



The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Police Department Selectmen Andrew Pinard informed the public that in accordance with the work of previous Select Boards, they are moving forward with a full-time Police Chief position as of January 1, 2022. The job will be posted internally within the next couple of weeks.

Fire Department Andrew Pinard met with the members of the Fire Department and recommended that before the Fire Department considers any candidate for Chief, they need to create an inventory of qualities they are looking for in a candidate. The interim chief will come in to speak with the Select Board with a timeline and a job description for the search.

340 Fairgrounds The Code Enforcement Officer has had no luck getting onto the property to conduct an investigation regarding it being an unlicensed junkyard. The Select Board members were in agreement to move forward with the process of obtaining an administrative warrant for inspection.

Economic Revitalization Zone Matt Monahan from Central NH Regional Planning gave background on the ERZ in the west and east end of Town. These are State tax incentives to attract businesses to particular locations. The Town applies to the State, then the State promotes this project on their end. Andrew Pinard asked what changes for the property owners would take place. Matt said nothing would change and it just gives the property owner another incentive to have someone purchase

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October 6, 2021

Greetings to the Town of Bradford Board of Selectmen and to the residents of my beloved town.



With this letter, I am submitting my resignation as Moderator. I have held the position for about 32 years and the time has come to pass the gavel to a new person. I hope she or he will start as petrified as I was in 1978 but come to the satisfaction in the role that I have enjoyed.

Being your moderator has been a defining part of my life. I gave what seemed to be endless thought as to how to conduct myself and the Town Meetings. I focused on how I should treat the voters who spoke and how that should reflect how I would want to be treated. In a word, that meant respect for each person who rose to offer a question or opinion, whether or not the offering seemed wise. I believe I honored that goal, perhaps not perfectly as eleven PM approached on town meeting night, but close.

There are many aspects of being the moderator that I will miss. High among them has been the chance to see friends and fellow townspeople at the polls and at the town meeting – people whom I highly value, but whom I might never see otherwise. I will miss the occasions when I have attempted a little humor at the Town Meeting and gotten a laugh or two.

Thanks for that indulgence!

I will treasure the memory of the beginning of my second tour of duty in 2009 after living out of town for a few years. When I started the meeting by saying that I was glad to be back in Bradford and back as your moderator, I was greeted by a standing ovation. It was not easy to regain my composure.

I will miss starting meetings with my usual monologue. I spoke in order to set a tone for the meeting – an implicit message of my respect for the voters and the hope and belief that it would be reciprocated. The other reason was to point out a sampling of the positive aspects of this town before we proceeded to the harsh financial reality. It was a pleasure to cheer the many hopeful trends and wonderful community activities. I don't recall if I mentioned this at a town meeting, but when I returned to Bradford in 2007, I was driving from my then temporary house in Sunapee – it was never home – to spend our first night in Bradford. I had a pervading sense then of having made the right decision; I had returned to live in the town I had known and loved since my infancy and where my ancestors had chosen to live even before Bradford became a town.

When I started as Moderator, it was at the request of my friend Selectman John Pfeifle and I thought it might be that he would be on the receiving end of this letter, so many years later. Alas, that was not to be. Resigning before my term ends will allow the Selectmen to recruit a good candidate and make an interim appointment. Anyone can run for the office next March, but a temporary appointment will be an inducement to put her or his name on the ballot, as it was for me in the mid-1970's.

I thank you all for your courtesy, respect and indeed, affection over the past years and look forward to returning it in kind for many years to come.

Brackett L. Scheffy



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From the Bridge



Photo and haiku by Kathleen Bigford

NOVEMBER HAIKU

moon lights the cold
nights

I cling to it when the sun
has forgotten me

The earth is entering the part of its yearly trip around the sun when shortened days give way to long moonlit nights.

November heralds the beginning of the holiday season and the coming of 2022. Here at the Bradford Bridge we're trying something new this year. It's a holiday gift guide for local people offering gifts and services. With supply chain problems 2021 is the perfect year to give local artists, makers and producers business that helps our community thrive. The guide will appear in the December edition. Find how to become listed in the guide in our ad on Page 20.

This November edition is full!! Curl up in a cozy spot and find:

- A letter to all of us from Brackett Scheffy ending his long tenure as Town Moderator. Thank you Brackett!
- All the news from Bradford Town Boards in Devin's Monthly Briefing.
- The Community Calendar. Thank you Don!
- Leah's KRES at Bradford update.
- Laurie and Sherry's piece on how Bradford began.
- Area Events. Thank you Caitlin!
- Ann's article about the intelligence of fungi.
- Local connections to the first Thanksgiving and more in my article, "Bringing Thanksgiving Home."
- How to enter the Bradford Parks and Rec holiday lighting contest.
- What's happening at Brown Memorial Library from Ellen.
- And MUCH more!

And, as ever, advertising from our loyal, local business supporters. Please show them your appreciation by shopping locally and keeping your dollars close to home.

Our best wishes to one and all for a safe and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And the neighbors who bring you our community news

Bradford Conservation Commission Work Day

The Bradford Conservation Commission is organizing a work day at the Blitzer Easement on Rowe Mountain Road. The date will be Saturday November 27 with a snow (?) date of Sunday November 28 at 9am. Bring gloves and loppers. Come one, come all – if you've never been on these trails, now's your chance! For questions, call George at 938-2637.

COVID News

Merrimack County is currently considered an “EXTREMELY HIGH level of transmission” for the unvaccinated due to the Delta variant. View risk ratings and vaccine levels by county at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

Town vaccination data from WMUR and the New York Times

In Merrimack County, 73% of people over 18 are fully vaccinated, and 98.7% of those over 65 (99.9% at least one dose.). **Bradford: 71.10%** with at least 1 dose; **65.40%** fully vaccinated.

To get a COVID-19 vaccine: *vaccines.nh.gov* or call 211. Vaccinations for Covid-19 are FREE, and available for ages 12 and up, Pfizer boosters available for over 65 or high risk/immune compromised people. NH's **mobile vaccination van** schedule is posted on the DHHS FB page every week

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Why is the 603 Area Code Required to Make Local Calls?

When you hear a recording telling you to include the 603 area code to complete your call, here is why.

On July 16, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an order approving 988 as the 3-digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022. The order requires all telecommunications carriers to make any network changes necessary to ensure that users can dial 988 to reach the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022. For 988 to work in the New Hampshire 603 area code, all covered providers must make 10-digit dialing mandatory for all local calls in the entire New Hampshire 603 area code by October 24, 2021.

