

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### SELECT BOARD

**Road Work** The Board approved a motion to use All State’s Construction for chip seal and crack seal in the amount of \$137,613.96 with the \$37,000+ coming from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund.

**Town Hall** Selectwomen Beth Downs reported that Northway Bank has offered a \$200,000 loan for ten years at 2.95%. This would be used for the Town Hall. The Board approved a motion to proceed with the \$200,000 loan at 2.95% with Northway Bank. Beth Downs recused herself from the vote.

**Town Building Cleaning** Three bids for the cleaning job were received. One company was \$1,600/month, one was \$2,500/month and one was \$3,600/month. This would be for all Town buildings. The last two bids included a deep clean in certain areas. Beth Downs feels the best value for the Town’s money is the one that quoted \$2,500/month. The Board approved a motion to accept the quote for \$2,500/month for the remaining months of the year after references checked out favorably and an agreement was drafted outlining the conditions and expectations. Beth Downs recused herself from the vote.

**Unanticipated Revenue** The Board accepted \$1,070 from Accredited Financial Services for the trade-in for tasers and \$5,005.48 from Eversource (a rebate for energy efficiency work done at the library) as unanticipated revenue.

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## NH Preservation Alliance 2022 Preservation Achievement Award



*Pictured L-R: Josif Bicja, Project Engineer, Hoyle Tanner and Associates, Inc.; Karen Hambleton, Bradford Town Administrator; Select Board Chair, Marlene Fryler; Nick Mitchell of the NH Preservation Alliance; Select Board members, Mel Pfeifle and Beth Downs with the Bement Bridge in the background.*

Following up on last month’s announcement is the presentation of Bradford’s award from the NH Preservation Alliance. “The Alliance has been giving awards for outstanding preservation projects for over 30 years and the criteria include the project’s degree of innovation, quality of work, the extent of challenges and accomplishment, and the level of support for the project,” stated Nick Mitchell of the Alliance. Select Board Chair Fryler accepted the plaque on behalf of the Town and shared that there was abundant enthusiasm and pride in Bradford for this restoration project.

The award plaque with original art by Randy Miller, reads, “New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, 2022 Preservation Achievement Award, presented to the Town of Bradford, for Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Bement Covered Bridge.”

Additionally, Hoyle Tanner Associates, Inc. has received two awards for excellence in engineering:

- The 2022 Engineering Excellence Award from the Board of Directors of The American Council of Engineering Companies - New Hampshire,
- Excellence in Structural Engineering Award: Bridge and Transportation Category from Structural Engineers of New Hampshire.



### JULY HAIKU

Having appointed  
all the stars to their  
places  
the summer wind sleeps.

*KB*



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## From the Bridge



*“The Fact is, with every friendship you make  
and every bond of trust you establish,  
you are shaping the image of America  
projected to the rest of the world.”*

– Michelle Obama

As two celebrations of freedom happen within a few weeks of each other this quote reminds me of my responsibility in maintaining the American experiment. What makes this country unique is the work we do to break down the barriers of class, race, and religion. It is messy work. Juneteenth and July 4th are celebrations of our nation’s past and present struggles and triumphs in letting freedom ring. The world is watching.

Find a shady spot and settle in with this July edition of the Bradford Bridge where you’ll find:

- The answer to the question, “What happened to Bradford’s July 4th celebration?”
- Devin’s Monthly Briefing of activity on Bradford’s Boards and Committees,
- Where food is available in Bradford in my article, “No One Should Be Hungry,”
- Ellen’s musings about mid-life friendships and details of what’s happening at Brown Memorial Library in July,
- The history and growth of the popularity of the potato by Ann,
- The importance of paper recycling by Lois,
- Where to borrow an e-bike for free,
- A schedule of all the music to be found this summer at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse,
- And much, much more. Including lots of ads for local goods and services paid for by local businesses. We are ever appreciative of this support which brings you the Bradford Bridge for free.

Best wishes as you celebrate Independence Day and all the height of summer has to offer,

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor*

*And the dedicated crew that work happily  
to bring monthly neighborly news*

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**Land Acknowledgement Statement** – *We are on the unceded land of Nd’akinna which has long served as a site of meeting for Abenaki people from Pagôntegok (Contoocook), O’quasskikonaquan (Newbury) and beyond for thousands of years. Nebizonbik (Bradford Springs) provided healing waters and people exchanged goods at the village site behind Lake Massasecum, calling this land home. The town of Bradford honors, recognizes, and respects these Abenaki, as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today. In that spirit, today we will begin by acknowledging that we are guests in this land. We need to respect and help protect the lands within our use and share of the bounty with our Abenaki partners today.*

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## Letters to Our Editor:

### To the Editor:

The American Library Association (ALA), the oldest (140 years) and largest (57,000 members), just elected an avowed Marxist as its new president. Summer reading just got a little bit ‘woke.’ Emily Drabinski, interim chief librarian of The Graduate Center, City University of New York did not run on a platform of political viewpoints. Her political viewpoints were not part of the associations methodology. However, it has been met with a wide range of Twitter comment by the association’s members. Ms. Drabinski did trumpet her political credentials after the vote. That is not encouraging.

I suppose parents can simply be aware and be concerned as libraries of all sizes choose future reading material for children and adults. Marxism is not known for having a broad tolerance for other viewpoints. Nor is it known to encourage society to be free thinking.

The ALA describes itself as the ‘trusted voice of libraries...for 140 years.’ I won’t wait for the ‘Ministry of Truth’ forming within our federal government to provide direction. Be aware, be informed, and above all, be a free thinker.

*Steve Pierce*

### To the Editor:

Legislative Update – As the two year legislative stint winds to a close, your legislators in the State House can look back on some accomplishments with a sense of pride mingled with a sense of dread. Here is a look back at two representative highlights:

One was a ban on abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy. The abortion ban did not provide exceptions for rape, incest, or fetal anomalies. In this year’s

session, Democratic proposed amendments were passed that make exceptions to the law in the case of all of the above. However, if Roe vs. Wade is overturned by the Supreme Court, the matter will appear back in the State where partisanship may lead to further extremes in legislation on the topic.

