

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## Bradford Bridge Candidate Forum

To give Bradford voters an opportunity to hear directly from local candidates, the Bradford Bridge is sponsoring a candidate forum on **October 22, 2022, 11:00 am to Noon at the Bradford Center Meeting House, 18 Rowe Mountain Road, Bradford, NH.** NH Representative candidates for Merrimack District 8 and NH Senate candidates for District 7 have been invited.

Hear what the candidates have to say about topics important to NH voters including: Energy pricing~public education and education freedom accounts~property taxes~human reproductive rights~climate change.

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

Monthly Briefing by Devin will return next month when Devin has had some time to relax after organizing an awesome Bradford Celebration Day. Devin sends a huge shout out to Katie Olohan and Joel Banaszak. “These Parks and Rec ROCKSTARS arrive early, stay late, and get the job done! A lot of behind the scenes work goes into a Town event, from planning, setting up days before, decorating, cleaning up after, and so much more. We are lucky to have the great team we do at Parks and Rec. And a big thank you to the spouses of Parks and Rec. Caitlin, Rich and David get roped into a lot of work and we appreciate them for it! Jon Roy may no longer be an official parks and rec board member but he’s still part of the team. Thanks for always showing up to help.”

*(Event Photos on page 5)*

## Town Hall Update



*Photo by Bill Graham*

**Many people have asked** “What’s going on with the Town Hall Restoration?”. Items of fiscal importance are in the Board of Selectmen’s (BOS) minutes. To date, most of the reported items have dealt with financing and the best way to park the funds we have acquired (bond and loan) for return until they need to be expended.

The on-site work has been minimal to date. Karen Hambleton has been working with Tony Instasi from Trumbull-Nelson (our construction contractor) and Jay Barrett, architect, to finalize specifications. Trumbull-Nelson has been reviewing the plans and seeking quotes from subcontractors. If you’ve seen activity at the Town Hall, it likely has been Trumbull-Nelson taking subcontractors through the building for their estimates.

On-site construction work is expected to begin in November. This column will be updated monthly to keep you informed of the Town Hall’s progress. *–Harry Wright*



MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST UNTIL 7:30PM

### OCTOBER HAIKU

what if what I heard  
was what was meant, or  
maybe  
the wind has it right

*KB*



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Wednesday: 12 PM – 5 PM

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## From the Bridge

As candidates for local office are out and about campaigning in October, this is the best opportunity to discuss with them concerns about local and NH issues. If face-to-face contact is not possible or not preferable, the website Citizens Count (citizenscount.com), is a non-profit “providing the people of NH with tools and information to make a difference.” Survey responses from candidates and elected officials as well as legislative summaries can be found on this site. The following candidates have been invited to a candidate forum sponsored by the Bradford Bridge, October 22, 11:00-Noon, Bradford Center Meetinghouse.

Candidates for NH Representative for Merrimack District 8, Bradford, Henniker, Warner (3 Reps) are:

Tony Caplan, D, Henniker [anthonycaplan1@gmail.com](mailto:anthonycaplan1@gmail.com)  
James B. Parker, R, Henniker [libertyvalens@hotmail.com](mailto:libertyvalens@hotmail.com)  
Stephanie Payeur, D, Henniker [stephaniepayeur@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniepayeur@gmail.com)  
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Margaret Ann Kennedy, R, Warner [makennedy7871@gmail.com](mailto:makennedy7871@gmail.com)  
Walter F. Kirsch, R, Warner, contact information could not be found

Candidates for NH Senate District 8, Bradford is one of 22 towns represented in portions of Belknap and Merrimack Counties, 1 Senator are:

Dan Innis, R, Bradford, [Dan@daninnisforsenate.com](mailto:Dan@daninnisforsenate.com)  
Richard Lobban D, [rlobban@rie.edu](mailto:rlobban@rie.edu)

We’ve put together a great October edition! Here’s a sample:

- Democrat and Republican voting results from the NH Primary, September 13.
- Pictures of Bradford Celebration Day.
- A Town Hall Update.
- Lois’s story about recycling food in Transfer Station News
- An update about the March explosion at Student Transportation of America
- The community calendar, and
- Lots of other information about Bradford happenings.

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On nature’s center stage: Deciduous Trees, performing during October. Don’t miss the show!!!

