



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

Marlene Freyler, owner of Marlene's His & Her Salon see page 15

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

May 1995

Library Trustees agree to reconsider Central School

Faced with the overwhelming disapproval at town meeting of their renovation plan for the Central School, the Selectmen at their April 3 meeting discussed how to bring about a reconsideration of the best use of public buildings. They agreed to begin by attending the Library Trustees meeting on April 5. At that meeting, Selectmen Dave Pickman and Marcia Keller asked the Trustees to reconsider moving the library to the Central School instead of expanding on their present site. The Trustees were receptive to the idea, responding with many questions. They reported that they are in the process of purchasing the adjoining strip of land from the Burnells, who have agreed to eliminate 75' set-back requirement in the present deed. All agreed that proceeding with the purchase would be advantageous for whatever purpose the building might be used. They expressed concern for how the library building would be used should the library choose to move. Pickman responded that he thought the police could move to the lower level of the library. The Trustees suggested

that the kindergarten might be an appropriate occupant. Selectmen commented that there was enough space at the Central School to house the kindergarten temporarily, until public kindergarten was provided at the elementary school. Trustees felt it would be an inappropriate mix of uses.

Selectman Pickman said the first question to be answered was whether the Trustees were interested in considering the alternative. He noted that their decision will have a ripple effect on the location of other town services and so needs to be made as quickly as possible. Chair Janet Sillars responded that they were certainly willing to evaluate the option, but there were many factors to take into consideration, including the fact that much of the library's value was built on charitable contributions. At the end of the meeting, the Trustees agreed to discuss the matter with the Library Building Committee and provide the Selectmen with their response as quickly as possible.

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Earth Day clean-ups, sponsored by the Conservation Commission, have improved the appearance of Bradford's roadsides. Community involvement, including the Business Association's cleanup along routes 103 and 114, have really made a difference. See page 6 for Earth Day cleanup winners.

Selectmen consider, evaluate, then reject, possible police station site

At the April 17 Selectmen's meeting, Police Chief Al Grindle asked the Selectmen to reconsider selling the old Texaco station on West Main Street until it had been evaluated for town use. He noted the need his department has for more space and expressed interest in moving the Police Department to the site. Selectmen responded by saying that time was short, with the April 28 deadline for the bids. Grindle requested that the Selectmen ask the Facilities

Committee to make a preliminary assessment prior to the 28th. Selectmen agreed and the request was made at the Committee's April 20 meeting.

The Facilities Committee responded by scheduling an inspection for the following weekend. Their written report, presented to the Selectmen on April 24, expressed their opinion that "Due to the probable costs of repair and renovation and the potential costs of an environmental

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Grant application for water/sewer feasibility study submitted to the State

On April 28, the Town of Bradford submitted an application to the Office of State Planning for an \$11,000 block grant to conduct an engineering study. The engineering study would evaluate the quality of drinking water and the management of waste water in the area of Main Street and Lake Todd, as well as the area surrounding Lake Massassecum. The study will recommend alternative types of systems and solutions to water prob-

lems in the area. With this study report, the Town will have the information it needs to clearly understand the extent of the problem and the possible solutions.

To meet the grant application requirements, a public hearing was held on April 24. Residents in attendance supported the action. Selectman Marcia Keller commented that the study was "long overdue." Grantwriter

Nancy Hibbard prepared the necessary documents.

Water-Sewer Needs Assessment Committee members have been canvassing designated areas in Bradford, asking residents to complete a needs assessment survey. Survey results will be tallied at the next committee meeting, to be held at the Town Hall on May 16 at 7:30 pm. Tom Clark will attend and guide the committee toward the next step in the assessment process.

Living in Bradford

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**Wednesday, May 17
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Baptist Church**

Bradford Historical Society notes

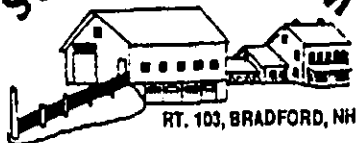
On Wednesday evening, May 24, at 7:30, in the Town Hall, the Society will present a program on quilts, most especially Bradford quilts. Hazel Morse will talk about the Town Quilt, which has been removed from the Town Hall for reconditioning and which will be framed for preservation and rehung by the Historical Society. A "signature" quilt will be dated, and the Baptist Church quilt will be shown. Members who have a special quilt and a story to tell should call Frances Winch, the program's chair, at 938-2124.

For you who missed the Society's program on Genealogies and want to know why all kin are not kissin' cousins, or how far we can trace the Presburys and the Gillinghams, or how to begin your own search for roots, we have a tape recording of the program presented by Gene Baer and Bill Weiler.

We are very grateful to the family of Herbert Wyman and to the Lamachs for their gifts to our archives. Society Headquarters in the Old Post Office building is open most Saturday afternoons, 1:30-3:00, or by chance or appointment. Please call Millie Kittredge at 938-5386 for information. --Nancy Hibbard

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Moon Mountain Arts announces its first in a series of four films to be shown on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church. Cindy Kleine, award-winning filmmaker from Weare, will be on hand to show two short films and discuss her work with the audience.

One film being featured that evening is *Doug & Mike, Mike & Doug*. This film and video visit with look-alike photographers, the Starn twins, records them in their daily lives. The second film is *Nana*, a portrait of Ms. Kleine's grandmother in her later years and a document on nostalgia, aging and personal destiny.

Ms. Kleine has been working in film and video since 1979. Her work has been shown widely at galleries, museums and festivals, both here and abroad. She is the recipient of a New England Regional Fellowship grant, and her work has been selected for broadcast on a national television series. She was the winner of the "First & Finest" category in the first ever New Hampshire Film & Video Exposition, held this past December.

MCT Cable, a sponsor of this program, has provided state-of-the-art projection equipment and technical staff to ensure the highest quality presentation of this film series. The series is funded by a generous grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, Rural Arts Program; and the National Endowment for the Arts; as well as matching donations from the community.

Series tickets, good for all four screenings, are available for \$12.00 in Bradford at Dodge's Store and Family & Friends Garage. Single performance tickets are also available, at a cost of \$4.00, students \$2.00. For more information or to volunteer to help Moon Mountain Arts, please call Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.