A project that received massive Republican support was the Education Freedom Account program for home-schooled and private school students. This program gives eligible families state funds to use for educational purposes. State funding for Education Freedom Accounts ran over budget by several million dollars in the first year. Democratic bills introduced this year to curb spending failed. If our communities elect to continue to adequately educate our children in community schools under local control, continued expansion of this program will lead to massive cuts in state funding for public education and result in steep property tax rate hikes in coming years.

*Representative Tony Caplan, Environment & Agriculture Committee, New Hampshire House of Representatives, Merrimack 6 (Henniker,Bradford)*

### Hiring: French’s Park Attendant

The Town of Bradford is seeking applicants for the position of Attendant at French’s Park. This is a part-time position, 18 hours per week, Friday through Sunday 11am-5pm, beginning in early June and running through Labor Day Weekend. Duties will include enforcement of the Town’s ordinance for use of French’s Park, trash removal, and other duties as assigned. Must be able to work outdoors.

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 Town website at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org)

## What Happened to Bradford’s 4th of July?

The short answer is that Bradford’s celebration day, forever held on July 4th, has moved to a day in September close to September 27, the day in 1771 considered Bradford’s founding day. 2021 was the sestercentennial (250th anniversary) of Bradford’s founding.

The change from July 4th to September 27th was made after very careful consideration. The Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission took feedback from the community. Based on this feedback the commission proposed a warrant article at town meeting which passed. Then last year September 25th was proposed and approved when the July 4th celebration needed to be postponed due to heavy rain.

That’s how the first “Bradford Celebration Day” was held on a gorgeous September Saturday, the 25th. Bradford was vibrant with rich history, honorable tributes, family fun and brilliant fireworks to defy the Big Dipper overhead. The change was then taken to the Select Board and was approved as the new official “Bradford Celebration Day.”

From Devin Pendleton, Parks and Rec Chair, “The very SMALL group organizing the event does not want to erase the 4th of July or traditions that the Town loves. We are working to bring back treasured events, like the Fire Department BBQ and vendor fair, as well as incorporate new activities that will keep the event fresh and fun. We LOVE this town and do our best.”

Here’s a teaser of what’s to come this year on Saturday, September 24: 5K Road Race, an afternoon parade, mid-way fun at Brown Shattuck Park, grilling competition, live music, and fireworks at dusk.

Parks and Rec is trying to fill the afternoon with agricultural/old timey activities like: Fire Department BBQ, Best/biggest vegetable, live bluegrass/americana music, vendor fair, wellness fair at community center, chicken poop bingo.

Volunteers are needed!! Please contact Devin Pendleton ([devinpendleton505@gmail.com](mailto:devinpendleton505@gmail.com)) or any member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to become involved.

## Mountain View Senior Center Menus for July

Meals will be served at the Senior Center on the following dates. Frozen take-out meals and unfrozen meals in take-out containers are also available. For planning purposes, reservations for all eat-in and take-out meals are requested. Please call 603-938-5104 or stop by the Senior Center to sign up.

**Friday, July 1, 9:45 am, Brunch:**  
Quiche Ham, Onion, Cheese, Home Fried Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit Cup

**Thursday, July 7, 11:30 am, Lunch:**  
Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese and Tomato Sandwich, Pickled Beets, Watermelon, Pickles

**Thursday, July 14, 11:30 am, Lunch:**  
American Cold Cut Combo Sub - Turkey, Ham, Cheese, Topping, Tomato and Cucumber Salad, Fruit Cup

**Thursday, July 21, 11:30 am, Lunch:**  
Beef Chili with Beans Topped with Cheese, Small Garden Salad, Corn Bread, Fruit Cup / Cookies

**Thursday, July 28, 11:30 am, Lunch:**  
Turkey Pesto Pasta Salad w/ Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cup



**THE MILESTONE TEAM**



### Looking back, and forward...

In June of 2021, there were 7 active residential listings in Bradford, ranging in price from \$375,000 to \$2,250,000 (Deer Valley Farm, with 144A). Currently, there are 3 active listings, with asking prices of \$425,000, \$729,000, and \$850,000.

Through June of 2021, there were 8 sales. In 2022, there have been 13 sales with another 8 either under contract or pending. The sold properties are listed below. The first price is the asking price, second is the selling price.

The median days on the market was 9. A number sold over asking price, and most likely there were multiple offers on a number as well.

According to the National Association of Realtors, first-time buyers continue to struggle in this market; many of us have personal experience of this. This past May, 25% of buyers paid cash. 12% ended up purchasing a home through a virtual tour. There is some confidence in the market that more inventory will be coming on the

	ASKING	SELLING
116 Pleasant View Road	\$125,000	\$140,000
361 Rowe Mountain Road	\$199,000	\$226,000
20 Fortune Road	\$259,000	\$255,000
15 Maple View Drive	\$285,000	\$260,000
2218 Route 114	\$265,000	\$267,000
320 West Road	\$259,900	\$315,000
219 Cressy Road	\$295,000	\$335,000
2673 State Rte. 114	\$425,000	\$405,000
11 Water Street	\$399,000	\$422,270
17 Pleasant Valley	\$449,999	\$440,000
2623 State Rte. 114	\$495,300	\$495,300
Lot One North Ridge	\$469,000	\$513,263
16 North Ridge	\$499,900	\$570,000

market. This will help to keep prices from soaring as they have been doing strictly because of supply and demand. What will the rate hike do to buyer enthusiasm? As you read this, we will likely be seeing a decline in numbers of existing house sales, an increasing available inventory, and house price appreciation which is slowing. Stay tuned. We do know for a fact that people do love our area!

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## No One Should Be Hungry

Says Laura Marshall, Bradford Food Pantry Director, and, “Everyone should have the food they need.” Laura and Cheryl McDonald are dedicated to making sure the Bradford Food Pantry provides monthly free nourishment for Bradford residents in need. Since 1996 it has been run by volunteers and funded by donations. The Bradford Community Church assists in the operation of the Food Pantry, however, church membership is not required.



**Bradford Food Pantry Volunteers, Laura Marshall and Cheryl McDonald**

*We are a judgement-free zone. No one should go hungry to pay other bills. Whether it is a monthly need or getting caught short for a month or two, the food pantry is here to help.*

“The Food Pantry is here for Bradford residents in need, whenever they need it,” says Laura, adding, “We are a judgement-free zone. No one should go hungry to pay other bills. Whether it is a monthly need or getting caught short for a month or two, the food pantry is here to help.”

