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COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Island Steve Hall, Road Agent, presented pictures of the island at the intersection of Hogg Hill, Cressy, and Marshall Hill Road and explained to the Board that it is difficult for plows and busses to get around. Steve wants to flare the road and remove the island. A motion was approved to remove the island.

COVID Guidelines The Board approved a motion to maintain the COVID-19 guidelines in all public facilities in the Town of Bradford until further notice.

Interim Code Enforcement The Board approved a motion to enter into a four-week interim contract with Chip Meany to serve as an employee with the possibility of an extension until the Town fills the position.

Code Enforcement The Board approved the job description for the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement position. Because the Town failed to repeal the building code, the Town must have a building inspector. The Town has expanded the position to include code enforcement duties and will discuss the position with the previous building inspector.

French's Park Attendant The Board approved a motion to expend up to \$4,000 for a French's Park attendant to be managed by the Parks and Rec Committee and hours to be at their discretion.

Merit Increases The Board approved a motion that effective April 1st (retroactive) to give a 2% merit increase to staff per the recommendations of the depart-

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To the Editor,



I'll never rank as a native of Bradford even though I have lived here 60 years. However, that's long enough to feel a wave of sentimentality regarding the loss of the Battle's Farm homestead. Somehow, coming upon that scene was always a welcoming home for the likes of me who live in Bradford Center.

My sentiment harkens back to the days of the Cressy family who built what was Meadow Brook Farm two hundred years ago and provided tons of hay, corn and milk plus fine horses for over a century. It celebrates the work ethic that necessarily characterized early New Hampshire farms. It also includes stories of colorful political figures in both centuries... and heroic rescue missions providing relief to struggling farmers

nationwide in the 1980s. Heck, I even miss the apple orchard on the rise of the hill that was sacrificed for hay production a couple of decades ago.

My point is this. I hope we all take time to cherish what makes us feel at home. I trust the new owners will create something beautiful and worthy of this landmark property. May the maples and barn never fall. May the younger ones among us take pride in their town and cultivate the sense of community Bradford has held against all odds for so long.

Sincerely, Laurie Buchar

84 Rowe Mountain Road, Bradford, NH

**Bement Bridge
to reopen June 13,
2pm, see story on
pages 8 and 9.**

JUNE HAIKU

a steaming galette
can you taste the smell, so
sweet?

a Tuesday rhubarb

Kathleen Bigford



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From the Bridge



In June 2020 I wrote, “We have entered a new phase.” Then many protocols were in place to promote safety while COVID-19 rampaged. Today those words resound as Merrimack County remains at “High Risk” for exposure to COVID-19 and its variants with free vaccinations available to those aged 12 and up. To date about forty percent of those eligible in the county have been fully vaccinated. Protocols recommended by federal and state government agencies remain vague leaving us just as safe as our trust in each other.

Celebrations of freedom to hug, gather and travel are increasing among those who are vaccinated. And community-wide consideration is required for the safety of those who for whatever reason are unvaccinated. Fortunately, we are beneficiaries of a strong, local, caring community with daily examples of members helping and trusting each other.

These pages are full of news from in and around Bradford. Here’s a sampling of what is in store in this June edition:

- * A letter from the very first editor of the Bradford Bridge.
- * Laurie’s musings about the Battles homestead.
- * The first of Steve’s four-part story of the Bradford Community Church.
- * Don’s lively narrative with photos of the Bement Bridge restoration.
- * Even more zero-waste tips from Lois.
- * Audrey’s remembrances of Marquis de Lafayette’s Bradford visit.
- * Water safety reminders from Fire Chief Jeff.
- * News of Bradford Boards and Committees in the Monthly Briefing by Devin.
- * Check out energy saving programs from NHSaves by Sandra.
- * The Library Lantern by Ellen.
- * And much more

Dear readers, please know that we’re eager to renew the “Area Events” column and would love to receive information about upcoming happenings at bradfordbridge345@gmail.com or PO Box 463, Bradford, NH 03221. Remember the deadline is the 20th of the month before publication!

When shopping for summer festivity supplies, please visit our local advertisers who offer valuable goods and services and who loyally support the Bradford Bridge.

As summer begins all the best to you and yours,

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And everyone who contributes to bringing neighborly news

Supervisors of the Checklist Sessions

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Bradford will hold a session for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, accepting applications for new voter registration, accepting requests for the correction of the checklist, and or change of political party affiliation on:

Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location on both dates: Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main, Bradford, New Hampshire, Downstairs Meeting Room

Voters may check party affiliation online: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PollingPlaceSearch.aspx>

Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship, and/or domicile.

French's Park Attendant

The Town of Bradford is accepting applications for a part-time Attendant at French's Park. Attendant's hours are noon-6pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning in early June and running through Labor Day Weekend. Duties will include checking parking stickers, maintaining Park cleanliness and other duties as assigned.

Minimum qualifications: Completion of two years of high school or its equivalent. Ability to work outdoors and interact effectively with the public.

The Town of Bradford is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications can be picked up at the Town Offices located at 134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH 03221, or found on the website at <https://www.bradfordnh.org/>

Bradford Business Directory – Call for Submissions

The Economic Development Committee is putting together a Bradford Business Directory, and would like submissions including the name of the business, a short (one line) description of the products or services offered, and contact information such as a street address, phone number, email address, or web site (any or all of those). **There is no charge for this service.**

Please make submissions by email to: economicdevelopment@bradfordnh.org



Bradford Community Gardeners 2021

The Bradford Community Gardeners are ready for another season of tending gardens to enhance our downtown. This last month, we hope everyone has been enjoying the daffodils that we planted in several locations, but most prominently at the two triangles at the intersection of 114 and 103. It can be difficult for plants to survive in the middle of a busy highway, so we are really heartened to see the daffodils and so many of the perennials returning after a winter of snow, road salt and sand.

As the new growing season begins, we are once again collecting seedlings and perennials to plant around town. If you have something you think we might be able to use, please speak to Lois Kilnapp at the town transfer station. We had many donations last year to help fill the traffic triangle plantings, the Bradford Historical Society Gardens, and the whiskey barrels on the Rail Trail at Lake Todd. We'll be adding a few more plantings around town this summer too.

If you would like to join this dedicated (and friendly!) group of town volunteers, please let Lois know that too. Planting, weeding, and watering are the tasks, and we welcome you to join us. And if you are new to gardening, we will teach you what you need to know!