Selectmen encourage town facilities discussion

Since the defeat of the Central School renovation bond, Selectmen have struggled with the issue of the best use of town facilities and how to provide the best accommodations for town departments. Many suggestions have been voiced individually to Selectmen and at their weekly meetings. Selectmen encourage public discussion of the matter, asking townspeople to consider all alternatives. They welcome letters from residents with suggestions. Major questions include: where to locate the police department, adequate space for town records and business offices, the best use for the library building if the library moves, and future location of the kindergarten.

News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office

Office hours will be altered for the first two weeks of May:

Monday, May 1 2:00-7:00

Tuesday, May 2 8:00-5:00

Monday, May 8 2:00-7:00

Tuesday, May 9 8:00-1:00

Starting on May 15, we will resume our regular hours of:

Mondays, 2:00-7:00; Tuesdays, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon.

The office will be closed on May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday.

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Master Plan Update Committee

by Kathie Messer

First of all the Master Plan Committee is pleased to announce the addition of Harriet Douglass as its newest member.

It seems that there is never enough time to do all the things that should be done, so how did I ever end up on this committee? I am far more familiar with terms such as Cat 215, D-6 dozer or GMC General than with OSP, USGS topo sheets, CNHRPC, or Element Committees. I just start to get familiar with one aspect of this project when twenty more fall into view.

I have at least now read Bradford's current Master Plan, which I should have done years ago. A Master Plan is a reference containing maps, charts and supporting text, which is used as a guide when making decisions relating to a town's development. It should help a town meet change responsibly. If you could see my desk covered with masses of bulletins, letters, town ordinances, surveys, and planning regulations, you would think I was a town manager and not just someone who is researching how to conduct a successful community survey. It is like going to college again. I do know that when this is all said and done, if ever, I will know a lot more about the town I have lived in since I was two.

We are, in all actuality, making progress. We are working on a letter that will soon go to various Element Committees which have involvement in activities that fall within sections of a Master Plan. The answers we receive from the questions in this letter will hopefully provide us with the status of current accomplishments, activities, and goals of each group.

Also, from information we have received from the director of the Regional Planning Commission, copies of other town surveys and townspeople themselves, we will compile a community survey that best suits our town and needs.

We are still hoping for help from the original Master Plan team. What we want for the future of Bradford depends on everyone's input.

I am told that this is going to be fun. We'll see!



Winners of the Pinewood Derby, Adam Wetherby, David Whitcher, Andy Losik

Cub Scouts hold Pinewood Derby

Thirty of our Cub Scouts (Tiger Cubs, Bobcats/Wolf, and Webelos) participated in the 4th Annual Pinewood Derby on March 30 in the multi-purpose room at KRES at Bradford.

What is a Pinewood Derby? Each boy received a Derby Car Kit in February. They design their own cars from blocks of wood. Each is then cut, sanded, painted, and weights are added for speed. Each car can weigh only .35 ounces and measure 7 inches. Any car exceeding these standards is disqualified from the race.

The Derby Race is double-elimination. This means each boy gets to race his car at least twice. The faster the car, the better the chance of making the finals.

The Cub Scouts with the fastest Derby Cars this year were: First place, Adam Wetherby, Webelos; Second place, David Whitcher, Bobcat; Third place, Andy Losik, Tiger. --Barbara Raymond

GREAT NEWS!

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Letters



To the editor:

As a member of the KRSD Building Committee, I feel that it is important for the residents of Bradford to be aware of the critical need that presently exists at the high school. Time is of the essence in approving a building plan that will meet the needs of our growing high school population.

Several years ago, a building program addressed the space requirements of the elementary and middle schools. Now the students that filled our elementary schools are of high school age! The current building committee is putting together a proposal to meet these needs as economically as possible. The high school building is 25 years old and very few improvements have been made over the years. The current building does not adequately meet the educational needs of our high school students. The noise and distractions that occur in an open concept building make is very difficult for students to reach their true potential. This has been an on-going concern for educators as well as parents. Upgrading and improving the current building is an important part of the comprehensive building plan, whether or not additional classroom space is added. By including the renovations as part of a comprehensive building proposal, the school district will be eligible to receive 55% building aid from the State of NH. If the building proposal does not pass, taxpayers will be responsible for 100% of the cost of required improvements to the existing building.

Many voters are concerned about the possibility of New London withdrawing from the school district. This is not a good reason to vote against the proposal because if New London does withdraw, we will need a suitable facility to house both high school and middle school students. In addition, by creating a good building that takes into account the needs of the students, we may eliminate the desire for towns to withdraw from the district.

I urge everyone to set aside June 10. On this date, KRSD voters will reconsider this high school building proposal. Time is of the essence! The building project will not be completed in one summer. If we don't act now to improve the high school and create additional space, we will be spending our tax dollars on portable classrooms and expensive building improvements done in a piecemeal fashion. Being penny wise and pound foolish is not the way to provide our students with the quality education they deserve. PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING ON JUNE 10.

Kathy McKenna



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Food Pantry prepares to open

The Food Pantry Committee has been hard at work preparing the downstairs of the Fiske House. Renovations are underway, with the help of the Trustees and the youth groups. We hope to open on Memorial Day weekend.

Our Trustees have started renovations to the basement of the Fiske House. Several subcommittees have been formed to create an intake sheet and food pantry policy, to find out about food sources, and to come up with a nutritious menu. We hope to open the food pantry one evening a month. The food is intended to be a supplement, and not an entire grocery order, for people who are in need of food.

Community involvement is encouraged and donations are gratefully accepted. The following is a list of foods that we are looking for and can be dropped off at the Fiske House any time. We have four menus that will rotate monthly.

FRUIT: cans of peaches, pears, fruit cup, applesauce

VEGETABLES: cans of corn, green beans, spinach, carrots, beets, peas

Juice: bottles or cans of apple, tomato, V8, cranberry

MAIN MEALS: elbow macaroni, long spaghetti, tomato sauce with meat, potatoes, chicken stew, beef stew, corned beef hash, rice, tuna fish, egg noodles, instant potatoes, dried beef, corn chowder, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, rice pilaf, canned chicken

CEREALS: boxes of hot or cold (preferably low in sugar)

PERSONAL: toilet paper, bars of soap, tooth paste, shampoo

OTHER: peanut butter, powdered milk, crackers (low in sodium)

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154 children from Bradford and Newbury are participating in ball this season. There are 12 teams. 28 young people are involved in softball, while 126 participate in T-Ball, Rookie Ball, 9-10 year old ball, 11-12 year old, and 13-15 year old.