Most of the food provided to the families is donated. About \$600 per month is spent to buy groceries in the form of meats, cheese, eggs, butter, and bread from a local vendor. The pantry also receives food from the Capital Area Program. Every effort is made to provide 9

forms of protein and a nutritious variety of fruits and vegetables each month.



**A garden on the lawn outside the Bradford Food Pantry provides fresh food!**

Information on other assistance programs is also provided. A garden on the lawn outside the food pantry provides hyper fresh herbs and vegetables and a chance to learn about growing food.

To use the Food Pantry all that’s needed is getting in touch with Laura by giving her a call at 603-938-5313 or 603-848-2781. Visiting the Food Pantry during regular hours (listed below) is also an option, However, waiting until the Food Pantry is open to receive food is not necessary because...



**Kearsarge Food Hub’s “Freege” located at the Sweet Beet Market at 11 West Main**

The Bradford Food Pantry collaborates closely with the Kearsarge Food Hub’s “Freege” located at the Sweet Beet Market at 11 West Main. A closet containing a refrigerator/freezer outside the Market is always open.

Food for the Freege is donated by the Bradford Food Pantry and the Kearsarge Food Hub. Laura communicates weekly with Cassie LaShier, the Food Hub’s Food Accessibility Manager, to make sure that the Freege is stocked with frozen meat and eggs. The Food Hub

donates seasonal fresh vegetables, fruits, meats, cheeses, and other foods.



**Cassie LaShier, Kearsarge Food Hub “Freege” Manager**

As inflation takes a bigger bite out of stagnant paychecks, Laura, Cheryl, and Cassie urge people to take advantage of these resources for free nourishment right here in Bradford.

The Bradford Food Pantry is located next to the Bradford Community Church at 88 West Main Street. Food Pantry hours are 5:30-6:30pm, the 3rd Wednesday of each month, or 603-938-5313 for an appointment. Or call Laura’s cell: 603-848-2781. Food Pantry office hours are Wednesdays 9:00am-noon, or call 603-938-5313 for an appointment.

Cassie LaShier, Kearsarge Food Hub “Freege” Manager, can be reached at 603-938-5232 and [cassie@kearsarge-foodhub.org](mailto:cassie@kearsarge-foodhub.org).

Other food pantries available to Bradford Residents:

Warner Connects Food Pantry and Community Resource Center, 49 West Main Street, Warner, NH 603-456-2053, always open.

Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry, First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London, NH. Hours: Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm and Saturdays 10:00–11:30am.

*Kathleen Bigford*



## NH Telephone Museum Welcomes New Board Members and Wishes Another a Fond Farewell

Warner NH – Bradford native, Ed Raymond, recently stepped down from his position as a member of the board of the New Hampshire Telephone Museum. Ed brought a wealth of institutional knowledge to the museum because of his 38-year career in the telephone industry. He started as a lineman in 1971 with Merrimack County Telephone Co. in Warner. Ed stayed on through the sale of TDS Telecom and retired in 2009.

Ed joined the NHTM Board in 2018 and was very involved with both the Collections and Facilities Committees. “Even before his board appointment, he was always willing to help out the museum in any way he could and has assured us that

he will continue to volunteer when we need him,” says Laura French, Executive Director, adding, “We will definitely miss his quiet insight, his willingness to help and his sense of humor.”

In May, the museum added four new members to its board, bringing the total to 12. The new members are James W. “Jim” Milliken, a well-known figure in and around Concord NH, Greg Sargeant, a well-known telephone collector from Providence RI, Kathleen Bigford of Bradford NH, who has an extensive background in education and nonprofit development, and Ryan Violette of Warner NH, the great grandson of our founder and a representative of the younger generation.

“We are very excited with the addition of these new board members,” says French. “It’s such a well-rounded group, with expertise in nonprofits, law, finance, telephones, development, and our latest venture into expanding our educational offerings. Big things are happening at the museum, and we have a great group of people to lead the charge,” adds French.

The museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10am to 4pm and has a full schedule of events coming up this season. Visit [www.NHTelephoneMuseum.org](http://www.NHTelephoneMuseum.org) for all the details.



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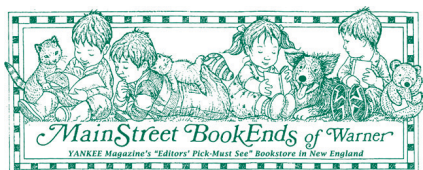
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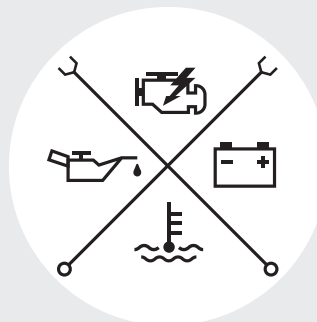
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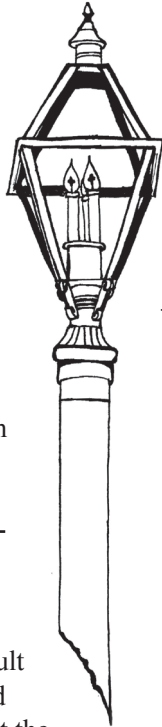
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Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



## From the Director's Desk:

Does anyone find making friends in middle age as difficult as I do? Although I have lived in Bradford since 2003, I spent the first five years working out of town in Manchester, and the next years consumed with raising small children, and I had very few local friends. Finding time to make and encourage friendships was hard during those years, and is still hard, to this day. According to the January 12, 2022 Atlantic Magazine article “Why Making Friends in Mid-Life is So Hard”, the average age people meet their best friend is 21 because they have time to bond over new experiences. The Atlantic article also suggests it “typically takes 200 hours, over six weeks, for a stranger to grow into a friend.” Two hundred hours!!!?

To make new friends you must put yourself out there, be vulnerable, and devote time and energy. Making new friends is

akin to dating. Should I ask this person out, will they say yes, what should we do, will they like me? And then there are the questions that follow the first date: do we have chemistry, common interests, similar senses of humor, and when will we see each other again? Finding a person where all these traits jive feels like a spark that you want to keep kindled. So, if you ever meet someone that creates that spark and you think to yourself, they probably already have a lot of friends, remember they may be feeling the same way. Ask them out! You're never too old to meet new friends.

