

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

SELECT BOARD

Road Closure The Board approved a motion to close East Main Street from the property line between #144 and #150 East Main Street east to Route 114 from 5pm until after the fireworks on July 1, 2023; rain date July 2, 2023.

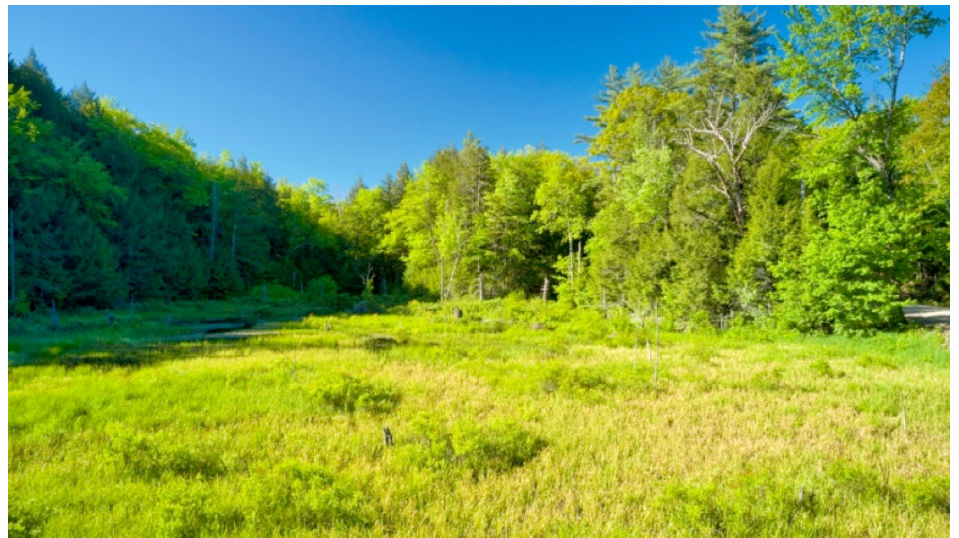
Center Road Bridge Following an inspection of the bridge over Hoyt Brook on Center Road between Battles Farm and Bradford Center, the NH Department of Transportation officially recommended that the bridge be closed on May 24th and placed it on the State’s Municipal Red List of deficient bridge structures. Road Agent Steve Hall contacted three bridge construction companies and received three proposals. The Board approved a motion to use bridge repair option #2 with funding to come from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund.

West Main Sink Hole Steve Hall recommended that the Town get the Wetlands permitting done at approximately \$30K so that the permit would be in place when the Town is ready to repair it and/or should the culvert fail. The engineer (from Hoyle and Tanner) recommends that the pond be lowered in anticipation of rain events to facilitate the water flow under the bridge.

The Board approved the following expenditures: Center Road Bridge: \$35K from the Emergency Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund and \$47K from the 2019 Road and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund; and permitting for the West Main Street culvert: \$35K from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund.

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Bradford Bog Headwaters Property Purchased



East Washington Road, Bradford, NH Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust has purchased 71.66 acres in Bradford. The Bradford Bog Headwaters property helps to protect the Bradford Bog headwaters, the Abenaki ancient healing springs site, and the Atlantic White Cedar bog and wildflower sanctuary. It is a “highest

ranked” wildlife habitat in the NH Wildlife Action Plan, an important regenerating forest and a haven for many threatened species of birds. The USDA identifies this property as one of the most ecologically significant forest blocks in New England.

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Highway Department Update

We have been working on wash outs since the June 10th weekend when we got about 4" of rain in a short period of time. We needed to fix the entrance into the transfer station off route 103, Jones Road, Rowe Mountain Road, the Marshall Property and West Main Street by the fire station.

Speaking of which, the sink hole at the Fire Station sidewalk has been an issue for some time, however, it is progressively getting worse. What’s happening is when we get a good amount of rain in a short period of time the water that runs in an undersized culvert under

Main Street (Old Route 103) and into the fire pond next to the fire station which is down about 15' If heavy rain produces a lot of runoff the culvert can’t take the water fast enough so it flows through the granite under the road and washes away the material so we end up with a sinkhole. We have been keeping an eye on the issue, however, it seems to be getting more demanding with more rain storms that seem to be more severe in a short period of time. In doing some investigation, we need to get all kinds of permits and put some sort of plan together. We are in the process of working

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From The Bridge



July Haiku

a Women's Club find
in nineteen seventy-four
where was it before.

-kb

Is it possible that these lively vegetables have been marching around salads on our dinner table for just shy of fifty years? What has become *The Bradford Bowl* was not new when I bought it at a Bradford Women's Club fair in the Summer of 1974. It's held all varieties of hot, warm and cold vegetables, meats, and grains and has traveled to uncountable potlucks and dinner parties. It's fun to imagine how and where its previous contents appeared.

Here are some highlights of all sorts of news and enjoyment in this July edition:

- ★ Bradford's Independence Day Celebration schedule on Page 12.
- ★ For some inspiring words about Our Town be sure to read Ellen's reflections during a neighborhood walk and Sarah's poem about her love of Bradford. Library Lantern, Pages 9 and 20.
- ★ In the same vein, Bradford Scholarship Recipients write about how living in Bradford has helped them reach their goals.
- ★ Exciting news from the Conservation Commission and Ausbon Sargent Land Trust on Page 1.
- ★ Art and art teacher musings from Anne.
- ★ Devin's awesome summary of the activities of Bradford's boards and committees.
- ★ Updates from Bradford's Police, Fire, and Highway Departments. Thank you Ed, Bryan, and Steve.
- ★ Outside by Ann about how violets are not shrinking.
- ★ How to recycle cell phones from Lois.
- ★ And MUCH more.

Also find ads from our loyal businesses and organizations. Please make sure your summer ramblings take advantage of what our local area has to offer. This continued support keeps the Bridge a free newspaper.

Wishing everyone happy and safe summer celebrations,

Kathleen Bigford, Editor
and all of us at the Bradford Bridge

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.

Announcements

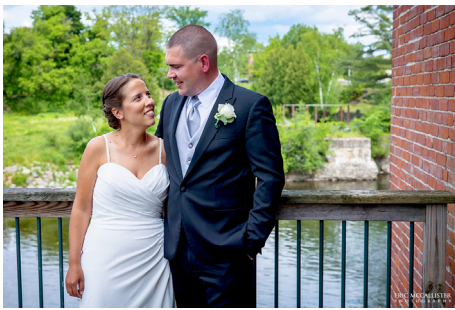
Dean's List

Evan Bryce Miller of Bradford, NH, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to to Clarkson University's Dean's List June 5, 2023

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

June 10th Wedding

Kate E. Cilley and Garrett Anctil both of Antrim, N.H. were married on Saturday June 10th on the M.V. Mt. Sunapee.