Each year we see an increase in the numbers of children participating in sports. Due to this wonderful accomplishment, the Bradford-Newbury Sports Committee is looking for property to house new baseball and soccer fields.

A Booster Club was founded in 1994 to undertake fundraising so that new uniforms and equipment can be purchased for our children. Please watch for these various fundraisers during baseball season. A few already in the works: bake sale, handcrafted oak plant hanger sale, and a booth or two at the Fourth of July Celebration.

A bulletin board is going to be placed in the Bradford IGA. Please stop by and check out which team your favorite ball-player is one. Also check the schedule to see when and where a game is being played. If you don't have a favorite player, and you see a game in progress, stop by and cheer our children on!

-Barbara Raymond

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**BLUE NEWS ... Report from the Police Department,
by Kathy Grindle**

Bradford now has its own Animal Control Officer (ACO), Cindy Fitton, who was sworn in last month. She will begin Part-Time Officer's Academy in May and will attend ACO Training School in July. Animal complaints should continue to be made to the Police Department, who will contact Officer Fitton. Any inquiries regarding lost animals can also be made to the PD, as strays will be held for a period of time before being disposed of or turned over to the ASPCA. Officer Fitton will also be in charge of tracking down those residents who have not registered their animals for the year. All of us at the PD would like to welcome Cindy and say how glad we are to have her as a member of our team. We hope that our new ACO will receive cooperation from the community, as she will be working to help put a stop to the spread of rabies.

The search is continuing for the new full-time officer. A written exam, as well as a physical agility test, was conducted on Sunday, April 30th, for all candidates. Those who passed both tests were scheduled for oral boards to be given on May 7th. It is expected that the oral boards will narrow the field to two or three candidates, who will then undergo background checks as well as other necessary investigation. More than fifteen applications were received for the position.

The PD is participating with the State of NH to accept weapons which anyone wishes to turn in, whether in person or anonymously. Contact the PD for instructions concerning how, when and where to drop off the weapon, either to the Bradford Police or to the State Police. The PD will accept any type of weapon or ammunition. All weapons will be disposed of six



months after they are received. None will be sold at public auction or put back into the hands of the public. This is an effort by the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police to dispose of unwanted weapons and ammunition which could pose a hazard to members of the community.

There were 64 total incidents in April through the 25th. These included 1 indecent exposure, 1 DWI, 1 missing person, 2 domestic assaults, 6 suspicious persons/motor vehicles, 6 assists to other Depts/Rescue, 9 animal complaints, and 11 unsecured premises. We also made 4 arrests and issued 12 summons and 34 warnings (mainly for speeding).

Please remember that with warm weather moving in, people will be more active. If you are driving, please watch for children and adults on bicycles and rollerblades, as well as those walking along our roadways.

The June column will describe PD plans for the Fourth of July celebration on July 1. Early thoughts are to gear some activities toward our younger residents, such as face painting, free gifts, and bicycle safety checks. Stay tuned for next month!



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Earth Day cleanup helps beautify Bradford

Some folks started as early as 6:00 am to clean up trash along their roads on Earth Day. The early birds were rewarded by finding marked cans that were turned in at the recycling center for some exciting prizes. The two top winners were Timmy Greenlaw, who found eight cans, and Rachel Brooks, who found seven cans. Other winners include: the Bruss family, Dayton family, Peter and A.J. Blank, Trinity Bigford, John McDonald, the Hanson family, Mary Hopwood, the David Symkiewicz family, and three other children and one adult, whose names have been lost.

Everyone seemed to think that the amount of roadside trash has decreased each year. Hopefully this means some of the worst trash was picked up in previous years and things will continue to improve. Our thanks to all who worked so hard.

Our special thanks to these Bradford businesses and friends, whose donations made the 1995 treasure hunt possible: Bradford Apartments, Bruss & Sons Construction, Applesseed Inn, Dodge's Store, Bradford IGA, InterActive Micro, Mauri's Hair Design, Merrimack Farm Store, Mike Ripberger, Postmaster, Dick and Phyllis Whall, Amy and John Blitzer, Family and Friends Garage, Sunshine Farm Antiques, Video Pursuit, and Gene's Raspberry Farm.

The NH Audubon Society held a vacation week program for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Participants studied different natural environments each day, which involved field trips. One of the program, "Boogie to the Bog," featured a trip to the Bradford Bog. The Bradford Conservation Commission sponsored two children, selected by KRES Bradford, for the trip. The children were Becca Payson and Brendan Shultz.

On May 5, Bradford eighth graders will come to the Pearl Town Forest to clean up a picnic area and plant grass seed and wild flowers.

We encourage everyone to try to make it to the bog the last week of May. This is when the rhodora blossoms are usually at their best. --Amy Blitzer



Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

Easter is now behind us, but the church has a full plate for the month of May. On May 2, the American Baptist Women's Ministry will host a Mother/Daughter Banquet, beginning at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Some of the men in our church will serve a chicken pot pie meal. The program will be: "Christian Clowning."

On May 5, at 1:30, the Women's Christian Guild will meet at the church to host the spring gathering of the Kearsarge-Ragged unit of the inter-faith organization, Church Women United. The occasion, May Fellowship Day, is one of the Church Women United's three annual celebrations which bring together church women of varied groups. The theme for the May meeting is "All have a place at the table." The program will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. The meeting is open to all interested women.

On May 7, our church will celebrate Youth Sunday. The theme will be the importance of being good role models for our young people. Some of our youth will participate in the service. The Right Hand of Fellowship will be extended to new members on that day.

Our youth groups will meet in the afternoon of May 7 at the parsonage for a barbeque. Grades 4-6 will meet from 2:30-4:00 and grades 7-12 will meet 4:30-6:00.