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Student COVID-19 Clinic Held at KRMS

More than 300 middle and high school students

12-years-old and older received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine at a clinic held at Kearsarge Regional Middle School on May 21st in partnership with the Greater Sullivan County Regional Public Health Network.



Courtesy Photo Kearsarge Regional School District of COVID-19 Clinic set up

“As I think about this year, I am amazed how our community has come together,” Kearsarge Middle School Nurse Amy Holobowicz said. “Whether remote, or in person, we were together. Every meeting, every discussion, every decision was made with the utmost care and

concern for our students, staff and their families. Hosting a Covid-19 vaccine clinic for staff, and now students, brings our community one step closer to a lifestyle we are familiar with! I am so proud of our District.”

A Few Words

Readers are invited to share a few words here. Submit your fiction or non-fiction stories of 100 words or less to the Bridge. Share your words with us.

Stay For Now

Sitting in her backyard, just the two of us, sipping mint tea, looking out at the gnarled old apple trees whose branches nearly touched the ground. The patio beneath our feet was weedy. We were nibbling egg salad sandwiches and the air was cool. The sky was blue, the breeze was blowing and she said she was going to stay. Stay in the old farmhouse. Stay in the neighborhood she loved. Stay in the house that cared for her husband in his final days and where she cooks her apple cake and potato salad. Stay for now.

Mary Keegan-Dayton

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Bluebird Envy



It started earlier this month when I noticed a few of my bluebird houses needed replacement so I called my brother George to see if he was up to the task. He wasn't but he said Seth Benowitz might be. I knew my neighbor Suzanne had lost a couple bird houses and that several siblings might be interested so I ordered 8. George installed the new houses at Suzanne's and soon neighbors and passersby were admiring the new boxes and bluebirds checking them out. First Pam asked for one and next Elaine, so I ordered 4 more. Now the neighbors have their new houses up and are awaiting the bluebirds to move in! I also decided to try to reduce the vole population at our place by installing predator boxes so asked Seth if he would make me a kestrel and 2 barred owl boxes. Seth made the houses, but given the large dimensions of the barred owl boxes, said no more. He'll stick to bluebird and kestrel houses in the future! So thanks Seth for all you do to make Bradford a better place including the hand lettered signs for Bradford's trails and for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests!

Sandra Beaton Bravo



Donna Forest
BROKER ASSOCIATE

Why Sellers Should Still Stage Their Home

In such a hot market, sellers may tend to think, hey, the house will sell regardless of how it looks – so nothing gets done to prep it for sale. While this may be the easy road to take and yes, it will most likely sell despite the lack of preparation, sellers are leaving money on the table. A house is usually one of the biggest assets someone will have. A staged home will generate more buyer interest and therefore more offers. Multiple offers tend to mean the seller will get over the asking price. Over 95% of buyers are searching online and if you don't have great photos, your property will be bypassed in seconds. Professional photos, videos, and virtual tours have become even more important since the beginning of the pandemic. Sellers should have an honest conversation with their agent on how to best prepare their home for sale. With some time and effort, you will end up putting thousands of dollars more in your pocket. Contact me to work with someone who cares about getting you the most out of your sale.

Does it make sense for you to venture into the market this summer? Reach out to Donna, or any one of us, for a no pressure conversation on what the best plan of action might be for you. This is a very challenging market and having an experienced agent by your side is even more important than ever!

Marilyn Kidder, *Broker Owner*



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Jesse Griffin Throws Opening Pitch for BNSYS 2021 Softball Season



The newly renovated Frank Mayo Field at Warren Brook Park in Bradford was the site of the first U12 softball (players age 12) game on May 17. Special guest, Jesse Griffin (pictured here with daughter Lyrica) threw out the first pitch. Jesse is near and dear to Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports. He started the softball program in the 2018 season and due to his passion and recruitment the program now includes players ages 8-12 with future plans to include 14 year olds.



As the number of teams started to grow, it became apparent that field space for games and practice was difficult to find. This is why the Frank Mayo Field is now a multi use field for TBall and Softball, with future plans of possible use by other baseball teams.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lake Todd Village District 2021 Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 26th 2021 at 9:00am
Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main St, Bradford, NH

The LTVD will be electing the following positions: Commissioner (3 Yr Term), Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. We invite the nominations/volunteers of anyone who can serve in one of these capacities. The description of duties will be posted on the website or mailed/e-mailed upon request.

We encourage all LTVD residents and non-residents to attend. Questions? Please contact Stephen Snyder ((603) 938-2321 or 235-5301) Website: www.laketoddvillagedistrict.us E-mail: info@laketoddvillagedistrict.us Address: LTVD, PO Box 169, Bradford, NH 03221-0169

Herbalism: It's in our roots!

Come join us at this year's Herb & Garden Days, Saturday, June 5! NH Herbal Network will be hosting its annual Herb & Garden Days, and Moon Mama Herbals will be there! Come visit our table and pick up our signature Moon Teas, then hear Kris give a workshop on "Returning to our Roots: Getting to know the medicinal plants around your home." For more information and to register, go to nhherbalnetwork.wordpress.com/herbday.



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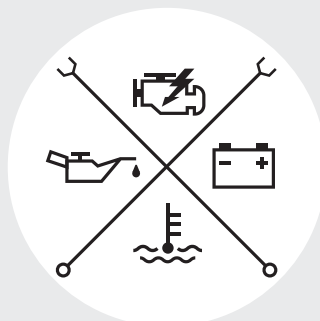


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Would the female who either works at Eliot Hospital or was in the building on the eight floor late afternoon on Sunday, May 9, please step up and be known? She was heard to, rather loudly, say that she would be, "in the Bradford Bridge and (after a pause) in the New York Times!!!"

Please satisfy my curiosity!! What did you do to achieve recognition by The Bridge and who are you? At the very least call Marcia at 938-2877.



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What!?! More Zero-Waste Tips?

Have you been out walking in the warm springtime sunshine (and picking up trash along the way) and spied the first yellow spring wildflower? You begin noticing more, and even more yellow spring wildflowers! In the same way, Ken and I have noticed more zero-waste and energy-saving tips to share with the residents of Bradford.