Books about friendship are worth checking out! You can find them at our library.

*The Joy Luck Club* / Amy Tan

*Swing Time* / Zadie Smith

*Sula* / Toni Morrison

*Who Will Run the Frog Hospital* /

Laurie Moore

*My Brilliant Friend* / Elena Ferante

*Conversations with Friends* /

Sally Rooney

## Summer Reading:

Our Summer Reading Program has begun as of June 21st. Kids can pick up their summer reading logs now. Kids are encouraged to read twenty minutes a day. Prizes are attained after one hour of reading, after five hours they can enter to win a raffle prize. There is an “ocean of possibilities” waiting for them at the library!

• Wednesday, July 6th at 1:00pm  
Steve Blunt / Music & Songs

• Wednesday, July 13th at 1:00pm  
Squam Lake Science Center / Aquatic Creatures

• Wednesday, July 20th at 1:00pm  
Robert Rivest / Mime & Juggler

• Wednesday, July 27th at 1:00pm  
Children's Museum of NH / Ocean Art with instructional video and coordinated crafts.

## Plastic Free July:

The library is working together with

Bradford Energy Committee and Conservation Commission to bring awareness to the harmful effects of plastic pollution. You can find a selection of books about breaking free from plastics here at our library. To further illuminate the issue, we will be holding a viewing of the movie, *Microplastic Madness*, along with a conversation to follow, as well as learning to make a wrap out of bee's wax.

• Wednesday, July 13th at 6:00pm  
Microplastics movie viewing with conversation to follow.

• Friday, July 15th from 2:00-4:00pm  
come to the library to make your own wrap using bees wax.

## Corners Garden Event:

Saturday, July 23rd from 11:00-12:00.  
Simon Brooks / Storyteller, Performer. This event is to welcome children to the Corners Garden. After his performance we look forward to brainstorming with the group about how to create a natural playscape for kids enjoyment.

## LGBTQ+ Youth in Schools:

The Experiences of LGBTQ+ Youth in Schools. Thursday, July 28th at 6:30pm. In this program, Kathleen Farrell, Ph.D. (Professor of Sociology at Colby-Sawyer College) will use national data to present the experiences of LGBTQ+ students in U.S. schools, introduce terminology to facilitate the audience's understanding of today's sexual and gender diversity, and make recommendations for school personnel and parents to better support the well-being of LGBTQ+ youth.

**Book Group:** Wednesday, July 27th at 7:00pm. Our group will be reading *The Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips. The story takes place in the Russian province of Kamchatka, a nearly inaccessible town, and a closed military zone up until 1989. It's a story about place, the disappearance of two young sisters, and the indigenous characters that make up the community.

*Ellen Barselle, Director*

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## Mount Sunapee Advisory Commission Holds Public Meeting with Vail Management

On June 14th, before Mount Sunapee’s advisory commission and a public audience at Newbury Town Offices, Peter Disch, Vail’s site manager, explained how Vail intends to correct difficulties experienced at the Mount Sunapee ski resort last winter, specifically overcrowding, and staffing shortages.

Vail, he said, is evaluating parking lot layouts and consulting with a traffic engineer. Vail will pay for local police contingents if deemed necessary. Pulse-parking strategies will direct traffic more efficiently. Vail also plans construction of new parking lot #4. To address the staff shortages, Vail is raising minimum wages from \$13/hour to \$20/hour and providing health benefits.

Commission member Representative Dan Wolf wondered why Vail wouldn’t utilize a reservation system to control visitor volume. Mr. Disch stated the improvements Vail plans make reservation systems unnecessary.

Nancy Marashio, (Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests) asked how Vail was permanently protecting already identified upland old growth forest. Commissioner Stewart proposed a July meeting to discuss permanent protection.

Steve Russell, president of Friends of Mount Sunapee urged Vail to comply with marketing and advertising standards set forth by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

John Major, a ski pass holder, stated Vail’s epic passes create overcrowding. He suggested Vail close the resort at a certain point and thought a reservation system would work well during winter weekends.

Deb Flanders, long-time Mount Sunapee skier, expressing safety concerns, thought Vail might hire staff to slow people skiing too quickly down the slopes.

*Alan Shulman, New London, NH*

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**MONTHLY BRIEFING:  
Town Board Reports**

*(Continued from page 1)*

**Federal Grant Filing** The Board approved a motion to authorize Town Administrator Karen Hambleton to manage, administer and file the required reports for the Town’s Federal grants.

**Complaint** Selectwomen Marlene Freyler read a letter from Jane Johnson showing concern about a Select Board member receiving compensation for working in the office. Selectwomen Mel Pfeifle said she appreciates the concern, but the Town Office is stuck at the moment and the Select Board member is helping out during this time of need. Mel said this is only temporary until they fill the full-time position.

**Intent to Cut** The Board signed Intent to Cut for Map 3/Lot 69, Map 3/Lot 73, and Map 3/Lot 74-1.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Boardwalk** The Board approved \$215 for 20 hemlock planks to replace boards on the Bog boardwalk.

**Permit Commission** Members George Beaton, Ann Eldridge, and Patty Furness reviewed a Permit by Notification for a floating dock at this site. The permit has been signed.

**Cedar Regeneration Study** A grant, due 7/01/22, is being sought for this study and letters of support are needed. The study is supported by the Select-board. The grant will enable the study of forest ecology of Atlantic White Cedars at the Bradford Bog by a UNH team and will integrate western science with traditional indigenous knowledge of the Abenaki people. Ann Eldridge will draft a support letter.

**KRSD SCHOOL BOARD**

**Fire Escape** The Board approved a motion for the purchase recommendation for the new fire escape at Simonds Elementary in the amount of \$258,783.00 from DEW Construction.

**Bleachers** The Town of New London offered to contribute \$37,500 to the replacement of the bleachers in the KLC Gym. The Town is looking to use the gym for their town meetings, and they felt the public school system would be their best option. The School Board contribution would be \$33,510.00 with the total cost of the project being \$71,010.00. The Board approved the purchase recommendation for the installation of new ADA compliant bleachers in the amount of \$71,010.00, with the district’s contribution amount of \$33,510.00, from Robert H. Lord, Co.