Several members of the youth group helped clean out the basement of the Fiske House, where the Food Pantry will be set up. They hope to help out with some painting in the near future. Their plans for the next couple of months include a car wash, bake sale, dance, and a trip to Canobie Lake Park.

The sixth anniversary meeting of the American Baptist Churches of New Hampshire and Vermont will be held May 11-13 in Rutland, Vermont. At least two church members will be attending part of the meeting.

Our Support Group meets on Wednesday evenings at the Fiske House, 7:30-9:00. We are studying Harriet Goldher Lerner's book, *The Dance of Intimacy*.

Our Bible Study group meets at the parsonage on Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00. We finished our Lenten series and have returned to 1st Corinthians.

A new series of membership classes will begin sometime during the month of May. Call the church office for more information.

The Board of Christian Education has started an "Extended Family Program." A booklet is being put together with pictures and information about our Sunday School children. Adults in the church are asked to pick a child and be his or her "extended family" by greeting the child on Sunday mornings and sending holiday greeting cards. The goal of the program is to bridge the generation gap and to help the children realize how special they are.

Our angel for the month of May (written by Debbie Lamach) is recognized for her flair for poetry. It all began with a poem at Thanksgiving, then Christmas, one for the Irish Revue, and one at Easter. Yes, our angel for May is none other than Carolyn Grindle. Carolyn is there helping at coffee hour, at a church supper, ready with a comforting word or a hug, going about with a quiet demeanor and a friendly smile for all.

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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

Thankfully, we are seeing the tapering off of the heavy work schedule, now that the budget bill has been sent over to the Senate. Most of my work now is committee work on applicable Senate bills that we received after Crossover Day.

Concerning the State budget, I was not pleased with the failure of the House to do more on the budget and get closer to a balanced budget before sending the bill on to the Senate. As it now stands, if the Senate cannot find additional savings or revenue, it will be necessary to enact a 6 1/4% cut across the board on department budgets. Hopefully updated revenue figures will help close the gap. I voted against any measure that would pass on obligations to the local towns. I have been assured by House leadership that they too are against transferred load to the local level.

Since my last article in the *Bridge*, the House passed on a term limit bill regarding our Congressmen and Senators and refused the line item veto for the Governor.

My committee (Science, Technology and Energy) has crafted important bills that will soon see legislative session action. In-

cluded in these are HB168, a pilot program for retail wheeling of electric power, HB106, a telecommunications deregulation and competition action, and HB 170 to establish a computerized network lab.

I have had significant input in drafting amendments to SB86, providing for indoor air quality for State rental properties; SB28, providing for administrative fines for State I & II vapor recovery for clean air; and SB74, for adoption of Federal NRC regulations regarding the handling, transport, and licensure of radioactive materials.

Many constituent inquiries concern conflicts with department rules. Rules are drafted to administer legislative intent. Sometimes they do not address all situations, but under rules, there is a process for petition and appeal. Most problems can be resolved through direct negotiation or through the petition process. I am pleased to help in this area.

By the end of May, we should have acted on all Senate bills and conference reports. So most of our work will be completed by the next issue of the *Bridge*.

Fourth of July Celebration coming July 1

Don't forget to set aside Saturday, July 1, for Bradford's Annual Fourth of July Celebration.

Plans are in full swing to make this year's celebration a huge success. Start off the day by running, walking, or watching the road race; everyone is invited to participate. Then it's on to the Church Fair, where you can browse the booths for hand-made items, books, giant cookies, jewelry, plants, baked goods, white elephant items, and much more. Stay for lunch, then watch the parade with all its fire engines, floats, and marchers.

Then go to Brown Shattuck Field, where the Fire Department works very hard to make sure everyone has fun playing games and enjoying the midway. Plan on staying there for dinner and enjoy the luscious barbecued chicken with fixings, cooked and served by the Fire Department. And last but not least, marvel at the sounds and bursts of color at the gigantic fireworks display. It's a day for the whole family to enjoy.

If you'd like to help prepare for this huge Bradford event, call Mary Mitchell at 938-5268 to volunteer. —Carolyn Grindle

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? The Oklahoma City bombing couldn't have happened in our safe and sane country. We Americans don't do such things to each other. Terrorists? Not here in New Hampshire. But look again! Sometimes we need to come to a complete halt and look at ourselves. Perhaps the sooner we face the world we are in, the safer our world will be in the long run.

We, here in the United States, have always been safe from terrorists ... that sort of thing only happens overseas and is always done by foreigners. Wrong. We have always had terrorists in our country. We are afraid to name them and to recognize them for what they are. Perhaps if you don't name an act of violence it will go away -- it isn't there if you don't formally recognize it.

If we do not stand up and get counted, insist that the laws are enforced, and those who perpetrate crimes be found and made to face charges, we will live always in fear. Back in the seventies, the KKK openly recruited new members all over New Hampshire: these were fertile grounds for new recruits. To them, Live Free or Die meant the same things as it does to their successors, the new militia -- the people who bomb clinics and shoot people who do not think the way they do.

Anarchy is the same thing by any one of a number of names; it is a threat to us and our country. We need to face the fact that there are people among us who want us to live in fear and change our ways to fit their desires.

Last time it was shootings in Newbury. This year it is intimidation in Henniker, where at this moment there are death threats and swastikas. This form of misguided bias is certainly terrorism, and it isn't just the college's problem. It is a cancer that will invade us all unless we pay attention and stop it before it sucks us into

its vortex. We are not immune to the terrors; we have folks who would have us live in fear. If we can be threatened into silence, we are immobilized. If we do not stand up on our two hind legs and see that laws are enforced, we are not living a free life. If there are laws on the books, and these laws are knowingly not enforced by our elected officials, and we do not insist that they carry out those laws, we are as derelict as those officials, and more is the shame on all of us. We are helping those who threaten us to take one more step towards anarchism.

If we are silent because of fear that something will happen to our property or ourselves, they (whoever they are) have already won. The people who bomb are the same people who threaten; they have simply taken one more step and gone over the brink.

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool news

School ends this month. It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. We will end the year with our annual Beach Day at Sunapee State Park, May 31. Food is shared, the children play in the sand, and parents and staff have a chance to reflect on the year. Most importantly, it's a day to have fun together.