- Think second-hand first when purchasing something.
- Try to eliminate styrofoam, plastic, and food waste.
- Get some chickens. They will eat all of your food scraps/food waste and reward you with eggs and fertilizer. They also consume ticks.
- Always say "no thank you" to free promotional items. They tend to be cheap and break easily.
- Get a library card to support your local sharing economy.
- Turn old sheets and towels into rags, napkins, and cloth produce bags.
- Open a window to cool down your home or to air it out.
- Avoid impulse buying.
- Get some houseplants at a local nursery to purify the air in your home.

- Return the plastic pots to the nursery for their reuse.
- Get rid of pests naturally using safe, common household substances.
- If possible, repair something when it breaks.
- Make your own all-purpose cleaning sprays.
- Focus on making experiences, rather than on having things.
- Go paperless for all of your bills.
- Do full loads of laundry.
- Combine errands to reduce fuel.
- Turn off lights that are not actually being used.
- Repair dripping or leaking plumbing.
- Keep your home cooler in winter and warmer in summer.

When you come to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling center, you will see recycling areas for cardboard, paper, aluminum, glass, steel cans, scrap and other metals, and several other items set up to encourage less waste and the conservation of our natural resources.

Ken and I can offer suggestions for reusing clothes, books, compost, and the many miscellaneous items that are set out for all residents to take and repurpose.

Lois Kilnapp, Manager



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Bement Bridge Reopening Celebration, June 13, 2pm

After nearly 11 months and over 10,000 hours of reconstruction, the Bement Bridge will reopen on Sunday, June 13th at 2pm. Residents will certainly welcome the return of a much loved landmark in our daily travels. Marking the celebration and ribbon cutting will be dignitaries from Town and State as well as representatives from Hoyle, Tanner and Associates, Inc. (engineering) and Neil H. Daniels, Inc. (construction), the firms responsible for this masterful building project. Music will be provided by the Kearsarge Community Band and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

The Bement Bridge of today was preceded by two earlier bridges according to the Bradford's bicentennial history. Both were built by the Town, the first in 1800 and the second in 1818, but the nature of these early structures is undocumented.



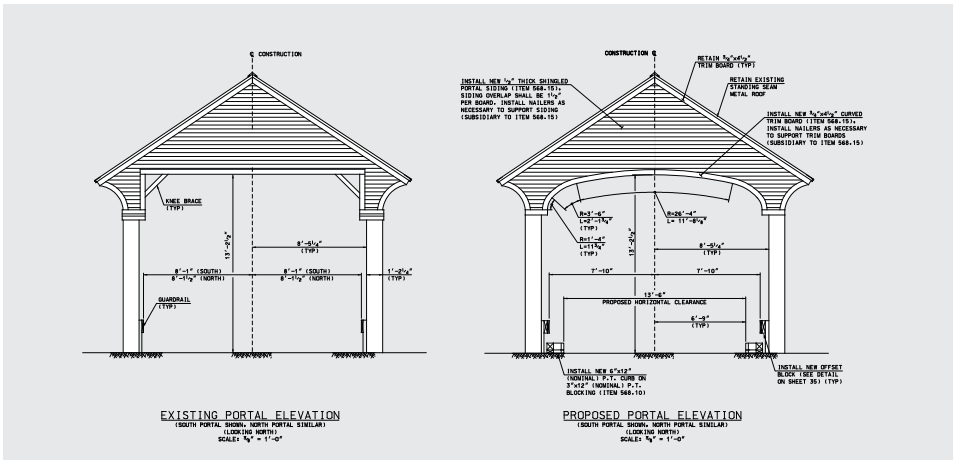
Looking from the south toward what is now Route 103, a railroad crossing can be seen on the right. Weather damage to the siding and roof are obvious, likely caused by the great hurricane of 1938. This is one of oldest photos of the Bridge taken in 1939.

In 1854, the Town voted to build a new covered bridge adjacent to Samuel Bement's home and blacksmith shop. The new span was a "Long Truss" named for Stephen Long, a US Army Engineer from Dartmouth College. However, research has shown that the completed structure did not match Long's patented design and was likely built by Horace Childs of Hen-

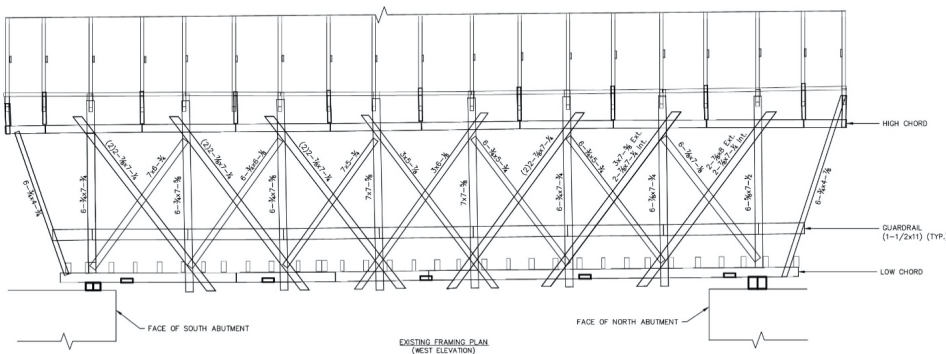
niker, a well-known bridge builder of that time. The bridge functioned well until its first major renovation 93 years later in 1947. Archive photos from 1942 do show repairs having been made to the north abutment with cast-in-place concrete, as well as upgrades to the wood siding and corrugated sheet metal roof, improvements made to remedy damage from the hurricane of 1938.

The only record of repair in 1947 was the replacement of the lower chords by the NH Highway Department (chords run the length of the bridge and each is made up of four heavy beams sandwiched together). It is likely that an assortment of minor repairs were made between 1854 and 1947 but there is no documentation.

In 1968 the Town Selectmen noted the bridge was "a bit aslant" and so the Town asked for a state inspection. It was determined that the bridge had become unsafe. The inspectors suggested a modern steel and concrete replacement to be built at a cost of \$85,000. Spirited discussions commenced, which resulted in the Selectmen returning to the State to ask for a more modest amount to repair the existing bridge. The State agreed to pay two-thirds of the rehab costs and provide their expert covered bridge repair team out of New Hampton, NH to do the work. The project began late in 1968, continued through the winter and wrapped up in May of 1969. The repairs included a new roof system and replacement of many structural members, though an exact



December 2019 construction drawings from Hoyle, Tanner showing the squared portal design from 1954 (left) and the reimplemented original elliptical shaped portal from 1854 (right)



An example of preparatory scale drawing from 3D laser field scanning analyzing the condition of the bridge prior to renovation. The drawing highlights the disinctive "X" and vertical post design. August 2016, west elevation, (Doucet Survey, Inc. for Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. 2016).

report does not exist. The total cost of the work as reported in the 1969 Town Annual Report was \$24,478, of which the Town's share was \$8,159.

