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Exeter River Project to Begin in July

This summer, Brentwood will begin work on a project to improve storm-water management and restore the buffers along the Exeter River on Haigh Road and Rowell Road West. Currently, water flows from those roads into the river and the vegetation is not adequate to absorb it, and so it carries sand, silt and nitrogen into the river.

The river bank along Rowell Road West, where the storm-water drains, is still an attractive spot for recreation, being used for swimming, fishing and boating, and even skating in favorable winters. This land is owned by Carole and Norman Wilson and there is no official landing, so that people using the river make multiple trails through the narrow woodland and shrubs to approach the river. A better landing spot would help prevent erosion. Thus, a project improving both drainage and access to the river is an important contribution to the attractions of our town.

The Exeter River Fluvial Geomorphic Study, completed in 2010, identified Rowell Road West as a problem spot. Accordingly, the Conservation Commission began looking into possible remediation. Last year, we obtained on behalf of the town approximately \$130,000 in grants from several sources. Some of the grant money required matching, which we arranged to take the form of our own highway department supplying much of the equipment and labor for work they would have to do this summer anyway. With the permits recently approved, work is set to begin in July.

Our work at the Conservation Commission is spurred by our knowledge that our watershed is deteriorating. Great Bay is the final recipient of all the water that drains from our watershed, which includes all of Brentwood. We know that it is really badly impaired now. It has been so, off and on, for years; but this is worse. Is it just the nitrogen from our lawns, agriculture and above all septic waste? Some of the towns, mainly some of those with outdated waste water treatment plants, are arguing about the cause, probably mostly because they want to avoid any expensive remediation, and also partially because there are plenty of other pollutants we're exporting downstream. It's true, though, that whatever any of us puts into the watershed goes not just into the rivers and the bay but also into our water

supply. The problem looms and we all should be doing whatever we can at whatever level to protect the future of our environment.

Brentwood is stepping up to the challenge as best we can, to do our part to protect our little piece of the world, in two ways. Firstly, we elected to fund a \$2 million bond in 2003 to protect open space, which has been leveraged to protect over \$7 million worth of land, using federal grants, donations and independent transactions to make up the difference. We are now at the point where 25% of our 16 square miles are under easement protection, including 2.5 miles along the Exeter River.

Secondly, we have worked to keep pollutants out of the river by protecting and improving buffers along the waterways (Exeter and Little Rivers, and Dudley Brook). Some of this is completed already, and the Rowell Road West project introduced above will be started this summer. Specifically, this summer we will:

- Reshape a portion of the storm water ditches along Haigh Road and build a gravel wetland at the northeast corner of Haigh Road and Rowell Road West. This gravel wetland is designed to remove nutrients and sediments before they go into the river. By allowing water to filter slowly through soil and various types of plants that take up nitrogen, we may also help naturally occurring microbes to remove nitrogen accumulated from Haigh Road and elsewhere.
- Stabilize the bank on the south side where the large tree fell into the river so that there is no further erosion.
- Stabilize the "beach/landing area" using large wood timbers to create a seating area and place for canoes and kayaks to be launched.
- Plant native shrubs and trees to create a buffer that also will help filter out sediment and nitrogen.
- Install a catch basin on the southern side of the hill coming down from Juniper Lane draining into a pipe to be laid under the road, such that water will be directed into the woods on the north side.
- Repave the hilly portion of Rowell Road running west from Juniper Lane.

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We would particularly like to point out that none of this project would be possible without the foresight and generosity of Carole and Norman Wilson of Haigh Road. Almost all of the work is along their land and they have graciously given us access and have given generously of their time. Additionally, they have agreed to put a conservation easement on their land, thereby permanently protecting approximately 6,000 feet of shoreline along the Exeter River. We owe our gratitude to them for protecting this special place for future generations to enjoy.

On behalf of the town, the Conservation Commission would like to thank the Rockingham County Conservation District for grant writing and leadership. In addition, we are indebted to all the partners that have provided funds for the project including the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, New Hampshire State Conservation Committee (aka Moose Plates), and Great Bay Trout Unlimited.

Emily Schmalzer
Brentwood Conservation Commission

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	92.19	110.53
Tons, recycled goods	28.31(23.5%)	46.39 (29.5%)

July & August Recycling Pick-Up Dates

July 3 & 5
July 17 & 18
July 31 & August 1
August 14 & 15
August 28

From the Town Clerk's Office

When you register your car, bring two checks, one for the State and one for the town of Brentwood. Also bring the letter we send you, or your old registration. We need the information printed there. The State does not send us pre-printed forms any more.

