussions: "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates & "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah, BML

Thursday, February 20

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 6:30 pm Budget Committee, YR
 6:30 pm 1st Annual KRES Student Art Show & Reception, BML

Friday, February 21

8:30 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 10:00 am Friday at the Movies: "As Good As it Gets"
 12:00 pm Noon 3rd Friday Brunch

Monday, February 24

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR

Tuesday, February 25

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 7:00 pm Planning Board, YR

Wednesday, February 26

9:00 am Mother's Group
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Thursday, February 27

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, SR
 6:30 pm Budget Committee, YR
 7:00 pm Road & Bridge Repair, BACC

Friday, February 28

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 3:00 pm Movie & Craft activities, BML

Ongoing Events

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

Other

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

Calendar Abbreviations

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





★ **AREA EVENTS** ★

BRADFORD EVENTS

Saturday February 1

Technology Talk for the Technophobe, 10am at Brown Memorial Library. Leslie Grey will be giving a presentation on the what and the how of using technology. Contact: Ellen Barselle at 938-5562.

Wednesday February 5

Sketches of Lee, 6pm at Brown Memorial Library Contact: Ellen Barselle at 938-5562.

Saturday February 8

Blood Drive, 9am-2pm, Bradford Area Community Center.

Saturday February 8

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire Winter Conference Celebration, 7-9pm in the Community Room at 11 West Main Street. Contact: Kearsarge Food Hub at 603-938-5323.

Tuesday, February 11

NH Presidential Primary Election, 8am-7pm at the Bradford Area Community Center.

Saturday February 15

Snowshoe for Scholarship, 11am-2pm at Bradford Area Community Center. Rain date, Sunday, February 16, 11am. Family friendly. Contact Mary Keegan-Dayton 603-938-2868.

Saturday February 15

Understanding Bobcats in NH with Dick Wright, 11am at Brown Memorial Library. Brief history of wildlife in NH and bobcat natural history. Contact: Ellen Barselle at 603-938-5562.

Saturday February 15

KRES at Bradford PTO Winter Fun Day, 1pm at KRES at Bradford.

Sunday February 16

Youth Ice Fishing Derby, 7am-1pm at the Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse (89 Gillingham Drive) and Lake Todd. Youth 15 and under, Registration opens at 7am. Contact: Craig Angeli 603-927-4005.

Monday February 17

Rooted: Community Conversations- An Evening with the Sweet Beets, 6pm-8pm at 11 West Main Street. Registration is required for this free event. Contact: Kearsarge Food Hub at 603-938-5323.

Thursday February 20

KRES Bradford Children's Art Opening, 6:30pm at Brown Memorial Library. The first annual children's art gallery night with Bradford elementary students. Contact: Ellen Barselle at 603-938-5562.

Friday February 28

Movie and Craft, 3pm-5pm at Brown Memorial Library. Contact: Ellen Barselle at 603-938-5562.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

Sunday February 2

Muster Field Farm Museum Ice Harvest Day, 9am at Horse Beach, Kezar Lake in North Sutton. Rescheduled from the original January date! 603-927-4276 or musterfieldfarm.com.

Sunday February 2

Meet Author Paul Brogan, 2pm-3pm at The Gallery at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner. The Concord Theatre &

Concord's Love Affair with the Movies. Contact: MainStreet BookEnds at 603-456-2700.

Wednesday February 5

New London Winter Carnival, February 5-9pm at Colby Sawyer College. Full schedule of events at www.nlrec.com. Contact: Scott Blewitt at recreation@nl-nh.com or call 603-526-6401.

Saturday February 8

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire Winter Conference, 7:30am-6:30pm at Kearsarge Regional High School, Sutton, NH. Check out <https://www.nofanh.org/workshops>. Contact: Monica Rico at 603-224-5022 or winterconference@nofanh.org.

Saturday February 15

Igloo Build and the Science of Winter, 10:30am-4:30pm at the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich, VT. Contact: 802-649-2200.

Thursday February 27

The Real Eastern Coyote Talk, 7pm-8pm at the Gallery at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner. Special presentation with conservation biologist Christine Schadler. Contact: MainStreet BookEnds at 603-456-2700.

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Out & About



Snow Hat. Last summer's sunflower festooned with a fresh bonnet.

Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I'd like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. Of course proper credit will be given. The most interesting photographs will be from Bradford and close-by places. An accompanying caption would be nice. One last request is to submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Kathleen Bigford

Snowshoe for Scholarship - February 15th

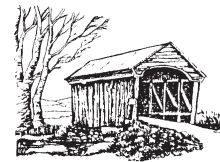


The Bradford Town Scholarship Committee is hosting the 4th annual Snowshoe Fundraiser on Saturday, February 15th starting at 11am. The foul weather date is Sunday, February 16th. This year the snowshoe trek will take place on the Naughton Property trails at the Bradford Area Community Center (BACC). There will also be an outdoor BBQ lunch.

All ages are welcome whether you are a seasoned expert or are strapping on snowshoes for the first time. Bring your family. Bring your own equipment. Reservations are requested, please call Mary at 938-2868 to reserve a spot. The suggested donation is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Partic-

ipants will meet behind the BACC to register at 11am. After the trek, please enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, desserts and hot cocoa.

Originated in 1964, the scholarship fund has provided financial support each year to a Bradford resident who is pursuing post-secondary education. The Scholarship Committee is looking to build the fund principle to generate more income for long term sustainability. Every dollar contributed goes directly to the scholarship fund. If you cannot attend the fundraiser, but wish to donate to the fund, you can do so by sending your contribution to: The Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221.



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