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Silver Linings During the Coronavirus Pandemic

During this Coronavirus pandemic, we have been asked to stay at home in order to slow the spread of this virus. As we do so, some of us have slowed down our pace of life and social isolation can happen easily unless we actively look for ways to stay connected with friends, family and co-workers. Some of us turn to technology to help us continue our relationships and activities that were a part of our daily lives. This technology is the silver lining that keeps me grounded with familiar activities and appointments that would have been cancelled or postponed.

One particular App that I had not used before is Zoom, a video conferencing App. My first experience with Zoom was connecting with 5 other adult piano students and our instructor. It was a first for most of us and we all figured it out! We were able to talk about our current music and bounce ideas and suggestions off each other. After that, we continued our individual weekly sessions with our instructor. She was able to see and hear us playing our music and give us the feedback we so look forward to in a live session. Keeping up with my scheduled lessons has been a silver lining to me in my music world.

As a grandparent, I used to see my three grandsons every week, picking them up after school, helping with homework and taking them to activities. Now, showing our love for each other comes in different ways. I started reading to my 6 year old grandson every day, usually when both parents were on conference calls or virtual meetings from home. FaceTime (the Apple video phone calling technology) now keeps me connected with my grandchildren. After several weeks of reading the few children's books I still had in my home, I discovered another silver lining - digital books available from Tumbleweed that I could read online and it's available for free from our own library (I have belonged to the library since first moving to Brentwood in 1977!). I usually pick a few books from the selection and have them ready to read on my iPad, then when I receive that FaceTime call from my grandson, I flip the camera to view the pictures on the digital book as I read the story. So thankful to have this library at my fingertips!

Houseparty is another App that provides video connections with other participants to play various games such as Trivia, Pictionary, Fill in the Blanks, etc. I first played this with my three grandsons and other family members. We had such fun that I suggested playing this to several of my girlfriends. Our weekly game nights

have become something we look forward to as we connect with each other and have lots of laughs. Silver lining for the silver haired ladies, which we all will be soon enough if we can't get to the hairdressers!

So as we find time to fill our days with pleasure, we must not forget to remain active and healthy. I have had some discomforts that come with age and injuries and had been seeing a Physical Therapist (PT) until the Stay at Home order was issued. Although PT was opened and an option for some, as a senior citizen I was concerned about venturing out for appointments. TeleHealth became another silver lining for me to continue seeing my PT and consult with video conferencing to keep me on track.

Who would have thought that there were so many silver linings provided by the latest technology! Yet, with all the technology connections, I am most thankful for friends, family, curbside service delivery, pop-up veggie stands and Instacart who keep me supplied with groceries and necessities. I am thankful for drive thru and mail orders for prescription medications. Still, what I cherish the most are the personal visits that I've had with friends, neighbors and families. We have done this either when walking the neighborhood, visiting in driveways or in our backyards with chairs 6 feet apart. My grandsons even measured the distance to set up chairs in their backyard when we went for a Mother's day visit. So when this all ends, and it will, I will be thankful for the many silver linings that helped me through each day.

Elaine Wiesman

The Brentwood Newsletter and the Brentwood Historical Society would like to thank all of our contributors who have added to the written collection of history-in-the-making. Your contributions are also important to future generations of researchers and history buffs. You provide valuable insight into our current way of life, which changes constantly over time. Those who don't contribute notable events to be recorded risk erasing themselves from town history.

The Brentwood Newsletter publishes 11 issues each year, taking the month of August off. The submission deadline for each upcoming issue is the 15th. We welcome your articles. See our webpage at www.brentwoodnewsletter.org for submission guidelines. ~ Ed.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submissions for the following month must be
received by the 15th. Send your news to
Email: info@brentwoodnewsletter.org
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Recycling Pickup Dates

Brentwood is transitioning to Casella Waste Systems on July 1st for curbside collection of trash and recycling. Recycle weeks will change, but will still occur every other week. This means recycling will be collected 2 weeks in a row and then resume every other week.

July 7 & 8 • July 14 & 15 • July 28 & 29 • Aug 11 & 12 • Aug 25 & 26

Waste Tonnage Figures

	April	May
Tons, mixed solid waste	132.98	119.29
Tons, recycled goods	42.84 (24%)	31.81 (21%)

Selectmen's Meeting Schedule (April through August)

For the months of April through August the board will meet on the first and third Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Cross Room of the Town Office. The public is welcome. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement.

To watch previously recorded selectmen meetings go to: vimeo.com/user97247702. You can also watch the meetings live on Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/yx15bb36>.

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Town Clerk Notes

The Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office Has Resumed Normal Office Hours.

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm • Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm • Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

- Our office will be closed on **July 3rd**.
- Did you know that you can pay your vehicle, trailer, dog registrations, and property taxes online? Visit brentwoodnh.gov and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.
- We accept **CASH, CHECK** (made out to the Town of Brentwood), or **CREDIT CARDS** for all payments at the town office! ****PLEASE NOTE**** A debit card is processed as a credit card only if the card has a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or AMEX logo present. There are additional convenience fees to cover the cost of the credit card fees (2.79% with a \$1.50 minimum). These fees go directly to our third party processor and are not retained by the Town. *Convenience fees cannot be refunded.*
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to provide **HUNTING/FISHING** licenses and register **BOATS, OHRV**.
- NH state law requires you to register dogs (RSA 466:1 Procuring License; Tag). You can obtain a copy of this law at the Town Clerk's Office.

Dog license fees for 2020

\$10.00 for an unneutered/unspayed dog	\$7.50 for a neutered/spayed dog
\$7.50 for a puppy (up to 7 months old)	\$3.00 on the first dog for a senior resident.

Beginning July 1st, you may receive a Civil Forfeiture if your dog is not registered with the town. Total cost for the forfeiture is \$42.50 per dog: \$25.00 police notice, \$7.00 processing fee, \$7.50 registration fee for neutered/spayed dog, \$3.00 (\$1/month) late fee. If your dog is unneutered/unspayed, there will be an additional \$2.50 charge.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Thank You to the June Newsletter Crew

Thank You to Joe & Mary Pagnani, Anne Marie & Tony Antosiewicz, Skip & Sandy Belanger, Becky and Bill Dunham, Carole Belliveau, and Liz Faria for folding, dotting and addressing last month's BNLs.

If you would like to join the *Newsletter* crew on a folding night, send us an email and you'll be notified of the next folding party: info@brentwoodnewsletter.org.

BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 201 North Road

The First Baptist Church has resumed worship services. During July and August, services will be held outside on the lawn behind the church at 201 North Road. Service time is 10:00 am. The lawn is large enough to allow for adequate social distancing to be observed. All are welcome as we give thanks to our God for His grace in bringing us safely through the Covid-19 pandemic.

The First Baptist Church of Brentwood will again host its Concerts on the Lawn Summer series, beginning on **Saturday evening, July 4th**, at 6:30 pm. Concerts are held on the lawn behind the church, at 201 North Road. The featured performer will be Becca Myari, an up-and-coming singer/songwriter from the North Country of New Hampshire, who will accompany herself on guitar and pennywhistle. The concerts are FREE, but a freewill offering will be taken to offset the cost of the series. The church's wide open lawn provides ample space for social distancing, so bring your blanket or lawn chair and join us for great music under God's beautiful summer sky. In the unlikely event of rain, the concert will be moved indoors.

Saturday, July 18th will mark First Baptist Church's 3rd Annual Chicken BBQ, to be held at the church, 201 North Road. The modest price of \$12.50 per person will get you a great meal of barbecued chicken, with sides of potato salad, cole slaw, corn on the cob and beans, with beverages and a "make your own" ice cream sundae bar. The big tent will be set up to shield diners from sun or rain. Tables will be set apart to promote social distancing. Following the meal we will be entertained at our Concerts on the Lawn Summer Series by the Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio. Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki has entertained throughout New England and the entire Eastern seaboard, including performing at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Regarded as one of the finest fiddlers around, Jordan and the Trio will provide a lively evening of traditional Celtic/Irish music. The concert will begin at 6:30 pm. While there is no admission fee for the concert, a Freewill Offering will be taken to offset the cost of the concert series.

The Concerts on the Lawn Summer Series will continue in August, with performances by Becky Riley and **August 1st** and Country Don Smith, who will wrap up the series on **August 15th**. All performances are open to the public and begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

Pastor James Barnes

GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – 263 Route 125

Our meetings continue on Facebook, Zoom, and in person!