**Congratulations** The Equestrian Team finished the year in 2nd place out of 15 teams in the state.

*Minutes and recordings of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at the town website. [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org)*

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## The Corners Garden

*A community garden on East Main Street*

What was once an abandoned property across from the Bradford Historical Society is now a garden which is open to the public. The Corners Garden, which began several years ago as a community project under private ownership is now under the stewardship of a foundation. It is currently being managed by talented local gardener, Kim Lowe, who has incorporated an abundance of ornamental flowers and other plantings to the grounds, giving it new life and color. Several specimens including Rose of Sharons will be making their debut this season, so be on the lookout!

Other developments at the garden include a natural play space, which is currently being planned for the latter portion of the property, located behind the garden. What is a natural play space? In short, it is a play environment for children consisting primarily of elements and textures from the earth, as opposed to the more common materials such as plastic and metal frequently found on many of today's playgrounds. Things found in nature, such as boulders, old logs, tree stumps and native plantings feature prominently in natural play spaces, offering children opportunities to explore, imagine and be challenged by the natural elements. The idea behind this approach is to incorporate the surrounding landscape and vegetation to bring nature to children's outdoor play and learning environments.

A couple of events at the garden have been planned for this summer - one of which you will find advertised in this issue of the Bridge. These events are entirely kids focused, as we want to provide plenty of opportunities for local kids to weigh in on what they would like to see in their new play space.

The garden is open daily from dawn to dusk to anyone who wishes to enjoy it, and can be accessed via the sidewalk on East Main St., or via Brown Shattuck ballfield. Come take a walk through the space and maybe even spot one of the little painted rocks placed randomly about in various nooks and crannies!

Nancy Striniste's "Nature Play at Home" is a good resource for learning more about children's natural play spaces.

*Claire James*



*Storytelling at the Corners Garden*  
with Simon Brooks

SATURDAY, JULY 23rd at 11:00am  
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A children's storytelling at the garden will be followed by a brainstorming session for the nature play space being planned there. Children will have the opportunity to walk the property and share ideas about what they would like to see in the play space. Snacks & drinks to be provided.

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## Bradford Takes on Single Use Plastics in July!

It seems impossible, doesn't it? Plastics are so much a part of our lives in many of the crucial items we count on every day from our cell phones, kitchen appliances, children's toys, to our cozy microfiber clothing. And then there are all the single-use items that we use once and throw away: water bottles, shopping bags, take-out containers. None of that is recyclable, and it adds up to a serious pile of stuff at our transfer station. What can we do??

Here in Bradford, we want to encourage you to take part in the global movement called "Plastic Free July". In its 11th year, this year "Plastic Free July" hopes to inspire people, communities, and businesses to choose to refuse single-use plastics in their daily lives. Together we can take small, daily actions to create long-lasting habits that can make a difference in our environment. We can do this!

During the month of July activities are being planned around town to help you and your families learn more about

ways to use less. There will be tips on how to avoid single use plastics, and pledge cards for you to take away to keep your goals in sight at home. We hope you will join us. Here's what is happening:

**July 2:** Community Fair at Sweet Beet Market, 9-2pm. Many free family activities for all ages. Visit the Plastic Free July Table for your pledge card, tips, and learn to make a paper pot so you can take home a seedling from Sweet Beet Farm to plant in your own garden. Brought to you by the Bradford Energy Committee, Bradford Conservation Commission and the Kearsarge Food Hub.

**July 13:** Showing of the movie "Microplastic Madness", brought to you by the Brown Memorial Library and the Bradford Conservation Commission. It's about a group of 5th graders in NYC who learn about microplastic pollution first-hand and decide to do something about it. It's an inspiring, award-winning film and you can't watch it on your streaming services at home! Suitable for ages 10-adults. 6pm.

**July 15:** Come to the Brown Memorial Library and make your own beeswax wrapper. It's reusable and can help you cut down on plastic wrap use. Drop in any time between 2 and 4pm. All ages.

**All July:** 5 Acres Garden Center is taking back single use planting pots: Numbers 2, 5 and 6 only. (Brush out the dirt first please) They will be collected by a manufacturer for recycling into new plant pots.

If you would like to find out more about what others are doing about plastic pollution, here are a few websites to explore: [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org) (Global initiative) and [10towns.org](http://10towns.org). (A New Hampshire based initiative with lots of information).

Together we can make a difference. Thanks for caring and doing!

*The Bradford Energy Committee*

## Borrow an E-Bike for Free!!

The Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library offers a great opportunity to "try before you buy for free" and allows you to get a feel for how an e-bike might fit into your lifestyle.

The Library is a selection of four e-bikes of assorted styles and retail costs. Since the Library began in 2020, more than a third of the people who have borrowed Library bikes say they plan to buy one of their own.

Bikes will be available in New London by reservation from July 20 to August 9 for 1 to 3 days.

Visit [tps://vitalcommunities.org/transportation/upper-valley-e-bike-lending-library/](https://vitalcommunities.org/transportation/upper-valley-e-bike-lending-library/) to find out how to reserve an e-bike.

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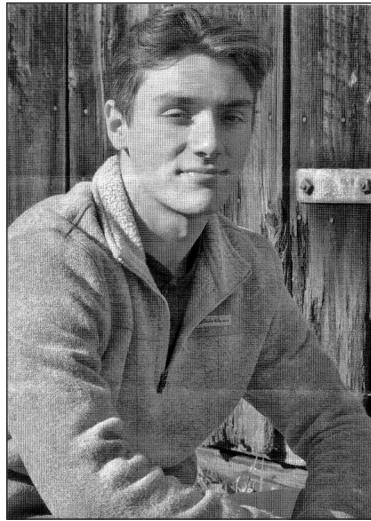
## 2022 Bradford Scholarship Awards

The Bradford Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer two scholarships to graduating Kearsarge Regional High School Students. The 2022 Bradford Scholarship recipients are Ford Simano and John (JJ) Davis. Each of these graduates maintained very high academic standards and participated in sports and community activities. When asked on the application how Bradford has helped promote their academic goals, each had inspiring responses.