The Town Clerk's office is closed on Saturdays in June, July and August.

Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk

Loam and Wood Chips Available at the Town Highway Shed

Unscreened loam and wood chips are available free of charge to residents at the Town Highway Shed located at 207 Middle Road. Residents are responsible for loading and transporting the material. The shed is open 8:00--4:30 Monday thru Friday.

Wayne Robinson, Road Agent

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 or e-mail to lindarou@comcast.net

Exeter High School Graduates

The Brentwood community congratulates all who have graduated from Exeter High School and Seacoast School of Technology. Best wishes go to them in their future endeavors.

Unfortunately, there were eleven names the High School Guidance Office could not give us permission to publish, because "the students/parents never gave permission to release graduation information." If any student or family wishes to have the *Newsletter* publish the information later we'll be glad to do so.

Dezary Agosto	Elyssa Hannan
Kelsey Babcock	Marisa Hercules
Miranda Beggin	Rebecca Imbimbo
Cal Blomquist	Mary Kelley
John Brescia	Michaela Kirby
Hannah Burke	Steven Lambert
Connor Byron	Hailey Legro
Pasqualino Cantarella	Riley Maguire
Alexander Carley	Caitlyn Meditz
Andrew Chalmers	Shannon Murphy
Larissa Claar	Joanna Nichols
Elliott Cross	John Oppici
Tyler Cuvellier	Alexander Rioux
Michael Dolan	Graham Ritter
Nicholas Downing	Desiree Robare
Isabella Duarte	Sean Ryan
Madison Dullea	Zachary Stevens
Charlotte Faria	Stephen Tatarczuk
Michael Field	Dustin Thom
Dillon Fowler	Jon Vadeboncoeur
Nicholas Foy	Samuel Wallace
Stephan Guerrette	Tucker Whitehouse

Isabella Duarte – Osram Sylvania Vocational-Technical Scholarship.

Madison Dullea – Girl's Basketball Academic Scholarship.

Charlotte Faria – Lt. Michael Bennett Memorial Scholarship.

Michael Field – Barbara Counsel French Scholarship.

Stephan Guerrette – John A. Anderson Memorial Scholarship.

Elyssa Hannan – Osram Sylvania Engineering Scholarship. National Honor Society.

Marisa Hercules – Seacoast Crime Stoppers Scholarship; John Gaynor Memorial Trust Scholarship.

Alexander Rioux – Lindon-Green Memorial Scholarship.

Graham Ritter – National Honor Society.

Zachary Stevens – Ken Rohr Scholarship.

Samuel Wallace -- National Honor Society.

Other Graduations

David D. Claar, Jr. graduated from Full Sail University, Winter Park, Florida, in an intensive full time two- year program with a Bachelor of Science in Film. He consistently remained on the Dean's list and was also acknowledged as a "High Achiever" in the Global Professionalism Standard Program. David is the son of Deb and Doug Claar of Northrup Drive.

Emily Rebecca Foster graduated from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. in May, with a B.A. in International Affairs with a concentration in International Development and Latin America, and a minor in Economics from the Elliott School of International Affairs. She graduated *magna cum laude* and was also a lettered student athlete (cross country) with her conference, on the Commissioner's Honor Roll. She is working for Development Alternatives Inc. in the D.C. area.

Bryan A. Frederick was recently awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. His dissertation is titled, "The Sources of Territorial Stability." He is the son of Ned and Pamela Frederick of Haigh Road.

Amelia McClure graduated June 10 from Phillips Exeter Academy. She will attend Wellesley College, in Wellesley, Massachusetts, this fall. Her parents are Andy and Lori McClure of Prescott Road.

Ryan Rushia graduated from the University of New Hampshire on May 19 with a Master of Education degree in Elementary Education. Ryan will spend the next year working as an Associate Teacher at the International School of Trieste, Italy. He is the son of Scott and Paula Rushia of Vahey Drive.

Scholarships – Exeter High School and Seacoast School of Technology

Congratulations to those who pursued scholarships and received them. Indicated also are those who were named to the National Honor Society.

Dezary Agosto – SST, Karen Wright Memorial Scholarship.

Kelsey Babcock – Robinson Trustees Scholarship; Bell/Bell/Caley Memorial Scholarship; Boston Red Sox Scholarship; SST, Exeter Area GFWC; SST, Friends of SST Culinary Arts; SST, B. Swiezynski Memorial Scholarship. National Honor Society.

Miranda Beggin – Exeter Education Association Scholarship. National Honor Society.

John Brescia -- American Legion Post 32 Scholarship.

Connor Byron – B. Swiezynski Football Scholarship.