Bradford Cemetery Commission

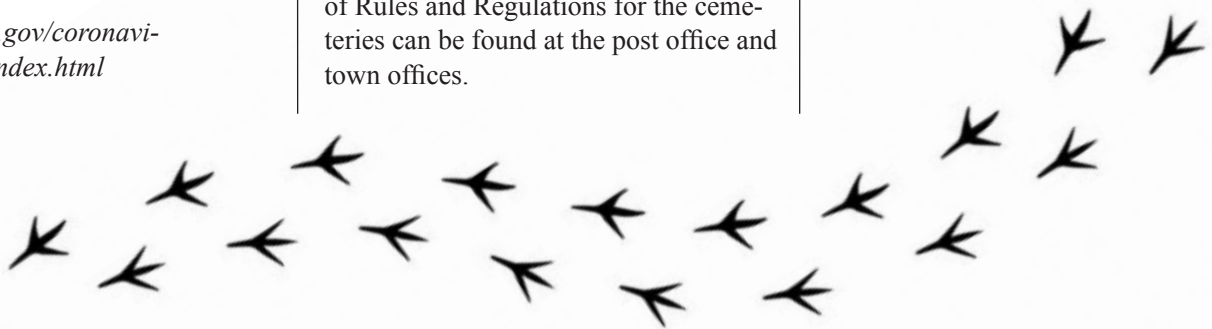
As winter nears we wanted to remind everyone that the cemeteries will close November 15th and reopen on April 15th. Items, plants etc. should be removed before then. Any items left behind after November 15th will be removed and discarded. A complete list of Rules and Regulations for the cemeteries can be found at the post office and town offices.

Welcome Anne Kratz



The Bradford Bridge is pleased to welcome artist and illustrator Ann Kratz. Ann grew up in high desert country, located in the Rocky Mountains. After moving around quite a bit, family life required putting down some roots. The natural wonders of this area, and the warm, down-to-earth community atmosphere drew her family to call Bradford “home”. Anne has worked on and off in art and arts education positions for the past 20 years. She is most grateful for her current circumstances, spending time at home building family. She loves to garden and enjoys good conversation with a cup of tea. Anne has made a beautiful contribution this month as the illustrator of the Bradford Bridge December Gift Guide. Look for it!!

Welcome Anne!!



Land Acknowledgement Statement I acknowledge that I am living in the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Penacook, and Wabanaki Peoples past and present. I honor with gratitude the land and waterways and the people who have stewarded this place throughout the generations.



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5 Reasons to Use a Buyer's Agent

Recently a friend asked me to give them some advice for their son who is trying to buy a home in Utah. It's an extremely competitive market there. My first question was does he have a buyer's agent and if no, why not?! If you are trying to buy a house, it only makes sense to use an experienced professional to guide you through the process. Here are only a few of the reasons why buyers should use a buyers' agent.

- 1. A buyer's agent works in your best interest. The listing agent works on behalf of the sellers and not for you.**
- 2. An experienced buyer's agent will advise on how to structure a competitive offer to help better position you as the winning bid in a multiple offer situation.**
- 3. Buyers will need inspectors, lenders, closing companies, etc. Good agents will provide a recommended list of top performing providers.**
- 4. You get local knowledge and insight into the market area.**
- 5. A buyer's agent will help overcome setbacks and provide advice on how to proceed and negotiate.**

When you hire a buyer's agent, you're hiring a professional to look out for your best interests during one of the largest purchases you'll ever make. Contact me to put my 27 years of experience to work for you.

Happy Thanksgiving! There is always something to be thankful for!
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Bringing Thanksgiving Home

I have been a little obsessed with finding stories that fill in the gaps of what happened over 400 years ago when explorers, settlers and Native Americans met in what is now New England. What has been missing is the Native American perspective of the massive changes to our local area, known as Nd’akinna.

As November approaches I wanted to find out more about local connections to what has become the Thanksgiving holiday, so I reached out to Sherry Gould, a member of the Coosuk Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe, to see if the Abenaki tribe played a role in the first Thanksgiving. And they were there!

Sherry pointed me to a narrative about Samoset, an Abenaki leader, who left his homeland years before the pilgrims arrived and traveled to England where he learned English. Returning home he found deserted Indian villages due to illnesses English slave traders had left behind. Some time later Samoset found people from England living in a deserted village which they named Plimouth Plantation. After careful observation he decided to approach them, walked into the village, and said, “Welcome.”

Squanto, a Wampanoag, most often credited with first contact, and who had learned English in England, joined Samoset in the welcome. The pilgrims were very surprised to meet Indians who spoke English.

In my quest to find political and cultural details of this time I found ample resources that dispel myths about Thanksgiving. For example:

- When the Mayflower arrived in 1620 there had already been a century of contact with Europeans involving disease and slave trading of natives.
- The “friendly” alliance portrayed in the story of the first Thanksgiving was actually an attempt by native people at the gathering, whose numbers had been greatly reduced by epidemic disease, to form an alliance with the English to fend off their tribal enemies.

In the centuries since that tumultuous time Abenaki people have survived and continue to thrive despite disease, war, and misrepresentation in history. Bringing this to the local level, Sherry shared, “a unique Abenaki perspective in Bradford [on] page 173 of the Bradford Town History [Two Hundred Years Plus] where my mom’s poem, “Thanksgiving Day,” is printed. She was in 6th

grade in Bradford Central school, it would have been ’45 in the fall of her 6th grade I believe...

Thanksgiving Day

*Thanksgiving Day is coming soon,
And all the folks will come at noon;
The turkey we will eat
Piled upon the plate so neat.*

*When Thanksgiving Day is here
And all the folks from far are near;
I will be so very glad
But the turkey will be sad.*

*On that very thankful day
I will be so very gay.
When the Pilgrims neared Plymouth
Rock
There was lots and lots of talk.*

*Everybody was giving thanks,
When the Pilgrims reached the banks.
They gathered to have their feast
With Indians who came from West and East.*


Isabel Ingalls, Grade 6

Reading her poem I see her care for the life of the Turkey, and also her vision of the settler’s delight at arriving in the new land, certainly what she was taught in school, but also she envisioned a large crowd of Indians gathering from “east and west” to join in the feast. Her vision was much bigger than what we were taught about in school. It seems to me she saw the scene differently because she knew who she was.”

