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New Teachers at KRES at Bradford

Two new teachers started this fall at KRES at Bradford. Pam Castor was hired to teach 3rd grade and Joanna Nelson is teaching music. Castor and Nelson were hired to replace retiring teachers Edie Daigle and Carol Greene.

Pam Castor, teaching third grade, is a graduate of Keene State College with a degree in Elementary Education and Psychology. She is working on a Master's Degree in Literacy Instruction at Lesley College. Pam has been teaching for 3 years and is an avid reader. She reads children's literature and enjoyed the Harry Potter Series. Pam wants to hook kids on reading and share her passion for the subject.

Mrs. Castor brings a wealth of experience to the Bradford School. She was an orientation leader in college and did some work for Habitat for Humanity in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. Pam spent two weeks with a group from Keene State in each country building small concrete houses with simple roofing and plumbing. Additionally, she helped raise the \$10,000 needed for materials for the homes to be built and funding for transportation.



Pam lives in Hillsboro with her new husband, Adam Castor, who is a para-

professional at the Bradford School in kindergarten and fifth grade. Pam enjoys teaching third grade and has been pleased with the warm welcome provided by the staff and students. "I feel at home," she said.

Joanna Nelson, our new music teacher, works part time in Bradford and part time at the Simmonds School in Warner. Joanna is a 2004 graduate of St. Olaf's College in Minnesota with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. Joanna was teaching music at the Walsh International School in Connecticut, while her husband was finishing up at Yale Divinity School. Joanna and her husband live on the Dartmouth College campus where he is working in the Chaplain's Office.

Mrs. Nelson plays violin and played in a string quartet and orchestra in college. She is classically trained and learned to play using the Suzuki Method. Joanna is currently taking a fiddle class and enjoying it very much. She is from Manhattan, Kansas, known as "The Little Apple."

In her music classes, Joanna teaches students about composers and teaches percussion using various types of



Joanna Nelson

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10 QUESTIONS: DAWN RICH

This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people who make a difference in Bradford. By Phyllis Wilcox

Dawn Rich was born in Newark, New Jersey. She attended school in Orange. Dawn and her husband Marvin came to Bradford in 1977 when Marvin became Bradford's police chief. Dawn and Marvin have five children and eight grandchildren.

Q. What brought you to Bradford?

We came to Bradford thirty years ago when Marvin became police chief after he retired from the Irvington Police Department in New Jersey.



Q. You are known in Bradford for your volunteer work in many different ways. You are a giving person. What made you this way?

I guess that my parents raised me to be friendly. They were role models for me. I like to be dependable and considerate of others. I like to go the extra step.

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From The Editors

The August 19th death of Dorothy Monigan, our Bridge editor, came as quite a blow to those of us who had come to care for her so dearly during her brief time in Bradford. Her untimely passing reminds us to cherish each day, bless our friendships, try to carry on with grace in spite of adversity, laugh a lot and most of all, to follow our dreams, wherever they take us. Quite a challenge.

When we first met Dorothy, she was attending a political event at our home. The next day she e-mailed to say that one of her lifetime dreams had always been to live in a small New England town, attend a political event when there was a chilly nip in the air, a wood burning fireplace in the background and a candidate offering a stump speech. She didn't care which political party addressed her dream. She was thrilled to be here with husband Gerry and remained in her treasured Bradford home even while cancer ravaged her body but never her spirit. We traveled about sometimes – to doctors, always with hope followed by somber news, to flea markets, to restaurants where, glass of wine in hand, we cried and laughed and shared a lifetime of stories in the year that we spent time together. And her other dream, to grow old with Gerry and sit on the porch of their Prince Edward Island home, well, it didn't come fully true but they did spend several days there together luxuriating in the wonder of visiting their just built home on the ocean while they could still be together. Another dream fulfilled. We feel privileged to have shared some of her journey. We will miss Dorothy and always think of her as a unique friend, neighbor and a great lady.

This month we focused on several KRES/ Bradford School events and tweaked the calendar page to make it more user friendly. We're keeping up to date on developments with the Needs Assessment Committee and looking for your continuing input into future issues of *The Bridge*.

Coming in November: Get out your crayons! Each month, space permitting, *The Bridge* will carry a page of Bradford history to color. After producing your masterpiece, post them in Master's Store and share them with the community! Stay tuned.

Beth Rodd

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Bradford Happenings

Historical Society Annual Meeting, Wednesday, October 24th, 7:30 p.m., Old Post Office building, corner 103 and 114. New collections on display.

The Women's Christian Guild's first meeting of the new season, Fri., Oct. 12, 2007 at 2 PM in the vestry of the Baptist Church in Bradford; potluck dessert and tea get together/ planning session. Interested women volunteers sought to carry out their programs. More info? Call Betty Perron at 938-2640 or Edythe Craig at 938-2110

New Computer Classes, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10am & 6:30pm, BACC, Paul Riley, instructor, Word and Excel. \$20 for 3 week series.

Bradford Improvement Association

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I've always felt that we may not agree but we can sit down and talk it over no matter what the issue.

Q There have been many changes in town over the past thirty years. What do you see as the biggest change?

The growth in town is the biggest change. Right now our community is struggling to put decent buildings in place for our highway department and police station and to restore the town hall.

Q. You've been married to Marvin for the last 57 years and in this time of divorce and separation, what do you attribute to the longevity and success of your marriage?

We keep a sense of humor. Nobody is perfect. We have our ups and downs but we respect one another.