The bride is the daughter of Daniel Cilley and granddaughter of George and Marge Cilley of Bradford, N. H. The Groom is the son of Kevin and Wanda Anctil of Antrim and the grandson of Armand Anctil of Washington and June Mace of Hillsborough, NH. The reception was held at the Common Man in Claremont.

Women's Club Scholarship Awards

The Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club Scholarship committee would like to congratulate Antonia Grace Holdridge for being the recipient of this year's scholarship. Grace is the daughter of Tracey Bombaci. The Jane M. Lucas Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Jane Anderson. Jane is the daughter of Erik and Sarah Anderson. Grace and Jane are wished the very best in their future educational endeavors.

"Tray It Forward" Program Grows Gardeners in the Kearsarge Region

There are SO many reasons to garden! Food security, connection to nature, shared activities for the household and personal well-being are just a few.



Giving Kearsarge region neighbors an opportunity to experience the many benefits of gardening is the goal of five regional organizations: The Kearsarge Food Hub, Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP), Colby-Sawyer College, Spring Ledge Farm and Dartmouth Health/ New London Hospital. This is the 4th ANNUAL TRAY IT FORWARD PROGRAM.

On May 24, twenty-five KNP volunteers gathered to deliver seedling trays, along with compost, potting soil and planting containers. The trays went to five community 'Victory Gardens' and to many individual households in a total of 13 towns, including Bradford.

THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in this important program, allowing our neighbors to grow their own healthy food and enjoy gardening!



Center Road Bridge Closed

The bridge crossing Hoyt Brook on Center Road remains closed to all traffic. Your neighbors on detour and extension roads will appreciate your attention to the "rules of the road". See more info from the Bradford PD on page 11.

Celebrate Safely

As summer is a time of celebrating with fireworks, here are some reminders for their safe use.

New Hampshire State Law: Permissible Fireworks are consumer firework devices that are allowed in New Hampshire. They can be purchased in any licensed retail store across the state. Requirements:

- Consumers must be at least 21 years old to buy, have, or use permissible fireworks.
- Consumer fireworks may only be used on private property that you own, or with written permission from the land owner, or in the owner's presence.
- Check with Bradford's Fire Chief for local regulations.
- One can be held liable in any civil action for damages to another's property. In other words, you can be sued for using fireworks on property that isn't yours.

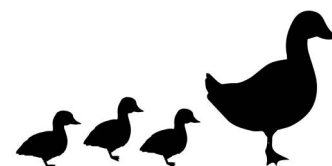
Illegally Manufactured Explosive Devices

Illegal explosive devices are often confused with fireworks because they can look like large firecrackers. They are commonly known as M-80's, M-100's, M-250's, M-500's, Cherry Bombs, QuarterSticks, and Blockbusters. They usually don't have labels, warnings, or instructions. These types of devices are banned as part of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) and never should be referred to as fireworks.

Warning

Illegal explosives are not fireworks. They can be extremely sensitive, have not been tested for safety, and can easily malfunction. They have been known to cause severe injury or death. If you find one of these, DO NOT touch them. Please IMMEDIATELY notify the police or fire department, or the New Hampshire Department of Safety at 603.223.4381.

Source: NH Department of Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal



Highway Department Update

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with engineers from Hoyle and Tanner to see what our options are moving forward.

Activities during June:

- We again hauled more grindings from I-89 to add to our gravel pile and hope to be doing more in the short term.
- We have replaced 3 culverts on Jones Road that were old metal pipes and all rotted out so replaced with new plastic pipes.
- Pavement replaced on Jones Road week of June 21, 2023 as well as ditching on Jones and Center roads prepping for Pike to come in and pave.
- Shakes to Shingles came in and insulated our highway garage which will help save heat and not take as much fuel. Thanks to the Energy committee for getting us into the program.
- Chip sealing will be taking place during the week of June 27, 2023 on Warner Road up to Ring Hill Road, Breezy Hill Road, up to the storage units and on Sunset Road up to #100, or so. This will add life to the asphalt plus help protect it from the elements.

Any concerns or questions please free to call or email.

*Steve Hall,
Bradford Highway Department*

Bradford Bog Headwaters

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In addition to the property being ideal for birds, it is also a wonderful oasis for butterflies and other pollinators. Beavers have taken advantage of water flowing from Haystack Mountain to build a series of dams; the ponds they've created host Wood Ducks, migrating waterfowl and the American Toad. Moose moving through may browse on sapling twigs and plunge into the refreshing pond. A rocky cliff offers possible habitat for bobcats; dense thickets below allow a hiding spot for their favorite prey, the Snowshoe Hare.

The project was initially made possible by assistance from Mike Andrews, who purchased the property and held title until the Land Trust could raise purchasing funds. Donations were provided by Ausbon Sargent members and also private donations from the Bradford community, the Rural Heritage Connection and the Bradford Conservation Commission. Additional support was provided by Burton Morgan Foundation, the Quabbin to Cardigan Partnership, the Fields Pond Foundation, the NH Moose Plate Grant, and an anonymous foundation. Additionally, the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) provided a leadership-level grant for this project in the amount of \$80,000.

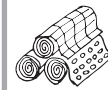
The property is open to the public for low-impact recreation.

*Bradford Conservation Commission
and Ausbon Sargent Land Trust*



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Candlelight (39 years in the cabinet trade) is now turning orders around in about **13 weeks**. Keep this in mind if you are planning a late summer or fall **kitchen project**. Other companies available in about 5 weeks.

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Police Department Update – July

Center Road Bridge Detour

As many of you who are impacted by the closing of the Hoyt Brook Bridge on Center Rd have probably noticed an increase of traffic along the detour route, we at the Police Department have also fielded an increase in Motor Vehicle complaints along that same route.



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Please obey all posted traffic signs/devices and laws. Below are some areas of concern that have been brought to our attention:

Vehicle Approaching or Entering Intersection – The driver of every vehicle approaching or entering an intersection shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right, unless otherwise designated by an official traffic control device or otherwise directed by a police officer.

Vehicle Turning Left – The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road, or driveway shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Vehicle Entering Stop or Yield Intersection or Highway – Except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop as required by RSA 265:3. After having stopped shall yield the right of way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or which is approaching so closely on said highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection.

Let's all work together to keep our roads safe for all who live, visit and drive through Bradford during the upcoming summer months and beyond. As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us at the Police Department.

Glen Drewniak, Patrolman



Fire Department Update – July

Bradford Fire and Rescue has had 87 calls to date, 51 EMS and 36 fire calls. Though the numbers seem low, some of the calls have been complicated and of serious nature on the EMS side.

Work continues on the ambulance contract. Finalization is expected by fall or early winter. This document has been updated from its original version from 2014.

Life safety inspections are ongoing with KRES at Bradford, the Town Hall and in town places of assembly.

Three new Fire Fighter/ Emergency Medical Technicians have been added to our department. We have now two additional Advanced EMTs that can do a higher level of care before the ambulance arrives on scene.