Sunday Morning, 10:00 am - Zoom ID# 504990283

Monday, 6:30 pm - Zoom ID# 308332646

Wednesday, 6:30pm - Zoom ID# 675105827

Healing Rooms will be open **July 18** and **August 15**

For more information, please visit our website: www.gracemi.org.

Is everyone ready for a little FUN? Grace Ministries is ready to start welcoming back families from the community, but some families are not yet ready, and we understand. We have taken our cue from area businesses and have put together CURBSIDE PICK UP – FUN BAGS for the kids!

These are small goodie bags with a few vacation bible school type lessons and activities, crafts, trinkets and more. We want your children to know we are missing them and we look forward to meeting them when Mom and Dad are ready to come back out on Sunday mornings. In the meanwhile, please REGISTER your child online at www.gracemi.org and we will reserve a bag with your child's name on it for your Curbside Pick Up.

Our pick up times are Sundays at 12:00 Noon. Please note on your registration which Sunday date you will be coming. Pull up to the front doors and we will have your children's bags ready and waiting. Have fun and be safe! Enjoy this time together with your children. The FUN bags are being offered through the end of July on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. Register your child today!

When you are ready, our Sunday church services begin at 10:00 am. Children's Church and Nursery are available following Worship. We have a very large Sanctuary with plenty of room to spread out from those you didn't come with and remain safe.

We hope you enjoy some summertime fun with your kids!

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BRENTWOOD-KINGSTON 197 Middle Road (Route 111A)

For now, we will be worshipping online on our Facebook page each Sunday. Facebook @PilgrimUCCBrentwoodKingston, then click on video link. Visit our website pilgrimucc-nh.org.

Summer Thoughts from Rev. Tara

Summer is coming! Finally! Whoo hoo! What does this really mean? Rest and relaxation? Vacation and rejuvenation? Letting go and slowing down? I truly hope so!

This summer is also going to be different. We may have fewer house-guests and maybe less cleaning, there won't be as much traveling and packing, hopefully there will be some getting outdoors and a bit of prepping your gear. Hopefully we will be painting the boat and mowing the lawn, having socially distant cookouts and campfires. However, as I ponder what the months ahead bring, I am mindful that this season of rest and rejuvenation has shifted for all of us and we do not know exactly what to expect.

Summer can present all sorts of opportunities for refreshment and renewal and I hope that you will be able to avail yourselves of some of these experiences in the coming months. Whether it is getting outside in your own backyard or heading to the beach, I hope you can find some time to feed your spirit this summer.

Scripture tells us that, "Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people" – Acts 2:43-47a.

The book of The Acts of the Apostles in Christian scripture is a collection of stories on how to live in community together. In this excerpt, the people in the community have taken on doing the work of Jesus- they are all sharing God's love with each other and they are

making sure everyone has enough of what they need. Even in their doubts and uncertainty- they are sharing God's love. Even if they are not sure they have enough- they are feeding each other. Even in the crazy times they are living in- they are taking care of each other.

I want you to take a moment and think about the "many signs and wonders" you have witnessed during this Covid-19 crisis. We have rallied around our neighbors and delivered groceries and prescriptions to them. We have shown gratitude for all those essential workers on the front lines by shining candles in our windows and ringing our church bells. We have seen this community rally together to support those who are in need with an amazing amount of donations.

As we journey forward into another uncertain season, friends, we need to keep going-one moment at a time, one foot in front of the other. Keep listening and learning from each other. Keep taking care of those who have less than you. Keep loving each other so that all will know God's love and peace.

Blessings, Rev. Tara

ST. JOSEPH PARISH – 200 Pleasant Street, Epping

For updates and information, see our website:
stjosepheppingnh.com

Effective June 8th, Masses with Limited Attendance at St. Joseph Parish will resume as indicated below.

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass with limited capacity of 75 Parishioners.

Sunday 10:00 am Mass with limited capacity of 75 Parishioners.

Saturday 8:00 am Mass will resume on First Saturday of the Month Only (First Saturday resumes August 1st, 2020).

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday at 2:30 pm or by appointment.

Holy Communion will be distributed for 45 minutes after 10:00 am Mass outside the front doors of the Church. There are No Weekday Masses at this time. Check the website for updates on when we begin them again. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. John Paul II chapel is cancelled at this time. You are welcome for private pray during business office hours between 9:00 am - 7:00 pm daily. All Mass attendees are to maintain social distancing while in the Church and wear face masks or face coverings at all times.

Updates will be made as State and Diocese directions change.

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Alfred L. Fuller passed away Thursday, May 22 after a brief illness. Alfred was a resident of Hamilton, Massachusetts for many years prior to moving to Brentwood and while a Hamilton resident owned and operated Fuller Construction Corporation. Alfred built many homes, pole barns and horse arenas in the North Shore region as well as southern New Hampshire and was very proud of his work.

Al was grateful for his sobriety and was an active sponsor to others throughout his life. Al loved fishing, stock car racing (in which he participated at Star and Lee speedways) and also old Westerns and woodworking. Alongside his wife of 22 years Alfred also opened a small furniture and country fares shop that they filled with their passion for art and all things natural.

Al leaves behind his loving wife Diane Fuller of Brentwood as well as 4 children; Bryan Fuller of Boston, MA; Nathan Fuller of Northwood, NH; Victoria Fuller of California; and Christopher and Jonell Rezza of Somersworth, NH. Al also leaves behind 2 grandchildren and his three sisters, Pat, Linda, and Sharon. Alfred is predeceased by his brother Wendall. Alfred will be missed by his many friends and his family and his connections with friends from New Hampshire such as John Standley and his long time friend Dottie Ingalls.



Eliot M. Sargent passed away on May 24, 2020 at the age of 83, of Alzheimer's. He was born on May 10, 1937, in Winchester, Massachusetts and grew up in Walpole, Massachusetts. He spent most of his life living in Kingston, NH and Brentwood NH. He is the son of the late Norwood V. Sargent and Evelyn F. Sargent.

Eliot graduated from Walpole High School in 1955 and was in the National Guard for eight years. He was also a member of the Walpole Sportsman Club.

Eliot married Constance Colcord on September 15, 1962. He was a custom builder for over 35 years in the Kingston area. He was a member of the Kingston Lions Club, the Carnival Committee and moderator of the Kingston Congregational Church. In Brentwood, he loved his horses and served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for several years. While in Brentwood he joined the NH Marine Patrol Auxiliary and worked up to Commander rank which he held for several years. Eliot was instrumental with the Marine Patrol to establish the NH Boating Education program. He taught for 14 years providing many with boat safety instruction.

Eliot and Connie are members of Bethany Church in Greenland, NH. They spent many summers on Crescent Lake in Wolfeboro, NH and winters on Hilton Head Island, in South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Connie, of 57 years. His daughters, Deborah Lion of Parsonfield, Maine, and her fiancé, Richard Owens, and Linda Meade and her husband, Jeffrey, of Brentwood. Three grandsons, Jack Meade, Kyle Meade and Ryan Meade. His brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Patricia Sargent in Florida, his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Barbara Strout, of North Hampton, his sister-in-law, Elaine Ray of Florida, brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Lois Lynch of Brentwood and many nieces and nephews.

Audrey Porter was born on February 4, 1933 and passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at the age of 87. Audrey had many friends and all will miss her greatly.

Judith A. Kennedy left this earth on May 27, 2020. Born in Lynn, Massachusetts on February 19, 1944. She was predeceased by her parents, William Lane and Dorothy Lane (Lecraw) and her husband John D. Kennedy. She is survived by her sons, Robert and Mark; her daughters-in-law Leah Kennedy and Melissa Kennedy; her grandchildren Shayna, Courtney, Kayla, Adam, Molly, Joseph and Jackson; and her great grandchild Alexis Demers.

Judy was very active in Brentwood activities throughout the years. She will be remembered and missed by her many friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 3rd PARADE

Brentwood will celebrate our nation's birthday with a parade on **Friday, July 3rd**, beginning at 10:00 am. Social distancing is advised for participants and viewers alike. Parade participants will gather at the Swasey Central School parking lot and follow the usual route. No parade pedestrians—floats and vehicles only. Register ahead of time or that morning from 8:00 am to 9:15 am.