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor*

*and everyone who contributes to news by and for neighbors*

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

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## PRESS RELEASE: State of New Hampshire Department of Safety

Update to the Explosion and Fire Investigation at the Student Transportation of America Facility in Bradford

BRADFORD, New Hampshire, August 31st, 2020 – New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Sean P. Toomey, Bradford Fire Chief Bryan Nowell and Bradford Police Chief Edward Shaughnessy announce an update to the explosion and fire investigation at the Student Transportation of America facility, located at 2345 Route 114 in Bradford that occurred on March 3, 2022.

After a thorough investigation, it was determined that a propane vapor cloud was released from one of the propane powered school buses that was being worked on at the time of the explosion. The propane vapors were ignited by an undetermined ignition source, which caused the explosion and fire. There were several mechanical and electrical ignition sources discovered inside the facility that could have caused the explosion but the exact one could not be identified. At this time, there is no indication that this was criminal in nature and the cause appears to be accidental.

The two employees working at the facility the day of the explosion, and who sustained serious bodily injury, have since been released from the hospital and are recovering at home.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the NH State Fire Marshal's Office at (603) 223-4289 or by email at [fmo@dos.nh.gov](mailto:fmo@dos.nh.gov). No further information will be released at this time.

## Outdoor Opportunity

Want to get outside with a purpose? The Bradford Conservation Commission will be reopening a 'wildlife clearing' that was originally cut by the State to increase wildlife diversity in the Low State Forest. Haven't been there? Now's your chance!

This will happen Saturday, October 15th with a rain date of Sunday, October 16th. We meet at 9am at the southwest end of Dunfield Road which is off County Road. Bring yourself, loppers, gloves, handsaw, water and treats. For any questions, call George Beaton at 603-938-2637. And thanks!

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## Celebrate Energy Efficiency Day in October

On Wednesday, October 5th the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) is sponsoring an all out effort to raise awareness on the importance of energy efficiency.

Energy Efficiency Day is a nationwide awareness event. There are many ways you can get involved, from posting on social media about the benefits of efficiency to using energy efficiency technologies to cut down on energy waste at home.

Visit <https://energyefficiencyday.org> to access all kinds of suggestions and toolkits to help spread the word. There are also many suggestions and tips on what each of us can do at home to reduce our use of energy that will cut pollution and save money. Be sure to visit the ACEEE website to see all of the great ways you can celebrate energy efficiency day.

*Bradford Energy Committee*

## Emergency Fuel Assistance

Firewood: The Contoocook Carry Community Fund is a nonprofit located in Hopkinton/Contoocook which helps people with all forms of emergency fuel assistance in Merrimack County. Find them on the web at [cccommunityfund.org](http://cccommunityfund.org) or [woodforwarmth.org](http://woodforwarmth.org).

In the spring Contoocook Carry Community Fund purchased green fire wood and delivered piles of wood to transfer stations in Bradford, Sutton, Andover, and Salisbury and to food pantries with a sign reading, "As people stack their wood piles at home, please donate firewood by contributing to the pile."

Fuel and electricity assistance is also available through the Community Action Program of Belknap & Merrimack Counties. Application information is available at: [fuelassistance@capbm.org](mailto:fuelassistance@capbm.org), 603-223-0043, or at the Warmer Area Resource Center, 49 West Main Street, [warc@capbm.org](mailto:warc@capbm.org).

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## The Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

The Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Ian Foss, has accepted a new position and will be leaving our office as of October 11th. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

The Town of Bradford has an opening for a Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. This position is part-time and the applicant must be a Bradford resident. For more information, please see the Town website.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector at [TC@Bradford-NH.org](mailto:TC@Bradford-NH.org) or PO Box 607 Bradford, NH 03221.

Questions about the position should be directed to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office at 938-2288 or the Town Administrator at 938-5900.