In 2012, the asphalt shingle roof that was installed during the 1969 rehab was replaced with standing seam metal.

The start of the current renovation can be traced back to a 2011 NHDOT report indicating the bridge to be structurally deficient. In 2012, Town Administrator Cheryl Behr successfully applied for a grant from the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program (ours is one of the last covered bridges to be funded through this program). In December 2015, the Town began a review of qualified engineering firms. In July of 2016 Hoyle, Tanner, a company with deep experience in the renovation of historic covered bridges, began work on a comprehensive feasibility study to assess the physical and historic condition of the bridge. An Historic Structures Report was completed in January 2017, and public meetings were held to gather input. In February 2018, the HSR was completed and reviewed by the NH Division of Historic Resources and NHDOT Bureau of Environment. During this process, all involved agreed to reconstruct the north and south portals in their original elliptical shape. Back in 1954, repairs had been made to the roof and siding, and for reasons unknown, the portals were remade in a squared off manner, most likely for ease of construction.



Aerial view of siding installation, May 6, 2021.

The current rehabilitation has replaced the north abutment, repaired the south abutment, replaced and/or repaired truss timbers and floor beams, strengthened the lower and upper lateral bracing members, replaced the entire deck and siding, and applied fire retardant coatings to all wood surfaces. Additionally, the bridge has been straightened to eliminate racking. Drainage around both approaches has been corrected to prevent future water damage.

Bradford can be proud of the commitment to preserving this unique part of our history and grateful to the people who put such care into this massive undertaking.

For up to date information on the opening celebration, visit the Bradford Town website: bradfordnh.org

Don Moss

Thanks to the the many contributors for this article: Josif Bicja—Associate/Senior Structural Engineer, Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Karen Hambleton—Bradford Town Administrator, Tracey Quigley—Co-president, Bradford Historical Society and Rich Casella—Historical Documentation Co. Portsmouth, RI.

FACTS AT A GLANCE	
Overall Dimensions: Height: 23'6", Width: 19'5", Length: 71'9"	
Materials: Trusses: eastern hemlock (existing), douglas fir (new) Roof/steel, Abutments: Dry laid stone masonry (granite) with new concrete caps and back walls, Siding: pine, Decking: oak	
Estimated Bridge Weight: 75,000 pounds	
Weight Capacity: 6 tons Posted Limit: 3 tons Max. Opening: 13'6" wide x 12' tall (9'6" allowed)	
Funding sources: Federal: \$569,600 State: \$857,671 Town: \$214,418 Total: \$1,641,689	



Under bridge inspection, 2017, shows a good view of the structure below deck.



Ribbon Cutting, May 1969. From left: Elizabeth A. Cilley—Town Clerk, Dana Sanborn—former selectman, Leo L. Loftus—Selectman, Mrs. Reuben S. Moore, Mrs. Laura Sanborn—Holder of Post Cane, John J. Reardon—Bradford Inn, Roy A. Parsons and Florence Jones.



The 1968-69 repairs were extensive and included a new roof system and the replacement of many of the structural truss members.

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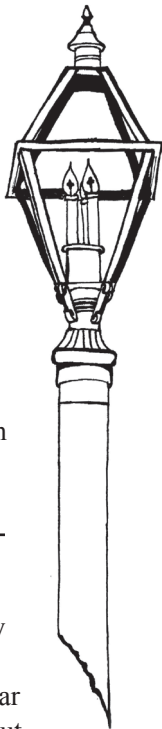
Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



We will be holding a Labor Day fundraiser that will include Halloween costumes. Could I ask for everyone's help to bring in costumes your child no longer fits in to donate to our sale?



Early costume donations from Sandra Wright

From Director's Desk:

I learned some things from my road trip to upstate New York. Podcasts are a godsend for a car ride, bring earbuds to drown out the inevitable bickering that comes after hour four in the car, and truckers no longer respond eagerly to the arm honking sign. We only got one good honk the whole ride, but we did laugh a lot! I traveled to Cincinnati to see my brother and really loved the city. Did you know Cincinnati has an underground subway they never use, Skyline Chili is a huge deal and apparently often served over spaghetti, and uber drivers are a wealth of information! I traveled alone, and wow, it was really nice to only take care of my own needs. I think everyone needs time away if they can get it.

What's happening at the library? The summer program is in place. We will have reading logs and prizes for every hour read, an end of summer raffle, and outside summer entertainment/programming starting the week after school, June 21st. Simon Brooks will be coming to tell stories. Squam Lake Science Center will be doing a program about animals with bad reputations. Mary Dawson will be coming to teach us about DNA and how science helps investigations. It's going to be fun, so I hope to see kiddos come and participate. You can find the details on our website and FB page.

We have museum passes available for patrons, and I hope people use them a lot this summer!

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Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum / Warner

McAuliffe-Shephard Discovery Center

/ Concord

See Science Center / Manchester

The Currier Art Gallery / Manchester

NEW BOOKS!

Adult Fiction:

Peaces / Helen Oyeyemi

Lost Apothecary / Sarah Penner

Book of Lost Friends / Lisa Wingate

A Gambling Man / Baldacci

Non-Fiction:

The Beauty in Breaking /

Michele Harper

The Bomber Mafia / Malcolm Gladwell

Finding the Mother Tree /

Suzanne Simard

Children:

Bear Can't Wait / Karma Wilson

100 Things I Know How to Do /

Amy Schwartz

The Dangerous Gift / Tui Sutherland

Movies:

Catherine the Great: An HBO Limited Series / Helen Mirren

The Mole Agent / Sergio Charney

Masterpiece: Atlantic Crossing

Let Him Go / Diane Lane

Collective / Alexander Nanau

Lastly, could you look on your shelf to see if you have any late/overdue library books. We have quite a few from 2018-2020 floating out in town that need to be brought home. Here's what's missing.