Q. Over the years in Bradford have there been people that you feel have been an inspiration for you?

Flossie Jones was the one. She was a great mentor and supporter along with Isabel Sheehan. There were others: Adie and Bob Stewart, Ev and Millie Kittredge. I found people on every committee that I served on that have been wonderful people and selfless volunteers.

Q. You've had a variety of jobs in your life time- which did you like most?

I didn't work until my five children were on their way in the world. My favorite job of all was school secretary-first in the Irvington school system for five years and then in Bradford for ten years. When we moved to New Hampshire there were no school secretary jobs so I worked at other places: Jordan Milton, Aerotronics, and then Merrimack Telephone Company. I worked for nice people and learned a

lot from my employers and met many wonderful people. After the Bradford School was built, I knew that was where I wanted to be and I became secretary there. That was my favorite job, second only to raising my family.

Q. You were the Grand Marshall in the 2007 July 4th parade. Were you surprised to be selected?

Yes, yes and yes. It was a total surprise. Marlene Freyler told me a week before the parade. I've never been so shocked in my life. It was something that I will never forget. It was such a thrill to have all those people waving and smiling at me while I was riding in the parade in Judy McGee's antique VW. I felt so loved. My only regret was that my parents weren't there to see me ride by.

Q. You are personally responsible for the "Dawn Rich Award for Citizenship" for a fifth grade student. How did that begin?

The school staff surprised me when I retired. The award is given for the fifth grade student's involvement in the school and community. The two young ladies who carried the banner in the parade in front of my car, Michelle Fredette and Alison Macdonald, were past award recipients. I am also on the Town of Bradford and Women's Club scholarship committees and continue as chair of the Bradford Area Community Center where I've been a member since 2000.

Q. What do you do for relaxation?

I love to swim. I read and sometimes I volunteer at the library. I enjoy walking and I love to dance. I think that swimming is my passion and I go to the Colby Sawyer pool twice a week to swim. I also keep in touch by e-mailing my friends.

Q. Sometimes it is difficult for people who care about the future of their community to work together for a common goal even though they all want the best for the town. How do you think we can learn to live and work together to make Bradford a better place?

I just feel that the more that I'm involved with the Needs Assessment Committee that we have to put aside separate agendas and look at what is needed. It is the people who work at the facilities that are important and we should take the personal issues out of it. I do the communications for the committee and somehow we have to go forward to the main solution.

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rhythm instruments. Her tools include a keyboard, some maracas, sticks, recorders, and an assortment of drums. She enjoys singing and comes to the Bradford School with a wealth of music experience. She thinks the students in Bradford are great.

We welcome Pam Castor and Joanna Nelson to our school.



Conservation Commission

Members of the Conservation Commission and friends replaced the rotten boards on the boardwalk at the Bradford bog on Sept 16th. We were very fortunate to have help from some of the boys at the Midway Shelter. Carlos Agudelo, the Director, and Eddie, Nate and Andrew carried the twelve foot boards out into the bog and dropped them where rotten boards needed to be replaced.

Perry Teele, David Halsted, Phil Lamoreaux, and Brooks McCandlish manned the chain saws and hammered the spikes to hold the new boards in place. The Midway crew carried the old soggy boards back to the bog entrance to be picked up later.



Phil LaMoreaux at work

Supervisors of the Checklist:

The Supervisors of the checklist will be in session on October 10, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm at the Town Hall. This is to update the checklist and register new voters.

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Rescue on Rt. 114

by Al Brown

On August 27, 2007 the DHART helicopter from Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon landed on Route 103



almost at the intersection with 114. An area woman had crashed her bicycle on Route 114 near the intersection with Route 103. Former Selectman Bruce Edwards found the woman and called 911 to have Bradford's ambulance and EMS teams dispatched to the scene. The woman's injuries were serious enough to have paramedics from New London Hospital who examined her recommend that she be airlifted to Lebanon. DHART was called and the helicopter crew informed the rescue team that it would be there in 20 minutes.

20 minutes is not a very long time when there is a lot to do. Bradford Fire and Rescue was called to set up a landing zone and to assist Bradford Police with shutting down roads so the helicopter could land safely. The plan was for the helicopter to touch down about halfway between the covered bridge and the traffic lights but the pilot had a different idea and set it down about 50 feet in front of the ambulance at the right turn lane from 114 on to 103. The prop wash was so close it made the ambulance sway a few times. The pilot shut down the helicopter for about 10 minutes so the patient could be examined and transferred to the 'copter. The roads were reopened shortly after the helicopter took off.

All the people involved in the rescue and transfer were very pleased with the high level of communication and cooperation between police, fire and rescue, New London ALS and DHART. The woman's condition is not available at this time.

VNA Flu Clinic Schedule

Available for individuals 19+ years of age
VNA will bill Medicare, Medicaid and Anthem.
Please bring your card if eligible.

Thursday, October 4	Council on Aging	New London	12:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, October 9	St. Andrews Church	New London	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Wednesday, October 10	Newport Senior Center	Newport	10:00 am - Noon
Friday, October 12	Kearsarge Presbyterian Ch.	New London	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday, October 13	First Baptist Church	New London	9:00 am - Noon
Tuesday, October 16	Croydon Town Offices	Croydon	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 17	Lempster Town Offices	Lempster	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Friday, October 19	Scarlett Drug Store	Newport	9:00 am - Noon
Friday, October 19	Washington Town Offices	Washington	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Monday, October 22	Grantham Town Offices	Grantham	4:00 - 7:00 pm
Monday, October 22	Sunapee Methodist Church	Sunapee	10:00 am - Noon
Tuesday, October 23	Andover Town Offices	Andover	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 23	Warner Senior Center	Warner	10:00 am - Noon
Wednesday, October 24	Rite Aid Drug Store	Newport	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Wednesday, October 24	Wilmot Town Offices	Wilmot	9:00 - 11:00 am
Thursday, October 25	Bradford Senior Center	Bradford	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Friday, October 26	Danbury Senior Center	Danbury	1:00 - 2:00 pm
Wednesday, October 31	Goshen Town Offices	Goshen	10:00 am - Noon
Friday, November 2	Newbury Town Offices	Newbury	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 6	Springfield Town Offices	Springfield	10:00 - 11:30 am