Michael Dolan – Brentwood PTO Scholarship. National Honor Society.

New E-Reader for the Library



At the Nook Color presentation, from left: Amy Wilson, Joyce Miller, Lisa Swasey, Jessica Paul, Jessica Morgado, Lisa Perodeau, and Niki Reed

The Brentwood Teachers' Association recently donated a Nook Color to the Mary Bartlett Library. It was donated in appreciation for and on behalf of all the Swasey Volunteers.

A Nook Color is an e-reader in color (similar to an iPad). Library patrons will be able to sign out the e-reader just like a book. Books will be loaded onto the reader from the librarians. It is small and compact and easy to take everywhere. It does not require *wifi* to read the books, so it can be read anywhere you wish.

The children and staff at Swasey are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of parents working within our school. It is a partnership that is greatly appreciated!

*Lisa Brown for the
Brentwood Teachers' Association*

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

The Swasey Parent Faculty Group would like to thank the countless volunteers who helped in any way throughout the year, from classroom assistance to fundraising. Swasey is a Blue Ribbon winner thanks to everyone.

The Brentwood Teachers' Association donated a Nook to the Mary E. Bartlett Library in recognition and appreciation for the Swasey volunteers. Members of the Swasey PFG were on hand to graciously accept the Nook on behalf of all school volunteers. The Nook will be housed at the library so that all Brentwood families may benefit from its use. Please check it out.

New PFG Board Members were voted in. They are:

President - Tina Dennehy
Vice President - Lisa Perodeau
Treasurer - Kim Denman
Secretary - Jessica Morgado
Parent-at-Large - Scott Dennehy

Committee Coordinators were also established:

Volunteer - Holley Lenihan, Jessica Paul
Fundraising - Melissa Litchfield
Box Tops - Caroline Lasewicz
Publicity - Kathy Babine, Sheila Lane
Social Media - Scott Dennehy

Please continue to save Box Tops for Education. The money earned is used to support student programs. Collection boxes can be found at the library and Town Office Building..

The Parent Faculty Group will meet Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30. Please consider joining to share your ideas and meet new friends. Anyone who would like to help and become more involved is welcome.

Kim Denman and Jessica Paul

Oregon Trail Day at Swasey Central School

The fourth grade students completed their broad study of the regions of the United States. The Oregon Trail unit is a hands-on multidisciplinary unit that reinforces geography, math calculations, writing skills, reading strategies, and plant science knowledge gained during the year.

The culminating activity is a day-long event held outside in the school yard field, where three life-size model wagons, that were constructed especially for this event, are displayed. The students dress in period clothing, and in 30-minute segments move from station to station where each participates in hands-on activities conducted by local artisans simulating life on the trail.

Accompanied by volunteer parents, each student gets to experience the following: Dutch oven cooking, blacksmithing, rope making, roping cattle, hand washing clothes, spinning, felting, playing pioneer games, making corn husk dolls, and trading goods. A local Oregon Trail researcher and author meets with the students to discuss the various aspects of the journey. He covers the pleasant, exciting events; the unpleasant, arduous experiences; and the incredibly dangerous and horrifying episodes of the 2,000 mile, six-month trek which has been called the Greatest Voluntary Migration in History.

At the conclusion of Oregon Trail Day, the wagons circle up, and students share a meal cooked on the open fire, sing trail songs, and end the day with a few period dance routines they've learned.

Amy Wilson, fourth grade teacher

History through Costume, Role-Play and Teleconference



Swasey Central School 5th graders dressed for their roles in the 6-week study of a period in the Revolutionary War.

On Tuesday evening, May 8, the library at Swasey School was transformed into the Brewster Tavern of Stony Point, New York, located on the North Shore of Long Island. Acting in full uniforms as loyalists and patriots, Swasey 5th graders participated in a live video-conference via Skype with museum goers and docents affiliated with the Ward Melville Historical Organization. Students from Mrs. Babine's, Mrs. Wood's, Mrs. Cantone's, and Mr. Fowler's classes were given parts in a reader's theater, portraying the role Continental spies played in the Revolutionary War. Each year the 5th graders learn about the Revolutionary War, not by reading about it, but by participating in a 6-week simulation of this historic time in history. One day per week all students dress in their uniform, which is dictated by the character role-card they receive on enlistment day as they kick off the war. This particular collaboration with New York was a great way for them to not only extend the walls of our classrooms, but also reinforce and share what they have learned during this unit of study.

*Kathie Babine, Grade 5 teacher
Swasey Central School*

Roadside Clean-up a Success

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to pick-up roadside litter in Brentwood. On April 21, 2012, in honor of Earth Day, the Brentwood Conservation Commission sponsored a roadside clean-up event and barbeque. Over 75 people collected trash and returned for the barbeque.