Ford Simano, “I have lived in Bradford, New Hampshire my whole life, on a quiet dirt road just two miles from the center of town and ten miles from Kearsarge Regional High School. Living in a small town with a population of 1500 people creates a tight sense of community where everybody knows their neighbors and people want to help raise their community instead of just focusing on themselves. My elementary school teachers were the first community members that impacted me in a big way; ever since then I have admired teachers and the role they play in the community and for the impact they have on people like me...

Next year I will attend Clarkson University as a Chemistry major on the Pre-Med track. My time living in Bradford and Kearsarge has helped me immensely and will not be forgotten as I move forward.”



JJ Davis, “Since starting high school I have worked for my uncle’s business, Wet Basement Solutions, located in Bradford. Living here has given me the opportunity to live close to my uncle’s business and this job has helped me learn a great deal about the real world. I have learned how to communicate with people on job sites, how to make sure I am completing the work at a high level of quality, and how to work with a team. These are skills I will use while attending college and afterwards when seeking a job. If I didn’t live in Bradford, there’s a good chance that I wouldn’t have been fortunate enough to strengthen these skills.”

And, “I’ve seen lots of people helping each other out around the Town of Bradford as I’ve grown up, and I have seen it grow to be a part of my own character. I enjoy volunteering when I am able and I believe that growing up in Bradford is to credit for a lot of the personal achievements I have reached.”

JJ will attend Colby-Sawyer College with the goal of graduating with a degree in Business Administration and, “someday hope to own my own or help to run a business.”

Congratulations and all the best to both of these outstanding Bradford graduates of Kearsarge Regional High School as they pursue their hopes and dreams.

*The Bradford Town Scholarship Committee. Kathleen Bigford, Mary Keegan-Dayton, and Devin Pendleton*



## College News

Evan Bryce Miller of Bradford, a 2021 recipient of a Bradford Town Scholarship, and a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2022 semester at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.



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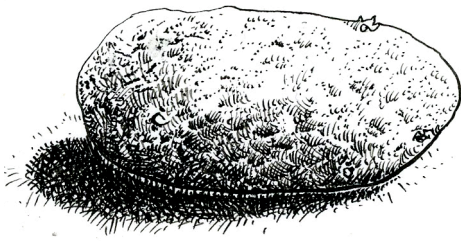
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## Potato

This spring I planted a colorful excess of potatoes.

The ancestors of the Incas in the mountains of what is now Peru were the first to cultivate potatoes eight or ten thousand years ago and they grew thousands of distinct varieties for every use and every growing condition. They made a dried potato powder to reconstitute in the off season. In the early 1500s, Pizzaro was out looking for gold and sampled the cuisine. What he found was more valuable than gold although he didn't think so. He brought potatoes home to Spain.

The potato was slow to gain acceptance in high society Europe for a multitude of creative reasons. Among them: that they weren't mentioned in the Bible; that they resembled leprotic hands and thus probably caused it; that lowly livestock ate it; that potatoes led to wantonness in housewives due to their ease of preparation; that they caused drunkenness and worse; and that the potato may have been the forbidden fruit of Eden. Europe at the time had a food problem and a problem of timidity.

Frederick the Great in Germany and Catherine the Great in Russia forced hungry peasants to plant potatoes while Louis XVI in France was subtle. He planted potatoes and put them under

light guard. The inquisitive peasants – concluding that they must therefore be valuable – stole them. In England, Sir Walter Raleigh presented potato plants to Queen Elizabeth's kitchen help without accompanying instructions. The puzzled cooks threw out the unattractive knobby tubers and served up the greens – which promptly made everyone deathly ill. (Potato greens contain powerful alkaloids. Potatoes are technically stems, not roots, and will turn green if exposed to light.) It took a few more centuries and famines for the English to take the potato seriously as a food crop though they had no problem sending them to their starving Irish and Scottish subjects. The peasants caught on quickly. Here was a highly nutritious food that could grow on poor soil, would keep pretty well, and could be hidden underground from tax collectors.

Irish history famously illustrates the social, political, and economic impact of this plant. The potato allowed the land-poor Irish a measure of independence from the cash economy but also allowed the island population to soar, further depressing wages.

Another factor that set the Irish up for calamity is that potatoes don't breed true from seed, thus requiring a part of last year's crop to be saved for replanting the following spring. Potatoes (similar to apples) are clones – genetically identical to the parent stock. The Irish planted a monoculture of the 'Lumper' variety. The vulnerability of this system became appallingly apparent in the mid-1800s when it was discovered that the Lumper was particularly susceptible to an introduced fungus, *Phytophthora infestans* or Late Blight. At least a million, or one out of eight Irishmen, starved and more than one and a half million emigrated.

Driven by consumer preferences, large

corporations like McDonalds plant millions of acres with only seven cultivars of potatoes. This situation demonstrates the differences in the way farmers of different cultures view their relationship to the land. The Andean Quechuan still plants a wide variety of tubers in an assortment of microclimates and with an occasional reintroduction of wild stock. In a dry year, some crops will do better. In a cold year, there will be other varieties that will sustain them. The traditional farmer accepts constant change and adaptation to the elements. The industrial agriculturist bets the whole farm on one or two cultivars and on his ability to alter the environment to suit. Huge amounts of insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers, herbicides, and fossil energy are required to maintain this bizarre system. Lately, even large-scale agribusiness is admitting that this method is not sustainable.

In the mid-1990s, Monsanto introduced the 'New Leaf' potato that had a short run. The EPA registered the entire plant as an insecticide because every part of it contains a chemical that kills the ubiquitous Colorado potato beetle – the same chemical found in the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis*. The beetle was guaranteed by biologists and even by Monsanto itself to become resistant to the trick at some point. Growers were reluctant to use this new plant and the experiment was shelved. Monsanto concentrates now on tinkering with bigger crops like corn, soy, and wheat.

A handful of powerful corporations promise that plants can be grown with fewer dangerous chemicals and less energy by trans genetic tinkering – taking the properties of one organism and inserting it into another – beyond even the imaginative Darwin's dreams and nightmares.

Traditional South American horticulturalists have no interest in trying to produce many millions of perfectly uniform French fries but they may have some guidance on how to grow potatoes sustainably.