Volunteers for Election Days

Volunteers are needed to help out at the State Primary Election on **September 8th**, and the General Election on **November 3rd**. Duties may include help with keeping everything clean and sanitized, checking voters out in the checklist book, directing the flow of people, organizing ballots at the end of the night, etc. Election hours are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. We would like to have volunteers available anytime between 6:30 am and 8:30 pm. You are welcome to stay the whole time or any hours that are convenient for you. Lunch and dinner is provided. You must be at least 18 years old and a registered Brentwood voter. Contact Daphne Woss at the Town Clerk's office if you are interested.

Revaluation Update

The Town of Brentwood has hired KRT Appraisal to conduct a Revaluation of all properties in the Town with values effective for the final tax bill of the 2020 property tax year.

Data Collectors will be visiting your area to verify the exterior information on file. The data collector will ring/knock. If no one is home, the data collector will be verifying exterior measurements of the buildings only. The Data Collector will have photo identification, a letter of introduction signed by a town official and have their vehicle registered with the police department. Updates will be available on the Town's website or krtappraisal.com.

Brentwood Republicans will meet on **Thursday, July 15th**, 6:30 pm at the BRC.

Republicans and like-minded Independents are welcome. Social distancing guidelines will be observed. Contact Thad Riley, 603-397-9211 or strider.thad@gmail.com with any questions.

Brentwood Democratic Committee will be meeting on **July 14th**, 7:00 pm. Email Debra Lampert at brentwoodnhdems@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Ask the Newsletter

by Liz Faria

Some of our first questions came from a neighbor on Sherman Avenue who was requesting information on the Trails Committee. It seems that during this pandemic there has been a resurgence of trail usage. Like my husband and me, many people are enjoying the beauty, tranquility and proximity of our trails. We hope to provide a way to donate soon.

Longtime Trails Committee Chair Debbie Briscoe has provided most of the following information:

The trails committee has traditionally consisted of varying numbers of volunteers. Currently, the committee members are on the low side and looking to regroup with new volunteers. The trails committee falls under the Recreation Commission. Past projects were funded by fundraisers, state grants, and donations. Those funds were held in a recreation account dedicated to the trails committee. Formerly holding monthly meetings for planning, the committee has moved to trail maintenance only. Over the past few years, the chair, Debbie Briscoe, has worked closely with the Conservation Committee attending their meetings regularly, helping in reestablishing the Split Rock trail and leading trail walks.

The motto "For the Love of Trails" can be seen on a posting at the Split Rock Trail kiosk asking for volunteers. Future plans for the trails committee will depend on additional volunteers. Plans could include expanding our current email list of trails' lovers for maintenance, communication and to get to know our trail users. We encourage trail users to be our eyes.

Basic trail maintenance by volunteers is the easiest to do and is ongoing. It is important to keep our existing trails usable. Improving our short list of approved volunteers is paramount and consists of trusted volunteers who can coordinate and do specific basic maintenance in small groups of 1-3, possibly on short notice or as an "adopt a trail" activity.

The planning for more advance trail improvements would require meetings, as needed, and the possibility of a co-chairman. Planning includes those willing to expand their knowledge of creating sustainable trails and finding mentors experienced in hardscape, building structures, mapping and signs.

Not enough credit goes to landowners who allow trail use on their land and the volunteers that help maintain them. Trails are not possible without them!

The Brentwood 275th Historical book has more about the trails committee's inception and those who helped with past projects. If you are interested in helping with planning or being on the short list for maintenance, please email Debbie Briscoe at brentwoodtrails@aol.com.

Please send new questions to:

ask-us@brentwoodnewsletter.org



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Brentwood Historical Society



Like many old buildings, the one currently housing the Brentwood Historical Society Museum at 140 Crawley Falls Road has served many purposes: the Ephraim Flanders store, the George Lowrie store, a function hall, the post and telegraph office, and for many years it was the home of Keeneborough Grange No. 172.

Dexter Swasey and Nate Ellis plan and execute the hanging of the “new” old Keeneborough Grange sign.

The Grange in Brentwood was established in 1892 and the organization purchased “Flanders Hall” in 1908 from George Lowrie for its meeting place. In 1981, when the Keeneborough Grange disbanded, the building was offered as a gift to the town of Brentwood and was unanimously accepted by residents in 1982.

From the history book *Brentwood, New Hampshire Through the Years 1742-2017*, in the words of Gladys Ray, the final Keeneborough Grange Master, “There were 89 years of a very active participation in Brentwood affairs.” In a recent interview with the Historical Society before her move to California, Gladys remembered the Grange was “a big deal, whether you were a farmer or not. It was a social thing to do. You would catch up on the news.” Suppers, plays, speeches, and Grange rituals unfolded in the upstairs of Flanders Hall, attended by members, guests, and the occasional visiting dignitary.

Now passersby will be reminded of the special place the Grange holds in Brentwood’s history with the recent addition of a traditional-style Grange sign mounted on the front of the building facing Crawley Falls Road. The sign was designed and built by Dexter Swasey, the lettering was hand-painted by Karen Ellis, both directors of the Society. Dexter and Nate Ellis hung the sign on May 29.

A similar Grange sign was part of the contents of the building when it was gifted to the Town. Gladys Ray herself painted that original sign. It was decided that sign should not be exposed to the elements and it will be displayed inside, along with other contents of the Grange hall.



The sign brings deeper understanding of and character to the building, reminding us of the people who gathered inside to talk, be entertained, and enjoy a bowl of homemade oyster stew!

Karen Ellis, Brentwood Historical Society

As of this writing, the state of NH is reopening in phases. Though closed to the public during spring, inside our dedicated volunteers have been preparing to reopen the Historical Society for Saturday visits. At the June 17 Board meeting, it was decided to hold open hours the first **Saturday in August, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We will also hold open hours in September and October. The Society will follow the NH reopening guidelines for museums and art galleries that were posted on the NH State website on Monday, June 15: <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/files/inline-documents/guidance-museums-art-galleries.pdf>

The Board also discussed providing our members and the public a list of history-focused websites that offer alternatives to public programs—such as virtual tours, online workshops, family activities, and lectures. Check out our Bulletin board at the town office and the one in the display case on our front porch for the list. Please watch for more details on our plans over the next few weeks. If you have questions, please contact me at president@brentwoodnhhistory.org

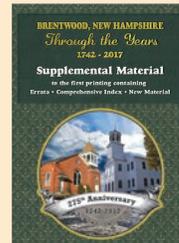


A Note to New Residents: Our newly designed welcome packets are available at the town office. So far, the feedback has been very positive and we always welcome suggestions for more content.

*Rebecca Dunham
President, Brentwood
Historical Society*

Brentwood, New Hampshire Through the Years 1742-2017

BRENTWOOD HISTORY BOOKS and new **EXPANDED INDEX** are now available for sale.



If you missed the first printing, you can pick up your copy at the Town Clerk’s window in the Brentwood Town Office. You may also contact the Historical Society to request a copy.

president@brentwoodnhhistory.org

COVID MOMENTS

If nothing else, writing is time to ponder. Much more than typing the words, pondering requires effort. Thoughts flow and the mind wanders, wondering if the right words, their proper syntax and structure can ever be found, ultimately wrangling them on to the page. A stream of consciousness can be a beautiful thing, but crafting a message, a narrative, is hard work. So it was that, when a friend asked for a narrative on the effects of COVID-19 on the Stephenses, I waffled a bit. She said it would help the Town of Brentwood bind the future to the COVID-19 pandemic for posterity, and I, a sucker for posterity, took the bait. She had asked how the public response to the pandemic (i.e., the government-imposed shutdown and societal compliance) has changed how folks work, forcing the most fortunate (those able) to work from home via the internet. My wife Bethel and I have been working from home for more than 20 years as Stephens Associates Consulting Engineers, LLC, engineering buildings and infrastructure throughout New England, the east, California and even Haiti. We have employees and another office, but as Stephens Associates, Bethel and I have worked from home, affording us the privilege (and responsibility) of being with and raising four sons to majority without day care or, for the most part, coming home to an empty house. We have friends who have had to adjust similarly under recent government order.