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Record the vote for each candidate whose name appears on the ballot next to their name below. Record all WRITE-INS on the separate return provided for that purpose								
<b>For Governor</b> Vote for not more than 1			<b>For Executive Councilor</b> Vote for not more than 1			<b>For County Treasurer</b> Vote for not more than 1		
Karen Testerman 27			Kim Strathdee 56			Mary R. Heath 160		
Julian M. Acciard 6			Harold F. French 126			Undervotes 59 Overvotes 0		
Jay Lewis 5			Undervotes 36 Overvotes 0			<b>For Register of Deeds</b> Vote for not more than 1		
Richard A. McMenamon II 1			<b>For State Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1			April Kaplan 51		
Thaddeus P. Riley 8			Thomas A. Dunne 84			Peter J. Spaulding 129		
Chris Sununu 169			Daniel E. Innis 124			Undervotes 38 Overvotes 0		
Undervotes 3 Overvotes 0			Undervotes 10 Overvotes 0			<b>For Register of Probate</b> Vote for not more than 1		
<b>For United States Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1			<b>For State Representatives</b> Vote for not more than 3			Scott Maltzie 159		
Chuck Morse 65			Margaret A. Kennedy 100			Undervotes 59 Overvotes 0		
Tejasinha Sivalingam 3			Walter F. Kirsch 68			<b>For County Commissioner</b> Vote for not more than 1		
Kevin H. Smith 26			Everett S. Mahoney 63			Stuart D. Trachy 158		
Gerard Beloin 0			Jay Noone 50			Undervotes 61 Overvotes 0		
John Berman 0			James Bass Parker 69			<b>For Delegates to the State Convention</b> Vote for not more than 3		
Donald C. Bolduc 91			Undervotes 302 Overvotes 0			Charlotte Antal 66		
Bruce Fenton 10			<b>For Sheriff</b> Vote for not more than 1			Thomas A. Dunne 125		
Dennis Lamare 2			Keith Mitchell 157			Kathleen A. LaBonte 64		
Edmond Laplante, Jr. 0			Undervotes 55 Overvotes 0			Joseph Mendola 63		
Vikram Mansharamani 10			<b>For County Attorney</b> Vote for not more than 1			Natalie J. Wells 88		
Andy Martin 3			Paul Halvorsen 165			Undervotes 254 Overvotes 0		
Undervotes 6 Overvotes 1			Undervotes 53 Overvotes 0					
<b>For Representative in Congress</b> Vote for not more than 1								
Jay Mercer 14								
Dean A. Poirier 1								
Lily Tang Williams 71								
Scott Black 3								
Robert Burns 54								
Michael Callis 2								
George Hansel 54								
Undervotes 17 Overvotes 0								

REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST	
Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters	208
Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast by ABSENTEE voters	12
Grand Total Number of Rep Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above)	220
Number of Overvoted Ballots	Hand Counted - Did not use ACU Vote

INSTRUCTIONS:			STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RETURN OF VOTES <b>BRADFORD DEMOCRATIC</b> STATE PRIMARY ELECTION September 13, 2022			Vote September 13, 2022 A true copy attest: <i>Erica Davis</i> Signature of Town/City Clerk  One copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State		
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<b>For Governor</b> Vote for not more than 1			<b>For State Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1			<b>For County Attorney</b> Vote for not more than 1		
Tom Sherman 174			Richard A. Lobban, Jr. 172			Undervotes 185 Overvotes 0		
Undervotes 12 Overvotes 0			Undervotes 12 Overvotes 0			<b>For County Treasurer</b> Vote for not more than 1		
<b>For United States Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1			<b>For State Representatives</b> Vote for not more than 3			Susan Cragin 174		
John Riggieri 2			Tony Caplan 141			Undervotes 12 Overvotes 0		
Maggie Hassan 182			Sherry L. Gould 156			<b>For Register of Deeds</b> Vote for not more than 1		
Paul J. Krautmann 4			Stephanie R. Payeur 129			Erica Davis 176		
Undervotes 1 Overvotes 0			Undervotes 146 Overvotes 0			Undervotes 15 Overvotes 0		
<b>For Representative in Congress</b> Vote for not more than 1			<b>For Sheriff</b> Vote for not more than 1			<b>For Register of Probate</b> Vote for not more than 1		
Ann McLane Kuster 186			David A. Croft 146			Jane Bradstreet 178		
Undervotes 3 Overvotes 0			Undervotes 26 Overvotes 0			Undervotes 13 Overvotes 0		
<b>For Executive Councilor</b> Vote for not more than 1						<b>For County Commissioner</b> Vote for not more than 1		
Cinde Warmington 154						David B. Karrick, Jr. 170		
Michael J. Cryans 6						Undervotes 20 Overvotes 0		
Bradford P. Todd 19								
Undervotes 10 Overvotes 1								

DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST	
Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters	1166
Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast by ABSENTEE voters	216
Grand Total Number of Dem Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above)	142
Number of Overvoted Ballots	Hand Counted - Did not use ACU Vote

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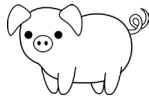
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# TRANSFER STATION NEWS



## Recycling Food

Recently a pig farmer looked down into the compactor at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center and saw a big half eaten chocolate cake. After retrieving the cake, she took it home to her beloved pigs. She was delighted to think that they were going to get a treat!