June 2 is the date for the Preschool and Kindergarten graduation ceremony. And this month we will be having a Spring Raffle to complete our fundraising events for the year. Win a Beach Basket with a season's pass to Sunapee State Park, a Garden Basket filled with wonderful surprises and help with your gardening, haircuts, pizzas, a surprise gift from the Bradford Police Dept., or an oil change from Family & Friends Garage.

A warm thank you to Helen and Roy Moseley for donating a Commodore computer to our school. We have also recently purchased a new Apple computer, which will help with bookkeeping, assist our teacher, and delight the students.
--Mary Keegan-Dayton



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Newbury Cut was engineering marvel in 1871

by Clare Bensley

For 21 years, Bradford was the last stop on the Concord - Claremont Railroad line. Progress beyond Bradford was delayed all those years because the engineers were unable to penetrate the mass of granite ledge at the top of the climb in Newbury just before Lake Sunapee.

Finally, in 1871, using a newly designed steam drill to remove ten thousand cubic feet of rock, they were able to cut a twenty-foot wide swath through the mass. Building the line through to Newport could proceed. The chief weapon in this engineering feat, a revolutionary tool in its day, was a 2 1/2-inch steam-driven bit that could drill nine feet in fifty minutes. Previous to this, all driving had been done by hand ... a long and tedious process.

The rock that was removed from the cut was blasted with dynamite to reduce it to small pieces, which were used to fill in low-lying areas. In some places, the land had to be raised 100 feet to bring it up to grade level. A good example of filling can easily be seen on Mountain Road where the track crosses the road just before Route 103. Here the fill area rises abruptly from the Andrew Brook stream bed. If you park in this area and follow the abandoned railroad bed to the west toward Lake Sunapee, you will soon come to the Newbury Cut. This area of exposed rock is popular with amateur geologists and also budding mountain climbers, who practice rappelling here before going on to greater challenges in the White Mountains.


Paul Gove remembers when he and the other students from Mt. Sunapee, Newbury and Bradford took the train every day to attend school in Warner. Paul would walk from his home on the mountain above the present Sunapee traffic circle, leaving home at 7:00, catching the train, attending school in Warner, then arriving back home at 5:00, if he was lucky. Bad weather usually meant at least a two-hour delay. The most memorable delay came in the 1920's during a raging blizzard. As the train pulled out of Bradford and began to gain altitude, the snow fell harder and became packed by the wind in the Cut. It accumulated so fast that the plow and shovelers were unable to keep ahead of it. The train stalled and all on board were forced to spend the night, snowbound inside the Newbury Cut.



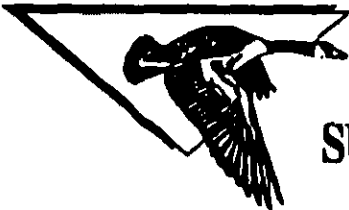
CRUISING THROUGH Newbury Cut on the Claremont Branch of the Northern Railroad, the Lebanon (Old No. 8) was a wood burner built in 1888. (Photo courtesy of Concord Railroad YMCA)

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In and About the KRSD, by Dick Keller, Bradford School Board Rep

April was a month of varying degrees of stimulation at the Kearsarge Middle School. For the students, it included a week's participation at Nature's Classroom for the sixth graders and a trip to Boston to see *Les Miserables* for the eighth graders. Nature's Classroom was held at the YWCA campground at Silver Bay, NY on the shore of Lake George. In addition to the indoor/outdoor interrelated classes, the students participated in a lengthy hike through the areas, as well as talent night, all in the making for a very memorable occasion. This very successful program, according to accolades from both parents and students, is coordinated by sixth grade teacher Rob O'Neil, who stayed at home this year to assist with a new family member.

Prior to the Boston trip, eighth grade teacher Daniel Kocsis set the stage event in a historical perspective of France at the time of the French revolution, providing meaningful insight into the event for the students.

Individual recognition for outstanding achievement by our Middle School students goes to John Teti, eighth grader, who will represent the State of New Hampshire in the National Spelling Bee competition in Washington, DC. Also traveling to Washington, DC is Sarah Becker, who was chosen to represent New Hampshire at the RespecTeen Youth Forum, based on her outstanding letter concerning freedom of religion. Hugh Daigle is to be congratulated for his second place win in the Geography Bee.

The Middle School Math Team also deserves recognition, having finished third in the Twin State Math League. As a result of their high scores, John Teti, Spencer Scheffy, Branden Cote, Matt Wroblewski, Hugh Daigle, and Eric Regnell have all qualified for the annual All Star Meet, to be held May 19 at the Claremont Voc Tech. Congratulations and good luck to all of the above. Way to go!

For staff, the stimulation was based on a less positive note. At the School Board meeting on the 13th, the Kearsarge Regional Education Association (KREA) presented a list of concerns that were expressed on forms that had been circulated by the School Board Communication Committee as part of its effort to facilitate open communication between staff and Board. The issues presented by the KREA, and supported by parents, dwelt primarily on the Middle School administration in its overbearing response to situations and lack of response to staff input and parental concerns. Board members had begun an evaluation of complaints with visits to the school, a review and compilation of the communication suggestion questionnaires, and interviews. The discussion will continue at a forum on May 1 at 6:00 pm at the High School.

A Middle School applied academics meeting is scheduled for May 31/June 1 for a roundtable discussion that will include teachers, administrators, and school board members. This process, which, at the High School, began to look at improving the transition process for students from Middle to High School, will certainly extend at the Middle School level to address the transition for fifth graders.

With 19 students on the roster, the Kearsarge Regional Interact Club, a Rotary affiliate, received its charter from the Rotary Club. Rotary is an international organization that has community service as its primary goal.

Bradford's School Board member is Board representative to the student councils and attended the April 19th meeting of the High School Student Council. The key issue was concern over the District's failure to support the High School addition. They described the problems of overcrowded conditions, high levels of distraction, and the deteriorating facility that they presently live with, and their concern for future classes when these conditions can only get worse. They are seeking ways to reach out

with these concerns to residents across the district.