In addition to the many individuals who picked up their streets, several neighborhoods worked together to

target larger areas. Volunteers also targeted some of the main roads along with Rowell Road which needed some extra help. Boy Scouts from Exeter worked on Pine Road, and Boy Scouts and Cubs from Brentwood worked on Pine Road, Dalton Road, and Middle Road.



Pictured above and below are Scouts from Troops 322 and 323, Exeter, and Troop 192 and Pack 292, Brentwood, after their day of cleanup service.



The Conservation Commission would like to thank the Pilgrim Church for providing their facilities as a meeting and barbeque location. Several sponsors helped to make this day a success: Litter Free New Hampshire, Brentwood Country Store; and Memories Ice Cream.

In addition to the spring roadside clean-up, the Conservation Commission will be sponsoring the second annual River Clean-up day this fall. If you know of a location along the rivers in Brentwood that could use some clean-up help please let us know. If you have river front property and are willing to allow access for this river clean-up, also let us know.

*Heather Dudley-Tatman
Brentwood Conservation Commission*

The Mary E. Bartlett Library

As I complete my first six months here in Brentwood, I would like to compliment this great community. Every day I become more and more impressed by the spirit of volunteerism and goodwill that you all exude. I look forward to each day at the library and spending it with such warm and welcoming people. Thank you. The rest of the library staff and I want to do all we can to support and enhance your daily lives, so please feel free to stop by and share your suggestions on ways that we can be of help. We are here to serve you!

This month, we'd like to extend our thanks to Glenn Preston of CSA for donating plants and ideas for our library gardens. Thank you, best-Friends-Group-ever, for the new foot traffic counter. Now we are able to track how many people actually visit the library each day, whether they borrow materials, work on the computers or enjoy a magazine or newspaper. Who will be the 1000th patron this summer? Stay tuned!

Many, MANY thanks to the Brentwood Teachers' Association and the Swasey School Volunteers for the new Nook E-reader. We have loaded it with all of the Great Stone Face and Isinglass Award winning books, so young readers may have greater access to all of the wonderful stories available. What a difference you have made to youth literacy! Thank you.

The library is hopping with Summer Reading Events this month. Please know -- we couldn't do any of this without the support of the Friends of the Library and our Benefactor who so generously support our young readers. We hope you'll join us at **2:00pm** on **July 10** for Norman Ng's fabulous magic show – FREE for the whole family. On **July 12**, bring your second-favorite stuffed animal in for a library sleepover night. We will be spying on them and letting you know what your little buddies are up to throughout the evening. At **1:30** on **July 31**, special guest Sean McDaniels will provide his balloon artistry for our Summer Reading Celebration. Stop by for your personal balloon creation and a cool ice cream treat!

Ladies' Movie Night will be held on Thursday, **July 19** at 7:00pm. We will be showing the 2012 Oscar-winning Picture "**The Artist**," a French romantic comedy-drama featuring Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo and their canine costar Uggie. Ladies Night will take a turn for the "wurst" in August! Join us on Thursday, **August 16** for a **Sound of Music Sing-along night**. The film (and bouncing ball) begin at 7:00pm. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Teen Movie Night launches on **Saturday, August 18**. Celebrate the DVD release of "**Hunger Games**" from 6pm to 9pm. Teen Tributes (ages 12 to 18) will take part in a Cornucopia Challenge, design Capital Mutt creatures, play Hunger Games Trivia, and decorate treats at Peeta's bakery. Afterwards, attendees will enjoy pizza and popcorn while viewing the

"Hunger Games" DVD on the library big screen. Registration by **August 12** is required for this event (we need to prepare enough food!) Please stop by the library or email us for an official Tribute Entry form. May the odds be ever in your favor...

Looking forward to September: **September 13** at **7pm** - "**New Hampshire One-room Rural Schools: the Romance and the Reality**," a NH Humanities Council program co-sponsored by the Brentwood Historical Society and the Library. **September 20** at **6:30pm** - "**Baked Beans & Fried Clams: How Food Defines a Region**" with Edie Clark. This NHC presentation will be informative, humorous, and chock full of fascinating nuggets about the history of our regional foods.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Betsy Solon, Library Director

Friends of the Library

OK parents, how many times have you heard "I'm bored" yet? If so, come by the library and check out some of the exciting programs that are being offered. There are programs for all age groups and include puppet shows, Kindermusik and art classes taught by Mrs. Buswell.