Ongoing and upcoming activities:

- Prevention and education continues, we have plans this summer in conjunction with Parks and Recreation of doing a Fireman muster for the day camp. We will be setting up a “touch a truck” in-town for kids, stay tuned for more info.
- July 1st we will be having the Fire Department chicken BBQ.
- The sign program is still up and running, it's been fairly successful with the community signing up.
- We completed our pump testing on the required fire attack trucks.

To see what the Bradford Fire rescue has been up to like us on Facebook Bradford NH Fire Rescue.

Bradford Fire Rescue
91 West Main Street, (603) 938-2231,
firechief@bradfordnh.org

*Chief Bryan Nowell,
Bradford Fire & Rescue*

Bradford Historical Society

Things have been happening at BHS!

You might not see all that is going on at the Bradford Historical Society, but we can assure you that we are keeping busy! We have spent the last 3 or so years moving our possessions from the Tin Shop (to repair damage caused by a water leak) and from the Old Post Office into storage Pods to complete the long overdue interior painting.

Today, both buildings have been transformed to include permanent exhibit areas, increased meeting space, ADA bathroom, new research area, an archive storage area and functioning office space with new computer and internet access.



Our corn crib has also been beautifully restored and sits proudly on the campus. Just one area remains and that will be completed in the next few weeks. The front interior of the Old Post Office is being returned to be period accurate

dated 1920-30ish with little artistic license to accommodate the space and egress requirements.



So, now we turn our attention to the outside of the buildings! BHS runs on a moderate budget where approximately 55% of our budget comes from donations, memberships and fundraisers and the other approximately 45% comes from dividends from our investments which are donor restricted so we cannot use the principal. From this budget we annually put aside money into our maintenance fund for upkeep of the buildings. All the buildings need painting or staining, and we hope to get this started this year. We will be asking for donations to match what is in our fund and will be hosting fundraisers to help with this undertaking.

Our first fundraiser will be next month on August 11th. We are bringing back the progressive dinner. Look for our ad in this Bridge for more information. We will be offering tickets to our members

first so now is the time to join if you haven't. Members are also eligible for a 10% discount on our books for sale, special preview events. You are also helping to support BHS preserve Bradford's history for generations to come. Membership forms are available on our website, bradfordnhistorical.org. Not sure if you are a member? Email us at bradfordhsitoricalsociety@gmail.com and we will let you know!

Also, next month BHS will be hosting its first Antique Car and Vehicle Gathering on August 20th, 1-4pm. We were wondering what gems there might be hidden in Bradford barns or garages. Like this one!



Bring them along for the afternoon and let see what history we have in our vehicles in Bradford and surrounding communities. More information will be in next months Bridge or check out our website at bradfordnhistorical.org.

Sunday August 27th, 1pm to 4pm will be the backup day in the event of a weather cancellation. Contact Buddy Allen at 603-938-2835 or (c) 727-278-5504 for vehicle show information and participation interest.

Hope to see you at BHS soon!

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And here we are three generations hence and plastics are used in almost every segment of life having displaced many traditional materials, such as wood, stone, horn and bone, leather, paper, metal, glass, and ceramics. Today at every stage of its lifecycle, plastic poses distinct risks to human health, arising from both exposure to plastic particles themselves and associated chemicals. Around the world, one million plastic bottles are purchased every minute, while up to five trillion plastic bags are used worldwide every year. In total, half of all plastic produced is used just once and then thrown away.

Will You Participate in Plastic Free July??

Plastic Free July® (<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>) is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Visit the site for information about how to participate and find information for all things plastic.

One of the best ways to reduce our exposure and harm to the environment from plastic is to not use it. You can be part of Plastic Free July by choosing to refuse single-use plastics. Here are some other things to do:

- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle what you can – in the US only 9% of plastic is recycled
- Recycle plastics at the Bradford Recycling and Transfer Station. Follow directions on the signs and ask Lois and Kenny for assistance.
- Give up plastic shopping bags - take your own reusable bags with you.
- Plastic bags can be recycled at Market Basket.
- Skip straws.
- Pass up plastic bottles. Use a refillable bottle whenever possible.
- Avoid plastic packaging – buy products in bulk.
- Don't litter – that's how a lot of plastic ends up in the water.

*Sandra Bravo and Kathleen Bigford,
Bradford Energy Committee*

TRANSFER STATION NEWS

Recycling Cell Phones

On top of the municipal waste compactor at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center is a labeled container for receiving cell phones. Cell phones contain a variety of toxic materials including lead, nickel, mercury, manganese, lithium, zinc, arsenic, antimony, beryllium, and copper. Most of these metals are highly toxic to humans, animals and the environment.

Ken and I will be happy to answer your questions about recycling cell phones and accessories. When we have collected enough cell phones to fill our collection boxes, we send them out to an organization that recycles them. Let us be good stewards and recycle everything that we can!

Lois Kilnapp, Manager

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- + Any liquid plant-based Oil + Brush +
- + Books + Clothing + Textiles +



The final bells have rung, and our local kids have headed home for the summer. So, this seems to be a MOST appropriate time to offer a HUGE

THANK YOU!

to all the teachers, para-educators, nurses, coaches, custodians, office staff, bus drivers, aides, administrators, kids, SAU staff, parent-teacher groups, parents, and our award-winning Superintendent for enabling our students to successfully complete the school year with pride and a strong sense of accomplishment.

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Here's to a wonderful summer vacation for everyone!

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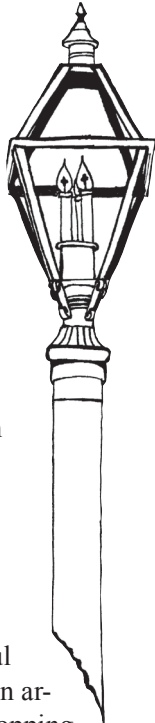
Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm
Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm
Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

An Ode to Bradford

I realize that what is important to me isn't necessarily beautiful sidewalks, wide paved roads, an array of restaurant options, or shopping convenience, but the people who inhabit my community. My tribe.

When I walk and drive around this area, I feel pride and a sense of deep connection with this town. My husband and I have contemplated off and on throughout the years the idea of moving, but have recently come to the conclusion there isn't anywhere else we would want to live. I believe that community is built by the involvement of its people. People are happier when they feel a part of things.

I've had many joyful moments within town, but here are a few that have happened recently. I finally went to the Historical Society and there I met Link, a docent at the museum, who moved to town a few years ago. He enthusiastically



ly informed me about the square-dancing group he participates in, and now I want to go! I love seeing Lois Kilnapp tending the gardens around town and waving at Pete and Repete as they take their daily walks. I had a wonderful walk during the golden hour on Jewett Road and both Spencer and Dan were outside talking near their chicken coop. We shared a neighborly hello. As I walked home, I noticed Katie Olohan's farm stand at the top of Hogg Hill Rd., and felt love for this place with her friendly sign. "Need to smile? Free Flowers."