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Needs Assessment Committee

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, a “walk-through” of the entire Transfer Station site was conducted by representatives from NHDES on August 30th. Karlee Kenison a hydrogeologist with the Department stated that, in general, the State’s preference is to re-use an existing site whenever feasible. She provided general information regarding the testing procedures necessary if any contamination should be found on further investigation. Selectman Pinard offered to provide the file for transcription and to be made available on the town website.

At the NAC Steering Committee meeting on September 6th, Dave Eckman of Eckman Engineering presented a preliminary plan of the proposed layout for the police and highway facilities. A new access road to the transfer station would lead from Route 114, curving north from the current road to the top of the first rise. At that point a road to the left would lead to the new facilities and the original road would continue on to the transfer station. This would result in reducing the grade from 12.5% to 10%. A rock retaining wall 10 ft. high at the maximum, 200 feet long tapering at each end would be built to the left of the access road.

Mr. Eckman could not estimate the costs until further design work has been completed. The current preliminary plan includes a highway garage (90’ x 120’), a salt shed (40’ x 60’) with cement apron, and a police station (44’ x 75’) with a 4’ x 28’ extension for a two bay “sally port.” The area dedicated would be 5-6 acres. A proposed cistern for fire suppression would serve these two facilities. It was anticipated the time to construct would be six months. The steering committee plans to have costs estimates available by November.

NAC member Eileen Kelly read a section from the July 2007 Eckman report: “Proposal for Site Work Engineering and Surveying Services” that compared the advantages and disadvantages of the upper (north) and east (lower) sections of the transfer station lot. She asked Mr. Eckman his opinion from an engineering point of view of the two locations. He stated that, strictly from the engineering perspective, the access from Route 103 has “very good site distance and near perfect geometry” while recognizing that permitting for that site might be more difficult because of its proximity to the old landfill areas.

Discussion from the audience ensued regarding other possible locations for the buildings including the lower site that had been proposed last year. Andrew Pinard read a letter as a private citizen voicing his concerns and offering alternative sites for consideration including the Naughton property or placing a new building at the current location of the highway garage behind the Brown-Shattuck field.

Nominations for two additional members of the committee were passed along to the Board of Selectmen who appointed Kevin McKenna and Philip LaMoreaux, with George Morse as alternate in the event any member of the Committee can no longer serve. Chair Tom Riley introduced the new members at the NAC meeting on September 20th.

At that meeting Jim Pickman, Chair of the highway and police subcommittee, reported that they hope to have a rough set of plans completed by October 1st. He also said that Road Agent Steve Lucier has received complete approval of the proposed new road from NH DOT.

Full minutes of NAC meetings are on file at the Town Hall.

Bradford Business Association

by Marilyn Gordon

The quarterly meeting of the Bradford Business Association was held on August 29th at the Candlelite Inn. Those who aren’t members of the BBA can join at any time. You are automatically upgraded on the Town of Bradford website and your business will be added to the next brochure. The brochures, at this time, are behind schedule. Hopefully they will be out within the next month. The flower barrels are looking good this year, thanks to Marlene Freyler. Oona Tropeano has volunteered to help Marlene next year. Thanks Oona, for volunteering. The Christmas Gathering will be held on December 2nd at 1 PM at the Candlelite Inn with a potluck buffet. Postcards will be mailed when the time is closer as a reminder.

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Area Happenings

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The Fells: Thursday, October 4, 9am-3pm, "Old Growth on Mount Sunapee" Naturalist Dave Anderson will guide. Program info:763-4789, ext3, or www.thefells.org. The Fells Main House closes for the season Oct. 8. Grounds remain open dawn to dusk. 456 Route 103A, Newbury NH.

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition's all volunteer, non-profit organization's 14th annual Fall Walkabout, every Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 21, final Oct. weekend for rained out hikes. Great area hikes, varying degrees of difficulty, 4mi.-5.5mi. Prior sign-ups required. More info: www.srkg.com.

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Henniker:

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New London/Newbury/Warner

Friday, October 12, 7:30 pm. Soo-nipi Audubon speaker Spencer Hardy will discuss experiences at Texas Bird Camp, Tracy Library, New London, NH.

Information: Ruth White, 763-4893.

Saturday, October 13, 8 am.

Soo-nipi Audubon Field trip to Concord, hot spots to look for migrant birds. Meet at Warner park & ride, I-89, exit 9. Bring snack, water, binoculars.

Leaders: Ruth White, 763-4893

Joy Bockius, 456-2480

Warner:

The **Kearsarge Area Rocket Society** holds a model rocket launch October 13th ,1 4PM, Warner. Free.

More info? Visit www.KARSNH.org or call Mike Bellino at 938-5129

Bookends

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 6 & 7

Warner Fall Foliage Festival & Our 9th Anniversary!

Friday, Oct. 12 @ 7 pm

Warner Historical Society's Rebecca Courser presents "Melvin Mills & Roby Districts" Slide Show & Discussion. Sat., Oct. 20 @ 1 pm.