Many Bradford town residents appreciate picking up a loaf or many loaves of discarded bread for the wild birds or for their farm animals. Farmers also gather up any boxes of stale cereal and crackers and over ripe or bruised fruits and vegetables for their animals. These unwanted food items should be left on the compactor for safe and easy pick up.

The Transfer Center has a compost container for residents who wish to compost their food waste. Composting helps in so many ways: returning water and nutrition back into the earth, enhancing the beneficial quality of soil, and helping Bradford save on tipping fees.

More and more people are using the compost container and saying how rewarding it is to know that they are lightening their carbon footprint. Ken and I are pleased to facilitate such a system of recycling that is helpful to many in our community.

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*

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### A Recession Doesn't Equal a Housing Crisis

*Are you wondering how a recession affects the US housing market? Here are a few key points to help put some perspective on its impact.*

- Interest rates go up at the beginning of a recession but are then lowered to stimulate the economy to move forward. Over the past 5 recessions, rates have fallen an avg. of 1.8% from the peak to the trough. Bear in mind interest rates will most likely rise until inflation peaks.
- Four out of the six times we were in a recession, home prices appreciated. They fell only twice – once marginally in the early 90's and in 2008.
- The number of offers received on a typical home has dropped to 2.8 offers in July, down from 4.5 offers a year earlier. Still well above the pre-pandemic norm but this shows a moderating of the market.
- In June, 61% of offers were over asking and this has now softened to 51% over asking price on the avg. home sold. Not a huge decline but still a sign of the times. It's still a very competitive market.
- There is a slowdown in the pace of sales. It is looking more like it did in 2018 and 2019, which by the way, were great years for real estate.
- Active inventory is growing but there are still way more buyers than we have sellers. This will continue to put upward pressure on prices.



Donna Forest  
BROKER ASSOCIATE

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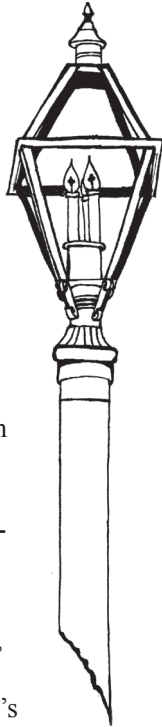
Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

For those of you who had the chance to come to the Caterpillar Lab out of Marlborough, NH (started in 2013 by Sam Jaffe), not only got to see Sam's real passion, but caterpillars of all varieties and sizes, on leaves, as well as under the microscope. I got to see Sam engage with people about a subject he loves, and it shows in the care and pride he takes in his business. Caterpillars are dang cool! We got to see them dance in the sunshine, munch on leaves, and shed their skin. I left having a much better idea about how they assist in our ecosystem and the importance of not touching the spiky ones, you never know if they're going to sting!

A different program, that I equally enjoyed, was our recent Poetry Tasting sponsored by the Kearsarge Community Network and led by Kathleen Bigford. We had a nice showing of people and a great selection of poetry books. Our collection has been revived thanks to Kathleen! I think poetry only feels intimidating and foreign if you've never taken the time to read it, and that's what's great about a tasting. We all had time to read various poems from different poets. Attendees discussed passages that moved them, we talked about the importance of diction when reading poetry, and how it can be aesthetically pleasing to read based on style. Ellen Hersh, a local poet, explained that poetic style changes as regularly as fashion. We are hoping to have a bi-monthly



poetry group starting up in the late fall.

This month I'm including some patron book reviews. I'd love to see more submissions and book reviews/recommendations.

*Remarkably Bright Creatures* /  
Shelby Van Pelt

Reviewed by Sue McKeveitt

*Remarkably Bright Creatures* is narrated by its main character, an aging giant Pacific octopus held in captivity in an aquarium after what humans consider his rescue. He has a different opinion of his circumstances and wonders if he will ever swim in the ocean again. Named Marcellus by the aquarian's daughter, he attempts to bring disparate people together and helps solve a tragic death that happened 30 years ago. His observation on human behavior is spot on and validates his opinion of his intellectual prowess, ignored by most but not all, when interspecies communication occurs. Included are a mother still grieving the death of her teenage son, the troubled stranger who shows up looking for his unknown father, and the frequent escapes of Marcellus from his tank makes reading this novel delightful and original.