It's people and our connection together that makes a community great. Get involved, know your neighbors, join committees, eat and shop locally, volunteer, attend local programs and concerts, and try something new, like square dancing!

Books about Community! All books are available at our library.

Anything is Possible & Olive Kitteredge / Elizabeth Strout

Belong / Radha Agrawal

This is Where You Belong / Melody Warnick

The Art of Gathering / Priya Parker

The People We Keep / Allison Larkin

The Sweet Hereafter / Russell Banks

Tribe / Sebastian Junger

I would like to thank our volunteers of the book, plant, and bake sale, who helped make our Memorial Day Sale a huge success, bringing in around 1,700 dollars to the library!! We will be having another plant/book sale this Saturday, July 1st, from 8:00 am - noon. Come and support the library. Your donations help with programming and other expenses.

Summer Reading Program happens during the month of July. All programs start at 1:00pm.

- Monday, July 3rd, 1:00 pm
Virtual Reality Experience & Arts/Crafts

- Monday, July 10th, 1:00 pm
Art with Anne Kratz

- Monday, July 17th, 1:00 pm
New England K9 Search and Rescue

- Friday, July 28th, 1:00 pm
End of Summer Celebration & Raffle Prizes (face painting, glitter tattoo artists, rock painting, and popsicles).

Programs in August:

Wednesday, August 9th, 6:30 pm
Digging into NH Native History with Robert Goodby. Abenaki history has been reduced to near-invisibility as a result of conquest, a conquering culture that placed little value on the Indian experience, and a strategy of self-preservation that required many Abenaki to go "underground," concealing their true identities for generations to avoid discrimination and persecution. Robert Goodby reveals archaeological evidence that shows their deep presence here, inches below the earth's surface.

Wednesday, August 23rd at 2:00 pm
Wildlife Encounters present Tiny Creatures Encounter (Armadillo, Chinchilla, Python, Tarantula, Tortoise, Bullfrog)

Lastly, when it is hot & humid outside come to the library to escape the heat. In June, three mini splits were installed for both supplemental heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. It's a great addition to our library!

Ellen Barselle, Director



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Center Meetinghouse Summer Concert Series Coming Up!

Grab the kids and come on down to the Bradford Center Meetinghouse this month for some family fun. Or make a party of friends to enjoy the scenic heart of Bradford.



First up, on **Sunday, July 9th from 2-4 pm** we will have music, games, ice cream treats and face painting – all for FREE! The Kearsarge Community Band will regale us with patriotic and show tunes at our time-honored Ice Cream Social. Bring a lawn chair and sit in the shade on our beautiful Town Green.

Next up in our concert series is on **Friday, July 21st from 6-8 pm** featuring Nick's Other Band, back by popular demand! There will also be delicious food from Taco Beyondo and lots of room to lounge with your friends and family... or dance your socks off!

Teaser for August includes the Lettvin Classical Concert on **August 12th at 7:30 pm** and bluegrass music by North River Band on **August 26th at 5 pm**. Check out our website www.bradford.center and find us on FaceBook at Bradford Center Meetinghouse.

Also, we have **T-shirts for sale** for \$15, sizes Youth S – Adult XXL. Contact 603bcm@gmail.com to get yours. It's a comfy way to show your town pride.

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See full Summer Music Series Schedule on page 20.



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Town Hall Update



★ Bradford, NH TOWN HALL ★ Anne Krentz 7/23

The interior of the Town Hall continues to transform from a gutted construction space to finished office and gathering spaces. With the walls sheetrocked and the restored windows in, the AeroBarrier treatment has been completed on the first floor. Once work on the building is a little further along, a blower-door test will be done to determine the energy savings resulting from the energy efficiency measures implemented.

Painting has begun in the first-floor office spaces and on the second floor in the auditorium and stage area. Interior doors have been repainted and are being installed with new hardware. New doors for the new office space have arrived. Trim is being installed throughout the

building and the mechanical contractor is installing the baseboard heat. With the wiring and mechanical runs complete, sheetrock is being hung in the basement.

The easements for Eversource have been completed and tree work has been scheduled for the first week in July. The following week, excavation for the cisterns and septic system will begin. Eversource is in the process of scheduling their work on-site and working with TDS to install a new pole (for the 3-phase electric). Contoocook Well has taken a preliminary look at the well and will return in a few weeks to test the well pump, determine water flow, etc.

Final design for the new accessible main entrance at the side of the building is complete. This includes a new entry way as well as an accessible ramp. The location of the ramp had to be fit in around the cisterns and underground electric conduit running to the building.

LCHIP has approved the Town's request to remove the crumbling concrete retaining wall on the west side. This allows for an underground propane tank to be located where the wall is now. The decision on the first-floor tin ceilings is expected by the first of July.

If you have any questions about the renovation, please reach out to the Selectmen's Office (938-5900) or administrator@bradfordnh.org.

*Karen Hambleton,
Town Administrator*

New Art Exhibit at Brown Memorial Library



Margo Steeves, second from right, and family.

The Bradford Art Group announces a summer exhibition, "Local Color: Watercolor & Acrylic Paintings" by Margo Steeves. The exhibit will continue through September at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford. Her subjects include landscapes, flowers, and cats as well as abstract themes.

Margo Steves is a resident of South Newbury, NH. She studied art at the University of Connecticut and under many teachers subsequently. Margo is a founding member of the painting group at the Chapin Senior Center in New London, NH.

The Bradford Art Group is an outgrowth of the original Bradford Artists & Artisans committee established when the library expanded in 1999. Exhibitions feature the work of Bradford and Bradford area professional and amateur artists & craftsmen.

Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 West Main Street, Bradford, NH

Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm
 Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm
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Now that the “Let’s just stay home” days of winter are behind us, many of Bradford’s seniors are looking for ways to get out of the house, make some new friends – or visit more often with familiar ones – and just have a little fun. If you count yourself among these “adventure seekers”, the Mountain View Senior Center on Main Street may just be the place for you. That’s because the Center hosts a variety of games throughout the week that are designed to bring people together.

On Tuesdays from noon to whenever participants decide it’s time to stop, you can join a game of Mahjong. Or if you’d rather play Dominos, there is a group that meets on Thursdays, also at noon. Both groups are growing, and you are

most welcome to bring a friend or two along to join in the fun.

Roberta Hixson, the Center’s Director, also has a number of outdoor games you can play on the front lawn whenever the day is warm, and you feel energized. These games include Bocce Ball and Croquet. And if it’s a day to be inside, the Senior room is always available. You can join a group working on a puzzle or Roberta can help you find participants for a new game group such as Bridge (which is currently on hiatus) or Chess. Just call Roberta at (603) 938-2104 to let her know what you’d like to do. Come on down and have some fun before winter is upon us once more.