Artist D.A. Hammond will present a Slide Show & Discussion on satirical & whimsical pigs featured in his bestseller, *Pigs in a Poke*.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

TDS Telecom Petition for Alternative Regulation

October 4, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Kearsarge Regional High School
North Sutton, New Hampshire

On March 1, 2007, TDS Telecom filed petitions with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) asking for approval of an alternate form of regulation as allowed by RSA 374:3-b.

Under its proposed plan, TDS Telecom's rates would no longer be subject to approval by the Commission. Instead, maximum rates for basic local service would be set at levels that do not exceed Verizon New Hampshire's rates and do not increase by more than 10% per year for the first four years after the plan is approved.

Before approving the plan, the Commission must find, among other things, that competitive wireline, wireless, or broadband service is available to a majority of customers in each TDS exchange

The Commission is holding a public statement hearing to take comment from consumers and other interested groups on the petition, which can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Commission at 1-800-852-3793 (NH only) or 603-271-2431.



FORTUNE'S BARN REUNION DANCE

A Reunion Dance for all who attended the Barn Dances at Bradford Arena, Fortune's Barn in Bradford and Stark Mansion Hall in Dunbarton from 1939-1968 will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Webster Town Hall, Route 127, Webster, NH. The hall is handicapped accessible so all come to meet old friends and listen or dance to the music. The dance will be the same music and dances as you danced to back then, EXCEPT there has to be no smoking in the hall or alcohol on the premises. A snack bar, replicating the ones at the dance halls, serving hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee, tonic, etc. will be available (unfortunately at today's prices).

How it came to pass:

Back in 1955 Jack O'Connor, a teenager who spent his summers in Weare, NH, brought a reel-to-reel tape recorder to the Bradford Arena to record the banjo playing of George Rounds so he could learn some of what George was doing. He recorded part of a dance evening. In 1986 Bob Boynton, Jr., grandson of Myron Colby, was calling at the New Hampshire Folk Festival in Concord, NH and Jack and his friend, Walter Lenk, were in attendance. They recognized the numbers Bob was doing as Frank's singing calls. Walter made a copy of the tape and took it to Bob at the Emerson Hill Community Club, where Bob was calling on Saturday nights. The Boynton family treasured the tape and put it away for safe keeping.

Two years ago, Dudley Laufman asked Walter for a copy of Jack's tape. After procrastinating for quite a while, it struck Walter that the tape was probably of interest to a wider audience, and it would be great to put in on the web. As he started editing the audio and constructing the web site, it became obvious to him that there was a greater story to be told, so he got in touch with Janice Colby Boynton, Myron Colby's daughter, to ask her some questions about the dance. Janice wanted to tell the story of these dances, and spent the next several months in the Fall of 2006 and the Winter of 2007 traveling around New Hampshire, talking to people who went to the dances, and doing research in some of the local libraries. Janice enlisted her sister Myrna Colby Toutant to help her edit the material that she had gathered, and to help with collecting their family artifacts for the project. The website is www.configular.com/fortunesbarn.

As Janice was talking with people who attended these dances, several mentioned that it would be nice to have a reunion dance.

Eventually this material is headed to the New Hampshire Library of Traditional Music and Dance in Durham NH.

Please contact Janice Colby Boynton at 774-4412 with questions, memories of these dances or to RSVP.

AS THINGS WERE 1972

Bob Pugliese of West Road submitted this piece from the past and wonders if anybody remembers this 1972 initiative to halt crime on Halloween in Bradford.

Citizens' Watch Organized to Patrol Bradford Area

A newly organized Citizens' Watch in Bradford will go into action tonight. A Halloween patrol will be the first order of business for the group which aims "to eliminate vandalism, maliciousness and hooliganism in the Town of Bradford".

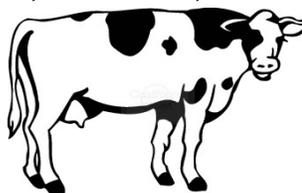
The Citizens' Watch, organized by a large group of Bradford men under the auspices of Selectmen and the Chief of Police, has the complete backing of both departments, according to Robert Perron, chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The group was organized, he said, in the wake of incidents of theft and vandalism in town and will patrol the town's roads during hours of darkness and in daylight when necessary. The objective of the patrol will be to observe, identify and report law-breaking incidents or persons to police who will, in turn, initiate corrective action. In cases where individuals are identified in felonious acts, the Citizens' Watch observers will appear as witnesses in a court of law, he added. Tonight they will conduct a comprehensive patrol to help make the town safe for the trick-or-treaters and avoid the extensive vandalism which occurred in the past, he concluded.

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Planning Board Notes

Selectmen's Highlights - 9/18/07

Highway Department - Road Agent Steve Lucier advised that \$13,000 worth of gravel is being purchased from the Mt. William pit in Weare to be delivered at the convenience of the pit owner.

Lucier will talk with the Conservation Commission regarding drainage work and erosion control necessary at French's Park. Administrator Cheryl Behr advised that some Moose Plate Grant funds might be available for this project.

He will order generic signs to be placed setting the dates for no overnight parking.

Town Hall Restoration - Audrey Sylvester and Beth Rodd reported for the Town Hall Restoration Committee on progress with the project to restore the Henry backdrop and on possible grants for work on the Town Hall that would require matching funds.

Cheryl Behr and Andrew Pinard discussed several concerns related to work on the Town Hall that should be addressed in regard to improving the building while protecting the historic character. These include repaving the parking lot, fixing the front steps, and re-glazing or replacing windows. One question raised is where maintenance starts and restoration begins.

Needs Assessment Committee - Selectmen and the NAC have approved a sign to be placed at the crown of the hill to the Transfer Station advising of the "Proposed Location of Bradford's New Police Station/Highway Garage Location."