Thank you Sherry Gould for bringing home Thanksgiving by giving context to this poem and shedding light on the part Abenaki ancestors played in the historic feast. If, like me, you are interested in finding out what else was left out of the history we were taught, I suggest starting with “Rethinking Thanksgiving Celebrations: Native Perspectives on Thanksgiving” at the National Museum of the American Indian website, <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/informational/rethinking-thanksgiving>.

Kathleen Bigford





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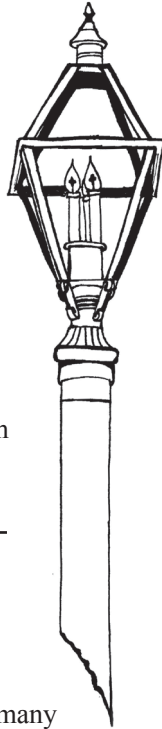
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Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



From the Director's Desk:

I am grateful this month for having a partner to share the experience of day to day life with. Brett has been gone for many days this month, doing a hobby that I loathe, hunting. I do not understand the sport, or the desire to shoot animals, but it's something he enjoys. But, I do understand the need for independence, getting away with friends, and spending time in nature. Brett and I don't need to share every experience, and I'm grateful for our different perspectives. Parenting alone, even with school age children, has its challenges. The morning hustle, getting kids to school, which only lasts about an hour and a half, leaves me exhausted. Needless to say, I am happy to see him upon his return, even with boar meat in tow. I'm looking forward to this month as I get to spend time in my home state, Colorado, visiting my parents, brother, and friends. I'm also headed to NYC to see a few shows, listen to music, and to enjoy the holiday spirit.

What's happening at the library?

Storytime: We are still considering the best way to have storytime. Please call or email for an update.

Book Group: Wednesday, December 8th at 7pm (temporary change of date for book group) / *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams.

Book Group this month fell on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, so I thought it best to move it to December. *Dictionary of Lost Words* is a debut novel set during the women's suffrage movement. The story reveals a "lost narrative, hidden between the lines of a history written by men. Inspired by actual events, author Pip Williams has delved into the archives of the Oxford English Dictionary to tell this highly original story." After reading Hemingway and Bellow, I'm looking forward to reading a more contemporary novel!

New Online catalog: Please check out our catalog which you can find on our website: www.brownmemoriallibrary.org. Please call if you have any questions regarding how to use the catalog.

November 24th we will be closing early, at 3pm.

November 25th and 26th we will be closed for Thanksgiving.

December 11th from 4:30-6pm. Visit with Santa / Hot cocoa, cookies, & carols.

*Ellen Barselle,
Library Director*



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Bradford Office Hours with State Representatives

State Representatives Tony Caplan and Rod Pimentel announce that they will start having monthly office hours alternating between the Henniker Town Hall and the Bradford Area Community Center. Since the start of the Covid epidemic there have been few opportunities for outreach to the citizens of Bradford and Henniker other than emails and Facebook. Tony and Rod hope that this new arrangement will give more opportunities to bring your questions and concerns directly to them in a face-to-face setting.

The first scheduled office hour will be at the Henniker Town Hall on Tuesday October 19th from 5:30-6:30pm. The next one will be at the Bradford Area Community Center from 5:30-6:30pm on November 16th. Thereafter office hours will rotate back and forth on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, same time, same place. Citizens can come in during the designated times for a private conversation with Tony and Rod, or schedule a meeting at a mutually agreed upon time and place.

Tony is a Yale University graduate and former wire service journalist with experience working overseas and a 20 plus year veteran of New Hampshire public schools. He is serving his first term as a State Legislator. He serves on the Environment and Agriculture Committee and is interested in issues affecting sustainable agriculture, solid waste planning, education, and housing.

Rod is an ex-Marine, graduate of UNH, former businessman, three term selectman and is currently in his second term as a State Legislator. He currently serves on the Science Technology and Energy Committee. Some areas of particular concern for Rod are the climate crisis, property tax relief, public education funding and affordable housing.

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I will believe in tomorrow by supporting local food, farms, and community TODAY!

We're challenging ourselves (and you!) to a 50-mile holiday, with food, gifts, and giving all within a 50-mile radius of Bradford, NH.

We're kicking off the Season of Gratitude and Giving with a live virtual event, *Love Local: Meet your Farmers and Makers* on November 2nd, 6:00-8pm. This event is by donation and all are welcome!

During the event, we will:

- Go behind the scenes with the farmers and makers who supply Sweet Beet Market and other partners from throughout the greater Kearsarge community. We'll explore how things are grown and made, and dig into the challenges and success that arise in the process.
- You'll be the first to have the opportunity to bid on a variety of high-quality items from these wonderful farmers and makers, and one-of-a-kind experiences in our 50-Mile Love Local Online Auction. It kicks off Nov. 2nd at this event and concludes on Dec. 3rd, in plenty of time for gift giving season! You will also have the opportunity to buy items outright at this special kickoff event.
- Revisit our Love Local pledge and follow up with community members to hear stories about how they're living into our core principles: Showing up,

Slowing Down, Finding Common Ground, and Embracing Humanity. We pledge to believe in tomorrow by supporting local food, farms, and community TODAY!

Our efforts will culminate on *Giving Tuesday, A Global Day of Giving* when people all around the world stand up for what they care about and give back to causes, organizations, and people that create the impact that will lead us into a brighter future. Let's show up and be the change!

During the season of Gratitude and Giving, our goals are to:

- Highlight the farmers, makers, artists, and community members that make this community so vibrant and connected;
- Raise \$30,000 to reinvest into our mission: to reinvigorate our community within a restorative local food system;
- Encourage eating, giving, and gratitude within a 50-mile radius and give you the tools to make it happen, including a very special 2021 Love Local auction.

All gifts made in the Season of Gratitude and Giving will be **MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR** by a generous donor! Your gift truly will go the extra mile and make all the difference.



Indigenous Peoples' Day Gathering



Over 100 people gathered at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day. A panel discussion aimed at supporting local Native voices was followed by drumming and dancing. Here, Chief Don Stevens of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuck-Abenaki Nation explains how people can show more sensitivity toward Native American issues.



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'New Hampshire Now' Photography Exhibition

Colby-Sawyer College is one of eight institutions across New Hampshire hosting a concurrent photography exhibition called, "New Hampshire Now: A Photographic Diary of Life in the Granite State."