*Wings of Fire - Darkness of Dragons* /  
Tui T. Sutherland

Reviewed by Hazel Mattson-Dohrn

*Darkness of Dragons* is about 5 dragons who are trying to fight a bad dragon from thousands of years ago. I think that this book and book series is the BEST ever! *Darkness of Dragons* is adventurous, fun to read, and exciting. I recommend this book for dragon lovers. There are 15 books. I wish she wrote more though. I give it a 5-star rating. And this is not the first book. It is the 10th one. I really enjoyed reading it and I hope you will too!

*Twilight* / Stephanie Meyer

Reviewed by Irene Mattson-Dohrn

*Twilight* is about a girl who falls in love with a vampire. I really liked this

book, I thought it was very exciting and always kept me wondering what would happen next. I recommend this book to kids over 13. This series is one of my favorites.

### October Programs:

Halloween Costumes available at the library throughout the month of October. Please bring by/donate your old costumes and find something new!

Monday, October 24th at 6:00pm. *A Walk Back in Time: Secrets of Cellar Holes* / Adair Mulligan. Northern New England is full of reminders of past lives: stone walls, old foundations, a century-old lilac struggling to survive as the forest reclaims a once-sunny dooryard. What forces shaped settlement, and later abandonment, of these places? Adair Mulligan explores the rich story to be discovered in what remains behind. See how one town has set out to create an inventory of its cellar holes, piecing together the clues in the landscape. Such a project can help landowners know what to do if they have archaeological sites on their land and help stimulate interest in a town's future through its past.

Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00pm, Book Group. Our book this month is our first non-fiction read. *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* / Timothy Egan. Despite the dreary subject matter, the book is supposed to be quite good. Kirkus Reviews writes "Stark and powerful, a gripping if depressing read and a timely reminder that a Nature abused can exact a terrible retribution."

Saturday, October 29th Drop-in Halloween crafts from 10:00-1:00pm. We'll have three different crafts to make and snacks to munch on. Hope you can come.

Monday, October 31st 5:00-7:00pm Halloween at the Library. The treats we give away are books!! Looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes.

*Ellen Barselle*

## Attention Bradford Citizens

The Bradford Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a public session on

**Wednesday, October 26th, 2022,  
between 7:00pm and 7:30pm at  
the Bradford Area Community Center**  
(in the Youth Room, downstairs)  
to make corrections to the checklist  
and accept new registrations.

In order to register to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, present a valid ID and have proof of domicile.

*Supervisors of the Checklist, Judy Marshall, Kristine Foss, Thomas Marshall*

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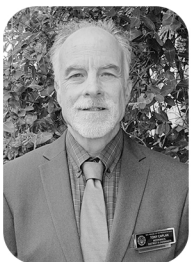
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## New Land Conservation Effort in Bradford

There's a new housing project in town, well, not a new one exactly. It's been an



intermittent housing project over thousands of years. I'm referring to a beaver flowage that's part of the headwaters of the Bradford Bog. A pair of beaver have set up housekeeping alongside East Washington Road in the southwest part of town where no doubt their ancestors have lived before. American toads moved in this spring as well as various waterfowl.

This 71 acre property came up for sale earlier in the year. It is in one of the most ecologically significant forest blocks in New England and highlighted in the NH Wildlife Action Plan as 'highest ranked'. The water here flows from Haystack to the west and Pickett Hill to the east - all draining to the Bradford Spring site that has been well-known for eons to the Abenaki Nation, and from there seeping to the Bradford Bog conservation area. Adding to a collection of already preserved properties, this piece would similarly be open to the public for passive-type recreation.

Although harvested hard some years ago, its regenerating state is favored by many threatened species of birds as well as reptiles and amphibians. Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, along with the Bradford Conservation Commission and the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, are working through grants and donations large and small to permanently protect this acreage under the heading of The Bradford Bog Headwaters Project.

If you'd like to be a part of this endeavor or have any questions, please contact [www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org) or the Conservation Commission at [bcc@bradfordnh.org](mailto:bcc@bradfordnh.org), or the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford [michelehalsted@gmail.com](mailto:michelehalsted@gmail.com).