Selectmen added two members to the NAC Steering Committee based on

recommendations from the Committee. Kevin McKenna and Philip LaMoreaux were appointed with George Morse named as an alternate member.

Fireworks - Fire chief Mark Goldberg and Police Chief James Valiquet discussed legal and illegal fireworks. The selectmen will request the town attorney to write wording for an ordinance to be presented as a warrant article at the next town meeting, making the public more aware of the issue.

Selectmen's Coffee - The next quarterly selectmen's coffee will be held on Saturday October 13th, 9 am at the town hall. A newsletter will be distributed in public places one week before that date.

Complete minutes of the selectmen's meetings may be obtained at the Town Hall.

Subdivision Approved - A 2-lot subdivision was accepted and approved for property of Juanita Battles on Center Road, resulting in a separate lot for the established commercial buildings on the site

Continuations - At the requests of the applicants, both the Hill & Dale gravel pit application and the 3-lot subdivision for Mountain Lake Inn were continued to October 9th.

Bob Stewart Jr. of RCS Design withdrew the application for a 3 unit commercial building on Route 103 that had been submitted by Kevin Allen. It may be resubmitted when issues connected with fire department requirements and other concerns have been addressed.

Site Plan Reviews - It was determined that site plan reviews will be necessary for two locations - Commercial use of property on East Main Street owned by Robin Sanborn and an additional business on the Post Office site owned by Dave Pickman. The business operated by Jim Pickman on Old Warner Road meets the criteria as a home business and no site plan is required.

Preliminary Discussions were held for several locations: 1) Michael Sailer - 2-lot subdivision on East Washington Road; 2) Edwin Fowler - 3-lot subdivision on West Road; 3) Grant Fern Management - Dunkin Donuts to be located adjacent to the Pizza Chef on Main Street; 4) Mel Pfeifle - 2-lot subdivision on Old Warner Road.

Public hearings will be noticed once applications for any of these have been filed.

Sand & Gravel Regulations - The Planning Board set a Public Hearing for October 23rd. Revised copies of the draft regulations will be posted at the Town Hall prior to the hearing.

Complete minutes of the meeting can be obtained at the town hall.

**Zoning Board of
Adjustment**

**Tuesday October 2, 7:30 pm
at Town Hall:**

Requested by John Gioldassis/
Pizza Chef, East Main Street:
Special Exception regarding
enlarging a non-conforming
building to add a Dunkin Do-
nuts franchise and two vari-
ances regarding interior illumi-
nation for signs, one on the
building and the second for a
free-standing sign.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

The Bradford Women's Club would like to thank all who donated in lieu of flowers in memory of Jean Gaito. Our Red Hat Tea was wonderful as usual with all members looking glamorous in their hats. The bulb drive was very successful and they will be delivered soon. FYI - Check out Grandma's Attic this year at the BWC Antique/Craft Sale, Nov 23,24,25.

Jackye Pehrson, President BWC

To the Editor:

If you had attended the Needs Assessment Committee's meeting on the 6th of September, you would realize that the die has been cast to develop the upper area of the Transfer Station lot for the town garage and police station. Contrary to the initial charge to the Committee to build off of the work accomplished the previous year, the majority of this committee has chosen to move in its own direction.

In so doing, the proposal presented shows a relocated road to the transfer station with a new road turning off, half way up, to reach the police station and continuing on to the garage site. When pinned down, the design engineer had to admit that from a strictly engineering perspective, the original proposed access from Route 103 offered the better entry with that lower site being the less expensive to develop.

It seems to be that fear of the unknown is driving the decision process. Even with the comments of Karlee Kenison, P.G., a hydrogeologist with the NH Department of Environmental Services who toured the entire property at the request of the selectmen, two members of the committee refused to even acknowledge her comments since

they were not responsible for inviting this expert.

I, for one, remain unsure of why the committee is insisting on using the more valuable area of this 44 acre site for the purpose they are suggesting.

Dick Keller

To the Editor

I want to express my thanks to the Bradford Highway Department which has a mammoth job keeping our gravel roads in Bradford in good condition. Some of the torrential rains do strange things to the gravel surface that is otherwise serving us smoothly and well.

One section of my road had suffered in the May storms but in the drier times since it posed only a matter of a rough road. However, this week the rain ran down the hill, into my driveway and thus into my cellar so that I think I had all 3 1/2 inches collected there. I called the Highway Department to see if they would be willing to check out the road soon. Within the hour they were up surveying the situation and made a temporary adjustment. The next morning they came back and made the really necessary repairs. Thank you Bradford Highway Department!

Edythe Craig

To the Editor:

I went to the Needs Assessment Committee meeting on September 6th, thinking I was going to hear pros and cons of two sites proposed for relocating the highway sheds and police department. I had seen the sign high on the bank of the dump road and hoped to hear more. I was confused when it appeared that the site above the transfer station already had been chosen and we were there to see

engineering plans. These plans apparently cost the town \$17,200 – a significant portion of funds that were intended to be spent getting information about two locations. I try to keep one eye on town happenings, but I also have a job that requires effort and time. Usually, I trust the retired “town fathers” who have the best interests of Bradford at heart, but somehow this “decision” seems hasty. The steering committee is three people, the vote was two against one. This does not seem representative to me.

It has already cost the town thousands of dollars to see precise drawings (but no costs) of removing a steep hillside and making a drive wide enough for highway vehicles and building a ten foot retaining wall of boulders. The previously proposed site on 103 (near the dump burning pile) would require no extraordinary engineering beyond putting on your turn indicator. The highway department already uses that entrance.