As to the overcrowding, we see the increased numbers coming up through the classes. The three grades in the Middle School have as many students as the present four grades in the High School and the lower grades will be contributing like numbers. Few people remember the two portable classrooms needed at the High School when the student population reached 600 in the past. We are faced now with less space within the existing building because of internal changes made in recent years to address specialized educational needs.

A survey of student projections prepared by the Office of State Planning indicates even more students in the future than is projected by the SAU. Real or unreal begs the question of how many people do you no longer recognize at the Post Office or the bank or the transfer station? The impact is real and according to all the projections will not diminish.

The Building Committee at its April 10th meeting decided that reducing the square foot area of the addition to the High School as proposed at the Annual Meeting would be unwise. Further review of potential savings by going to a two-story addition vs. the single story to meet the square foot needs was discussed and, hopefully, some projections will be available for the next meeting of the committee, scheduled for Monday, May 1, at 7:30 pm at the High School. The committee is also reviewing various bonding periods that might affect total cost, tax impact, and implications of future capital expenditures. Watch for notices of a public hearing on the bond issue later in May in anticipation of the June 10th adjourned session of the District Meeting.

Other items of interest on the Board's agenda include specific district problems that result in student grade swings, particularly in the area of D's and F's; the expansion of the block scheduling program at the High School; staff evaluation process; class size; and long range strategic planning. You will be hearing more on each of these items as your Board works its way through them.

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HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent, selected by Sandy Wadlington

100 Years Ago, May 1895

Vast improvements are going on in our little city. Buildings are going up; others are being reconstructed and painted. A splendid spirit pervades the community. People are getting into greater sympathy with each other. Gossip is dying out. Business is on the rise.

50 Years Ago, May 1945

Pfc. Marshall Rowe came home from Texas last Friday for a 10-day furlough. His sister, Mrs. Wesley Cilley and little daughter JoAnn came up from Melrose, Mass., to their parents' home here.

Mildred Nutter and Jane Symmes demonstrated muffin-making on 4-H demonstration day in Concord on April 14. Merrimack Farmer's Exchange presented them with five-pound bags of flour and ribbons for winning second place as a junior demonstration team in this county.

Forefathers Gallery now resides upstairs at the Town Hall

Thanks to the efforts of the Historical Society, and Nancy Hibbard in particular, the portraits which had hung in the downstairs meeting room of the Town Hall have been refurbished and rehung upstairs. Nancy has also updated, reprinted and rehung the accompanying historical information. Everyone is encouraged to take a moment to go upstairs and see the lovely gallery.

... and from Bradford Historical Society materials, selected by Mildred Kittredge

May 4, 1899. The ice has departed from Todd and Bradford Ponds. However, "the fickle winds swung around into the North and with stinging breath, cemented the rotten ice" on Sunapee.

May 11, 1899. Mr. Chase has caught 103 trout this spring, 12 of them weighing 5 lb, 4 oz each.

The "Cucumber Club" is expected to have a meeting before long...all members are requested to assist in working a third degree.

Of interest to the Town: the launching of a 5-masted schooner, the Myron D. Cressy at Bath Maine, named for the town resident and principal owner. It is 249 feet on keel, 22 feet deep, a cost of \$990,000, to be used as a freighter.

May 1899. Will M. Cressy just finished an engagement in Chicago and is on to Omaha and California.

May 3, 1900. T.A. Young has sold to J.P. Irish & Co. the interest in his invention of the Champion Insect Exterminator. It acts on the sap of trees and will stop the eggs hatching ... sure death to Tent Caterpillars ... I have experimented for a number of years and got it perfected last year.

In 1915, Arthur Gardner roofed the Town Hall for \$185.72.

Final payment of CDBG grant

The Town has received a check for the third and final requisition for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to New Kearsarge Corporation (NKC) for a total payment to the company of \$310,286. With this step, repayment will begin on the principal balance of the loan. To date, NKC interest payments totaling more than \$25,000 have been paid into the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund. The funds are held by the Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC), acting as the Town's agent.

Within the next few weeks, Neil Cannon, Executive Director of the CRDC, will activate the Bradford Revolving Loan Review Committee. Under the terms of the loan policy, five members, who are residents of Bradford, are appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen. Two additional members, with private sector commercial lending experience, will be appointed by CRDC.

The Committee will be responsible for carrying out the requirements outlined in the Statement of Loan Policy adopted by the Board of Selectmen in June 1993. The loan policy sets the criteria for evaluating applications for second generation loans. Borrowers must meet SBA regulations as eligible small businesses, projects must benefit Bradford residents, and 70% of the jobs created must be offered to low or moderate income individuals.

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BBA leads Bradford onto the information superhighway by Sherry Chomitz

Communication, by definition, is an exchange of information (knowledge, opinions, or facts). The Bradford Business Association was shown how to communicate via that "old" method with a "new" twist by Glen Glanville, MCT business customer representative. We are talking, of course, about the telephone. Merrimack County Telephone is well-prepared to offer Bradford residents many ways to communicate: by voice, video and data (both sending and receiving).

The telephone can now work for area businesses in more ways than ever before. For example, voice mail is available for use instead of an answering machine (which in our business is sometimes rendered useless by the cat sleeping on it and pressing all the buttons....). A personal communication service - your own personal telephone and number can be taken anywhere. A phone system can be installed in a business allowing it multiple lines, intercom, call holding, conference calling, and many other features. This allows a small business to seem more "professional" and get more done with fewer employees.

The video aspect of MCT is well known, but not limited to MTV. It will be possible, for instance, for advanced students to "attend" classes in remote schools or colleges via cable in the classroom or the home. Additional cable channels will become available in the future ... MCT would like to know what YOU want.

Data transfer through computers, modems and fax machines, in addition to voice and video communications, make it possible for Bradford businesses to access the information superhighway by way of the Internet. A system was approved by voters at the school meeting allowing a hookup at the high school. This new, rurally available technology will make it possible for more of us to work at home.

The BBA is communicating its concern for the community by sponsoring a Bloodmobile visit sometime in the summer. This suggestion topped the new ideas at the business meeting. The group also held its first 50/50 raffle, with the proceeds dedicated to the newly established Bradford Business Association Scholarship Fund. The first winner was Marlene Freyler, who generously donated her winnings to the fund as well.