*Ann Eldridge*



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# Obituaries

## *Perley Roger "Joe" Strout*

Perley Roger "Joe" Strout passed away peacefully on Sunday May 15, 2022 in Durham, NH. Joe was born on November 8th 1937 on the family farm in Unity, NH. He was the youngest of nine children born to Perley Strout and Mary Donovan. He loved telling stories about growing up on the farm and eventually wrote a book about his experiences entitled "One Mile and Forty Years Back". In one chapter he tells the story of when his older brother returned home from World War II. Young Perley tried on his brother's cap and his family jokingly called him "G.I. Joe". The nickname stuck and he was known as "Joe" for the rest of his life.

Joe's elementary and middle school days were spent in a one room schoolhouse in Unity, NH. After graduating from Steven's High School in Claremont, NH; he joined the United States Coast Guard in 1956 and served for four years. He chronicled these adventures in his second book called "A Coast Guard Diary". Highlights include crossing the equator and visiting both the Arctic and Antarctic Oceans.

After traveling the world, Joe's ship returned to Boston in 1960 and he was granted a long shore leave. He returned home to Unity to visit his parents and while there accompanied his niece to a square dance in Bradford, NH. At that dance, dressed in his Coast Guard uniform, Joe met a beautiful green-eyed girl who would become the love of his life, Marcia Martin. Joe and Marcia were married in 1961 and continued dancing together during many happy years of marriage.

After marrying, Joe found work as a technician at Western Electric in Andover, MA where he worked for 25 years. During this time he and Marcia settled in Plais-tow, NH and raised three children: Nathan, Sherylee, and Linette. Upon retiring at the age of 50, he and Marcia purchased the Sunshine Farm in Bradford, NH (the town where they first met). The happy couple grew vegetables and ran an antique shop


in the barn for many years.

As they entered their golden years, the large farmhouse and antique barn became too much to manage, so Joe and Marcia built a cozy house in Sutton, NH. Shortly after the move to Sutton, Marcia started to show signs of dementia. Perley took wonderful care of Marcia for years and, after she moved to an assisted living facility, he continued to visit her daily until she passed away in 2017.

After Marcia's passing, Joe spent a few more years living on his own in the Sutton house before eventually transitioning to an assisted living facility in Durham, NH. Despite dealing with some difficult health issues of his own, Joe would often say "I've had a wonderful life" and could always be counted on to make people smile with a joke or one of his folksy sayings.


Perley Joe is survived by his sister Phebe Galpin; his son Nathan Strout; his daughters Sherylee Strout and Linette Miles; and his grandchildren Asana Gunes, Arman Gunes, Russell Miles, and Ian Miles.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 2:00pm at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London, NH.



## *John G. Signorino Celebration of Life*

A Celebration of Life inurnment ceremony will be held for John G. Signorino, who passed away on April 24, 2020. The ceremony will be held at Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford NH on July 23, 2022 at 10:30am. John was a long time resident and Selectman of the Town of Bradford, and was also a dedicated member of the Bradford Community Theater. Friends of the family are welcome to attend.



## *The Peace of Wild Things*

### *Wendell Berry*

*When despair for the world*

*grows in me*

*and I wake in the night at the*

*least sound*

*in fear of what my life and my*

*children's lives may be,*

*I go and lie down where the*

*wood drake*

*rests in his beauty on the water,*

*and the great heron feeds.*

*I come into the peace of wild*

*things*

*who do not tax their lives with*

*forethought*

*of grief. I come into the pres-*

*ence of still water.*

*And I feel above me the day-*

*blind stars*

*waiting with their light. For a*

*time*

*I rest in the grace of the world,*

*and am free.*

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# TRANSFER STATION NEWS

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In January 2022 we baled and shipped over 19 tons of mixed paper and nearly 16 tons of cardboard; we netted \$1,974.40 for both.

There are many benefits to recycling paper and cardboard:

- greater forest conservation,
- reduced – water, energy, pollutant waste, and carbon emissions,
- and less paper in the waste stream.

Residents are asked to place their clean mixed paper into the baler designated and labeled “mixed paper” and their clean and flattened boxes into the designated corrugated cardboard baler (pizza boxes must be clean).

Ken and I appreciate how willingly residents participate in the various recycling endeavors at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center.

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*

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## Sunset Hill Education Institute Summer Program



### Nature’s Way

The Sunset Hill Education Institute is offering Nature’s Way, a free outdoor program for all on ADA accessible pathways in Bradford. Through the use of nature as a dynamic example of resiliency, Nature’s Way guides individuals on how to use mindfulness-based techniques to recreate positive, powerful life stories about yourself and uncover what makes you shine! Nature’s Way offers three levels, each as a series of

sessions. Sessions are led by trained peer leaders. Board Certified Holistic Health Professional (HHP) & Wellness Life Coach, Andy Jeffrey, designed the program.

The next session begins on Tuesday, July 26th and runs for the next three consecutive Tuesdays. For more on the schedule, specific topics and registration go to <https://www.sheinh.org/2022-summer-schedule>.

### Art For Stress Reduction: An Intergenerational Program

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In this workshop we will be exploring Neuro-graphic Art, a method which is a simple and creative way to work with the subconscious mind, stimulating new neural pathways by combining art and mindfulness to relieve the stress of our daily lives.

Instructor is Carol Ellis, Artist, Educator, RYT 500 Yoga + Meditation, and Qigong Instructor.



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## Out & About: Nine Nests



Pictured here is one of nine nests Laura Ryder found on a joist under her deck. "It's like they just couldn't decide which one was right!" Or, could it be a strategy to outsmart predators? Those are some busy robins!

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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Please make your drawing "the long way" on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch white paper. Put your name, age, and title of the drawing on the back.

Drawings will be on display at the Sweet Beet during August!

We would love to have 12 drawings appear in our 2023 Sweet Beet Calendar. All drawings will be celebrated!