24 DVD's

64 Children's books

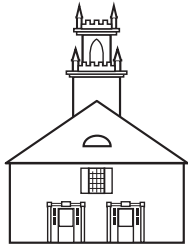
26 Adult books

Ellen Barselle, Director

Name the New Little Library



The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring a little library. The little free library will be placed on Main Street and will allow people to take and share a book. Little libraries can be found all over the world to help build community, inspire readers, expand book access to all, and recycle books. Our little library is being built with recycled materials and we hope to have it installed by the end of June. This little library needs a name and here is your chance to send your suggestions. Either stop by the library and put your suggestions in the box or email them to us at friendsbmlibrary@gmail.com by June 18th at the latest.



BRADFORD MEETINGHOUSE

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Greetings from the Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse

We have missed having public events during the pandemic, but hope you are finding your way to our location to enjoy one of our town's finest historical landmarks. Come and have a picnic on our new picnic benches, made by Bradford's own Dillon's Woodworks. Take in the scene of our town's earliest settlement which includes our first school, one of the older burying grounds and the only Town Pound, all of which are adjacent to the historic Meetinghouse. Also, keep checking our Facebook page for updates about possible outdoor concerts later this summer. The Bradford Center Meetinghouse is available for private rentals, as well.



On left, the Silverhill Farm Schoolers celebrated May Day on the lawn at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. A small festival filled with song, dance and fun! On right, a sweet springtime family moment taking in history in all of the beauty that surrounds us. You'll also find a yoga class on the grass on each full moon and we are thinking a little pick up soccer game would be fun too! There is so much delight in finding local fun! For information, contact lbuchar@gmail.com.



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Boating and Water Safety

Boats and water activities can be a great source of summer fun and leisure. But boaters and swimmers must be aware of dangers in and around the water. In 2019, the Coast Guard counted 4,168 accidents that involved 613 deaths, 2,559 injuries and approximately \$55 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents. Where data was known, the most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (45%), personal watercraft (19%), and cabin motorboats (16%) the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (48%), kayaks (14%), and personal watercraft (8%) Did you know that eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length?

Do I need a license to operate a watercraft? New Hampshire law requires boater education for all boaters at least 16 years old who operate a vessel powered by a motor of more than 25 horsepower or a ski craft.

My son or daughter is interested in learning about boating but they are under 16. A person under the age of 16 years may operate a vessel powered by a motor of more than 25 horsepower (other than a ski craft) only if they are accompanied by a person 18 years or older who has a valid New Hampshire Safe Boating Certificate.

How many Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) do I need? New Hampshire law requires the following with respect to life jackets (PFDs). All vessels must carry one wearable (Type I, II, III, or V) USCG-approved life jacket for each person on board. New Hampshire law requires any person under the age of 13 to wear a life jacket.

How do I know if someone is in dis-

ress? Simply put, aquatic distress is when a person who is not drowning requires help. They have the mental capacity to realize this and the lung capacity to call for help. Someone who experiences Aquatic Distress is able to grab onto ropes, lifebelts and ladders whereas a drowning victim cannot.

What if I see someone in distress in the water? In the event that you see someone in trouble in the water, first assign a spotter to visually track the person in distress and their exact location and call 911. Next consider options and remember the process of Throw, Row or GO unless you are specifically trained and certified to help, do not go into the water to help someone in distress. You could be putting yourself into danger, and you could possibly even drown. The safest course of action for everyone is for you to reach or throw something such as a rope or floatation device.

I love the water but what tips would you recommend to help keep everyone safe?

- Adults and swimmers of all ages should swim with a buddy.
- Children should always be supervised while swimming, wherever they are swimming.
- Enter the water feet first to prevent serious injuries, including paralysis. Only dive into areas that are clearly marked for diving and have no obstructions.
- Do not drink alcohol or use mind altering medications or drugs while swimming or boating.
- Test the water temperature before jumping in so as to not shock the body.
- Have a phone readily available in case of an emergency.

Where can I get more information about water safety?

US Coast Guard: <https://uscgboating.org>

NH Boater Safety: <https://www.boat-ed.com/newhampshire/handbook/>

Safe Kids: <https://www.safekids.org/>

NH Marine Patrol: <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/>

The Bradford Fire Rescue would like to remind all that having working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors saves lives and early notification to 911 during medical emergencies is paramount to ensure the best possible outcome in the event of sickness or injury. We encourage you to follow us on social media and for non-emergency questions or for more information about joining the department you may contact us at (603) 938-2231 or firechief@bradfordnh.org

April 2021 Training / Call Statistics

Training	Date	Hours
Forestry	4/5/2021	18
Boat Operations	4/12/2021	22.5
Water Supply	4/19/2021	17.5
Totals		58

Bldg. Fire	0
EMS	9
Fire	6
Haz-Mat	1
Mutual Aid	1
Service Call	3
Outside Fire	2
Fire Prevention	12
MVC	
Total Service Requests	34



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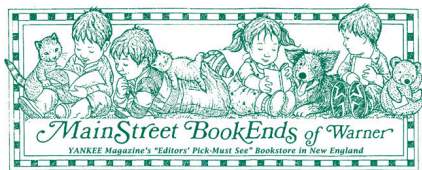
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Bradford Community Church 200th Year



A picture from the archives! This shows the original “look” of the church which lasted until 1906 when the building was renovated.

As the 200th anniversary of the Bradford Community Church approaches, Steve Pierce is writing a four-part history that will connect local happenings in the town with church happenings. Here is Part One covering the years 1821 to 1871. Parts two through four will follow in future 2021 editions.

Bradford Community Church 200th Year
Founded December 11, 1821
Part One – The first 50 years

Meeting at Peter Cook’s home on November 29, 1821, seven men and seven women decided to establish the Baptist Church of Christ in Bradford, the first official name. Signers included such names as Bates, Marshall, Hoyt, Dodge, and Spaulding. On January 8, 1829 women were granted the right to vote on church matters. Shortly thereafter, on March 17, 1829, the men formed a “male only” committee to go about the work of raising funds and building a structure. The women, not to be excluded, formed a “female only” committee to advise and direct the building project.

The two groups sparred and compromised for the next 75 years!

The church building was completed in June 1830 and dedicated on July 7, 1830. It is the original building you see today. The picture shows the original “look” which lasted until 1906 when the building was renovated.