Please note that the strength training group does not meet over the summer but will start up again on the Friday following Labor Day.

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	12:30–3:00	Mahjong and other games
Wednesdays	1:00–2:00	Therapeutic Yoga and Balance Class (\$5)
Thursdays	12:30	Dominos
Fridays	8:45–9:30	Strong Living: Bodybuilding and weight training for seniors
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3rd Wednesday of every month	9:00–11:00	Wellness Check (free)
	11:30–2:00	Footcare Clinic (\$30)
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Tuesdays	12:15	Lunch
Thursdays	11:30	Lunch
1st Friday every month	9:30	Brunch
Monday–Friday	8:00–1:30	Grab and Go Take Out – frozen meals are available
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MONTHLY BRIEFING:
Town Board Reports

(Continued from page 1)

Truck Repair The Board approved the expenditure of \$2,850 for the transmission of the 2007 International dump from the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund.

Fire Department Year to date the department has responded to 81 calls (46 EMS, 35 fire). Firefighter recruitment has gone well with two applicants to be hired by Select Board. Town Administrator Karen Hambleton and Fire Chief Bryan Nowell have had several meetings with Henniker Rescue reviewing the contract; a draft of which they expect to share before the next Select Board meeting.

Masonic Building Committee The Board appointed the following members for the committee Fire Department: Bryan Nowell; Bradford Historical Society to choose one of two volunteers; Residents: Bruce Gezelman, Pat Moreland, Anne Kratz; Economic Development Committee: Kris Foss; Select Board Representative: Mel Pfeifle.

Scholarship Donations The Board accepted \$610 in private donations.

Town Hall Update Painting is proceeding, colors have been chosen and painters are working; sheet rocking continues; interior doors have been repainted off-site and are being reinstalled; new doors have been delivered; tree work has been identified; AeroBarrier on the first floor is complete; the Eversource easement work is nearly complete; boilers have been installed and fin tube is being installed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Signage Committee member Libby Webb gave an update on evaluating the potential for informational kiosks around Bradford and the need for updated or new signage. Bryan Nowell was given the floor to offer some input on safety-related and informational signage needs for Bradford. They included De-

partment of Transportation signs directing people to fire, police, and municipal services when driving through town. Bryan also expressed interest in having a kiosk on the firehouse property to post information about fire dangers, alerts, and other pertinent information. Kris Foss volunteered to lead the fundraising campaign phase of this project to secure sponsors for kiosks that would make the project cost-neutral.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Fee Schedule The Board approved a motion to adopt the proposed fee schedule from Matt Monahan of Central NH Regional Planning. Update base fee from \$80.00 to \$90.00 (\$50.00 for the application and \$40.00 for newspaper). Change abutter fee to \$15.00. Establish a new application and fee schedule for “Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements” that matches the other ZBA

fees. Add to fee schedule.

Shoreland Protection The Board reviewed the proposed Shoreland Protection Overlay District and made notes. Article should have a clear purpose and justification so that everyone knows the regulations thus making it easier for the Zoning Board to make a determination when necessary. Article and regulations numbers should match Bradford’s Zoning Ordinance. The Board approved a motion that notes from Zoning Board of Adjustment be transmitted to the Planning Board on the Shoreline Protection Overlay District.

PLANNING BOARD

Alternate The Board approved a motion to accept Kris Foss as an alternate to the Planning Board.

Secretary Kathleen Bigford has accepted the planning board secretary position.

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Site Plan The Board voted to conditionally approve the site plan for Ashley Miller as submitted to the Board on April 10, 2023, for property located at 3087 Route 114, Bradford, NH 03221 Map 11/ Lot 58.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Highway Garage Update Air sealing (including the use of AeroBarrier) and insulation of the garage building was completed May 17 and 18, 2023. The replacement of weatherstripping around overhead doors and manways has been subcontracted to Distinctive Doors of New London and is scheduled to be completed before the end of the month. Blower door ratings will be conducted by Shakes to Shingles when the weatherstripping is done to document air leakage from the building.

Heat Pumps The Library’s HVAC contractor installed a 5 ton 3 zone ductless heating and cooling system (heat pump)

earlier this month which was expected to qualify for an instant rebate from NHSaves of \$1250, but in the end needed to be submitted for reimbursement. Electric and fuel usage will be watched closely. We are also watching to see how heat pumps could be used for the town hall.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Officer Elections The Board elected Devin Pendleton as Chair, Jason Grey as Treasurer, and May Keegan-Dayton as Secretary.

Plant Sale The Library will hold a plant and book sale on Saturday, July 1, 2023 as part of the Towns Independence Day Celebration.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

Congratulations The boys’ tennis team won the state championship.

Biliteracy Award Michelle Marzelli, ESOL Coordinator, introduced the

Board to the three students receiving this award, Phelia, Jacob, and Emilia. The Seal of Biliteracy Award is a national initiative organized by the Department of Education and a number of other organizations. The award acknowledges students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.

Bonus The Board approved the full 2.5% merit bonus to the Superintendent. The Board approved a motion to modify the Superintendent’s contract to increase the merit bonus for the following year to 5%.

Alarm System The Board approved the purchase for the Middle School Alarm System in the amount of \$129,000.00 from NH Fire & Security Systems.

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




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Obituaries

James Nikolas



James Nikolas “Jimmy/ Jim” MacNab 49, of Hill, New Hampshire passed away at home Saturday May 13, 2023 after a brief illness.

Jim was born in Hanover, New Hampshire on November 25, 1973 to parents James and Mary (Goings) MacNab. He attend Pugwash District Highschool in his second home Nova Scotia, Canada.

Jim spent his formative years in Nova Scotia, Canada returning in 1987 to New Hampshire where he spent his time happily; making friends, family, and creating ever lasting relationships within the communities he called home. He was a dedicated employee spending many years working at Kearsarge pallet, FloorCraft, Blackwater Junction Restaurant and Appleseed Restaurant. In recent years Jim had coupled his love and talent for woodworking and started a flourishing business, MacNab Enterprises. Carrying that on, he joined the wonderful company at Home Depot in Tilton, NH, thoroughly enjoying his time spent there. He was also a proud member and brother of Saint Peters Masonic lodge in Bradford, N.H.

Jim leaves behind his soulmate, Kelly-Dawn Marsh of Hill, N.H, his daughter Taylor MacNab and grandson Theo of Black River, New York. He also leaves behind his claimed children, Christopher Perry of Manchester, NH, Ashlee Perry and Granddaughter Alannah of Franklin, NH, Travis Perry and Grandson Harvey of Tilton, NH, Shayne Perry of Hill, NH, Mikayla Perry of Newport, NH, Alysha Oneil and grandson David of Franklin. NH. As well as his sibling, Heidi MacNab of Nova Scotia, his father James MacNab and step-mother Elenor MacNab of Nova Scotia and cousins, aunts, uncles, and many great friends.