### SEND DRAWINGS TO:

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# BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Saturday, July 2

9:00 am-2:00 pm Community Fair, Sweet Beet Market

## Monday, July 4

Town Offices Closed  
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

## Tuesday, July 5

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

## Wednesday, July 6

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
1:00 pm, Yoga MVSC  
1:00 pm, Steve Blunt, Music & Songs, BML  
4:00 pm Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm Planning Board

## Thursday, July 7

11:30 am, Lunch MVSC

## Monday, July 11

10:00 am Storytime, BML?  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School LR  
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

## Tuesday, July 12

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

## Wednesday, July 13

1:00 pm, Yoga MVSC  
1:00 pm, Aquatic Creatures, BML  
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
4:00 pm Girl Scouts  
6:00 pm, "Microplastic Madness" movie BML

## Thursday, July 14

11:30 am, Lunch MVSC  
5:30 pm Parks & Rec

## Friday, July 15

2:00-4:00 pm, DIY Beeswax wrap, BML

## Monday, July 18

10:00 am Storytime, BML?  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm Eco/Dev Committee

## Tuesday, July 19

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

## Wednesday, July 20

9:00 am-2:00 pm Wellness, Foot Care  
9:00-12:00, Food Pantry Office  
Open BCC  
1:00 pm, Yoga MVSC  
1:00 pm, Robert Rivest, Mime & Juggler. BML  
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
4:00 pm Girl Scouts  
5:30 pm-6:30 pm Food Pantry open, BCC

## Thursday, July 21

11:30 am, Lunch MVSC

## Saturday, July 23

11:00 am, Storytelling, Corners Garden, E. Main Street

## Monday, July 25

10:00 am Storytime, BML??  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School LR  
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

## Tuesday, July 26

10:00 am Quilting Group  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting  
(4th Tuesday of each month)

## Wednesday, July 27

1:00 pm, Yoga MVSC  
1:00 pm, Ocean Art Video & Crafts, BML  
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
4:00 pm Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm, Book Group, "The Disappearing Earth" BML

## Thursday, July 28

11:30 am, Lunch MVSC  
6:30 pm, LBG+ School Experiences, BML

## Monday, July 31

10:00 am Storytime, BML?  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
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

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

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Our Sunday Services start at 10am. Communion Service is held on the First Sunday of the month.

The following is the schedule of pastors preaching in July:

- July 3rd, Rev. Bob Wyand
- July 10th, Rev. Randy Thompson
- July 17th, Rev. Bob Wyand
- July 24th, Rev. Joe DeWitt
- July 31st we have Teen Challenge as our guest speakers with their testimonies

Our next community meal is on July 15th at 5pm. Hotdogs, hamburgers and fixings. Free, open to the community to gather and get to know one another.

The Food Pantry will be open on July 20th, 5:30-6:30pm. If you need help before that date, please call 603-938-5313 and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you would like to donate items to the pantry, we could use the following: Gatorade, Mac n'cheese, juice, canned spaghetti and meatballs, rice, pasta and side dish mixes. You can leave them in the shopping cart or stop by the office Wednesday mornings.

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**BRADFORD**

**Saturday, July 2nd, 9am-2pm Kearsarge Food Hub's Community Fair: Learning as we Grow! 11 West Main Street, Bradford NH.** This special event is free and open to all. Join us for: Specialty tacos and cookies from Sweet Beet Café • Live Music by Decatur Creek • Fairyland and fairy house building hosted by Evergreen Healing Arts • Community art project by our friends at Warner Public Market • Kids scavenger hunt with fun prizes • Educational activity tables from all of Kearsarge Food Hub's programs: farm, market, food security, community building • Plastic reduction information and activities for the Plastic Free July global movement. Plus, be one of the first to get raffle tickets for an e-bike from Village Sports! Learn more at: [kearsargefoodhub.org/community-fair](http://kearsargefoodhub.org/community-fair)

**Saturday, July 23, 11am, Corners Garden on East Main Street,** storytelling by Simon Brooks and gathering of kid's suggestions for the natural play area that will be built there soon. See article and ad in this Bradford Bridge on page 10.

**NEW LONDON**

**Summer Music Associates of New London announces its 49th season of concerts.**

On **July 7**, the nine-member Frisson Ensemble presents a delightful POPS program. **July 21** brings back the ever-popular Beacon Brass Quintet with a wide-ranging program from classical to jazz. On **August 4**, the Pandolfi-Deutsch Duo performs Rock Stars Through the Ages, a rollicking romp from classical hits to tunes of today. The season closes on **August 18** with the Fred Moyer Jazz Trio offering an evening of classical piano and famous jazz trios. All concerts begin at 7pm at the First Baptist Church in New London. Tickets are still only \$25 and \$5 for students and children and may be ordered online at

[www.SummerMusicAssociates.org](http://www.SummerMusicAssociates.org) or by calling 603-526-8234.

**WARNER**

**Tory Hill Readers Series Returns to the Warner Town Hall for 2022.**

**July 9, 7pm,** Playwright Eugenie Carabatsos. Meet the playwright, learn about playwriting, and see a staged reading of her short play Seven Minutes in Heaven. Program followed by a delicious dessert. Full schedule of Series at <https://www.toryhillauthorsseries.com/2022-events.html> and ticket info at <https://www.toryhillauthorsseries.com/tickets.html>

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**Summer Music Series in Bradford**

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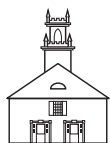
**July 9 at 7 pm,** Classical music on piano and flute with Will Ogmundson and Nicole Densmore. \$15.

**July 22 at 6 pm,** Rock n Roll with Nick's Other Band -- and Food Truck from Taco Beyondo! Adult \$10 / Child \$5 / Family \$25.

**Aug 7 at 2 pm,** Patriotic and show tunes with Kearsarge Community Band/Ice Cream Social. Free event!

**Aug 27 at 4 pm,** Americana Bluegrass with Bow Junction. Adult \$10 / Child \$5 / Family \$25.

*Check for updates on FaceBook and our website [www.bradford.center](http://www.bradford.center)*



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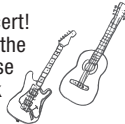
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**FRIDAY  
JULY  
22**



*Nick's Other Band*

Family Rock & Roll Concert! Rollicking good time on the lawn of the Meetinghouse rain or shine. Food truck by Taco Beyondo.



**6-8 PM  
\$10  
Kids \$5  
(or \$25 per family)**

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST  
7**



**Kearsarge Community Band  
CONCERT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

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**2-3 PM  
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**SATURDAY  
AUGUST  
27**

*Bow Junction*



NH Bluegrass & Folk group serving up lively music with a touch of Celtic and Gospel too. Bring a picnic for the lawn! (INSIDE IN CASE OF RAIN)



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