By 1837 the ‘Millerite Movement’ swept through New England and greatly affected the Bradford Church. William Miller, a Baptist minister from New York, inspired great excitement that the imminent return of Jesus would take place in 1843. The Baptist church was caught up in this movement. It caused much division among families and members. It spilled over into town affairs with farms and families divided. Some not on speaking terms for years. The movement fizzled after 1843 but the divisions lasted another decade. A high membership of 74 (1837) dwindled to 23 by 1854. No baptisms were conducted for almost 19 years.

The year 1850 was Bradford’s high point in population (1341). The town would see the population decline until 1960 (508).

Steve Pierce

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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

(Continued from page 1)

ment heads. After reviewing Department Head evaluations the Board agreed to a 2% merit increase for several department heads and agreed to award \$1,000 in bonuses.

340 Fairgrounds Road The Board heard lengthy discussion from several neighbors regarding complaints against 340 Fairgrounds. The Chief of Police, Jim Valiquet, was present and explained how the police have handled the situation to date and what neighbors can do to report complaints. The property owners were present and expressed their frustrations with the Town removing items from their property that they do not believe were junk. Selectmen Andrew Pinard assured all that the situation is being monitored by the Select Board and the Police.

Engine 2 The Board approved a motion to spend up to \$2,000 to have the pump failure evaluated. Funding to come from the Fire Department operating budget.

LED Lighting The Board approved a motion for World Energy to install LED lighting at the BACC for a project total of \$9,700, of which the Town's portion is \$3,501.62 to be funded from funds remaining from the 10K warrant article for Community Center exterior repairs and LED lighting passed at the 2019 Town meeting.

CAP Lease The Board approved a motion that the Community Action Program be offered a lease renewal at \$750 per month with no change to the lease.

Intent to Cut Signed for Map 5 Lot 111, Map 5 Lot 91, and Map 7 Lot 48.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Economic Revitalization Zone The Committee voted to approve forwarding ERZ applications to the Select Board for action.

PLANNING BOARD

Lot Line Adjustment The Board accepted the lot line application submitted by Martin Chivers, for property located at 10 Breezy Hill Road, Map 3/ Lot 74A-74B, as complete with the condition that the deed description is submitted and reviewed by the Planning Board. At the public hearing on May 11, Ray Critch from Horizon Engineering presented the application which proposes to annex 5.46 acres from Map 3/Lot B to Map 3/ Lot A. Lot A would become 60.87 acres; Lot B would become 15.05 acres. This will include a 50ft easement access to be retained by Mr. Chivers to access his other property. Members of the Board had questions about the property being in compliance with the current site plan. The Board approved a motion to continue the public hearing until May 25.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Class VI Roads The Commission reviewed and approved for submission a letter drafted by Bradford Conservation Commission Member Ann Eldridge to Town Boards regarding a review of regulations and Town policies as related to planned residential building on Class VI roads.

WRLAC Commission member Patty Furness has joined the Warner River Local Advisory Committee (WRLAC). Another member from Bradford is still needed.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Library Rich Burns of Shakes to Shingles submitted an estimate for the work that was more extensive than the orig-

inal proposal and 3x the cost estimated by NH Saves. Committee member Sandra Bravo will follow up to see how we can work with this, which parts should be priorities and what will meet Ever-source's criteria for the 35% rebate.

Energy Saving Measures Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, advised that the best way to fund the ESMs at the three municipal buildings is for each individual department to request the funds through the budget/CIP process in June. The Fire Department and Highway are in favor of the proposed ESMs but do not have the funds in their 2021 budgets. The Committee is researching other options for help funding ESMs.

Meeting Summary The committee met on May 12, 2021. Work centers on collaborating with department managers from Road Maintenance, the Fire Department, Brown Memorial Library, and the Bradford Area Community Center to begin the process of getting energy saving measures in those budgets. At the same time, members are investigating funding sources, increasing the public presence of the energy committee, and expanding the committee's network of community resources. The Bradford Energy Committee meets monthly on the third Tuesday. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15. Committee members: Chair, Sandra Bravo, Kathleen Bigford, Susan Reeder Moss, and Laura Ryder.



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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Summer Reading Program The Summer Reading program will start June 21. The Board approved up to \$1000 for summer reading programming and prizes.

Little Library Laura Beaton, Trustee and member of the Friends of BML, is constructing a Little Library. Steps are being taken to obtain permission to place the Little Library on the front lawn of the Bradford Area Community Center.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Expenses The Board approved expenses totaling \$307.97 for a new charcoal grill and swing set hangers for French’s park.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

Graduation The Board approved \$37,220 to contract Consider It Done as the event coordinator for the 2021 graduation.

Weight Room Equipment The Board approved the request of \$41,939.45 for the purchase of additional Gronk equipment.

Picnic Tables The Board approved a motion for the purchase of 28 picnic tables for KRMS from Global Industrial in the amount of \$25,379.72.

Senior Project The elementary schools would like to thank Emmy Potter for the beautiful book she wrote for her senior project. The book is geared towards elementary students who have a parent who is ill or in the hospital. Emmy is delivering copies of this special resource to all the elementary counseling offices in the district.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at the town website. Some meetings are now streamed live! bradfordnh.org



NH Saves

If you are looking for ways to save energy at home don’t delay checking out rebates and programs at *NHSaves.com*. Sign up for an energy audit and, if eligible, you can receive up to 75% off weatherization costs (insulation, evaporative and exhaust fans) and 50% off for other measures, up to \$8,000. Plus you’ll receive free LED light bulbs, a Wi-Fi thermostat and water saving devices. Substantial rebates are available for heating and cooling, new home construction, ENERGY STAR® appliances and refrigerator recycling. Fuel and weatherization assistance programs are available for those who qualify. This program is good for the planet and good for residents’ pocketbooks! NHSaves is a collaboration of New Hampshire’s electric and natural gas utilities working together to provide NH customers with information, incentives, and support designed to save energy, reduce costs, and protect our environment statewide.

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Obituaries

Dawn Marcaurrelle



Dawn Wyman Brackley Greenwood Marcaurrelle, 79, died March 1, 2021, at her daughter Sherry's Bradford home, after

a long battle with ovarian cancer.

She was born July 25, 1941, in Stafford Springs CT, the daughter of Floyd and Gladys Rowe Brackley. She grew up in Meriden, CT. Dawn lived in in Connecticut after she married, before moving to NH with her first husband, Robert Nils Greenwood, three children and German Shepard, Bridgett.