Other civic activities include business participation in the Earth Day trash prize donations, Adopt-A-Highway trash removal by BBA members along routes 103 and 114, and the progress made to install an information booth at the Tall Pines rest area.

The second annual dinner and meeting will take place at the Bradford Inn on Monday, May 15 at 7:00. A buffet-style meal will be served and new officers will be elected at that time. New members are always welcome; what better time than at the annual dinner!

Marketing Conference for bed & breakfast inns will be held in Bradford

On Wednesday, May 24, the Rosewood Country Inn will host a marketing conference for bed & breakfast inns. Workshops will include "Offbeat ways to promote your inn" and "Writing and designing your promotional materials." Guest speaker will be Lisa Rogak, writer for *Bed & Breakfast, The Journal for Innkeepers*, and publisher of *Travel Marketing Bulletin*.

Registration deadline is May 17. For more information, contact Lesley Marquis at 938-5253.

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ALLEGRO CON MOTOR



by Chris Chomitz

When we last left our friends, the old cart-sprung autos were huddled in a corner of the garage discussing shock options ... the name of this game is control, and this is the shocking truth:

A coil spring is an energy storage device. It reacts against the weight placed upon it by increasing its level of tension until a state of equilibrium (stasis) is reached ... a sort of Mexican stand-off in the world of physics. (You remember physics: a body at rest tends to stay at rest ... especially if it has the remote.) Put a coil spring at each of the four corners of a very heavy metal-and-glass box and, oh, let's have the whole thing sitting on four rubber donuts so it can be propelled to incredibly high speeds (by burning old fossils?) and, well, the whole idea seems pretty unstable. It is. Get in. You just disturbed the equilibrium. The springs will adjust to the change in weight, but they'll overshoot their mark because the motion of the heavy sprung vehicle (and you) through the magic of inertia has a "ghost" weight that causes the springs to overreact and compress too far. They store too much energy and start to give some back. But instead of raising the vehicle to its proper height, the inertia of its motion (upward this time) causes it to go past its point of stasis - the springs get to release too much energy and the whole thing starts to come down again. This bouncing (oscillating) would go on forever if it weren't for the friction forces in the moving components and even in the air around and under the vehicle, acting to slow everything

down (inertia again ... where's that remote?). Eventually you stop moving. Then what? Get out and never go near the thing again? Wait. Maybe if there was enough friction in this thing, it wouldn't bounce! Maybe it needs shocks.

In truth, the part of the car which absorbs shocks and keeps them from rattling cars, bodies and bones, is the spring. The spring allows the wheel to follow dips and bumps and heaves. It would be happier just sitting and holding up weight, though. It doesn't know what to do with all the energy of its movement and tries to play "hot potato," sending some to the vehicle, some back at the road (helping make more potholes). The only way to smooth the ride is to get rid of this energy. The only way to get rid of unwanted energy is to convert it (ever since Newton's day, anyway). Through the use of friction, shocks convert the spring's unwanted energy to heat. The heat dissipates into the air. The ride is comfortable. (The global-warming people are alarmed.)

The friction-device next to (or inside) the spring is more properly called a "damper." It "damps," attenuates, "puts a damper" on unwanted suspension movements. It really doesn't absorb anything. As usual, it's always more complicated than that. It's like watching the "down" escalator in a department store and wondering what they do when the basement fills up with steps ...
Oops! Gotta get back to work!

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cleanup, the Committee unanimously does not recommend this building as a solution for the police department." They described substantial roof leaks, resulting in rotting roof boards and framing members, dismantled and unrepairable heating system, electrical system in need of replacement, floor drains full of used motor oil, and first floor plumbing dismantled. They concluded that, should a separate police building be needed, "a smaller, cement block building located on Town-owned land could be accomplished more economically and maintained and operated at less cost than a reuse of the Texaco station."

A discussion followed that included several members of the public. In response to a question concerning how to ensure that the new owner would complete the environmental assessment, Selectmen said the responsibility lies with the State. When some questioned where the police might be located, Selectman Pickman said it would be foolish to consider that question before the library decides where it would like to go. Selectmen then agreed to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Committee and proceed with the sale of the property. They thanked the Committee for the speed of its response.



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Selectmen's meetings in April

April 3. Road Agent Andy Anderson met to discuss the summer road repair schedule. Sections of West and Fairgrounds roads will be repaved, including removing large rocks; Forest Street will be shimmed; and all agreed that Oakdale Road needs "attention." Selectmen reported that Nancy Hibbard is researching whether grant money might be available for repairs to Bement Bridge.

April 10. Chief Grindle announced that he had selected Cindy Fitton to serve as the town's Animal Control Officer. She has a kennel and is willing to attend part-time officer school. An added benefit gained from having a female officer is that she can be used as a matron, helping when a female is taken into custody.

Planning Board members met to discuss the issue of the NH Fish & Game Department purchasing land on Simmons Pond in Sutton. The matter affects Bradford because the subdivision abuts the town line and a portion of the road to the pond is in Bradford. Responsibility for the cost to upgrade Bradford's portion of the road is the issue. Planning Board member George Morse said the subdivider should be required to appear before their board and be required to pay for the upgrade. Selectmen agreed that they would not sign a driveway permit until they know what Sutton decides to do. Selectman Keller recommended asking the Central NH Regional Planning Commission to get involved because the matter also involves Warner.

April 17. Police Chief Al Grindle met to request the Selectmen to evaluate the old Texaco station on West Main Street as a possible location for the police department before selling the property. Selectman Dave Pickman commented that two selectmen had voted to sell the property. However, he agreed to an evaluation of the

building by the Facilities Committee if it could be completed prior to the April 28 deadline for receipt of bids.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg and Code Enforcement Officer Perry Teele met to discuss whether codes were being violated during the Friday night auctions at Car Care of Bradford. Goldberg said he inspected the auction on April 14 and found some violations. He sent a letter to owner Jerry Holloway, giving him 30 days to correct the infractions and allowing the auctions to continue for that period. He expressed concern over the town's procedure to deal with applications for public usage of buildings, which he said should require a review by the Fire Department for life safety issues, as well as any structural inspection. Burdette said he was upset at the way Goldberg handled his inspection, discussing the matter in front of the public.