The exhibition, presented by the NH Historical Society and the NH Society of Photographic Artists, showcase the work of almost 50 photographers who traveled the state between 2018 and 2020. Photographs for this region are displayed at Colby-Sawyer's Davidow '56 Fine Art Gallery through December 15. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10am to 5pm.

As a whole, the exhibition features more than 5,000 photographs that capture New Hampshire's people, places and culture through an unprecedented time span. Images showcase the first-in-the-nation presidential primary, a summer of social unrest following the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and the pain and resilience of a state as it battled a global pandemic.

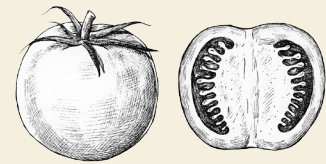
The exhibition is the brainchild of renowned photographer, filmmaker and educator Gary Samson, who served as the project's director. A former chair of

the photography department at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, Samson began work on "New Hampshire Now" in January 2018 after being inspired by the Great Depression's Farm Security Administration documentation project of the 1930s.

"Our goal was to capture, share and preserve for future generations a record of our lives here in New Hampshire," said Samson, who served as the New Hampshire Artist Laureate from 2017 to 2020. "The project includes almost 50 photographers who, for 30 months, photographed the state. They photographed the things that were of particular interest to them, which, I think, makes this project unique in the sense that you had photographers saying, 'This is important. I'm going to photograph this.'"

A book titled, *New Hampshire Now*, featuring 256 photographs is available in the gallery. Colby-Sawyer will host a panel discussion including Gary Samson on Monday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m., titled, "New Hampshire Now (and Then): More than Just a Pretty Picture." The event is free and open to the masked and vaccinated public. To learn more about "New Hampshire Now," visit newhampshirenow.org, or colby-sawyer.edu/gallery.

Audrey V. Sylvester



Minestrone Soup

from Leah'a Kitchen

5 C veggie broth

4 C tomato sauce

Together in a pot

3 stalks celery

½ onion

½ fennel bulb

Diced, sautéed in olive oil

Add to pot

Simmer, 15 mins

1 C zucchini

1 C yellow squash

1 C red pepper

1 C carrots

Diced, raw

Add to pot

Fast simmer, 5 mins

3 more stalks celery

½ bulb more fennel

Handful green beans

Diced, raw

Add to pot

Fast simmer, 5 mins

1 C small white beans,
cooked

½ C parsley, chopped

Add to pot

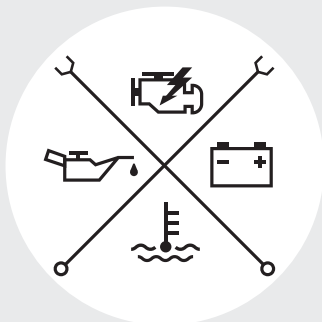
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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

(Continued from page 1)

their property or use their property for a business. Board members reviewed maps of these zones and asked for more properties to be added to the map.

Electric Rates Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, said that the Town is currently locked in through November and the renewal rates are starting to creep up and she would like to see what other options might be. The Board approved a motion to give Karen the authority to poll the Board via email for rate approval and then to lock the Town into a rate.

Masonic Hall A Bradford fire fighter who also is a licensed inspector went through the Masonic Hall with Sal Magistro and gave Karen a list of what would need to be done before the building is used. The recommendation is for first floor use of the building only. Andrew thinks it would be beneficial to know what else would need to be done if the Town decides to eventually use the second floor. Karen will ask them to add this to the report. Karen also said there is water getting in through the roof and causing rot. Karen will have the Code Enforcement Officer take a look at it and she will get some estimates to repair it.

Intent to Cut Signed for Map 3 Lot 73, and Map 13 Lots 19 & 22.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Warrant Approval Committee member Jen Richardson said they changed the requirements for warrant approval at Town Meeting. It is now 3/5 rather than 2/3 majority for warrants to be approved.

Budget Objectives Update Karen Hambleton reported they were not awarded the Congressional Discretionary Funding for either the Town Hall or the Main Street improvement projects. Karen said there were no small towns given the congressional discretionary monies, and she is frustrated that as a small community, it is difficult to compete against larger towns/cities for the funding. Beth Downs asked if we should ask for less money, and Karen does not think that would have made a difference. Marlene Freyler has talked to the Fire Department about the fire truck. She said they have the specs and know what they want, and the money is there.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tourism The Committee discussed how to promote tourism in the area. Several people noted that we need more parking in town and using a part of the Naughton property was suggested. The second floor of the Town Hall contains a full theatre facility; if this could be finished, we could possibly attract theatre groups and other performers or speakers. The town's historic connection to Vaudeville might be promoted.

PLANNING BOARD

Lot Line The Board approved a motion approving a lot line adjustment for Michael Malecha for property located at Map 2 Lot 4 and Map 2 Lot 4-1.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Town Hall Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, presented some research on current bond prices and the possibility of taking out a bond for the amount to complete the Town Hall restoration.

Value of the CIP The Committee discussed the best way to educate town residents about the CIP and its value. The Planning Board public hearing to adopt the CIP will be advertised in the Bridge and on the town website and streamed for the public to see. That meeting and public hearing will be on Nov 9th.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Budget To be competitive in hiring a secretary, the payroll line item was increased from \$925 to \$1200, the payroll tax line will be adjusted accordingly. Remaining budget line items will remain the same.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Panorama An abundance of appreciation was expressed to Laurie Farrell for her creation of the hand carved three panel panorama of the view from the Bradford Bog platform tower. This work of art has been installed by George Beaton and is a marvelous aid to identifying the surrounding hills of the Bog. See page 20.

Conservation The Abenaki Trails Project at the Bradford Springs site has been scaled back to the proposal of a boardwalk to the wellhead. DES approval and a Memorandum of Understanding will be required. A subcommittee will be formed.



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Trail Work The annual Bradford Conservation Commission workday/ fun-fest will focus on the Blitzer Trail and is scheduled for Saturday 11/27 (rain date 11/28).

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Energy Saving Recommendations

Contractors representing two different companies, approved by NH Saves, have toured the BACC, The Highway Department, and the Fire Station. We are waiting now for their proposal bids for the weatherization work.

Solar Energy Proposal The Revision Energy Solar Energy Proposal for the Transfer Station has been sent to the Planning and Zoning boards. We are asking that they indicate the approvals needed /questions to be answered before a formal presentation of the proposal is made to the Selectboard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Bradford Celebration Day The Board approved a motion to schedule Bradford Celebration Day on September 24, 2022 in lieu of an Independence Day event.