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## Eastern Star Annual Wreath Sale to Benefit Local Food Pantries

The Serenity Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star (formally the Bradford Chapter that merged with Claremont) is once again holding our annual Wreath Sale.

Thanks to everyone who supported the wreath sale last year once again donations of \$200 were made to each of our 6 area Food Pantries, (Bradford, Newbury, Warner, Contoocook, Newport and Claremont). We make a \$100 donation to each in December and a second \$100 in March.

I know it's really early to be thinking about Christmas wreaths, **but we need to have all orders collected by October 29th so that they will be available by Saturday, November 19th.**

We still decorate our wreaths with a bow color of your choice plus pinecones, and ornaments. Our members take and deliver the wreaths for the orders they obtained, and the Town of Bradford has graciously let us use the front lawn and porch of the old Masonic Lodge for folks to pick up their wreaths. This year pick up will be on Saturday, November 19th (I'm being presumptive that the Town will let us use the front of the Lodge again this year).

We offer a variety of wreath sizes that

includes: 12/22-inch, 18/30-inch, 24/36-inch, 36/48-inch, and 48/60-inch. All wreaths are double faced Balsam. The second number is the outside dimension i.e., a 12-inch wreath is 22 inches on the outside. We still decorate our wreaths with a bow color of your choice plus pinecones, and ornaments. We also offer a 10-yard Balsam Garland but this may be difficult to get this year.

Unfortunately, I do not have all the prices set for this year's wreaths. I know that we will need to raise our prices as the company we get our wreaths from just sent me this year's price list and they have raised our cost. I won't have the new prices by the time this issue is published but I want to make the deadline for the October issue.

We are continuing to offer four bow colors: Red, Plaid, Burgundy, and Gold. Our wreaths are decorated with pinecones and colored ornaments, some folks prefer no ornaments, pinecones, or bows. Make your choice when placing your order.

You can place orders with any member of Serenity Chapter #26 or with Alison Kinsman, 603-938-2700. Please call if you have questions, I will have the new prices by October 1st.

We greatly appreciate your support in our efforts to support our Local Food Pantries.

*Alison Kinsman*



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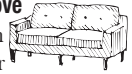
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We have a program that we love to call The Angels of Bradford. We call it the Angels of Bradford because of all the lovely children that we can help each year. This year with the price of food, gas, and fuel it's going to be even harder for families to provide gifts to their children. As in the past the Bradford Food Pantry will assist those families that need a little extra help. We need the generous help of those that can assist us.

This year there are three ways you can help us:

#1. You can purchase a gift for a child, (like you would for Toys for Tots) and you can drop that gift off at the Bradford Fire Department or the Church Office. The gifts do not need to be wrapped and the Bradford Fire Department will make sure they get to us.

#2. You can contact the Food Pantry at 603-848-2781 and ask for a child's wishes. We will then provide those to you, and you can purchase those gifts and bring them back to the Bradford Food Pantry (located in the Church Office Building).

#3 If you are like a lot of people and just hate to shop, we will gladly take monetary donations and purchase those gifts for you. If you do submit a monetary donation, please mark your check that it's for Christmas gifts. (Checks can be sent to: Bradford Food Pantry, PO Box 57, Bradford, NH 03221)

Each year the Bradford Food Pantry assists with gifts for approximately 30 children, and we could not do it without the help of all our generous friends and family in both Bradford and surrounding towns that help each year.

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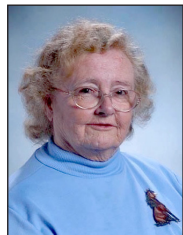


Annie E. (Bagley) Whipple, 88, formerly of Bradford, died at the Keene Center, Keene, where she had resided since February 2021.

She was born in Bradford on July 16, 1934, the daughter of Horace F. and Lena L. (Heselton) Bagley and lived in Bradford almost all her life. Annie graduated from Simonds Free High School in Warner. She cleaned area homes and motels over the years and provided the family with all they needed. She was an excellent cook and made wonderful donuts and biscuits. Annie had large gardens and spent a great deal of time canning. She also enjoyed braiding rugs, crocheting and knitting.