Jim is preceded by his mother Mary Ruth (Goings) MacNab, his uncle Robert (Bob) Wirta, and cousin Karen (Wirta) Coburn.

Jim spent the last 6 years with the love of his life Kelly, their many children and grand children. He loved woodworking, fishing, darts, making and talking to friends, and spending the summers on Lake Todd, as well as cooking at local events with Angelinos.

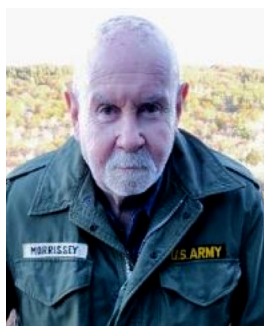
A Celebration of life will be held on July 8, 2023 at #1698 VFW in Franklin, N.H from 11am to 4pm.

“Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there. I have died with honor, Valhalla awaits me. Where the brave shall live forever. Valhalla awaits me.”

Evans. He is survived by many friends and family including his wife of 25 years, Linda; his son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Mina Morrissey of Odesa, FL; daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Brian Parsons of Vestivia Hills, AL; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Valarie Morrissey of Blacksburg, SC and step daughter, Laurie Colburn of Bradford, NH. He is blessed with grandchildren, Taylor and Brayden Morrissey, Everleigh and Quinn Parsons, Emersyn Morrissey, Shannon Deal, Zachary Colburn, Samantha Colburn and six great-grandchildren who loved their Grandpa Bill. The family will celebrate Bill’s life at a private service in Niceville, FL in the future.

To sign an online guestbook: www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

William R. Morrissey



William “Bill” R. Morrissey, 82, passed away at home, May 18, 2023. He was born June 15, 1940. in New York, New York to Patrick Francis

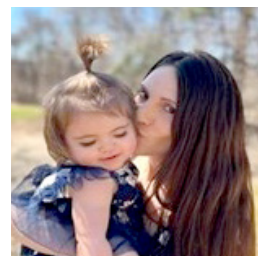
Morrissey and Catherine Lovett Morrissey.

He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War, later serving with the NY Police Department for 20 years, followed by a career with the US Post Office until his retirement.

He and his wife, Linda Morrissey, enjoyed their retirement together, playing golf, RVing, and volunteering for the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and delivering Meals on Wheels for 10 years. After becoming ill, they moved to Bradford, NH to be closer to family.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, his first wife, Patricia, brothers, John, Joseph and James and stepson, Michael

Nicole Kelly @ Ariella Bell



On June 3 2023 the precious lives of Nicole and her daughter Ariella “Ella”, were tragically and senselessly taken from us.

Nicole was born August 12, 1987, in Waltham, MA. Nicole spent her early childhood years in MA and PA. Her family settled in Franklin, in 1993. She attended schools in Franklin and graduated from Franklin High School in 2005. Throughout her school years she was active in sports including, flag football, basketball, soccer and her favorite volleyball. She earned an associate’s degree in early childhood education. In high school, Nicole worked at Pizza Hut in Franklin where everyone loved her because of her smile and personality. She was a waitress and a teacher’s aide in the early child education.

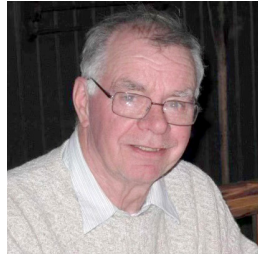
“Cole’s” passion was to be a stay-at-

home mom. After spending a few years in Virginia, she returned to Franklin and was blessed by God with her first daughter Abrianna N. Kelly. “Brina” is an absolute ray of light and mirror image of her mother with a larger-than-life smile. On January 20, 2022, Nicole gave birth to Ariella Bell. “Ella” was born on a cold winter’s day, which warmed the hearts of every person she met with her big blue eyes and infectious smile. She always had a smile, grin, or was laughing with everyone especially her Nana and Papa. Nicole adored being a stay-at-home mother so she could teach the two most important children in her life.

Nicole and Ella are survived by Nicole’s parents, Ella’s grandparents, Daniel and Francine “Tina” Hughes “Nana & Papa” of Franklin, Ella’s grandmother Michelle Bell “Grammy” of Bradford, Nicole’s daughter Abrianna Kelly, brothers, sisters, and dozens of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. They were pre-deceased by her maternal grandparents, Francis and Lorraine Sottile, paternal grand-parents, Paul and Joan Hughes.

Donations may be made to Nicole’s parents, Daniel and Francine Hughes to be put in an established trust fund for their surviving granddaughter, Abrianna Kelly. For more information or to leave the family an online condolence, please go to www.smartmemorialhome.com.

Jonathan Perriway Teele



Jonathan Perriway “Perry” Teele, 85, passed away June 20, 2023, peacefully at his home on Fairgrounds

Road in Bradford, NH, with his wife and children by his side. Perry was a wonderful husband and father who was loved very much and will be greatly missed by his family.

Perry was born in Boston, MA, and grew up in Needham, MA, where his father was a faculty member and eventually Dean of the Harvard Business School. Perry attended high school at Tabor Academy and played many varsity sports including lacrosse. At Wentworth Institute of Technology, in Boston, MA, he earned a degree in Process Engineering.

Perry, a longtime Bradford resident, was a leader. Over the years, as his interest in something grew, he invariably would take action to allow others to partake and enjoy whatever hobby or activity it was. From leading local snowmobile clubs, building a fully functional archery range, or forming the first ever Bradford Country Squares dancing club, he was always ready and willing to organize events and activities to the great joy of those around him.

Perry was a gifted storyteller. He told many stories about his time spent in the Army Reserves, as a local Boy Scout leader, and participating in Revolutionary War reenactments. He had many tales of spending summers on Fairgrounds Road as a child and watching the town grow throughout the years. He loved Bradford and spent a great deal of his life surveying properties, completing deed research, and restoring structures for the Historical Society. He worked on the Bradford Planning Board and served as the Bradford Building Inspector. Perry was honored with an award recognizing his outstanding service to the community in 2014 by St.

Peter’s Lodge No.31.

Perry was an enthusiast. He loved metal detecting, gold prospecting, hunting, logging, and using his sawmill. He found many treasures, but also created many treasures from the wood he milled.

Perry traveled extensively within the United States and internationally for both business and leisure. In his teen years, he biked throughout Europe with family. Working for Chemonics, he spent time living and working in Afghanistan.