Don't forget all the great passes at the library too. Planning on going to Boston for the day? Stop by the library for passes to the Museum of Science. Other passes include the Children's Museum of NH, Canterbury Shaker Village, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery, York Animal Kingdom and our two new ones, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and Seacoast Science Center. Please check out our new display board for all the passes that are offered at discount prices.

The Friends will be hosting their second annual Scarecrow Festival on October 27. The Facebook page is up and running, you should check it out for all the latest news. Start thinking about what scarecrow you would like to enter this year. Look for the library's entry coming soon. There are a few new surprises at this year's Festival which will add to the fun. We are looking for businesses to sponsor the contest – the cost is \$25 and will offer you free publicity.

The Friends will not hold meetings during the summer but will resume Thursday mornings on September 13 at 9:30 am. If your child has started first grade or kindergarten and you would like something fun and fulfilling to do, then come join us. We would love your input and/or creative ideas.

If you are interested in receiving email reminders about upcoming events simply email marybartlett76@yahoo.com and we would be happy to add you to our list. We do not share this.

Cheryl Scott, Publicity

The July 4th Parade



The Color Guard of Brentwood Police Officers.



The Swasey Swinging Stars Jump Rope Club.



The Republicans.



The Democrats.



Five methods of transportation here.



The equestrians having a grand time.

Brentwood Recreation News

Thank You!! A BIG thank-you to all our Softball and Baseball coaches for all their time and effort with our players. Despite a few cool, dreary days this spring, we had a great season!

Thank You!! A BIG thank-you also to our team and field sponsors: Diamond Paving, Lindy's Market, Storage King, Bestway Disposal, Appliance Services, Lawn Doctor, Lamprey River Bowhunters, Electro Component Sales, Daigneault's Sports, Patriot Trophy, Brentwood Chiropractic, Applied Motion Solutions and Fields of Green. We really appreciate your support!

Family Yoga Class

Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 7:30pm

Parents upstairs and kids downstairs!

Next short summer session begins July 10

Cost: \$32/ 4 weeks *Drop-ins always welcome!*

Fall session starts September 11

Cost: \$64/ 8 weeks

People of all levels welcome! Modifications will be provided for those who are new and those who are experienced. Come to class to increase flexibility, strength, and balance, while reducing stress in your life.

Seniors

Join us for Yoga Movement Class!

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Try a Yoga Movement class designed just for seniors at 10:30am.

**Soccer Camp with Challenger's British Soccer
August 22- 26**

In addition to taking part in skill development, technical and tactical practices and daily 'World Cup' tournament style plays, participants will also receive a rich cultural experience and lessons on respect, responsibility, integrity, leadership and sportsmanship. Plus, any child who signs up online at least 45 days prior to camp will receive a genuine British Soccer replica Jersey valued at \$39.

Mini Soccer-9am–10:30am Ages 3-5yrs - \$91

Half Day - 9am–12pm Ages 6-10yrs - \$122

Half Day 4pm-7pm Ages 10-13yrs - \$122

If you'd like to know more about them or sign up online visit: www.challengersports.com. Sign-up forms also available in the Recreation office.

Multi-sport Camp with a British Twist! July 23– 27

Participants will learn new British sports and develop new skills with team-building activities that include more than just running, jumping, catching, kicking and throwing. **For ages 5-11. 9:00am-12:00pm Cost: \$120**

**Surf Camp with Summer Sessions, Rye Beach
July 9–13 Noon-2:00pm Ages 6-16**

Come learn to surf with the experienced coaches at Summer Sessions Surf Shop. Each camper is outfitted with surfboard, rash guard and wetsuit. Participants will learn surfing fundamentals in a safe and fun environment. By the end of the week campers will all be riding waves on their own! No experience or equipment necessary, just a desire to ride some waves! Space is limited. **Cost: \$195.**

Baby Sitter Training Course

Wednesday, August 2nd 9am-3:00pm

This fun interactive course teaches first aid and safety skills so sitters can prevent and respond to emergencies. They will learn to supervise infants to school age children, make good responsible decisions and perform basic care routines. Sign-up in the Recreation office. Space is limited. **Cost: \$85.**

**Baseball Camp with Bruce Joyce's Granite State
Baseball School July 30–Aug. 3 9:00am-2:00pm**

Go to www.joycebaseball.com to register. **Cost: \$150.**

Discount Water Country Tickets: Discount tickets will be available again this summer for \$26 each. Pick them up in the Recreation Office. If office is closed, see Town Clerk's office.

Kayaks and Canoes available for residents to borrow at no charge. Call Rec. Office to reserve. Need to be picked up Monday, Tuesday or Thursday by 4pm.