The impediment is getting some testing done on the site - which would be the follow-up to the “walk through” by DES in August, where nothing hazardous was found. This of course should be verified with relatively inexpensive testing since it was a dump site, but this is not a proposed residential or recreational area; a highway shed is itself a repository of caustic materials. Can we expend some money to pursue this? Several individuals have stated that they “know there are bad things there,” but have offered no specific information. Can we take these questions to an answer rather than act on a supposition? We can trust but verify.

Sincerely, Belinda Glennie



BRADFORD—Nice setting in Melvin Mills section of Bradford. Great yard mostly level with nice landscaping & perennials/plantings. Sears originally sold these style homes. Nice wood & tile floors, fireplaced LR, lots of new improvements. Must see to really appreciate this cute & comfortable home..\$249,500.



BRADFORD—Location is a key for this remodeled original 1809 & 1850 farmhouse. Fieldstone/brick fireplaced LR, wood, tile & berber floors, 24'x24' garage, 28'x28' barn, field, lawn, garden, shed, expansion potential, tastefully redone by caring owner. Must see!..\$268,500.

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First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hublely

40 Days of Community Small Groups: We have 4 small groups meeting during the month of October every Monday evening, Tuesday evening, Thursday morning and Thursday evenings. The groups will be studying a related theme to our Sunday morning worship services. At the end of the 40 days, each group will do an outreach project in our community.

Mom's Bible Study; Every Thursday during the month of October from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m., moms can come to the Fisk House for a time of sharing and prayer. Childcare is provided.

Food Pantry: The October distribution date for the pantry is Wednesday, October 17, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Prayer Retreat: Our church will be attending a Prayer retreat at Singing Hills Conference Center in Plainfield, New Hampshire on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of our church will be held on Sunday, October 28 immediately following the worship service. A light luncheon will be provided between the service and the meeting.

Seventh Annual BNSYS Golf Tournament - October 11th

The Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports is a non-profit organization that provides Kearsarge with quality sports opportunities. The tournament has become a yearly event for many NH individuals, with this year's event promising to be bigger than ever!



When: October 11, 2007
Time: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Where: Country Club of NH, Sutton, NH
Cost: \$400.00 per team of 4

Lunch is included. All donations are tax deductible!

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To register your team or be one of the many businesses that will be sponsoring holes, lunch, door prizes, or golf carts, www.bnsys.org call Jill Firstbrook at 938-6128 or email bobandjill@tds.net for more informati



Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

The library will be open on Monday, October 8 (Columbus Day).

Look for flyers this month about a new afternoon program at Brown Memorial Library for elementary school children starting in November. We will start off with programs on two Wednesday afternoons at 3:15 with books and craft projects based on a seasonal theme. We hope to catch you on your way home from school!

The last book sale of the season is on Saturday, October 6 from 9 to 2. If you miss it, you can always request to visit the book sale area when the library is open.

This month we compare the book *The Painted Veil* by W. Somerset Maugham with the recent movie on Friday, October 5 at 7pm. In November, we will compare a short story by Alice Munro "The Bear Came Over the Mountain" with the movie *Away from Her*. Copies of the short story will be available at the library. The international movie on Friday, October 19 at 7pm is from China.

Books added to your library in September:

For adults

Well-behaved Women Seldom Make History by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

In the Woods by Tana French

The Year of Eating Dangerously by Tom Parker Bowles

The Last Kashmiri Rose by Barbara Cleverly

The Used World by Haven Kimmel

For children

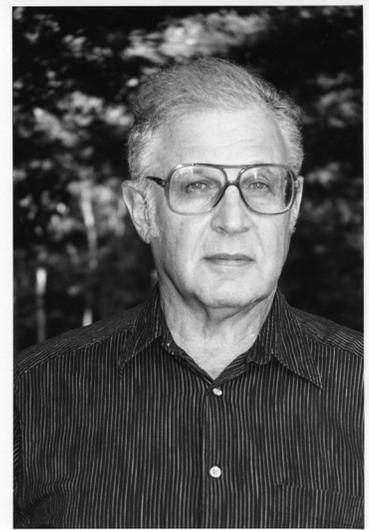
Ivy & Bean Break the Fossil Record by Annie Barrows

Jack's Talent by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Eclipse by Stephenie Meyer

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

Talk and Book Signing with Historian Burton Hersh



The Friends of Brown Memorial Library announce "A Talk by Historian Burton Hersh" on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 7 pm in Brown Memorial Library. The event, a celebration of the publication of Hersh's newest book, "Bobby & J. Edgar: The Historic Face-off Between the Kennedys and J. Edgar Hoover that Transformed America" is open to the public.

Historian Burton Hersh, who lives in Bradford, has published seven books including two books of fiction. "Bobby and J. Edgar" follows "The Shadow President: Ted Kennedy in Opposition" and "The Old Boys: The American Elite and the Origins of the CIA." He has contributed to numerous periodicals such as, "Sports Illustrated," "Esquire," "The New York Times," "Punch," and "The Washington Post."

Hersh will read from his new book, talk about the process of writing this 516-page history (that includes 95 additional pages of source notes and bibliography), tackle challenging questions from the audience and sign pre-purchased books available in local bookstores or from the author.

The handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library is located at 78 West Main St., Bradford, NH. For more information, call the library at 938-5562.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Monigan

Dorothy Meyer Monigan, a former Bradford Bridge editor and a long-time resident of Ringwood, N.J., died peacefully Sunday evening Aug. 19, 2007, at her home in New Hope, Pa. She was 55. Dorothy was born Sept. 12, 1951 in Newark, N.J., the first child of Bernard and Dorothy (Bernhart) Meyer of Hawthorne. She graduated from St. Anthony School in 1965, Hawthorne High School in 1969 and Katherine Gibbs College in 1970. Dorothy was an office administrator and property manager for



many years before starting her own businesses. She was a paralegal, Notary Public, signing agent and Web site designer. During her years in Ringwood, Dorothy was proud to serve on the board of trustees of the Ringwood Public Library, and she played a role in building the new library in 2000. She was a member of the Friends of Ringwood Library, Skylands Clean, the League of Women Voters and the Democratic Party. Among Dorothy's passions were social justice, especially women's rights, cooking (and

eating), dances with no steps, and laughing with those she loved. She is survived by her husband, Gerald Patrick Monigan, and her son, Ryan Patrick Monigan; her mother, Dorothy, of Waldwick, N.J.; sisters Diane Mahood, of Fort Meyers, Fla., and Deborah Sisti, of Encinitas, Calif.; brother, Ben Meyer, of Oakland, N.J.; nieces Bethany Meyer of Wayne, N.J., Nicole Sisti of Encenidas, and Avery Meyer of Upper Greenwood Lake, N.J.; nephew, Benny Meyer, of Upper Greenwood Lake; and innumerable friends. A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held in Ringwood in late October. Donations may be made to causes dear to your hearts; Dorothy believed strongly in the Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood and stem-cell research. She was aided by Hospice of Hunterdon County in her final days.

Fay Pugliese

Sutton, NH- On September 14th, Fay Elaine (Chadwick) Pugliese, our brave and beautiful wife, mother, grandmother died at peace with her family surrounding her. She was 70 years old.

Fay was born in Concord, NH on May 27, 1937 to Harvey and Evangeline (Levasseur) Chadwick. She lived in and attended Sutton Mills and South Sutton Schools from first through eighth grades, and graduated from New London High School in 1953.

Fay married her husband and love of her life, Mike, on December 19, 1953. She was a caring, loving, supportive wife and mother. Her love for her family was unconditional, and her kids knew that she was really just joking when she told them

to go play on the yellow line. Fay had done many things in her life, including many years of working for the Kearsarge School District in food service at the high school and maintenance at the Sutton Elementary School and high school. She belonged to the Sutton Historical Society and was a member of its Board of Directors. She was a trustee of the Sutton Free Library. Fay had many hobbies and interests; planting and weeding her gardens, camping in the White Mountains and watching baseball. The high point of her summers was the family reunion cookout. She was overjoyed when her beloved Red Sox won the World Series in 2004. She also loved football and cheered on the New England Patriots. She enjoyed watching the birds, foxes, and other wildlife that wandered through the yard. Fay is survived by her husband, Michael, of over 53 years, her children, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a sister, many dear nieces, nephews, and cousins and many friends. Burial will be private at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Payson Center for Cancer Care, 250 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301 or to the Sutton Free Library.



KRSD School News

Bradford KRES News Mary Keegan Dayton

There's a chill in the air and the season is changing. It is fall and school attendance comes to light. It's an issue at many schools across the country. "Attendance and being on time is a skill kids are learning," comments Jim Spadaro, Principal at the Bradford School. Data collection completed at the school this summer revealed some interesting facts. Bradford students like going to school and have great attendance. Daily attendance rates run at 95% and above. According to research done by the University of Illinois, College of Education, low absenteeism is correlated to student's positive school behavior, increased participation in extracurricular activities, better grades and better long term educational outcomes. Thank-you to all the parents who have helped their children get a good nights sleep, eat breakfast and get to school on a daily basis.

The Bradford data also showed that tardiness was high. This is an area of concern and will be placed high on the principal's priority list this year. "Being ready for school and on time are critical skills for success," commented Spadaro. "We are teaching kids a life-long skill and work ethic." When kids are late to school, it affects everyone in the classroom. Check the clock. Set your sights on arriving at 8:20 if you are driving your children to school. That will give them time to arrive in the school lobby, say hello to a few friends and then proceed down to their class to get ready for an 8:40 start.

Children of all ages look to the role models in their lives for guidance. My sons are in middle and high school. I want them to be responsible to get to

school on time, but I also know that I play a role in that. I'll do what it takes....clean laundry, good breakfast and lunch food, calm surroundings to help them get out the door on time, each day. Punctuality happens one day at a time, if it wasn't good today, it can be tomorrow. And oh yea, we set the kitchen clock ahead ten minutes. And sometimes it works.

School District Report Jon Steiner

The School Board has taken its first hard look at the proposed budget and spent a great deal of time discussing it with the administrators from the SAU and the schools. Once the Board is happy with it, it is presented to the Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) where they delve into proposed expenditures as well. In January, the voters will meet to have their input before the budget is placed on the March ballot. As you can see, it is a time consuming process requiring a great deal of work. As always, costs such as salaries, energy, the middle school bond and other line items are must haves and are a big part of the overall bottom line. More to come on the budget in upcoming months.

If you enter the elementary school you will now see our new paving and new traffic patterns. It looks great! This change is designed for the safety of the kids by keeping cars from driving through the playground area. The pattern will work best if parents do not park in front of the school, but simply let the kids out to walk in on their own. Should you wish to enter the school, please park in the lot.

I've received several emails asking about the opening date of the new middle school. At this point we need to know not only when it will be finished and ready for students but also when equipment will be moved in, what the new bus routes will look like, punch lists, etc. There is a wide range of facts that need to be looked at before a date can be set. Once we have the facts the Board will have a discussion and set the date.