After more than three months, in taking stock of daily life, while COVID-19 hasn't changed how we work, it has affected the Stephenses in business, religious faith, family, social activities and hobbies/pastimes. In February, Bethel and I were empty nesters, with a son thriving in a career in Manchester and three more away at college. In March, two of our three sons at college returned home due to cancelled live classes and campus shutdowns. One son, at the University of Denver, remained there in a leased apartment, as it was potentially dangerous to fly home and he could not break the lease. That same month, because of the government-mandated shutdown due to the pandemic, 40 percent of our workload, our business, in the form of contracts on the books, was cancelled. This forced us to furlough employees and apply for help under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). While business isn't booming, it is picking up a bit and the PPP has taken the curse off of finances for us and millions like us, allowing employees to be brought back full time, at least for now. Mobile phone and internet services have seemed weak and spotty (from greater traffic taking valuable bandwidth I hear) and can make business more stressful still, but we are grateful for generally being able to do business from home.

We're Christians and practice our faith through weekly worship at Bethany Church in Greenland, as well as weekly study and small group gathering. Pastor Bruce Boria of Brentwood leads Bethany Church. He's a gifted preacher with a biblical message. Social distancing and public health closures have precluded or restricted in-person gathering, even of churches, and the individual church reaction has been mixed. Our church has temporarily ceased in-person worship with a very successful broadcast (streaming) of our weekly service, at our normal service times, as well as online study and ministry. Monthly meetings of the Board of Elders have changed from in-person to online. From our friends, we've heard that other churches have adapted similarly with online worship services, including Pilgrim Church, First Baptist Church, and Grace Ministries in Brentwood, First Congregational Church of Kingston, and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Exeter to name a few. I was told St. Michael's is transitioned to allow up to 40 attendees selected, first come, first served, by waiting list.

My small group consists of six men who worship God and support each other through Bible study, discussion, prayer, encouragement, accountability and ministry. We tried to change our normal, weekly, in-person meetings

to online, but could not stomach working online all day and then visiting together online in the evening so, those that can are more apt to meet outdoors to walk, fish and fellowship while social distancing. My friend, Bill Brown of Brentwood, says his Christian small group successfully transitioned to online meeting. While admittedly less personal, he notes that technology has enhanced the online experience of both church and small group as they are able to text and call each other readily to stay connected. The Stephenses, our church and my small group are likewise grateful.

The Sportsmen of Brentwood (SOB), a club of outdoorsmen and women founded just last year to foster sporting interests and wildlife habitat, has postponed in-person meetings during the government-imposed shutdown, but is able to stay active and connected through a members-only Facebook group. In March, and again in April, we sought to be good neighbors and offered, via the Brentwood Facebook groups, to assist neighbors needing non-life threatening, urgent help. Some of us also reached out directly to folks on behalf of the SOB. The offers were very well received, and we were able to help a widowed, overworked nurse with snow removal, and an immune-compromised family with grocery shopping. While the takers were few, we received many positive, encouraging responses online and directly. The fact that few folks asked for help hopefully indicates that Brentwood is still the home of many well-prepared, self-reliant, fiercely-independent folks more likely to offer help than need it. We also heard it was comforting for many to see the offer. Even the most fiercely-independent need help now and then. Our offer stands.

The Stephenses are sports fans. A big part of our social activities and pastimes include watching live sports, in person or televised. With the cancelling of face-to-face human interaction, live sports went with it, and we've weekly found evenings with new opportunities to pass the time in other, perhaps more meaningful ways. Among them have been continuing, rekindling or enhancing hobbies. Suffice to say, the family garden and hops plants have never looked better, and in March we homebrewed a nice batch of COVID-19 Apocalypse Ale from ingredients on hand. We've played board games, dusted off and tuned up guitars, hunted turkeys, fished for bass, and binge-watched a few cable/internet television series. We've gone for many walks and even started an exercise regimen. We've hand-ground steel-cut oats into flour for cooking and baking. Did I mention we brew beer? That's right, we have a grain mill, and 50 pounds of steel-cut oats we bought for a rainy day last fall. The lesson, for us, is President Teddy Roosevelt was right, the "credit belongs to the man in the arena," that doing is better than watching, and much better than criticizing.

Bill Brown commented that because neither of us know anyone stricken by COVID-19, this does not seem like a major health crisis and I agree. We're thankful our network of family, friends and associates are thus far spared the sickness and perhaps even for the poor mobile phone and internet forcing more time with family.

Though normally a news lover, I've found it hard to follow the news of late. Before succumbing to binge-watching some cable/internet television series in lieu of the news, many strange behaviors intrigued me. Like seeing people driving cars alone wearing protective masks. Or, on the national news, learning of shop owners, desperate for income, violating the shutdown by opening and, though practicing social distancing and donning PPE, being arrested. Meanwhile protestors march without distancing, proper PPE, and even breaking, looting and burning and go unarrested. On a recent trip to the supermarket I carried in a cup of coffee while wearing a protective mask...

Bob Stephens

COVID-19 Timeline in New Hampshire

Continued from May 15, 2020

May 15, 2020, New Hampshire

Executive Order 2020-04: Third Extension of State of Emergency.

May 18, 2020, New Hampshire

Emergency Order 44: Modification of Emergency Order 9 (Establishment of the COVID-19 Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund).

Emergency Order 45: Modification of Emergency Order 31 (Establishment of the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program).

May 22, 2020, New Hampshire

Emergency Order 46: Further expanding access to medical providers.

Emergency Order 47: Expanding access to COVID-19 testing via licensed pharmacists.

May 27, 2020, New Hampshire

Emergency Order 48: Special Education Requirements to Support Remote Instruction.

May 29, 2020, New Hampshire

Emergency Order 49: An order extending Emergency Order 40 [An order extending and modifying Emergency Order 17 (Closure of non-essential businesses and requiring Granite Staters to stay at home)]

June 5, 2020, New Hampshire

Executive Order 2020-10: Fourth Extension of State of Emergency.

June 9, 2020, New Hampshire

Emergency Order 50: Temporary modification of travel expense allowance for members of the General Court.

June 11, 2020, New Hampshire

Emergency Order 51: An order terminating Emergency Orders 4 and 24. Governor Sununu announced that New Hampshire's Stay at Home Order will expire on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 11:59 PM, along with the cap on gatherings of 10 or less. Additionally, Indoor Movie Theaters, Performing Arts, and Amusement Parks may begin reopening on Monday, June 29, 2020.

June 15, 2020, New Hampshire

Emergency Order 52: An order regarding public health guidance for business operations and advising Granite Staters that they are safer at home. Universal Guidelines for all New Hampshire Employers and Employees. Industry Specific Guidelines for Businesses, Organizations, and Sectors Operating Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Emergency Order 52.

June 17, 2020, New Hampshire

Emergency Order 53: Amendment to Emergency Order 36 (Ensuring Worker's Compensation Coverage for New Hampshire First Responders Exposed to COVID-19).

STATISTICS AS OF June 23, 2020, 9:00 AM

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

Number of Persons with COVID-19	5,571
Recovered	4,316 (77%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	343 (6%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	912
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	558 (10%)
Current Hospitalizations	51
Total Persons Tested at Selected Labs (PCR)	110,053
Total Persons Tested at Selected Labs (Antibody)	17,902
Persons Tested Negative at Selected Labs	info removed from website
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	31,334
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL	281
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	3,375

CUMULATIVE INFECTION / DEATH / ACTIVE CASES BY COUNTY

County	Inf / Death / Active
Belknap	78 1 12
Carroll	52 0 8
Cheshire	64 2 11
Coos	6 0 1
Grafton	76 1 8
Hillsborough - Manchester	1,478 96 159
Hillsborough - Nashua	583 31 54
Hillsborough - Other	1,084 97 363
Hillsborough - Total	3,145 224 576
Merrimack	398 18 61
Rockingham	1,442 83 185
Strafford	285 13 44
Sullivan	24 1 6
Unknown	1 0 0

Tonry Cemetery News

The cemetery trustees will be meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 5:00 pm at Tonry Cemetery. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 9th at 5:00 pm, location to be determined. Meeting details may be found on the cemetery page of the town website.