Dawn was preceded in death by her beloved soul mate and husband, Raymond Marcaurrelle. She is survived by daughters Lisa Christi Greenwood of Island Pond, VT, Sherry Lee Greenwood Hill of Bradford, NH, and son, Robert Scott Greenwood of Springfield, NH; sister Ann Brackley Grant of Tolland, CT, brother, John Brackley of Cromwell, CT, and a large extended family.

She was an active member of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Concord ward. After high school she went to Hair Dressing school and received her license. She worked at GTE Sylvania for over 20 years.

Dawn loved animals and donated to the SPCA for many years. A gifted artist, she loved painting, sketching, portraits, crafts, and tole painting. She was a long-standing member of the League of NH Craftsman and the Society of Decorative Painters.

She was a meticulous seamstress. She was an excellent marksman taught by

her late and first husband Robert Nils Greenwood, a state trooper in New London, CT. She remodeled antique homes to perfection.

She taught her children that trials and tribulations were a necessary part of life that built character and were part of God's plan. She was loved and loved unconditionally by her children, family, and friends.

Funeral services, held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, were followed by burial at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH, where she was interred with her late husband, Raymond.

"Bob" Graves



Robert "Bob" Leonard Graves died April 27, 2021, at home in Bradford at age 63. Robert was born on May 7, 1957, to

Everett Graves and Carol Folger Graves in Cambridge, MA. Robert grew up in Santa Rosa, California, then spent most of his adult life back in New Hampshire. Robert was an avid painter who often donated his artwork to local fire stations after 9/11. He was an accomplished gardener, antique bottle collector, joke teller and cook.

Robert is predeceased by his parents Everett Graves, Carol Folger Graves, siblings Richard Graves and Carol Graves, nephew Nicholas Zajic and niece Sara Duarte. Surviving family members include ex-wife and friend Donna Miller Graves, sister Sue Moore, children Annie Graves Capuchino (Andrew), Abigail Graves, and Timothy Miller (Charlene), grandchildren; Dillon,

Austin, Savannah, Levi, Norah, Lucy, and nieces Angela Zajic and Melissa Moore. His memory will live on through the great memories the family will always remember. A funeral or service will not be scheduled. To sign an online guestbook please visit: www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

Vincent Lloyd Humphrey

Vincent L. Humphrey, 74, passed away at the concord hospital on April 10, 2021 after a brief illness with his wife by his side. He was born September 29, 1946 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late Ward and Jeanette Humphrey. He was an Army veteran.

He spent most of his working career as a machine mechanic. After he retired his new saying was, "I don't need to be fast". I'm retired now. "NO" more rushing to punch a time card and it's GREAT!! He just loved and enjoyed his retirement every day. He was a home body for sure. Keeping the outside of our home as neat as a pin. He loved December for all the Christmas lights he could put up everywhere. The more lights he hung up, the better.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of Bradford, NH, a daughter Vicki Henry of Nashua, NH, a stepson Harry Cate of Hillsborough, NH, a niece Katrina (Duchess) Willey of Nashua, NH, a sister Barbara Hutchings and partner John of Spring Hill, FL, two brothers Dennis and partner Mary and Ward Humphrey of Spring Hill FL, a son Thomas, a brother-in-law Jesse of Milford, NH, a sister-in-law Donna and (husband) James of Nashua, NH. Many nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He will be missed very much.

There are no calling hours or services at his request. You may donate to the charity of your choice if you wish.

Constance Ann Dayton

Constance Ann (Olson) Dayton, 92, died peacefully at home while doing her daily crossword puzzle the morning of April 15 in Falmouth, Maine. Connie and her husband Charlie owned a home on County Road in Bradford for over 30 years.

Connie enjoyed entertaining family and friends at the old Bixby house on County Road which was one of the old poor farms in town. She enjoyed reading on the porch as she looked at Pickett Hill. Connie loved cooking in her Bradford kitchen making strawberry rhubarb pies and swedish pancakes. She grew rhubarb and asparagus in her garden. She was admired by her family, friends, and many grandchildren for her self-confidence, thoughtfulness, generosity, and knowledge of world affairs.

Connie grew up in Naugatuck, CT, graduated from New Jersey College for Women (now Rutgers University) and taught art in Cromwell, CT before marrying Charlie and raising her children in North Haven, CT. She was active in the community and served as a Selectman for many years.

She is survived by her four children: Nancy and her husband Stephen of Cranston, RI, Bliss Dayton and his wife Mary of Bradford, NH, Sarah Bouchard of Weare, NH and Mary and her husband Tim of Falmouth, ME; nine grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held later this year.

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What do we know about this truly rare place? We know that it is the best example of New Hampshire's forest biodiversity, so designated by NH's Natural Heritage Bureau two decades ago. Among its trees are ancient Sugar Maple, Yellow Birch, and Red Spruce. We know that this designated Exemplary Natural Community System (ENCS) consists of three quarters of a square mile or 484 acres to be exact. We know from science that combined ancient and mature forest communities prevent soil erosion, protect watersheds, support wildlife, are less susceptible to natural damage

of fire, wind, insects, and flooding, and sequester Carbon Dioxide much more effectively than young forests. Finally, we know that development within this tightly knit forest system will degrade it and threaten its survival. This irreplaceable ENCS is the only one of its kind in NH. To visit it, to study it, to enjoy it is an amazing experience.

What is almost equally amazing is that the State of New Hampshire has not protected it. And yet, under New Hampshire law, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, currently Sarah Stewart, not only has the power but an obligation to "establish programs for the protection of species and exemplary natural communities." A local group, Friends of Mount Sunapee (FOMS) has worked for many years educating the public as to the value of protecting this forest gem in perpetuity. Recently, FOMS' local efforts have been strengthened by two national organizations, the Sierra Club and the Old Growth Forest Network, that believe in this preservation quest.

Here's how Bradford residents can help promote this protection goal: Volunteer to be an old-forest ambassador and advocate – Join FOMS Forest Action Committee or serve as an advisor – Help with research, outreach, or programming – Support our work with a donation. Learn more at FriendsOfMountSunapee.org and contact us at info@FriendsOfMountSunapee.org, Friends of Mount Sunapee, PO Box 199, Georges Mills, NH 03751 603-863-0045.

