

BRADFORD DAYS THANK YOU

We did it! We made it through another year.

And what a year it was. There are SO many people to thank so I apologize for this lengthy post in advance =) Please know that there is no significant ordering to this list. Those who come last are just as important as those who came first.

To my Co-Chair, Jess Webb: Thank you so much for all of the hours you put into planning this event with me. All the driving to pick up supplies, the phone calls, the stuffing envelopes, coming up with ways to manage each crisis that reared its head. For managing the outside activities on Saturday while I sold tickets and managed the craft fair. For doing the heavy lifting of keeping me going when I was ready to collapse. I could not have done this without you. You are a rock star.

To our sponsors: I cannot say enough how much we appreciate every single person and business who donated funds to this event. Whether you donated \$1 or \$2,000 it made a difference and we absolutely could not have pulled this off in such a short time without you.

Parker Lumber Company & Mayo Family Farms LLC (Fireworks); Pat & Dave Billings (Petting Zoo); Morgan's Carpentry & Handyman Services (Anah Temple Shriners); Varney Buick GMC, Tim's Autobody, Ryan's Automotive & Truck LLC, Mike's Big Rig, & Rob Bibber (Auto Show); Cribs To Crayons Childcare (Laser Tag); 95'er Diner, Bakery, and Market (Bounce Houses).

To the volunteers who worked the event: Bless you. You gave up your time to sit out in the hot sun all day long for the enjoyment of others and the kids. You could have been enjoying the event yourselves and instead, you chose to work to make it better for others. That is pure awesomeness.

Tara Hesseltine & her family members Logan, Maizee, and Emily worked from 7 AM until after 9 PM on Saturday for us this year. Simply amazing. Kendra & Rodney Page who pulled together the Auto Show from the complete disaster I was making it into a show worthy of participating in. Lifesavers. Brandy Chamberlain for running this year's most popular non-inflatable event (Balloon Pop) and her son Jericho for running the laser tag event. Thank you both for working so long and so hard in the hot sun. Lainie Parson, Karen Bibber, Dustin Bibber, and Rob Bibber (because I know you got roped into it) for running the rest of the kids' games. I know some of you were running 2 or more games just so there were games to offer this year. All of you are amazing and deserve more than these simple words can express. If I have missed anybody that stepped up to help during the day and I wasn't aware of it you deserve a Thank You as well. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Suzette Labbe who stepped up on Friday night to help me out with BINGO and gave up being able to play yourself. Thank you for helping me to move things along quickly and efficiently.

To the Town of Bradford Board of Selectmen: Thank you for allowing us the ability to host the event again this year and get back to living life normally.

To the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you were able to do this year even with all the upheaval in your department going on. Managing parade traffic, dealing with fireworks safety, sponsoring our BINGO event this year, and getting the big canopy tents set up & broken down so that we were able to have shade for the games and food areas. I cannot even tell you how much time and stress that last part saved us this year not having to worry about it.

To Stetson Parks & Rec: Thank you for doing me a solid and providing concessions for this year's event when I wasn't sure where I was going to come up with somebody to provide food on such short notice. I hope the event was a great fundraiser for your program.

To all of the crafters, direct sale vendors, and food trucks: Thank you for coming out to our event. The booth fees from your patronage were enough to sponsor this year's live music from The Tyler Healy Band. Thank you for giving us something to dance to Saturday night.

And last but certainly not least....

Thank you to every person who attended Bradford Days 2021! All of the planning and all of the hard work that goes into this event means nothing if you don't come out to enjoy it. Whether you live in town or travel from other towns to come to enjoy a day of fun we appreciate you.

Thank you,
Courtney Arrants, Co-Chair of Bradford Days Committee

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Courtney-Jo Arrants, Chairperson

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