The tradition of Brentwood having an in-person Memorial Day Ceremony started back in 2002. Due to extenuating circumstances, this year Brentwood was not able to have an in-person Memorial Day celebration. Instead a virtual/video ceremony was produced and presented in honor of our veterans. The video can be viewed by going to:

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/3meK9qmhKN8>

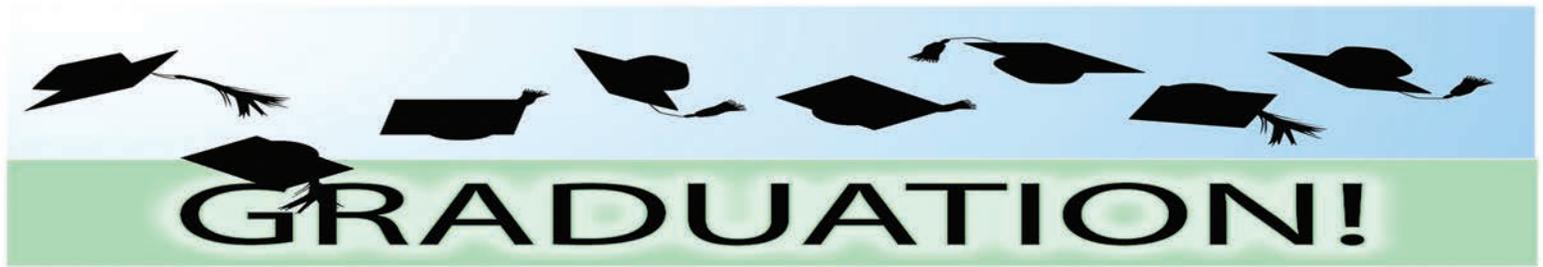
Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/427872162>

The video links are also available on the Town of Brentwood website on the main page, under News and Announcements, and on the cemetery page.

Thank You to all the participants and also to those who assisted in making this video happen. Thank you also to my trustees for believing in me and letting me run with this project. In the words of one of my wise trustees, "It's not what is done that is important, rather it's that something is done." A little heads up—you may need to adjust your volume in some places, and please be aware that there are still photos within the video.

Brentwood is now a Purple Heart Community, complete with signage. One sign will be placed at Tonry cemetery, the other sign's placement is to be determined. Signs were obtained via donations and at no cost to the town. We may be looking to obtain one or two more additional signs to place roadside. If you are interested in donating to this endeavour, or would like to learn more about the Purple Heart Community project, please contact Joyce at bwoodnhcem@gmail.com.

Joyce Keegal, Superintendent of Cemeteries



2020 Exeter High School Graduates

Brentwood congratulates the members of the Class of 2020 who have graduated from Exeter High School.

All names listed here are supplied courtesy of Exeter High School and Seacoast School of Technology. EHS, SST, and the *Brentwood Newsletter* hope there have been no errors. If we are informed that a name has been omitted, we will confirm it with the school and publish it in the next issue.

Benjamin Aldred	Sutton Corzatt	Allison Kelley	Griffin May	Morgan Sawyer
Samuel Aldred	Michael Dawson	Caleb Labbe	Andrew McElroy	Gavin Shilladay
Claire Allison	Victoria Decatur	Cameron Labbe	Elizabeth McFarland	Kendyl Silverwood
Willoughbie Baillargeon	Benjamin DeHetre	Cyril LeClerc	Kyle Meade	Abigail Snee
Nicholas Beebe	Jocelyn Dennehy	Kelley Lenihan	Abigail Miner	Nathan Sproul
Gage Bolduc	Griffin Deschenes	Eliza Liponis	Nicolas Morales	Nicholas Staniec
Derek Bond	Carol Diaz	Annmarie Loehr	Rachel Mowbray	Keagan Supple
Maccon Bonner	Joseph Doucet	Rebekah Lopez	Mariana Murby	Caden Vitti
Jordyn Boucher	Derek Edmiston	Anthony Lotane	Kathryn O'Sullivan	Olivia Wahl
James Branden	Nolan Elmore	Maggie Lyles	Mitchell Parent	Benjamin Weiss
Sean Burns	Audrey Farrar	Tess MacMahon	Kaelyn Patch	Samantha Wiberg
Andrew Cataldo	Jonathan Garbarino	Brooke Mantegari	Emilyn Reed	Abigail Williams
Valentino Cheek	Paige Hamel	Alex Marcoux	Gabriella Rioux	Trinity Young
Charles Clark	Kayleigh Hartnett	Samantha Marcoux	Kayla Rowell	
Aleah Comtois	Samara Holmes	Gavin Markey	Jonah Ryan	
Abigail Cooper	Isabella Jensen	Ian Markovsky	Mariah Sanborn	

SCHOLARSHIP

Class of 1988 Wrestling Award
 Chisholm Family Scholarship
 John M. Gaynor Memorial Trust
 St. Jean Family Football Scholarship
 EHS Boys Soccer Boosters Essay Scholarship
 St. Jean Family Field Hockey Scholarship
 Seacoast Board of Realtors
 Stephen S. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
 Exeter Education Association Scholarship
 Lucy Eleanor Manix Dawson Scholarship
 Seacoast Retired Educators' Assoc. Scholarship
 Wheelwright Scholarship
 Brentwood Teachers' Association Scholarship
 Wheelwright Scholarship
 Bruce Ellis Memorial Scholarship
 Cross Country and Track Scholarship
 Exeter Health Resources Health Careers SCH
 William Robinson Program Scholarship
 Everett and Edith Holland Scholarship Fund
 Exeter Area Kiwanis / Ed Pease Scholarship
 Lindon-Green Scholarship
 Exeter Rotary Scholarship
 Norma W. McGarr "Something In Bloom" SCH
 Eastman Memorial Scholarship
 Exeter Area GFWC Scholarship
 Officer Stephen Arkell Memorial Scholarship
 Volleyball Boosters Student Athlete Scholarship

RECIPIENT

Nicholas Beebe
 Nicholas Beebe
 Nicholas Beebe
 Derek Edmiston
 Nolan Elmore
 Audrey Farrar
 Audrey Farrar
 Samara Holmes
 Samantha Marcoux
 Samantha Marcoux
 Samantha Marcoux
 Griffin May
 Andrew McElroy
 Andrew McElroy
 Kayla Rowell
 Kayla Rowell
 Abigail Snee
 Abigail Snee
 Caden Vitti
 Olivia Wahl
 Olivia Wahl
 Benjamin Weiss
 Benjamin Weiss
 Abigail Williams
 Abigail Williams
 Abigail Williams

COLLEGE ATTENDING

University of Southern Maine

 Not Indicated
 Saint Anselm College
 Southern New Hampshire University

 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Saint Anselm College

 Providence College
 Baylor University

 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

 University of Rhode Island

 Pennsylvania State University
 College of the Holy Cross

 Endicott College

 Colby-Sawyer College



Sutton Grace Corzatt will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall of 2020 as part of their pre veterinary medicine program. She is a member of the National Honors Society, a Presidential Scholar, current treasurer and scholarship recipient of Future Farmers of America and holds state stars in agricultural placement and dairy production.



Congratulations to **Kyle Meade** who has graduated from EHS and SST. Kyle will be attending Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston this fall and will be studying Computer Science.

Congratulations to **Audrey M. Farrar** as she graduates from EHS. She is a NH Scholars recipient, National Honor Society member, has received Presidential Scholarship of Excellence recognition, and the Honors Anatomy and Physiology Scholar Award as well as the Seacoast Board of Realtors, Lori Breard Weeden Scholarship.

Audrey will be attending Southern New Hampshire University this fall and will be a Division II collegiate field hockey athlete.



Nicholas Staniec will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall, majoring in Biology. His goal is a career in research.



Congratulations to **Abigail Williams** and the entire EHS Class of 2020! Abby grew up in Brentwood and attended Swasey Central School. She has had an amazing high school career at EHS, which included the Health Science Technologies Program at SST. She will continue her education at Colby-Sawyer College, pursuing a Bachelor of Science majoring in Nursing. She will also participate in the Wesson Honors Program and the Women's Volleyball Team. We look forward to a bright future for her and all her classmates.