Fall Soccer

Our Fall Soccer program offers soccer for players 4&5yrs. old (players must be 4yrs. by 9/1/12), 1st and 2nd grade, and 3rd & 4th grade. September 8--October 27. Sign-ups will begin Monday, July 23. Registration forms are available at the Recreation office or on our website. The cost is \$35/player (\$70 max per family). Deadline will be Monday, August 20.

Looking for your Feedback...

- What Youth or Adult Recreation programs would you like to see offered here in Brentwood?
- Would you like to see any additional programs, particularly for the 13-18yr. old age group?
- Have a suggestion? Please contact the Recreation office.

Facilities Rental

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director
(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 Office hours: Mon. Tues. &
Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

Brentwood Historical Society

Summer Events

The Historical Society has been delighted to welcome many visitors and guests at its recent events. Several couples joined us for our tour and picnic at Fort Stark in New Castle in June, and many visitors thronged into the Museum after the 4th of July parade to see our magnificent quilt exhibit and enjoy the free grilled hot dogs outside.

We will continue our First-Saturday Summer Open Houses on the first Saturday of July and August – **July 7 and August 4, from 10 am-1pm each day**. The public is always welcome.

Progress on the Fundraising Project

Because the Museum building does not have enough land for a septic system, the rest room must have an alternative waste disposal method. A composting toilet has failed after a number of years. We are in the midst of a fund-raising project to support the purchase of an incinerating toilet. When visitors ask for a rest room, it is painful to have to explain we are waiting for a new one. We are very fortunate to have an anonymous benefactor who will match one dollar for every two dollars in donations for this project, up to \$500.00. We are half way to our goal of \$2500.00. If any business or individual is interested in donating to this project, a check may be made payable to "Brentwood Historical Society" and mailed to Alma Vahey, President, 164 North Road, Brentwood 03833. The Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Looking Ahead

Our September program promises to be popular with many people. The topic: "**New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: the Romance and the Reality.**" It comes to us through a grant from the NH Humanities Council. We are sharing the event with the Mary E. Bartlett Library. The program will take place in the Library, which was the one-room Crawley Falls School until 1952, and the Children's Room, which was the original "one room," will have a display of early school furniture and materials. The guest speaker will be Steve Taylor, former NH Commissioner of Agriculture. The date is **Thursday, September 13, 7:00 pm**. The program will be free and open to the public.

Think of the Museum for Your Artifacts

When you come across items in your home that seem "old and useless," think of donating them to the Historical Society Museum. On July 4 we had several children who were fascinated to dial their phone numbers on an old rotary phone! To contribute your items, call Maureen Menter, Curator, 679-4353, or Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society

Brentwood Gardeners Invite the Public to an Exeter Riverbank Guided Tour July 31

The Exeter River is finally filling back up, and the Brentwood Gardeners invite any interested residents and friends from the general public to join them for a river demonstration on Tuesday, July 31 at 5:30, at the little rapids just below the Haigh Road Bridge. Sally Soule will be the guide and presenter.

Sally works for the N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services and was very much involved with the Geomorphic Study of Brentwood's portion of the river, which was published last year. She led the Conservation Commission on a fascinating field trip to the Haigh Road area, showed how they evaluated the river, and found hellgrammites and other wonderful fauna for their inspection.

Sally visited a Gardeners meeting in March and gave a very stimulating talk on our Exeter River. Aquatic life is her first love and her main academic training. She confessed that she would love a chance to get away from her desk and go down to the river with us sometime this summer. We have settled on the date of **Tuesday, July 31, at 5:30 pm. – again, at the little falls below the Haigh Road Bridge, on Rowell Road West.**

It's a rare opportunity for the public to have this informal gathering with a recognized aquatic authority who is so willing and interested to talk to us about the river. The Brentwood Gardeners hope many will join them that evening. For further information please call Emily Schmalzer, 642-5409.

Brentwood Seniors

The June 28 "picnic" of the Brentwood Seniors took place indoors because of the weather but it did not dampen the spirits of the many members and guests. The entertainment was provided by a 16-member ukulele band from Rochester who played and sang old favorites and led the group in a sing-along.

The Seniors will not meet in July and August. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 26, 11am** at the Brentwood Community Center. For information call Sandy Thorsell, president, at 772-4476

Newsletter Mailing Crew for June

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those on the Town Office staff and friends who assembled the June *Newsletter* for mailing: Albert and Sandy Belanger, Jane Byrne, Karen Clement, Sharon Copeland, Norman and Vivian Lemoine, Kathy St. Hilaire and Phyllis Thompson.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Achievements

- A group of youth involved with 4-H in Rockingham County recently took first place in the eCybermission Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) challenge sponsored by the U.S. Army.