If you are an avid skier, don't worry: Permanent protection of this exemplary forested system will not affect the good skiing on Mount Sunapee as it currently exists. With your help, and that of other concerned citizens, we can move from an imagined ancient forest to a real one we can enter and enjoy – this magnificent and easily accessed forest available to all our surrounding communities for all time.

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June 27, 196 Years Ago

June is a month for celebrations. Bradford honored the French general, the Marquis de Lafayette, on June 27, 1825.



Lafayette visited America during his “Farewell Tour” of 24 states in 1824-1825. Lafayette supported the colonist’s cause during the Revolutionary War.

The Marquis de Lafayette visited the village of Bradford to honor its Revolutionary War soldiers. The guest arrived following a celebration in Warner. Welcoming veterans and citizens, Weare Tappan, a local lawyer, arranged a meal and celebration. ¹General Abel Blood, one of Bradford’s early families, “arrayed in a suit of regimentals, became so transported with emotion at the sight of his endeared commander, that he flung his cocked-hat into the carriage, striking Gen. Lafayette in the

face, but not inflicting serious injury. Lafayette was taken into the Raymond House and seated on a platform. When General Blood was introduced, Lafayette grasped his hands warmly and both veterans burst into tears as the memory of olden days came back to them. Gen. Blood then turned to his revolutionary compatriot, Andrew Aiken, who had annoyed him by making light of his prediction that Lafayette would remember him, and triumphantly exclaimed, “There, old Aiken, what do you think now?”²

Bradford recognizes Lafayette’s visit with a small plaque implanted on a boulder supported by a stone doorstep from the Raymond House at Lafayette Square. To celebrate Lafayette’s Farewell Tour, scholar and historian Julien P. Icher founded The Lafayette Trail. Icher’s goal is to document and research Lafayette’s historic visit and place historical markers in towns Lafayette visited.

Commemorating the Lafayette Trail is more than historical markers. It is an opportunity to learn more about the nation’s joyous and turbulent history. Despite enthusiasm for the success of the American

revolution, Lafayette (an abolitionist for more than 40 years), foresaw “slavery looming as a dark threatening cloud.”

³The Lavasseur journal and Julien P. Icher’s research are sources to begin the discovery of a complex American hero, the Marquis de Lafayette.

Audrey V. Sylvester

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Saturday, June 5, 8am, Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 5, 9am to noon, the Bradford Community Food Pantry has received a lot of clothing and will hold a free clothing giveaway. Clothing for children, men and women. Open to everyone!

On Sunday June 6th, Leanne Beck will be joining us as our new Music Director.

Saturday, June 12 at 9am, Sister to Sister will begin again.

Beginning June 18th at 5pm The missions committee will be holding free dinner on the 3rd Friday each month (take-out only). This month: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, peas and cookies. stop by and pick up-no reservations needed.

June 16th 5:30-6:30pm, the Bradford Community Food Pantry will be open on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Call 938-5313 if you have any questions.



BRADFORD

**Bement Bridge Reopening
 June 13th at 2pm**

Lots of hard work and thoughtful restoration has gone into the rebuilding of our town's historic covered bridge. Many are looking forward to its reopening! For up to date information about the celebration, visit our town website at bradfordnh.org.

Save the Date! Community Fair!

Saturday, July 3rd from 10am-2pm

Going all out for Independence Day is a Bradford tradition. We all missed the festivities last year due to COVID, which makes it that much sweeter to come back Together Again this year with a Community Fair at 11 West Main Street! Join us on July 3rd from 10am-2pm for a fun, family friendly celebration of our community connections that merge here and serve Bradford and beyond. Learn more about all the happenings at the old Bradford Inn and simply enjoy sharing space with your neighbors once again. Mark your calendars and stay tuned in to kearsargefoodhub.org and the July Bradford Bridge to learn more!

The Quilters Are Back!



The quilting group gratefully and joyfully resumed their weekly meetings at the Bradford Area Community Center Mountain View Senior Center on Tuesday, May 25.

NEWBURY

**VTMonster Gravel Bike Ride
 Saturday, June 19th start at 9am**

The VTMonster is a 75-mile pounding ride on dirt and gravel roads that will loosen your fillings and crush your legs. There are some asphalt roads sprinkled in so that your fillings can reset themselves. We suggest using your tongue to push them back in. The ride will start and at finish at Mount Sunapee, NH. Start time is 9am. For more information visit vtmonster.com.

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Out & About: Flying on Water



Photo: Loon Preservation Committee

First a loon calling from across the lake. Then a fast-moving, low-profile, water-churning being, skating/paddling/ flying for a hundred yards across the surface, still calling its cry.

Now the lonesome ah-oooh-a from the terminus of that flight. Three times the lonesome ‘whistle’ sounds.

Gentle ripples lap the shore below me: a sloping slab of granite extending outward and downward. Rock that will be exposed as summer approaches and the lake level incrementally subsides.

This is an early morning stretch of peaceful solitude, blessed with abundant sunshine and a gentle breeze.

Warm enough as I sit on the bench of a picnic table overlooking the lake to take

off my sweatshirt and bask blissfully in the sun’s rays.

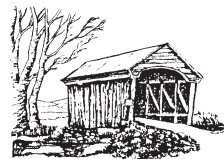
A palette of blues and greens surrounds me. Blue sky meets spikey green conifers and tree-covered hills before melding with shades of blue lake water. The red orb of a boat mooring is a sharp contrast to the expanse of inky blue and a row of drab cabins that hug the shoreline from beneath their canopies of arching greenery.

Lake Massasecum and Massasoit Island are the stage for this beautiful reverie on an early May day. I breathe in peaceful tranquility and soulful satisfaction from this place that I call home.

Laura Beaton
May 2, 2021

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.

Kathleen Bigford



The Bradford Bridge



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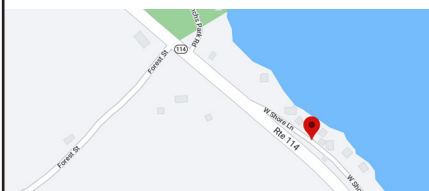
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Annual Family Yard Sale Saturday, June 26, 8-1

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From the Road Agent

During June, the road crew will be keeping up with general maintenance of our town roads. This includes grading, gravel filling, roadside mowing, and using liquid calcium on the dirt roads to keep dust down. Call Steve Hall, our Road Agent with any questions at 938-5916.