Go Hawks! Lisa & Bill Williams

2020 Seacoast School of Technology Graduates

Andrew Cataldo	Animal & Plant Science II	Abigail Miner	Computer Science II
Sutton Corzatt	Animal & Plant Science II	Cameron Labbe	Culinary Arts I
Alex Marcoux	Animal & Plant Science II	Hannah DeLong	Culinary Arts II
Victoria Decatur	Automotive Technologies II	Michael Dawson	Digital Media Arts I
Caleb Labbe	Automotive Technologies II	Claire Allison	Digital Media Arts II
Greg Williams	Automotive Technologies II	Rachel Mowbray	Digital Media Arts II
Abigail Snee	Biomedical Science & Technology II	Abigail Williams	Health Science Technologies II
Nicholas Staniec	Biomedical Science & Technology II	Maccon Bonner	Marketing Technologies II
Mitchell Parent	Building Construction Technologies II	Derek Edmiston	Marketing Technologies II
Cassandra Pray	Building Construction Technologies II	Allison Georato	Pre-Engineering II
Jonah Ryan	Building Construction Technologies II	James Sullivan	Pre-Engineering II
Paige Hamel	Careers in Education II	James Branden	Welding Technologies II
Tess MacMahon	Careers in Education II	Charles Clark	Welding Technologies II
Samantha Marcoux	Careers in Education II	Tim Smith	Welding Technologies II
Kyle Meade	Computer Science II	Nate Sproul	Welding Technologies II

These Brentwood Students will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society:

Claire Allison	Alex Marcoux	Abigail Snee
Allison Georato	Samantha Marcoux	James Sullivan
Samara Holmes	Rachel Mowbray	Abigail Williams

Seacoast School of Technology

National FFA Chapter Members Compete Virtually, Bring Back Eight State Titles

This year was very different for FFA members who competed in the end of year career development events. The annual convention scheduled for April 1, 2, 3 at the Mount Washington Hotel was cancelled. Typically, 200+ FFA members from around the State would participate in judging horses, make a floral arrangement, present a marketing or sales plan, demonstrate veterinary technician skills, give a speech, or conduct one-on-one interviews, as a few examples. Not so this year.

With everything being canceled, NH Agriculture teachers got together and gave students a chance to put their skills to work through making virtual events, zoom competitions, phone call and video submission of work, to name a few. Results were given out at the end of May in a virtual session hosted by the Granite State FFA Association. Congratulations to SST-FFA Members from the town of Brentwood who were awarded the following:

Juniors competed in submitting documentation of their Supervised Agricultural Experience. The placings were:

State Star – **Sam Pickering**
 Silver Winner – **Isabelle Najjar**
 Bronze Winner – **Lauren McNamara**

Seniors expanded upon their documentation of skills, hours and financial investments by submitting work in their specific proficiency area. Congratulations to:

1st place	State Winner Ag. Processing	Alex Marcoux
1st place	State Winner Dairy Production	Sutton Corzatt
2nd place	Gold Diversified Livestock Production	Alex Marcoux
2nd place	Gold Diversified Horticulture	Andrew Cataldo

Proficiency Winner applications that were outstanding advanced to the next round of competition. Congratulations to: **Sutton Corzatt** for earning her State Degree and State Star in Agricultural Placement, and **Alex Marcoux** for earning his State Degree and State Star Gold Farmer award.

In the area of Career Development Events, the students won Dairy Cattle Evaluation, FFA Creed Speaking, Animal Welfare Display and Prepared Public speaking. Students from Brentwood won:

Dairy Showmanship, State Winner: **Alex Marcoux**

Ag. Sales State Team: **Alex Marcoux, Sutton Corzatt, Olivia Filameno**

Horse Judging State Team: **Cecila Caron** (Top Individual), and **Sam Pickering**

Environmental Science, 2nd Place Team: **Alex Marcoux** (Top Individual) and **Lauren McNamara**

Veterinary Science, 2nd Place Team: **Sutton Corzatt** and **Alex Marcoux**

Job Interview, Senior Division Winner: **Alex Marcoux**

Job Interview, Junior Division 3rd: **Isabelle Najjar**

The chapter came back with three State Officers to represent the State of New Hampshire in the Granite State FFA Association for the next school year. **Alex Marcoux** of Brentwood will be serving as the State Association Secretary.

Congratulations to all the students from Brentwood!

Anne DeMarco, Seacoast School of Technology, Animal and Plant Science Teacher & FFA Advisor

BRENTWOOD'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST

The following Brentwood students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the Fall of 2019:

- ★ Aly D. Bradley (Honors)
- Emma S. Brown (Honors)
- ★ Evan A. Childs (High Honors)
- Jessica L. Clarke (Honors)
- ★ Maria Eduarda Dos Santos Koch (Highest Honors)
- William A. Faria (High Honors)
- ★ Andrew W. Gaudette (High Honors)
- Riley D. Green (High Honors)
- ★ James A. Kelly (Highest Honors)
- Marguerite R. Kennish (Highest Honors)
- ★ Benjamin K. Kunkemueller (Highest Honors)
- Charles H. Labrecque (High Honors)
- ★ Quinn N. Mantegari (Highest Honors)
- Skyler J. Noke (High Honors)
- ★ Lydia A. Peucker (High Honors)
- Kyle P. Shaw (High Honors)
- ★ Tyler E. Silverwood (High Honors)
- Violet E. Sullivan (Highest Honors)
- ★ Payton L. Taylor (Highest Honors)
- Emily A. Williams (High Honors)
- ★ Lauren G. Williamson (High Honors)
- Brady Young (Honors)

Will Faria, son of William and Elizabeth Faria of South Road, graduated “magna cum laude” in Biomed from UNH. Only two weeks later, he started his Doctor of Physical Therapy program through Simmons. He is looking forward to getting out of the house and onto campus in Boston in the fall.



Mackenzi Lee Prina, eldest daughter of James and Christine Prina, has earned a BS in Biomedical Science, a Minor in Chemistry, and a pre-medical studies specialization from Quinnipiac University in Hamden CT. Currently, part of an accelerated Masters program, she is on target to earn a Masters of Health Science in Biomedical Science by June of next year. Mackenzi, her sister, and cousins, are representative of the

tenth generation of Stevens children to chase butterflies through the fields of the original Stevens homestead on South Rd, established by her grandparents, Samuel And Patience Gordon Stevens over 300 years ago in the year 1718!

Robert Joel Stephens, a freshman majoring in chemical engineering, has been named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2020 semester at Clarkson University.

Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.



Andrew Stephens graduated Cornell University Graduate School in May with a Master of Professional Studies (MPS) in Applied Statistics and Data Science—after receiving his Bachelor of Science last May 2019 in Math/Statistics from UVM in just 3 years! He took four years total, 4.3 GPA this semester!



Spenser Young of Fellows Road, son of Mark and Cindy, graduated Cum Laude from Providence College on May 17, 2020, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. Spenser was also inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma Society and was recognized as an AHCA All American Scholar for D1 Hockey throughout his time at Providence. Spenser has signed a professional hockey contract with the Milwaukee Admirals.

Opinion [*uh-pin-yuhn*]
noun – a personal view, attitude, or appraisal

News From the State House

I am happy to announce my candidacy for re-election to the NH House of Representatives for Rockingham District 33. I am fortunate to work for a great company who supports me with a flexible work schedule so that I can continue attending all voting sessions in Concord. You can find my voting record and bills I have proposed on my new website www.JoshYokelaForNH.com.

Rockingham District 33 represents Brentwood, Danville and Fremont. I currently serve on the Fremont Budget Committee and Zoning Board of Adjustments, and I continue to attend all important town meetings and events in Brentwood and Danville. As an avid chess player, I happily volunteer my time helping children learn the skills and strategies of chess at the Fremont Library.

Reflecting on my first term, I have learned a lot. I initially went into the legislature thinking there would be solid proposals, honest discussions, and wide acceptance of the bills that passed. In fact, the Framers envisioned very few laws would be passed because of the need for overwhelming support for change. Knowing that, I did not submit school choice or occupational licensing reform bills, because I knew they would swiftly die at the hands of the Democratic majority in the House. Instead, I proposed bills which could have wide-ranging support and could become law so that my time in Concord wasn't wasted. Three of my bills passed the House and some bills I co-sponsored were ratified and became law.