Perry’s legacy is his family, whom he loved and was loved by dearly. He is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years Joyce C. Teele, of Bradford, and four children: Jennifer Dow of Bradford, NH, Randy Teele of Colorado Springs, CO, Deborah LaBelle of Warner, NH, and Megan Hurley of Bradford, NH, and eight grandchildren: Nicole Dow, Samantha Dow, Avery Teele, Ashley Teele, Darienne Messer Cahill, Caitlyn Messer, Braden Hurley, and Azelyn Hurley. Perry is predeceased by his parents Stanley F. Teele and Dorothy T. Teele, his brother Thurston “Tony” Teele of Washington DC, and his sister Melissa Woodbury of Pendleton, Oregon.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, August 19th at the Bradford Community Church. A reception will immediately follow at Perry’s beloved Teelehurst cabin, 575 Fairgrounds Road, Bradford, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Bradford Historical Society. BHS, PO Box 551 Bradford, NH 03221 www.bradfordnhhistorical.org.

To sign an online guestbook please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

“Between every two pine trees there is a door leading to a new way of life”

— John Muir



~OUTSIDE~



This story will be about violets.

In spring, long before we noticed a change of season, violets were having vernal thoughts. We clock the slow lengthening of the daylight visually and by calendar, somehow violets also take note of the shifting ratio of light and dark and make calculations.

The hard marbles of violet's greenish rhizomes hold tight to the soil's surface. They meter out their stored reserves early for a jump on the growing season. Greening up before tree leaves block the sun, the early violet flowers will intercept not only the unimpeded rays of the sun but the first insects hungry for nectar. Bees are particularly attracted to white and shades of blue. Bumblebees, too heavy for the fragile, long-necked blossoms, sometimes cheat by tearing holes sideways. It's the tiny bee species that do as instructed and follow the colored striped lines. Lit up by UV light like an airplane landing strip, they point to the nectaries. Bees shoulder their way among the petals for the nectar and helpfully transport pollen from one plant to the next.

Sugary nectar is just a bribe – it does nothing else for a plant but draw in the pollinators. The goal is a chance to reshuffle the genes by cross-pollination. The resulting offspring will not be identical to either parent but some might turn out well-adapted to any change in the landscape are weather.

Violets may be diminutive but they are not shy. They aren't 'shrinking violets' - they are manipulative. Besides bribing bees to do their bidding, they can spread vegetatively by their creeping rhizomes.

A somewhat later batch of flowers that form low to the ground is another backup plan. These hidden flowers don't open properly but dangle like pale miniature eggplants. Seeds from these self-pollinating efforts will be clones of the parent plant.

Most plants, and many animals, don't want a lot of offspring underfoot competing for sun/food and space. Early violet flowers set seed above the leaves. As the three-part seed capsules mature and dry, their contents can be shot several feet away. The later, secret, closed-up flowers will open and drop seeds at their parent's feet but there's a plan for this too. The seeds of violets, and many other woodland plants, each sport a fatty nubbin that mimics animal protein. Ants rush to retrieve these prizes, carrying them off by convenient handles to their underground homes. They extract the gifts and toss the seeds into nice, warm compost bins – intentionally or not, cultivating more violets.

There are a few local species of fritillary butterflies and they would commiserate with violets on at least one point – it might be best to have as many offspring as possible in hopes that some will survive to adulthood.

Fritillaries are predators of violets though. The tiny mouths of their teeny caterpillars crave only violet leaves. In a move that would make Child Protection Services cringe, the expectant butterfly checks out the violet collection, perhaps tapping the foliage with her chemically receptive toes. If deemed suitable, she then lays her thousand sesame-seed-size eggs not on the violet plant, but in dry leaves nearby. They force the little tykes to hike on their multiple legs to their required food source. It must be a dangerous trek but those tough-love mothers must have their reasons. Another fritillary living by the Connecticut River is even more cavalier with the next

generation. She scouts for damp, shady location where there might be violets and casts her eggs adrift in the potentially favorable habitat. Caterpillars can only sense light and dark and don't have lungs or noses for sniffing. Yet they can accurately sense violet chemicals in the air and this is essentially what smelling is – no matter how it is accomplished.

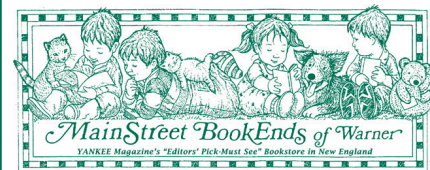
The extremely tiny eggs hatch in the fall. The first caterpillar meal is the egg case they exited from. There they wait in the duff for winter to end, stuffed with antifreeze of their own making. If they survive the cold season's alternating desiccation and dampness, they rumble off to find violets on which they feed under cover of darkness, retreating back to their base camp during the day. As they grow and molt into larger versions of themselves, they become spiky and more defensible.

Until then, they are vulnerable to the voracious, ever-searching ants. Possibly the same ones that carried off and planted the violet seeds.

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Congratulations Bradford Town Scholarship Recipients!

The Bradford Scholarship Committee is thrilled to announce that three Kearsarge High School graduates were awarded 2023 Bradford Town Scholarships. Pictured below are Kaitlin Blaisdell, Sabian Griffin, and Sydney Laurendeau. All were top graduates in their class, wrote excellent application essays, and are headed for exciting futures.

The scholarship application asks how living in Bradford has helped promote the applicant's goals. Each year heart-warming responses are received. This year was no exception.



Kaitlin wrote, "...I began my education in the Bradford area and found my love for science and art, something I would carry into the rest of my education. This passion stemmed partly from my elementary school art teacher, Mrs. Durbrial, which helped advance my artistic skills and allowed me to have the confi-

dence to enter my first art competition as an elementary schooler. Since then, I have continued my art education to high school through graphic design and three-dimensional arts, which have won me graphic design excellence awards. To further my interests I also participated in an online college program with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago which combined the sciences and art. Though I will be continuing my education out of the state of New Hampshire, my hometown will always be remembered as my foundation."

Sabian said, "Living in Bradford gave me a wonderful exposure to nature and the outdoors, as I was surrounded by the woods and lakes here. When someone is exposed to something as much as I was exposed to nature, they either love it or hate it, without much in between. I fell on the "love it" side of things; in fact, I love the outdoors so much I've decided to make a career out of it. I will be enrolling at Paul Smith's College in the fall to study fisheries and wildlife science with the goal of becoming a field biologist. Growing up here made that the obvious choice, and I don't think there are many places that would have such an influence in that manner as Bradford did for me."



Sydney told us, "In fourth and fifth grade the students at Bradford Elementary school are able to participate in this program in which by

the end of it you are able to take part in a musical production. I happened to be a part of 101 Dalmatians and The Lion King. I remember the feeling of being needed as part of a team and learning that it takes everyone to put on a successful performance... I am so lucky to have lived in a community that has supported me so well while I was growing up and I hope to be able to give back to it even more throughout the course of my life. I think that I can thank this community for preparing me for the next chapter in my life. I am looking forward to the fall when I will be attending Keene State College. I plan to major in exercise science and minor in dance. With this degree I plan to then go through further schooling to become either a physical therapist or dance/movement therapist. I also plan to continue to be a dance teacher at Dance Arts Academy in Sunapee.

Congratulations to these young, bright Bradford residents who have contributed so much to our community and continue to remind us of the values fostered in Bradford.