"Team MakeTheBestBetter," made up of eighth graders Tiffany King, Rachel Laughner, **Michael Liebfried of Brentwood**, and Katrina Vogel, each received a check for \$500 for their "Where Is Your Recycling Bin?" experiment conducted in local schools. The team studied the impact on recycling use related to the location of bins. All results were submitted and judged online through eCybermission.com.

- **Amanda Plante** of Plaistow has earned Highest Honors for the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year at the University of New Hampshire. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.7 or better out of a possible 4. Amanda just finished her freshman year. She is the granddaughter of Albert and Sandra Belanger of Middle Road.

Darrell & Lorrie Fields, Authors, to Appear at Grace Ministries International

Darrell and Lorrie Fields will be visiting Grace Ministries International **Saturday, July 14** for a morning meeting from **10am to 2pm** to discuss their book *The Seed of a Nation*. A brunch will be available for a nominal fee. Please mark your calendar for this important date to hear their journey of discovery about our nation.

The Fields are co-authors of the book, *The Seed of a Nation*, a ground-breaking historical work that chronicles the contributions of William Penn to the founding of the United States. Penn, attributed as a Founding Father by the writers of the U.S. Constitution, has much to say to 21st century America. The Fields present Penn's vision and Holy Experiment in a compelling manner, drawing on their 20 years of pastoral and international missions experience.

*Beverly Gendron for
Grace Ministries International*

Correction:

In the June issue of the *Newsletter*, on the first page of the green Town Directory, the Town Administrator was listed as Julie Stevens instead of Karen Clement. Karen has served in that position for over a year. The *Newsletter* regrets the error.

Notes from the Superintendent, SAU 16

Fifth Graders Moving On

Almost 500 students in SAU 16 celebrated the completion of fifth grade and are preparing to move to middle school this fall. The vast majority of these students will be attending the Cooperative Middle School, but a few will be moving out of the area or enrolling in a charter school or a private school. Each of the six elementary schools within SAU 16 honored and celebrated the accomplishments of their fifth graders in their own respective ways. Notice the different sizes of our fifth grades—listed here from smallest to largest:

Newfields Elementary School—30 students
Kensington Elementary School—38 students
East Kingston Elementary School—43 students
Swasey Central School (Brentwood)—82 students
Stratham Memorial School—115 students
Lincoln Street School (Exeter)—174 students
TOTAL—482 students

Student Population Shifts

The total number of students in our SAU 16 schools has a direct impact on the number of teachers that are needed, the number of courses that are offered, and how each of these impact the annual operating budget. Enrollment figures for each grade in the SAU may be found on the front page of the SAU website (www.sau16.org).

What is interesting to note is that the number of incoming sixth graders is almost the same as the exiting eighth graders. Essentially, this translates into very little change in anticipated student population at the Cooperative Middle School. It should begin the new school year with approximately 1,370 students in grades 6-8.

The situation at Exeter High School is quite different. The number of seniors leaving the school this year is approximately 375 students. However, the number of incoming ninth graders is approximately 450 students. This includes the fact that some students will transfer from the Cooperative Middle School to private or charter high schools. This may translate into an increase of between 50 and 75 students in the overall population of Exeter High School. The enrollment at the end of the 2011-2012 school year was 1,662. The 2012-2013 school year could see an enrollment closer to 1,740 students which would be the largest enrollment ever in the history of Exeter High School. When the new school was opened in the fall of 2006, its student capacity was listed at 2,000 students.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, SAU 16

Brentwood's Road Names

Cross Road

NOTE: Once again we take up our series of telling the history behind the names of some of our town roads. We just came across an interview with Irving S. "Ike" Cross that appeared in the *Brentwood Newsletter* of February 1989, pp. 3-4. Rita Guarino was the writer. Printing excerpts from this interview will tell a lot about the man for whom Cross Road was named, and also provide readers with many interesting facts about the town. – Editor.

In Brentwood's 246-year history, it has occasionally happened that a citizen has served more than once as Selectman with a break of several years between tenures. Ike Cross is such a citizen. He has resumed the position after an absence of ten years.

Ike and Carol Cross came to Brentwood from Massachusetts in 1955. In 1966 he was appointed an interim Selectman after Leroy Lake died ("They didn't think I could do too much harm") – then went on to become elected to the position four times. In 1978 he decided to bow out of town politics, wanting to spend more time with his family.