I expected the Democrats would also promote legislation that we could all support, as they would know the Governor would be a check on their desire to turn New Hampshire into Massachusetts, California, or New York. Not only did they submit bills that were flawed and widely unpopular, they passed bill after bill claiming to be doing the "people's work" knowing full well that many of those bills would be vetoed and sustained. If not for the interruption from SARS-CoV-2, it is likely we would have had another 50+ vetoes this year. In fact, when we came back from our break, the Democrats proposed just enough time to work on and pass bills on their agenda, while leaving the (not so glamorous) real work to wither on the vine. Now they clutch their pearls and say, "how dare you (not let us pass our Democratic agenda items)!" But I remember when they complained about staying up late to vote on all the bills by the deadline.

Now, because the Republicans didn't support the Democrat's agenda, they have chosen to attack small businesses yet again by killing the "growler bill" by holding it up and moving it past Senate deadlines which would have allowed taverns and taprooms to sell beer from their kegs in the event of another shutdown (kegs have a short shelf life and the imposed shutdown caused large economic losses in spoilage).

Clearly, it's time to elect representatives who have the interests of workers and business owners in mind. It is not the role of government to penalize job and product producers. It's time to replace representatives who put politics ahead of our livelihood.

I am happy to be a part of the Brentwood 4th of July Parade again and I hope you join me in celebrating the best country in the history of the world and reflecting on our achievements, of which we are all beneficiaries.

Representative Josh Yokela, Brentwood, Danville, Fremont
questions@JoshYokelaForNH.com, 603-722-0501

Since my last post, the NH House has made history. For the first time since the Civil War, the House met outside our regular chamber. In this era of Coronavirus, our Session took place at UNH's Whittemore Arena, allowing all members to safely distance as we met to carry on the work of the Legislature. The staff, administration and alumni should all be proud of the welcome we received by the University. James Dean, the President of UNH even joked about penalty boxes in the hockey arena not being available for disciplining Representatives. As it turns out, President Dean's humor was the last lighthearted moment of the day.

Although I came prepared to do the work of the Legislature, the events and votes that took place only served to obstruct and defeat the final work of the House over this past Session. Consideration of 36 bills on the calendar was blocked by a vote against extending the Legislative Session deadlines. With the failure to extend the deadlines, a majority was required for a bill to pass. Because there were not enough votes supporting the rule change, my votes on bills to establish an independent redistricting commission, expand the child advocate's oversight, establish the state's 10-year highway improvement plan, expand net metering, and to encourage construction of affordable housing all failed to pass. The only bill receiving approval during the session was one allowing restaurants to sell beer in growlers brought in by customers, and only during a state of emergency. I believe Representative Lucy Weber, Chair of the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee, said it best when she pleaded for Representatives to pass a bill expanding child protective services. She urged, "If you want to make New Hampshire safe for growlers, let me implore you to add protections for New Hampshire children." Her committee bill failed.

I realize the issues I support in my Committee or the House are not always destined for passage. However, regardless of party, I do expect myself and other Representatives to do their work as Legislators and vote on the bills which come before us, especially bills which have bi-partisan support. Nine of the bills that were defeated were part of what is called the Consent Calendar. These bills have been heard in Committees and approved by a majority of members, both Democrat and Republican. On this day, we were again unable to gather the majority necessary to consider these bi-partisan bills. I believe the Republican Party should be called out for refusing to vote on these bills which members of their own party had approved of in committee.

I am running for reelection as State Representative having never missed a vote in session. The other party in the House refused to even consider 35 bills that were brought up during the June 11th session. This move was a clear example of party line obstruction aimed at preventing the House from carrying out its legislative duties. My campaign is based on doing the work I know our Town expects of its elected officials. If reelected, I will continue to be present and fulfill the duties of the office I hold.

I can be reached at liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Brentwood. I love this job! Liz

Snippets From the Select Board

The following items were taken from the meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen. You can find the full minutes of each meeting on the town website under the Board of Selectmen tab.

5/5/20 Governor's Office For Emergency Relief and Recovery funds anticipated at \$106,905 for Brentwood. We will need to post a hearing to accept these funds. Artimovich said more guidance is coming but these funds could be used for the hazard pay that was ordered to begin 5/4-6/30 for police and fire.

► Faria said it looks like at least \$100K will be returned to the general fund from Swasey. Artimovich said the school board has given the superintendent a lot of spending power and Melisa Litchfield appears to be the only board member advocating for saving.

5/19/20 Artimovich said the office doors that are Dutch doors need a barrier installed to protect the employees going forward. He asked Kaiser to research and see what would be feasible. Kaiser submitted a memo recommending ¼ inch Plexiglas that would be attached to the bottom half of the door by a bracket. The cost is estimated at \$300 per door. Clement said she would need 4 doors: planning, recreation, finance, and building. Faria made a motion, 2nd by Christiansen to approve installing barriers on 4 doors. All were in favor.

► Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Christiansen to send a letter to the School Board requesting permission to use the Swasey School for the primary in September due to space concerns to adequately social distance. All were in favor. Artimovich said they have Plexiglas shields that can be used on a countertop. They should look into that for the ballot clerks.

6/2/20 The new cruisers are about 2 weeks from being road ready. There will be 2 cruisers to be disposed of. Kaiser said he would be interested in a town vehicle. The cost would be minimal and the mileage is getting to be too much on his personal vehicle. He said the budget runs about \$900 annually. Mantegari said he thought the cost to the town would be greater than reimbursement for mileage. Mantegari said we are getting rid of it for a reason. Artimovich said the cruisers can no longer be used for emergency response but the old detectives car was given to the fire station and we got a couple of years out of it. Christiansen made a motion, 2nd by Thompson to give a retired police SUV to Kaiser. The motion carried with Mantegari and Faria opposed.

► Clement said she has received a phone call from a resident regarding the credit for a permanently disabled veteran. Clement said the statute allows for a town to approve up to \$4000, we currently allow for \$1700. This would need to go to town meeting. Clement asked if the board would put it on the warrant or if they wanted to see a citizen's petition. Christiansen made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari for the board to put it on the warrant.

6/16/20 Faria said the board accepts the resignation of Sean Seely, part time police officer, and Christine Belanger, Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief. Faria said the board accepts the resignation of Emily Schmalzer from the Conservation Commission.

► Robinson said construction on Rowell Road West was going to begin next week.

► Christiansen made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to accept \$31485.74 from the State of NH for Hazard Pay for police and fire due to Covid 19. All were in favor.

► Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on 9/19/2020 at the Brentwood Town Highway Shed – hours 9-12.

Democrat Candidate

NH House of Representatives, District 33

Eric Turer is running as the democratic candidate for the New Hampshire House of Representatives, District 33. You may learn more by visiting www.facebook.com/ETforStateRep or contact him at ericturerformh@gmail.com.

Republican Candidate

NH House of Representatives, District 11

Dear Friends and Neighbors, I have waited years for this moment, to announce I am running for the State House. Words cannot begin to express the joy and excitement, I am feeling. I wanted to share about myself, and why I want you to invest in me. My thoughts are being drowned out right now though. In the background I hear the riots on television, the statistics for COVID 19 deaths, the defunding of our police departments. This term we continue to hear, our "new normal." What exactly does this mean? I don't know about you, but I know that I don't want my kids to grow up in a world wearing masks, no police protection, and no freedom of speech.

We all work better when we are helping each other. We do not need to tear anyone else down to build ourselves up. I do believe that the Republicans are the party of empowerment. I am a Republican and a conservative, and I am proud of it. I believe the proper role of government is to protect equal rights, not to provide equal things. We need to continue to keep New Hampshire's economy growing. I do not support a sales or income tax. I do not want to see anyone take your guns away. I am passionate about our right to keep and bear arms. I truly believe the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.

I believe all people are created equal and deserve equal rights. I believe in our freedom of speech. I fear our basic freedoms are slowly slipping away. We need to run our country based on laws and not the emotions of man.

I am asking you to invest in me, invest in our children, invest in our future. Please visit my website: melissalitchfieldforamerica.org and consider making a Donation. Spend some time on the website, and get to know my family and I better. Learn about my degree in accounting and my many years of serving the town of Brentwood as an elected official. Even better, reach out to me directly at melissalitchfieldforamerica@comcast.net and tell me, what can I do for you? What can I do to make your world a better place? The best is yet to come!

Melissa Litchfield

Hello Neighbors!

The stay-at-home order has expired. Hurrah! So much has happened in our Country in the past several months and I think, one very important lesson must be learned from all the "stay at home" restrictions, protests and rioting; it really matters who we elect to each of our government offices – President, US House & Senate, NH House & Senate, Mayors and local Council Members. We should elect competent, knowledgeable individuals, who love our Country and will work for all Americans citizens.