Holiday Lights Contest Parks and Rec will host a Holiday Decorating contest. Open to residents and businesses. Prize money has been donated to Parks and Rec for this event.

Budget The committee discussed the 2022 budget and plans for next year which include repairs and improvements to French’s Park and Brown Shattuck. A line item for PT wages was added for \$4,000 to fund an attendant at French’s Park. The supplies line item was increased to \$2,000. All other line items remained flat.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

ESSER III Funds The Board approved a motion to accept and expend the unanticipated revenue Federal Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act for \$1,519,329.10. It was noted KRSD received over 300 responses from the survey as how to spend the funds.

Remote Instruction The NH State Board is contemplating eliminating the option for schools to go to remote learning that are not weather-related events (ED 306.22 Distance Education). This would take local control from the School Board and Administration and limit the District from other problems/issues that may arise that are not weather related. The Board approved a motion to direct the Superintendent to register an initial proposal against the proposed change to ED306.22 as discussed and permission for the Superintendent to speak against proposed changes.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at the town website. bradfordnh.org

Grilling for Scholarship Competition Results



Caitlin and Joel Banaszak, pictured here, won first prize in the Grilling for Scholarship competition held during Bradford Celebration Day, September 25. Six grilling teams competed for the coveted Golden Spatula Award. The challenge was to prepare on a grill an entree in 45 minutes from ingredients that were unwrapped at the competition. Each team received a package containing London broil steak, asparagus, apples, corn on the cob, cream filled vanilla wafer cookies, and an organic fruit and vegetable drink. The entrees were judged on taste, presentation, and Yankee ingenuity. All of the plates were auctioned with all the proceeds going to the Bradford Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all of the grillers, judges, and eaters for supporting scholarship in Bradford!

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Bradford School Community News

There's no denying that the parents and teachers of our Bradford school community work hard to keep the machine running! Whether it's packing lunches, teaching lessons, or tying shoes – we are all playing an important part. Even beyond the hours of each school day, we are building connections and making memories together. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) offers so many opportunities for all of us to come together – just for fun! In the last month my family has come out for the Outdoor Movie Night and for the Haunted Happenings Halloween event. Both of these events added super special elements to this spectacular fall season we've had!

The Outdoor Movie Night was an especially cozy evening for us. The students got to voice their vote on which movie was shown and *Raya and the Last Dragon* was the top pick. One of our favorites! We pulled on our winter hats, found friends, and rolled out our sleeping bags in the back field as the sun set on this darling community scene. Volunteers were popping popcorn and handing out glowsticks. Kids were playing and settling into their viewing spots. Your choice of what to watch – the movie on the big screen, the stars in the sky, the glowstick show put on by the kids, or for me – my daughter snuggled in her Dad's arms, asleep before the credits began to roll.



Next up, Haunted Happenings – no one was going to drift off to sleep with the Grim Reaper lurking alongside your car! We found just the right mix of creepy and cool here. We drove through a haunted village inhabited by werewolves, witches, zombies and spooks with our lights on low and our spirits high! Sonic the Hedgehog and the rainbow kitty in my backseat kept rolling up their windows and squealing (in delight) at the display. But you can bet, when candy was offered, the windows went back down again and we got the loot!

We couldn't be more grateful! Are you psyched to be a part of the Kearsarge community too? If you've got a story to share about the gem that is Bradford Elementary we'd love to hear it. Because good news inspires good feelings! Help us celebrate our Kearsarge community and send your stories to Leah at 603Leah@gmail.com.

Leah Cummings



Holiday Lights Contest

All residents and businesses are encouraged to participate in The Town of Bradford's first annual Holiday Lights Contest! Hosted by Bradford Parks and Recreation, Bradford residents and businesses are encouraged to show off their holiday light displays and give our community another way to celebrate the holiday season.

Registration is open now and ends on December 8th, 2021 at 5pm. A registration form is currently available on The Bradford Parks and Recreation Facebook page and at bradfordnh.org. The holiday lights displays will be judged on December 9th and 10th and the winners will be announced on December 11th, at the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Brown Memorial Library from 4-6pm. All participating lights displays will be included in the public Bradford Holiday Lights Map and prizes will be awarded for the best displays. Contact Devin Pendleton, devinpendleton505@gmail.com, for more information.



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by Brittany Wood Nickerson

Makes one regular bread loaf pan

1 cup wheat flour (or Bob's 1 to 1 Gluten-free baking mix)

½ cup whole wheat flour (or ¼ cup cornmeal and ¼ cup millet flour)

½ cup white sugar

1 tsp baking powder

2/3 tsp salt

2 eggs

2/3 cup olive oil

½ cup milk or dairy-free milk

3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh rosemary

Combine all dry ingredients.

Combine all wet ingredients – whisking eggs first.

Fold wet into dry and mix gently until combined.

Pour into a greased loaf/bread pan – metal is best for browning the crust. This cake has a lovely browned crust on all sides.

Bake at 350 for 70- 80 minutes or even a bit longer. I usually do 85 minutes.

After cooling thoroughly, wrap and keep in frig. Keeps 4 days if you have not inhaled it when it is first baked! Good plain or with fruit and ice cream.

Medicinal properties of Rosemary: in short, it is a powerful herb that has positive effects on the nervous system, digestive system, and cardiovascular system. It boosts the mood and spirit, strengthens brain function and memory, and is high in antioxidants.



Bradford Beginnings

Bradford's history dates back through 13,000 years of Abenaki habitation. Settlements were around the lake where a trapper named Eastman became friends with Massasecum. A group of Abenaki were at the Medicine Water by the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp (later Bradford Bog) in 1770. The following year on a wintery day in 1771 William Presbury brought his wife Dorcas and their infant son on snow shoes along the Indian trail from the Contoocook River to the Warner River, (later Liberty Hill Road which becomes Rowe Mountain Road at the Bradford line). They were the first permanent colonial settlers. (Isaac Davis was working towards settlement rights on the shores of Lake Massasecum and became a permanent settler later.)

On their trek to Bradford, William and Dorcas passed a nearby rock formation known as the Indian Tie-up. Recent research by the Abenaki Trails project points to the use of Indian Tie-up along this route as a place to rendezvous when taking colonial captives from the southern settlements to Canada for ransom. Some captives were adopted by Abenaki into the tribe to replace members lost to war and disease.