Annie was an active member of the East Washington Baptist Church. Her husband Robert B. Whipple died in 1998. She is also predeceased by two daughters Sally Welch and Brenda Greenlaw. Members of her family surviving include three daughters: Nancy Bo"tto of New London, Diane Heath of Manchester, and Vivian Weaver of Warner; 11 grandchildren: Tiffany Hebert of Concord; Geoffrey Bo"tto of Concord; Tammy Heath Karam of Loudon; Vickie Phillips of Belmont; Angela Weaver of Warner; Timothy Greenlaw, Rebecca Greenlaw, Lindsey Greenlaw all of Warner; Cody Welch of New London; Shawn Welch of Claremont; and Kyle Welch of Danbury; 15 great-grandchildren; a great-great grandchild soon to join the family; a brother Robert Bagley (Ethel) and a sister, Helen Lynam both of Bradford; nieces, nephews and cousins. A graveside service was held on Saturday, Sept. 10, To sign a guestbook, visit [www.chadwickfuneralservice.com](http://www.chadwickfuneralservice.com).

## Martha M. von Redlich



Martha M. von Redlich, 92, of Forest Brook Road, passed on Saturday, August 27, 2022, peacefully in her home.

Martha was born on June 28, 1930, in Washington, DC, daughter to the late Mable Coyle (Morgan) and Col. John Isham Moore. She was a 1948 graduate of Central High School, in Manchester, NH.

Martha was a professional dog and horse handler for over 30 years. She was also a professional artist, sculptor, educator and a published author.

Martha is survived by her two sons, Matthew H. von Redlich and his wife Emily, of Northport, AL, and Michael M. von Redlich of Manchester, NH; two grandchildren, Dana Ambrose and Jennifer Ambrose; and six great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Martha was predeceased by her son, Murray S. von Redlich and sister, Mary Evelyn Juve.

There will be no calling hours.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

For those who wish, the family requests memorial donations in Martha's name be made to the South Newbury Union Church Food Pantry, 162 Village Road, Newbury, NH 03255.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services and [603cremations.com](http://603cremations.com), 164 Pleasant Street, Laconia, NH, 03246 is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit [www.wilkinson-beane.com](http://www.wilkinson-beane.com).

Published by Union Leader on Aug. 30, 2022.

## Thomas G. Bellohusen

Thomas G. Bellohusen, 62, died unexpectedly at home on August 4, 2022. Tom was born on October 17, 1959, at Chelsea Naval Hospital, Chelsea, MA, to Louise Sternberg Bellohusen, a teacher, and LTC. Charles W. Bellohusen, USAF. Ret. His parents predeceased him.

Tom grew up in Marblehead, MA, graduating from Marblehead High School in 1977. Tom enlisted in the US Navy, where he volunteered for submarine duty and served aboard USS Pargo (SSN-650) in which he made Cold War patrols. He left the Navy with an honorable discharge in 1981, worked in the Boston area, and re-enlisted in 1983. He served in the Pacific aboard USS William H. Bates (SSN-680), reassigned to Naval Submarine Base New London, CT, and served aboard USS Sculpin (SSN-590). He was discharged honorably in 1988. Tom enrolled at the University of Rhode Island and earned a Bachelor of Science in Resource Development (Plant Science) in 1994. After graduation, he worked in Atlanta, GA, for Bartlett Tree Experts. He returned to New England in 1998, owning and running a tree farm in Westmoreland, NH, while also working at Crotched Mountain School in Greenfield, NH. He was a gun enthusiast which led to his tenure as a salesman at Lewis Arms in Bow, NH. The position suited him well given his expertise in historic firearms; he stayed there 14 years. His last job was with ADA Traffic Control.

Tom loved the outdoors, wildlife, his pets, calling people up to tell them a ridiculously silly joke, his cousins, and especially his cousins' children, whom he considered to be his nephews and nieces. Tom is survived by cousins Martha Sternberg Ennis (David) of Willington, CT, Alice L. Sternberg of Baltimore, MD, and William R. Sternberg (Elizabeth) of Stonington, CT, nephews and nieces: Michael Ennis (Rebecca Villarreal), Elizabeth Ennis (Nicolas Sices), Francis Sternberg, and Lucille Sternberg, who all knew him as Uncle T.

His family is grateful that Tom attended a family reunion in July and his 45th high school reunion two weeks before his passing. Donations may be made to the Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County (94 Silk Farm Road, Concord NH 03301) where Tom adopted his last pet. To sign an online guestbook, please visit [www.chadwick-funeralservice.com](http://www.chadwick-funeralservice.com).

*George "Bud" Morse*



George "Bud" Morse died peacefully in the Presidential Oaks Nursing Home, August 25, 2022, in Concord, NH, at age 92.