He was urged to run again for Selectman in 1988, and was again elected. "They didn't have to twist my arm too much," he said. In his time out, he had been able to rest and gain valuable perspective, and Brentwood in the meantime had experienced much change. The *Brentwood Newsletter* Committee asked Ike to respond to some questions regarding his views on the differences between his first twelve years as Selectman (1966-1978) and the present (beginning 1988).

...Standing out in Ike's memory was the money budgeted for the entire 1966 school expenses -- \$100,000. As in all areas of national, state and local government, Brentwood is not unique in having its income-outgo money problems. ...

In regard to growth, the Newsletter Committee remembers a "growth scare" in the 60s and 70s. When asked if he thought this had been realized, Ike said that there has definitely been population and building growth, but that some of the predicted growth monsters have not materialized. From 1966 to 1972 there was not much change, but it began to accelerate in the years 1975 to 1978, with new housing units being constructed. The first group of "new people" built in Brentwood Forest; they have now become "old people."

Except that the work load has lessened somewhat, the role of Selectman has not changed in concept. Dispelling a town myth, Ike said Selectmen did not actually carry town records around in their cars, except for taking homework to their homes. Initially, records were stored in an unused upstairs room in the town library. Subsequently they were transferred to, and kept in, a room built by volunteer labor in the Fire Hall before the construction of the Town Office Building, again by volunteer labor. Ike did, however, keep the

books and write the checks in response to accounts submitted by the town clerk, police, fire, and other officials.

Selectmen used to appraise properties. Ike described former appraisal procedures as a combination of following the state guidelines and estimating to the best of their architectural abilities. Realizing that not all Selectmen had engineering, construction or real estate skills, Ike took an appraisal course in order to develop more equitable appraisal procedures. Also, as they were built, new homes were being appraised by current guidelines, while older homes were not reappraised, thus contributing to another unfair evaluation situation. In 1971, the town paid the state \$12,000 to reassess the whole town for the first time. Brentwood now hires a professional appraiser at a yearly cost of about \$5,000.00.

With a town office to store documents, an Administrative Assistant to manage paperwork, a professional appraiser, more responsibility assumed by the {Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Budget Committee, Ike agrees that the work load has been reduced in comparison to that of the 1970s.

Road building and maintenance have always been a high priority. Ike remembers that when Jon Olsen was Road Agent, about 1970, he initiated the first road-building program. He said in those days, voters were more volatile and would argue all night about \$500. They finally agreed to borrow \$20,000 over two or three years. Originally roads were built on paths created through the years by foot, cow, and horse-and-buggy traffic. Such roads had no real bases, and could not stand up to the increasing number and weight of vehicles.

Brentwood residents are still being recognized for their volunteerism; but as Ike sees it, there are fewer new volunteers in proportion to an increasing population. He feels that part of the problem is the necessity of both parents having to work to support their new homes and families, thus not having free time in which to volunteer.

Ike's waste management experience goes back to the 1950s. He said that some residents used a back corner of their own property as a private dumping site, but the Kingston dump was also operating at the time. For four years, with one truck and himself as the only driver, Ike operated his own dumping business in Brentwood and neighboring towns. At the same time he drove a school bus. His dumping business became so successful that he was forced to consider expanding his operation. Instead, he quit and got another job.

[Ike Cross passed away in March 2001.]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 10 **Norman Magic Show – Norman Ng, 2:00 pm, Bartlett Library**
- July 11 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- July 12 Historical Society business meeting – 10:00 am, Museum building
Sleepover at the Library – Mary Bartlett Library
- July 14 **Darrell & Lorrie Fields, authors – 10:00-2:00**, Grace Ministries International
- July 17 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- July 19 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Movie Night – 7:00 pm, “The Artist,” Mary Bartlett Library
- July 24 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Town Office Building
- July 31 **Sean McDaniels Balloon Artistry [& ice cream treat]– 1:30 pm**, Bartlett Library
Exeter River Tour – 5:30 pm, sponsored by Brentwood Gardeners, public welcome.
See page 9.

- Aug. 2 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office
- Aug. 4 **Historical Society Museum open - 10:00am-1:00pm**, 140 Crawley Falls Rd.
- Aug. 6 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office
Firemen’s Association – 7:00 pm, Fire Station
- Aug. 7 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Aug. 8 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office
- Aug. 16 **Ladies Night Sound of Music Sing-Along – 7:00 pm**, Bartlett Library
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Aug. 18 **Teen Movie Night – 6:00-9:00pm, Teen Tributes activities and “Hunger Games”**
on big screen, Bartlett Library. Register by August 12. Ages 12-18.
- Aug. 21 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:30 pm, Cross Room, Town Office
- Aug. 28 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Town Office Building

The public is welcome at all above events

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