King James I of England granted the land we call New Hampshire to James Mason in 1629. Mason named it after his home county of Hampshire, England. Settlers moved here in 1774 from Bradford, Massachusetts, likewise bringing the comfort of a familiar name to town. Hence, Bradford, New Hampshire.

Imagine the world of these intrepid settlers 250 years ago. In addition to rigorous survival challenges, there were harsh guidelines to follow in order to be granted ownership from the Masonian Proprietors. Trees had to be cut to build a shelter to be inhabited for at least one year. Specified amounts of acreage had to be cleared for tillage within the first three years. Since the nearest mill was a day's walk away in Henniker, building a mill along a waterway was of top priority. Even registering for a grant entailed at least a day's journey on foot and any supplies that could not be produced on site had to be carried home. Medical help was only available by pre-arranged gunshot signals with the nearest neighbor in Warner. Life was tough!

And yet, folks continued to risk the challenge. Ten men from Bradford fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. And following the Revolution, more families ventured here. By 1787 when Bradford was incorporated, there were 130 inhabitants who were not only surviving, but seeking to establish a community.

By 1800, Bradford Center boasted a livestock pound, a meetinghouse, a school, and a burying ground, with a general store, a tannery, a post office, and the Punch Bowl Tavern soon to follow. The present Meetinghouse was built and dedicated in 1838 by 300 residents who sang and worshipped all day long, wrapped in woolens on another chilly winter day, no doubt grateful for their relative comforts.

Why not visit the grounds at the Center and give a nod to the hardy settlers who founded our town. Consider making a donation to the Friends of Bradford Center Meetinghouse so we can continue stewardship of their gutsy endeavors. We are halfway to our goal of raising \$1000 by Thanksgiving. Donations may be sent to FBCM, 433 Center Road, Bradford, NH 03321.

Laurie Buchar and Sherry Gould

Obituaries

Richard Sweet

Richard Charles Sweet, 62, of Andover, NH, passed away suddenly last week at home. Rick was born on March 21,



1959, in North Tarrytown, NY, to Richard Clark Sweet and Laurel (Cassell) Sweet.

Growing up, Rick enjoyed sports, playing football at Sleepy Hollow High School as a Headless Horseman. He was most at ease outdoors, enjoyed camping, hiking, and as a child dreamed of being a forest ranger. He received a Bachelor's degree in Grounds Maintenance from Alfred State University in NY.

Rick had an amazing voice. For many years he sang in church and areas choirs. Rick's true passion was carpentry. He loved working with his hands. His incredible attention to detail was evident in everything he built, earning a reputation as master craftsman. He owned and operated his business, Sweet Shelters, providing repairs and remodeling of area homes. He had a successful career at Hypertherm as a CNC machinist until his passing.

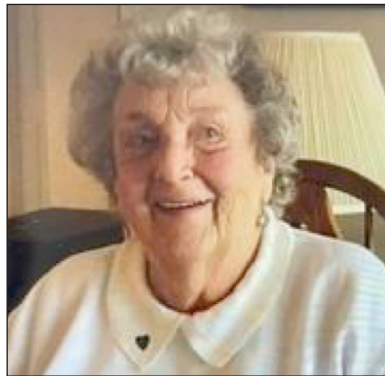
With all of his accomplishments, nothing meant more to Rick and gave him more joy than his daughter Abigail. She was his pride and joy from the moment she was born.

Rick is survived by his daughter Abigail Morris Sweet and her mother Jennifer of New London; sisters, Pattie (Sweet) Perry of Roanoke, VA, and Laurie

Sweet Brown of Bradford; nieces, Sara and Stephanie Perry; nephews, Tate and Noah Sweetbrown; cousins, Doug Sweet of Sutton, Jeff Sweet of Wilmot; his first wife and lifelong family friend, Roberta Daw of Sunapee. A memorial service was held. A private burial will occur later.

Edith M. (Logan) Whalley

The family of Edith Whalley announces her passing on October 16, 2021, at the age of 88.



Edith was born December 10, 1932, in Belmont, M.A. She spent summers enjoying Lake Massasecum in Bradford. She and her family moved to Bow in 1968, where her five children were raised, all of whom enjoyed skiing and snowmobiling. Edith spent her late years wintering in Stuart, Florida, where she enjoyed many friends and great memories. Edith was member of St. Theresa's Church, Henniker, and a member of the Red Hat Group of Bradford.

Edith is survived by her children Steven R. Whalley (Shirley Clark), Linda W Niven (Curt), David Whalley (Laura), and James Whalley (Jennifer), daughter-in-law Purr Whalley, 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and sister-in-law, Diane Whalley, nieces and nephew. Edith is predeceased by a son, Michael Whalley. A private graveside service will be held. For more information, log on to: www.holtwoodburyfh.com.



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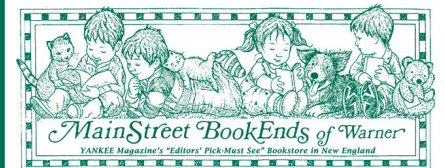
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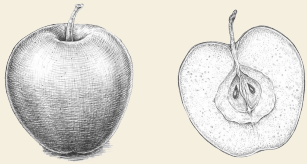
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Heat the oil over low/medium heat. Once warm add your spices to open up the flavor and rasa of them. Quickly add the apples and stir. Then cover the apples with water and cook to your desired tenderness. **DON'T LET THE SPICES BURN!** Drain if necessary; and enjoy!

Bradford Historical Society Annual Meeting and Blacksmith Forge Upgrade

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Bradford Historical Society was held in the newly refinished Old Post Office in October. Thanks to many volunteers who made this possible, from painting, cleaning and sorting. Members and guests present were able to view the newly restored and framed Presbury Sampler.

BHS is closed for the winter, although we will be working behind the scenes. Please email us at bradfordhistorical-society@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Blacksmith Forge Upgrade



While working to get our Forge up and running this summer, it came to our attention that the chimney needed to be upgraded. On further inspection it was deemed the chimney is not to code and



needs to be rebuilt so we can use it safely for both volunteers using the forge and visitors watching demonstrations.

With this in mind BHS is having a year-end fundraiser to enable us to take care of the Chimney in the Spring. Every dollar we raise will be matched by a generous donor. If you would like to contribute, please visit our website for more information or mail check to BHS PO Box 551, Bradford NH 03221. Thank you.