George was born on November 21, 1929, in Milton, MA, to Marjorie and George Morse. George served in the Korean War as a radio operator in the Marines. He often commented that he named his military Jeep after his sweetheart Hazel Annis, whom he married in 1953.

George and Hazel moved to Bradford where they raised three children. George held several positions over the years but retired as Vice President of Health and Welfare for the state of New Hampshire in 1990.

George enjoyed woodworking. After retirement, George and Hazel enjoyed attending small auctions, collecting an-

tiques and participating in flea marketing all over the state. He is remembered as friendly and helpful, and made many friends during his flea marketing travels, and at the Bradford Junction Restaurant where he and Hazel ate every day. George was a Mason and an active member of the Bradford Baptist Church where he volunteered to wind the tower clock for many years.

He is predeceased by his wife Hazel who passed in 2020. Surviving family members include his children Steven, Susan and Andrew. A private funeral is planned for immediate family. Please send donations to the New Hampshire SPCA at <https://nhspca.org>. To sign an online guestbook, please visit [www.chadwickfuneralservice.com](http://www.chadwickfuneralservice.com).

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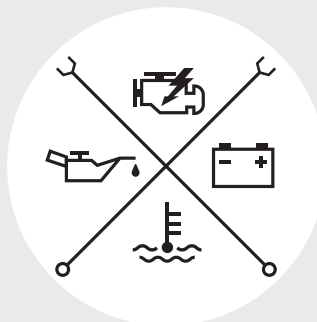
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**Monday, October 3**

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 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Tuesday, October 4**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC  
 10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Wednesday, October 5**

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

**Friday, October 7**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC

**Monday, October 10**

Columbus Day  
 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, October 11**

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

**Wednesday, October 12**

4:30 pm Girl Scouts  
 5:00 pm Cemetery Commission  
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 7:00 pm CIP Committee

**Thursday, October 13**

5:30 pm Parks & Rec

**Friday, October 14**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC

**Monday, October 17**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 5:30 pm Eco/Dev Committee

**Tuesday, October 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, October 19**

9:00 am LSVNA Wellness/Footcare Clinic, MVSC, until 3pm  
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts  
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Friday, October 21**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC

**Saturday, October 22**

11:00 am Candidate Forum, Bradford Center Meetinghouse

**Monday, October 24**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting  
 6:00 pm A Walk Back in Time: Secrets of Cellar Holes, BML

**Tuesday, October 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, October 26**

4:30 pm Girl Scouts  
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 7:00 pm Book Group, BML  
 7:00 pm Supervisors/Checklist

**Friday, October 28**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC

**Saturday, October 29**

10:00 am Drop-in Halloween Crafts, BML, until 1:00 pm

**Monday, October 31**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 5:00 pm Trick or Treating Townwide, until 7:30  
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

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**Calendar Abbreviations**

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



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- Oct 9th Rev. Bob Wyand
- Oct 16th Rev. Randy Thompson
- Oct 23rd Rev. Lynne Hubley
- Oct 30th Rev. Lynne Hubley

Come enjoy fellowship and open-faced turkey sandwiches on October 21st from 5-6:30pm in our Friendship Room.

The Food Pantry will be open on October 19th, 5:30-6:30pm. If you need help before that date, please call (603-938-5313) and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Donations of: juice, mac n' cheese, tuna and spaghetti would be appreciated. You can leave them in the shopping card or checks can be sent to Bradford Food Pantry, PO Box 57, Bradford NH



**WARNER**

**Warner Fall Foliage Festival October 7th, 8th and 9th.** The Warner Fall Foliage Festival is back! The Festival began 75 years ago and while there have been some gaps along the way, it has been a steady feature of the town. The Festival will run on Friday night, October 7th with the midway rides and continue throughout the weekend with music, crafts, rides, parades, races, and food.

**NEWBURY**


**Dinner fundraiser for the South Newbury Friendship House on Village Road Saturday October 22nd 5:00pm.** The Friendship House is a Center for supporting our community life in the Newbury area. The goal is to renovate and expand the Friendship House into a multi-functional space to effectively serve as a center for activities and programs that will benefit our community! Cost is \$15 per plate or \$50 for a family. If you can't make the dinner but would like to donate you can do so online: [www.southnewburyunion-church.org](http://www.southnewburyunion-church.org) or mailing a check to SNUC/FHCC Po box 37 Newbury NH

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