*Kathleen Bigford,
Bradford Scholarship Committee*

*"Oh beautiful, for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain"*

– America the Beautiful, Ray Charles

Late season frost affected NH oaks



While spring leaf development of New Hampshire's oak trees was severely affected by an unusually deep late-season frost on May 18th, it is unlikely the trees sustained permanent damage, according to the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands. "Oak is particularly sensitive to frost during the two-week window when the buds break and that's why it has adapted to 'leaving out' later than most trees in New Hampshire," said Kyle Lombard, program director for the NHDFL's Forest Health Program. The good news is that oak can lose these leaves and put a second set out in the same year, so by July the oaks should look as they usually do." Oak leaf drop has been observed from Coös County all the way to Nashua. Current estimation is that more than 100,000 acres were affected by the cold snap. The damage from the May frost should not be confused with oak wilt, a serious invasive pathogen that the NHDFL has been monitoring but that has not yet arrived in New Hampshire. Oak wilt is not active until mid-summer when mature oak leaves suddenly drop on a single tree.



Bradford Community Church Events

88 W. MAIN ST., BRADFORD, NH, 603-938-5313

July Happenings

Pastor, Rev. Lynne Hubley. Office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to Noon.

We worship at 10:00 am every Sunday with songs, prayers, and a Biblical message from God's Word. We have a Time with God's Children during the service, after which the children go to Sunday School for Biblical lessons, activities, and crafts.

Independence Day Celebration, July 1, 2023 schedule of events

- 8:00 - 10:00 am, Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 - Noon, Yard Sale, Craft Vendors, Free Children's Games and Bake Sale - get your home baked goodies for the weekend. Come have some morning fun!

July 10, 6:00 pm, Potluck supper and Pre-planning Session with Marion and Charlie Hafner, Chadwick Funeral Service Topics - Making your wishes known, options, being flexible, writing your own obituary and what to do when death occurs. All Welcome.

Sister to Sister. Our women meet on Saturday, July 16 at 8:30 am in the church office building for bible study, fellowship, and prayer. All women are invited to join.

Prayer Gathering to pray for our church, community, and world. Sunday July 30 at 8:30-9:30 am in the office building.

Bible Studies. Wednesday Night Bible Study – Genesis. July 5, 12, 19th 6:00-7:00 pm in the Friendship Room.

Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm a study of "The Word of God" in the office building.

AA meets every Sunday night at 7:00 pm in the Friendship Room.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:30-6:30 pm in the church office building (located to the right of the church). If you need help between our open times, please call the church office (603-938-5313) for an appointment. Donations needed: tuna, peanut butter, and pasta can be dropped off during office hours (Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am -Noon) or in the collection box outside the office door. We currently do not accept clothing.

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

Saturday, July 1

9:00 pm Fireworks

Monday, July 3

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, July 4

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, July 5

1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Zoning Board

Thursday, July 6

6:00 pm Eco. Development Committee

Monday, July 10

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, July 11

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, July 12

1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, July 13

5:30 pm Parks & Rec

Monday, July 17

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, July 18

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

Wednesday, July 19

9:00 am Footcare Clinic, MVSC
1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Monday, July 24

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, July 25

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Planning Board

Wednesday, July 26

1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Masonic Bldg Committee



Calendar Abbreviations	
BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BCMh	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
BHS	Bradford Historical Society
BML	Brown Memorial Library
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
SR	Senior Room
YR	Youth Room
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment

Out & About: East Main Street, Community Garden

Bill Graham, local photographer, has sent us some beautiful aerial photos of our town! This one shows a very special view of our community garden design. This will be the location of our Independence Day Celebration this year. Come have fun with your friends and neighbors on July 1st!

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





How Far Do We Go?



Sue and Don Moss enjoy the Bradford Bridge at the foot of a waterfall in Iceland.

We want to know where you read your copy of The Bradford Bridge. Share your photographs to us at: BradfordBridge345@gmail.com

★ AREA EVENTS ★

BRADFORD EVENTS

Saturday, July 1, 5:00 pm. Bradford Independence Day Celebration on East Main Street. Square dancing, food trucks, ice cream, and many games for all ages to enjoy. More info: www.facebook.com/events/192507346846434

Saturday, July 1, 4:30 and 5:30 pm. Bradford Fire and Rescue Association Chicken BBQ at the Fire Station. Tickets available from any FD Member, Town Hall, or Parks and Recreation.

Sunday, July 9th, 2:00 pm. Bradford Center Meetinghouse, Kearsarge Community Band, Ice Cream Social, Yard Games. More info: www.bradford.center

Monday, July 10, 1:00 pm. Art with Anne K at Brown Memorial Library. More info: www.brownmemoriallibrary.org

Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 9:00 am. Kids Yoga with Leah by donation at Evergreen Studio. Drop-ins welcome. More info: evergreenhealingarts.org

Sunday, July 16, 12:00 pm. Try something new on a Forest Bathing Walk hosted by Forest Flow at Rosewood Country Inn. Enjoy brunch at the Inn before the walk (purchased at the Inn.) More info: www.forestflow.com/events

Monday, July 17, 1:00 pm. New England K9 Search and Rescue “Lostproofing” Program at Brown Memorial Library. More info: www.brownmemoriallibrary.org

Friday, July 21, 7:00 pm. Bradford Center Meetinghouse, music from Nick’s Other Band and Taco Beyondo food truck. More info: www.bradford.center

Friday, July 28, 1:00 pm. End of Summer Celebration: “All Together Now” at Brown Memorial Library. More info: www.brownmemoriallibrary.org

SURROUNDING TOWNS

Thursday, July 6, 6:30 pm. MainStreet Warner Stage Summer concert series with Jake & Taylor Armerding at Jim Mitchell Community Park in Warner. More info: www.facebook.com/warnerstage

Friday, July 7, 5:30 pm. Our Wonderful “Waterfall” Landscape at LSPA’s Center for Lake Studies, Newbury, NH. More info: www.lakesunapee.org

Saturday, July 8, 11:00 am. 22nd Annual Powwow at Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. More info: www.indianmuseum.org/calendar/2023/7/8/22nd-annual-powwow

Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 pm. New “Second Tuesday Open Mic” at Cafe One East in Warner. Arrive early to sign up for a slot.

Thursday, July 27, 7:00 pm. Moanin’ Frogs Saxophone Sextet at the First Baptist Church in New London. More information and to purchase tickets, www.summermusicassociates.org

Friday, July 28, 7:00 pm. Painting What She Hears at The Telephone Museum in Warner. More information and to register, www.nhtelephonemuseum.org/calendar-of-events.html







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Intro to Nature Meditation, New London

Sunday, July 16, 12:00 PM
Forest Therapy Walk, Rosewood Inn, Bradford

Tuesday, July 18, 10:00 AM
Intro to Forest Therapy, Sunapee State Beach



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