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Prompted by these statistics the UNH-Cooperative Extension received a 2-year grant to assist three rural communities to build a local diverse inter-generational connection to boost our mental capacity to “bounce back” from the challenges created by the pandemic. The Kearsarge area was selected, and we have started to develop a structure to work together in collaboration to increase our resources, to decrease duplication. By bringing local health

agencies, nonprofits organizations, businesses, local services like libraries, schools, parent-teacher organizations, churches, civic groups to promote health, wellness, and a common sense of belonging, connectedness, and working together is our goal.

To get involved join us for our ongoing monthly Zoom meetings

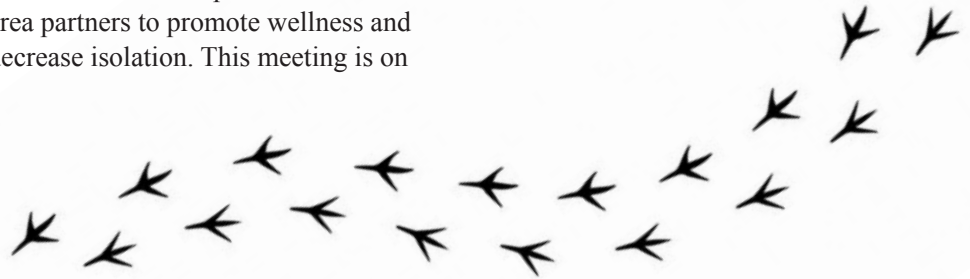
Kearsarge Community Network (KCN) offers a sharing meeting that highlights organizations programs and services for purpose collaborating to meet our communities needs for health and prosperity. Our meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am.

Our KCH Community Gathering committee wants to plan events with area partners to promote wellness and decrease isolation. This meeting is on

the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Our KCN Workforce Development committee wants to cultivate healthy connections that promote life and work skills among our youth and young adults. In addition, the UNH Cooperative Extension will be providing free ongoing educational training in relation to building resiliency and wellness skills for individuals/families and youth. And, offering professional training to promote healthy communities.

For more information please contact the local coordinator Carol at confortiads@gmail.com or call 938-2562.



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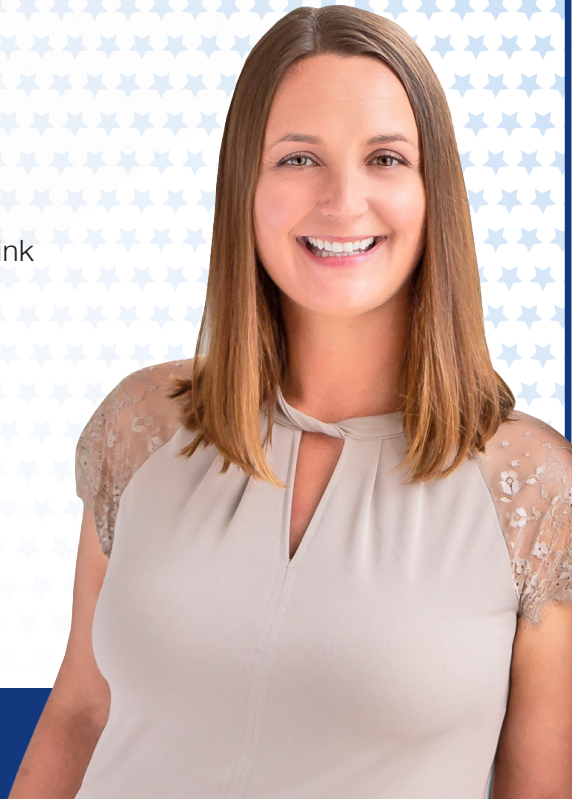
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Fungi

After several years of drought, it began to rain and rain and rain. Depressing for us, it was a Mardi gras festival in the woods and fields for the small percentage of fungi that use mushrooms as a way of reproducing. The forests especially were decorated with their outlandish costumes – alarming in color, form, size, and sheer numbers.

They were below our feet all along. Add water and this sometimes-microscopic majority becomes visible. ‘Majority’ because at one and a half to five million species, they far outnumber the plant and animal kingdom and in fact, were it not for fungi, plants and animals as we know them wouldn’t be possible at all.

Originating with all other life in the ocean two billion years ago, give or take, fungi were prepped in the water for life on the rocks. Unlike the algal seaweeds and others that make their living by photosynthesis, fungi inhabit or engulf nutrients in a changing balance of intricate negotiations with those that have spare sugars and lipids the fungi need in return for minerals and chemicals that fungi can trade.

And then, the prevailing theory goes, washed up on the rocks of an early and inhospitable terrain, fungi and their partners invented terrestrial lichens – part fungus and part algal or bacterial photosynthesizers. The enzyme-magician fungi held fast to the shoreline and mined the rocks for minerals, turning them into something resembling soil

long before there were plant roots to enjoy it. In fact, the first roots of plants may have been fungi. The poisonous atmosphere changed as a result of the lichen activity with oxygen added and carbon taken away.

Another theory gaining ground is that, though fungi today are masters of decomposition, before there were so-called ‘white fungus’ that can decompose lignin and cellulose, ancient trees fell and lay intact creating coal deposits. The burning of coal releases carbon all at once. Decomposing timber is also contributing in larger proportions than decades ago to the current shift in the atmosphere.

Fungi themselves begin as single elongated cells (hyphae) – usually much thinner than a hair. As it grows, there is branching and rebranching and reconnecting (mycelium) that feels and insinuates its way underground connecting one plant with another in an intricate chemical and electrical throbbing dance that allows plants to share resources and even warn each other of threats. Thousand of miles of tiny connections beneath us – envision wool batting – weaving between soil particles and holding it all together.

This is the pattern in all ecosystems excepting the agriculture land where most of our food is grown and on industrial tree farms. These ‘habitats’ are much less robust and require more inputs of fertilizers and chemicals in large part because there isn’t a sharing community of plants and fungi and other soil organisms – they can’t talk to their neighbors.

It’s raining again and what about this particular mushroom here and now in the pines? Its underground mycelium may cover many square yards and interact with many other species. When the rain came, the hyphae – those single cell strands – came together and expanded with the water to form a gilled mushroom with which to propel its spores. Amazingly, all parts of a mushroom, gills, stem, cap, and spores, are formed with just one type of undifferentiated cell. Compare this to other life with spe-

cialized skin cells, liver cells, root cells, and et cetera.