I would like to introduce you to Matt MOWERS, Republican Candidate for the 1st US Congressional District, challenging Democrat incumbent, Chris Pappas. Matt MOWERS served as a Senior White House advisor and diplomat in President Trump's Department of State, working across critical issues including terrorism, immigration, humanitarian relief and fighting HIV/AIDS. This experience will be invaluable in our current pandemic times.

Please vote for Matt MOWERS in the Republican Primary September 8th. Lois DeYoung

Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

At our June meeting, we voted in new Board members. We would like to welcome Laura Hajjar (President), Debra Lampert (Vice President), Sarah Palmer (Secretary), Gabbie Kelly (Treasurer), Monica Mayott (Member-at-Large), and Audrey Kimball (Member-at-Large). Thank you for volunteering to support our library! We are still in need of one Member-at-Large. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact Laura at lhajjar@friendsofmeblibrary.org. We would also like to thank outgoing Board members for their years of service: Lenore Smith, Sue Mitchell, Robin Marquis, Julie Hoyt, Meghan Fitzgerald, and Jessica Paul.

We would like to remind you that our NH State Park Pass provides free admission to 2 adults and 4 dependents. Some exclusions apply, such as metered parking, but it is good for Kingston State Park. As of this writing, the Seacoast Science Center is closed, but they do have online resources available. Check out themes Get Outside!, Our Ocean, STEM Activities, and Art & Nature with videos, activity sheets, and additional resources to support at-home learning and enable children to explore nature. We did not renew the passes for SSC, but certainly can if there is enough interest when it reopens.

Our library staff has worked diligently to plan relevant summer reading activities and events as well as keeping stocked with new reading material in print and digital form. It is the Friends' mission to support the library by supplementing the budget where needed, and there have certainly been some unanticipated expenses due to COVID-19. If you appreciate the library's resources and would like to support the Friends, online donations can be made from the Friends tab on the library's website. While you're there, click the Amazon-Smile button (or go directly to www.Smile.amazon.com) and select "Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library" as your charity. A small portion of every purchase goes directly to the Friends!

Currently, the Basement Bookstore is closed and activities are on hold. We will be taking July off and will

resume meetings **Monday, August 10**, at 6:30 pm. Please watch the library's website and the Friends' Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FriendsofMEBLibrary/) for updates.

Jessica Paul, Secretary for The Friends

Library Trustees will meet on **July 6th** in addition to their regularly scheduled **July 20th** meeting at 6:00 pm via Jitsi. They will also meet on **August 17th**. Check the library website for last minute updates to this schedule. Login information will be available on the library website and posted on the physical library door prior to the meeting.

M.E.B. JULY & AUGUST 2020

OUR SERVICES

The 2020 COVID-19 Phased Library Services Plan has been adopted by the Library Trustees. Although we were forced to temporarily close our building due to COVID-19, we immediately switched to virtual services and digital borrowing, effectively keeping the library open remotely.

Moving forward, what can you expect?

We are committed to serving our community, and will do so while continually assessing conditions to keep the health, safety, and well-being of our staff and our patrons our top most priority.

Each phase of our plan includes extensions and restrictions on services and hours, and we will revert to earlier phases if new infections occur and government mandates another stay at home order.

As you read this, our 2020 COVID-19 Phased Library Services Plan has allowed curbside service to begin. So, what comes next? When it is safe to do, we will add appointment-based computer, printing/copying/faxing services, while continuing curbside and digital services/programming.

The next phase allows us to open our doors to a limited number of patrons at a time for browsing the collection. All other services will continue, including curbside by appointment for those wishing to remain socially distant.

When the pandemic eases significantly, and we are able to begin our new "normal," patrons will be allowed into the library without restriction and we will gradually re-introduce physical programming. As exciting as this is, please understand that each phase will take time and we do not anticipate getting to the final phase for quite some time. This plan will be followed in conjunction with our COVID-19 Screening and Safeguard Measures Policy, ensuring our goal of staff and patron safety.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we move forward. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Janice through email at director.meblib@gmail.com and/or by phone - 642-3355.

EVENTS

Imagine YOUR STORY
SUMMER 2020
FAMILY
Live Music with Judy Pancoast
JOIN US ONLINE FOR A LIVE CONCERT FROM CHILDRENS MUSICIAN, JUDY PANCOAST.
EMAIL ME.B.SUMMERREADING@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER OR WATCH FOR THE JOIN LINK TO GO LIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA!
WED. 7/15 AT 10:30AM

Artist Trading Card Swap
ALL AGE
IT'S LIKE PEN PALS BUT WITH ART!
WHAT IS AN ARTIST TRADING CARD?
IT'S A 3.5X5.5 INCH PIECE OF ARTWORK MEANT TO BE TRADED WITH OTHER CREATORS! BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN "ARTIST" TO MAKE ONE!
EMAIL ME.B.SUMMERREADING@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO SIGN UP. YOU WILL RECEIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANOTHER PARTICIPANT TO WHICH YOU WILL SEND YOUR CARD!
PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COST OF POSTAGE.
Sign up for three swaps!
CARDS TO BE MAILED BY 6/27, 7/18, AND 8/8!

Comics: History & Culture with Marek Bennett
TEEN/ADULT
MAREK BENNETT PRESENTS A WINDING SURVEY OF COMICS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO WHAT THEIR VIBRANT NARRATIVES TELL US ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND PERIODS THAT CREATED THEM. BENNETT ENGAGES AND INVOLVES THE AUDIENCE IN AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL SAMPLE COMICS REPRESENTING CULTURES SUCH AS ANCIENT GREECE, MEDIEVAL EUROPE, THE ANCIENT MAYA, FEUDAL AND MODERN JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY, AND NAZI GERMANY DURING WORLD WAR II. THE PROGRAM EXPLORES THE VARIOUS WAYS OF CREATING AND READING COMICS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, AND WHAT THESE TECHNIQUES TELL US ABOUT THE CULTURES IN WHICH THEY OCCUR.
THIS EVENT IS FUNDED BY A NH HUMANITIES GRANT.
Thurs. 7/30 @ 6pm

Brentwood Meeting Dates

Be sure to check the individual organization articles inside for many more activities and dates!

- Jul 2 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office.
- Jul 3 **Town Offices Closed** in observance of 4th of July.
- Jul 3 **Fourth of July Parade on the 3rd!** Parade will begin at 10:00 am, participants gather at SCS parking lot.
- Jul 4 **Summer Concert Series**, First Baptist Church, 201 North Road, 6:30 pm.
- Jul 6 **Library Trustees Meeting**, 6:00 pm via Jitsi. Login information will be available on the library website.
- Jul 7 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.
- Jul 14 **Brentwood Democratic Committee Meeting**, 7:00 pm. Email brentwoodnhdems@gmail.com for Zoom link.
- Jul 15 **Brentwood Republican Meeting**, Brentwood Rec Center, 190 Route 125, 6:30 pm.
- Jul 16 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. Check the town website and PB agenda for login details.
- Jul 18 **Summer Concert Series**, and First Baptist Church's 3rd Annual Chicken BBQ, 201 North Road, 6:30 pm.
- Jul 20 **Library Trustees Meeting**, Via Jitsi. Login information will be available on the library website.
- Jul 21 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.
- Jul 28 **Recreation Commission Meeting**, Town Office, 6:30 pm. TENTATIVE, check with the Rec Dept. to confirm.
- Aug 1 **Brentwood Historical Society** Open Hours 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Aug 1 **Summer Concert Series**, First Baptist Church, 201 North Road, 6:30 pm.
- Aug 6 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. Check the town website and PB agenda for login details.
- Aug 10 **Friends of the Library Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:30 pm.
- Aug 15 **Deadline for submissions to the Brentwood Newsletter.**
- Aug 15 **Summer Concert Series**, First Baptist Church, 201 North Road, 6:30 pm.
- Aug 17 **Library Trustees Meeting**, Via Jitsi. Login information will be available on the library website.
- Aug 20 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. Check the town website and PB agenda for login details.
- Aug 25 **Recreation Commission Meeting**, Town Office, 6:30 pm. TENTATIVE, check with the Rec Dept. to confirm.

Senior Luncheons will begin again in September.

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