Passive Solar Home in Bradford

Open House October 6th 10am-4pm.

NHSEA Green Homes Tour info at

www.nhsea.org

Home for Sale info at

www.forfeng.com/nelson

or call 315-328-5559

KRES at Bradford Exceeds Summer Reading Goal

by Kathy McKenna

For the third year in a row, KRES at Bradford students met the school-wide summer reading goal of 85% participation in the Kearsarge Regional School District's Summer Reading Program. In June, students entering grades 1 -5 were challenged to read regularly during the summer and to keep track of the amount of reading that they did. On the first day of school most students proudly presented summer reading records to their classroom teachers. Student participation in the Summer Reading Program was over 89% this year!

Bradford students and families cel-

ebrated their efforts by attending the Kearsarge Cougars' Football Game on Friday September 7. Marty Brown, the Athletic Director for KRHS, supported this event by providing free admission to the game for all KRES at Bradford students and staff. Before the football game, families were invited to join the staff for a "Tailgate" picnic at the Bradford Elementary School. More than 200 students, family members, and staff picnicked together and then enjoyed a fun-filled evening watching the Kearsarge Cougars play Stevens High School.



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Town of Bradford Construction Notice

The Jones Road Bridge
and Intersection will be
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2007

Detours will be posted



Purchasing a HUD Home

by Laura Hallahan

With foreclosure rates on the increase, the number of HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) owned homes for sale is also on the rise. This presents an opportunity for buyers to purchase a home with built-in equity and for investors to potentially pick up a great deal. HUD transactions, however, are very different from traditional home purchases and even bank foreclosures that go to auction. Here are some key tips to keep in mind:

All HUD Homes Aren't Great Deals. Look at every deal on its own merit and base your decision on sound advice and not the assumption that every HUD home must be a great deal. When the HUD inventory is low, often buyers will bid the property up to above the fair market value.

Understand the Bidding Process. It is a "blind" bidding process, meaning the bid date is released by HUD and each buyer submits their best offer without the knowledge of any other bids.

"Owner-Occupant" versus "Investor". HUD gives preferential treatment to owner-occupants over investors as they try to increase the number of U.S. citizens who own homes. Owner-occupants have the first 10 days to bid on any home before it is released to investors.

Anticipate Repairs. Buyers cannot negotiate repairs even though they are allowed the opportunity to have a third party inspection prior to closing. It is more difficult to back out of a HUD deal and you may risk losing your earnest money, so be sure before you bid.

Continuously Monitor the Inventory. The law of supply and demand applies here, too. When inventory is

high, your chances of getting a great deal are higher, too. Go online and monitor the sales price of HUD homes. The HUD web site can be accessed at www.Hud.gov and you can see the homes for sale in each state at www.HomeSales.gov.

Make Sure You Know the Process. HUD has different requirements in different states and often there are Realtors® and Lenders who specialize in HUD homes who can walk you through the process and maze of paperwork.

Act Quickly and Decisively. There are strict time constraints on the bidding process and while you will typically have one to two weeks from the date HUD places the property on the market until the bidding period begins, often the property will be purchased on the first day of bidding.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- Lot 2 Deer Valley Road, New Cape on 2.50 acres for \$252,500
- 31 Maple View Drive, 2005 Colonial on 2.0 acres for \$290,000
- 44 Oakdale Road, Waterfront Cottage on .13 acres for \$290,000
- 40/42 East Shore Road, Waterfront Cottage on .20 acres for \$447,000

There are 35 active and 5 pending residential listings, 24 active and 0 pending land listings, 5 active and 0 pending commercial listings and 2 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

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Henry Backdrop Restoration Scheduled

The restoration of Charles W. Henry backdrop will take place the in the First Baptist Church vestry from October 22 -25. Ruth-Ann Harris, co-chair of the committee said, "We are extremely grateful to Pastor Hubley and the church for providing the space as a service to our community."

A professional restoration team from the "Curtains Without Borders," from Burlington, Vermont, has been hired to restore the painting. This team has stabilized and restored more than 130 of the 170 "curtains" discovered in Vermont. Bradford's backdrop (9' x 15') is the first Charles W. Henry painting found in New Hampshire.

The process is fussy. First the backdrop's surface must be cleaned inch by inch. Restorers use brushes and vulcanized rubber sponges to gently lift surface dirt into the end of a vacuum cleaner wand. A new padded header and tubing will be fabricated to replace the bowed pole and nails used originally to suspend the backdrop. All materials are archival including adhesives and water-based paints. Missing pieces of muslin will be replaced. A process called "in-painting" will restore deteriorated surface color and fill in missing details.

Volunteers are needed to help clean the hundred-year old artifact. To take part in the process, call 938-5948 or 938-2660. The public is also encouraged to drop by at 4 pm to view each day's progress.

An open house to see the restored Henry Backdrop will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the First Baptist Church's Rectory, at the corner of West Main Street and Route 103, Bradford, NH. Children welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE

Dark wooden coffee table and 2 matching end tables - all w/ slate tops
\$250.00 938-2303

For Sale:

Small, indoor jungle gym with steps and slide. \$25.

Youth bed, excellent condition, with sheets, mats etc. \$50. 938-5482



MVSC quilting instructor Mary E. Derry works on a sewing machine with Marion Hall during "Learning Paper Piecing Technique" session. More senior center program info? Call Sandi at 938-2104.

Kenny's Facts:

Household Hazardous Waste

There will be a collection of household hazardous waste on Saturday, October 20 at the Henniker Highway Department. For more information and pamphlets, see Lois or Ken at the Bradford transfer station.

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