And propel those spores it does! Using evaporative skills (many mushrooms tend to be cooler than the ambient temperature) spores are shot with the force of missiles from the gills only a micro distance to avoid crashing into the opposing gill wall. They then drop below the cap where air currents send them off into the atmosphere. The usual domed shape of a mushroom cap acts like a plane’s wing with lower air pressure balancing higher air pressure creating lift. Other types of mushrooms have other methods. All of these tiny spores contribute to that fresh air smell after a rain and with luck they’ll find a home out there.

Possibly this is an *Agaricus sylvaticus*. Although we feel better with everything categorized fungi will defy us. Only a tiny fraction has been described and tentatively given a name. Fungi are more properly thought of as a networking system than as individuals. Remove the roots and mineral content and ninety percent of most soils are fungal. Terra firma now seems not so firma at all. This space between grains of sand - this inner space - is the last frontier, and more important to us than outer space will ever be. Perhaps we should consider life as flow and collaboration rather than a competition of capitalist or brute force. Perhaps we should revise our notions of decision-making and intelligence. These fungi seem awfully clever.

Ann Eldridge



BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday, November 1

1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, November 2

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, November 3

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Zoning Board

Monday, November 8

1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, November 9

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 10

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Cemetery Commission

Thursday, November 11

Veteran's Day – Town Offices Closed
5:30 pm Parks & Rec

Monday, November 15

1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Eco/Dev Committee (new night)

Tuesday, November 16

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
5:00 pm Energy Committee
5:30 pm State Reps
7:00 pm Conservation Committee, BML

Wednesday, November 17

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, November 18

6:30 pm Budget Committee

Monday, November 22

1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, November 23

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 24

3:00 pm Library closing early
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day – Town Offices Closed
Library closed today and Friday

Monday, November 29

1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, November 30

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

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.

Calendar Abbreviations

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

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November Happenings

Our Sunday Services start at 10am. Communion is held on the first Sunday each month.

This month's Free Community Meal will be meat loaf on November 19th at 5pm in the Friendship Room.

Men's breakfast will be held on November 6th at 8am in the Friendship Room. All men are welcome to attend for fellowship, devotions, and prayer.

Sister To Sister will be held on November 13th at 8:30am in the Friendship Room for a time of fellowship, devotions, and prayer.

Shoebboxes for the Operation Christmas Child will be collected on Sunday, November 14th. If you need a brochure or box, please call the office.

Children's Choir will be rehearsing songs for Advent/Christmas each Sunday following the worship service.

The food pantry will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets on Saturday, November 20th from 10-11am. If you would like more information, please call 938-5313.



BRADFORD EVENTS

Girl Scout Information Night, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6pm-7pm at Sutton Central Elementary School. Join us to discover Girl Scouts: where girls take the lead, not stand in the background! Contact: 927-4215

Children's Story Time, We are still considering the best way to have story-time. Please call or email for an update. Contact: Ellen Barselle at 938-5562.

Community Yoga, Saturdays in November, 9am-10am with Liz Dymant at Evergreen Healing Arts yoga studio at 11 West Main Street. This Community Yoga class is being offered by donation! Class will begin with targeted breath work and move into a slow, breath-driven flow of postures. Please note that masks are required in the studio. Contact: evergreenhealingarts.org

Bradford Conservation Commission Work Day, The Bradford Conservation Commission is organizing a work day at the Blitzer Easement on Rowe Mountain Road. The date will be Saturday November 27 with a snow (?) date of Sunday November 28 at 9am. Bring gloves and loppers. Come one, come all – if you've never been on these trails, now's your chance! Contact: George at 938-2637.

HENNIKER

Oktoberfest and Ski & Snowboard Sale, Sunday, Nov.7, 11am-5pm, Pats Peak Ski Area. Free Admission. Join the fun at the annual Oktoberfest celebration at Pats Peak with live music from the Bavarian Brothers, Harpoon German Beer Garden, magic shows, and kids' activities. Contact: www.patspeak.com.

NEWBURY

Christmas at the Fells, Nov. 6-14, 10am-3pm weekends and 1pm-3pm weekdays at The John Hay Estate at The Fells. Tour The Fells Main House and get inspired! Professional interior

designers, floral artists, decorators and talented volunteers have sprinkled their magic throughout to create this one-of-a-kind showcase. Tickets are: \$20 in advance through November 1, \$25 at the door, \$8 for children at all times. Contact: www.thefells.org.

Mount Sunapee Ski Swap, Saturday, Nov. 13, 9am-12pm at Mount Sunapee Resort. Hosted by Mt. Sunapee Area Ski Club, benefitting local junior ski programs. Drop off hours for selling equipment are Friday Nov. 12, 2pm-7pm at the lodge. Contact: info@sunapeeskiclub.com.

WARNER

SKIT (Sunapee Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre) & Center for the Arts (CFA) performance of "Turning Toward the Sun" at Warner Town Hall, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5 & 6, 7:30pm, Sunday Nov. 7, 2pm, Friday and Saturday Nov. 12 & 13, 7:30pm, and Sunday Nov. 14, 2pm, at Warner Town Hall. Tickets can be purchased at MainStreet Book Ends in Warner or at the door. Tickets \$18 general admission, \$15 members of SKIT or CFA, \$10 for students. Contact: www.skitnh.org.

Kearsarge Open Studios Arts Event and Shopping Tour, Friday Nov. 5, 5pm-7pm, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 & 7, 10am at multiple venues including Upton Chandler House Museum, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Café One East, MainStreet BookEnds, Copper Canoe Gallery (Contoocook), Contoocook Depot, and Two Villages Art Society (Contoocook). Works by participating artists include jewelry, fine arts, wooden ware, and dream catchers. A brochure describing the Kearsarge Open Doors event is available at several local businesses and can be accessed online at WarnerHistorical.org and KearsargeChamber.org. Contact: info@warnerhistorical.org.

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Out & About: Bradford Bog

A visit to the Bradford Bog is fascinating any time of year and now the rail on the viewing tower has a special map carved by Laurie Farrell from boards cut by George Beaton. The map names the surrounding hills and features. The photo shows the southerly view.



When you go: Bradford Bog's boardwalk takes you on a tour of two unique communities: an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp and a medium-level fen system. The half-mile boardwalk takes a straight course through the swamp, the longest part of the walk. Inside the mostly-dry swamp, find many special plant species, pointed out by signs.

trailhead is on East Washington Road in Bradford, NH about 4 miles south of the intersection of East Washington Road and West Road. - Kathleen Bigford

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. An accompanying caption would be nice. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.



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