Teele commented that he had not yet been able to get there during an auction. But he noted that when the application came before the Planning Board, the auctions were described to be "occasional." He felt that regular auctions of that size would require two bathrooms, one handicapped accessible. Holloway commented that there was no change of use because auctions had been held there in the past, so there was no requirement that he upgrade his bathroom facilities. Both Holloway and Auctioneer Bob Burdette expressed the opinion that they were providing the public with entertainment and increasing business in town. They felt they were complying with the law and were not being treated well.

The matter of selling town properties resurfaced when the abutter to one piece expressed concern over his rights should the new owner of the land-locked piece require access across his property. He also

questioned the bid process. Tom Scribner and Ev Kittredge expressed their opinions that the Selectmen should postpone selling all the town properties until decisions had been made about locating town departments. Ev Kittredge commented that the Selectmen should have a written bid process so their awarding of bids has no appearance of capriciousness. Scribner expressed concern over the sealed bid process, which eliminates the opportunity for bidders to raise their bids, enabling the Town to get the most for the properties. Selectmen responded that anyone interested could attend the May 1 meeting when the bids are to be opened.

April 24. The meeting opened with a public hearing on submitting a grant application for a water and sewer feasibility study, which was supported by those in attendance.

Selectmen then reviewed a report from the Facilities Committee concerning the suitability of the old Texaco station to house the police department. The Facilities Committee unanimously rejected the idea. The Selectmen responded by determining to go ahead and review the bids for that property at their May 1 meeting. Residents then offered suggestions concerning locations for various town departments. Selectman Pickman responded that it was foolish to consider alternatives until the Library Trustees decide where they would like the library located.

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LIBRARY, continued from page 1

Selectmen Pickman and Keller and Library Building Committee Chair Everett Kittredge attended the Facilities Committee meeting on April 6 to inform the committee about the results of the Library Trustees meeting the preceding night. After responding with frustration that the option had been previously discussed and rejected, the Committee expressed its willingness to support the Library's efforts. A copy of the Turner Group plans will be given to Kittredge for use by the Building Committee.

Trustee Janet Sillars reported to the Selectmen at their April 10 meeting that the Library Trustees would like to consider the Central School location. However, to make an informed decision, they agreed that both locations would have to be evaluated for suitability as well as best value for the town. Once the purchase of the strip of land has been completed, they will invite architects to evaluate both sites and propose design ideas with comparative costs. Building Committee Chair Ev Kittredge asked that Selectmen not consider housing the kindergarten in the same building as the library. He said the Trustees feel "A library building should be under the control of the library." However, they would be willing to have town records stored in a vault in the lower level. Concern was again expressed over what the library building would be used for. Millie Kittredge suggested leasing it to the Historical Society. When Selectmen expressed concern that the evaluation process could drag on, Sillars agreed to work toward a 90-day goal.

The Library Trustees, members of the Library Building Committee, and Friends of the Library met on April 19th to discuss the Selectmen's proposal. The feeling was expressed that the library building was an attractive historic structure and any future use should respect its importance to the Main Street area. After a lengthy discussion of pros and cons, a "straw vote" was held to get a sense of the group's feeling. Based on the assumption that a suitable plan with reasonable costs could be developed, the nineteen people in attendance all voted to move to the Central School.

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

Before moving her hair salon to Route 114 in Bradford 17 years ago, Marlene Freyler, owner of MARLENE'S HIS & HER SALON, owned a salon in Manchester. As a hair stylist and beautician, Marlene cuts, styles, perms, and colors hair for men, women and children. She offers make-up, face-waxing, eyebrow care, and manicure services too.

Her training began 31 years ago, as a really-young-for-her-age sixteen-year-old high school graduate. Marlene, who liked "fooling around with hair," entered Houle's Beauty Academy in Manchester. Having earned a beautician's certificate, she was working on her own by the age of eighteen.

Even in those early years, Marlene had an instinctive knack for business. In her first salon, in order to make ends meet, she rented booth space to two other hair stylists, who each paid her \$100 monthly rent—a practice common today. Another early business decision propelled her toward Bradford.



Marlene had become acquainted with Bradford through summer folk. Business was slow in the city during the summer. Putting two and two together, she saw a great opportunity—to open a summer salon in an appealing setting for city visitors needing her services. She recalled the hectic schedule: in Manchester from 6:00 am to noon; in Bradford from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. With the Bradford business picking up, she decided to close her Manchester salon and move her

business full-time. She said, "I came here because it was cheap." Rent was \$60 a month, including heat. "Can you imagine that?" she commented.

In her profession, Marlene has become an observer of the nation's fashion styles. Thirty years ago, women wore "beehives, the up-do bouffant styles with the twist, big curls on top, and teasing. You could leave your hair up for a week," she said. In the 1960's and 70's, most young people did not cut their hair. In the late 1970's and 80's, when the New York hair designer Sassoon was fashionable, women were beginning to replace the hanging-down straight look with stylized cuts. Tie-dyed T-shirts were becoming a memory in an era represented by Twiggy and Mia Farrow. "Today, any style goes."

To stay current, Marlene frequently attends shows and conventions. In a show last October, Marlene reported that a "flat-top" style for men is "in." Young girls shave their heads; preferred hair color is mahogany-red, or black, black, black. Marlene thought that the style people choose depend on their personality. Some always wear hair short; others always long (no matter what is in fashion) ... the bread and butter styles which sustain her business.

An unforgettable childhood experience in a beauty salon influences Marlene's approach with customers. She recalled, "When I was a kid, I had long hair down to my shoulders. I went in for a trim and left the shop with a 'D.A.' (Duck's ...) like Elvis Presley. I wasn't talked into the style, the hair stylist just 'did it.'" If a customer (no matter how young) only wants a half-inch cut off, that's all she cuts.


Marlene's husband, George (Special Education teacher for 9th and 10th graders in Manchester's Central High School and the owner of a driving school) is tolerant of the frequent changes in Marlene's hair style. She said that if her husband doesn't like a particular style, his only comment is, "Did you do something different today?"

Like the Henniker tanning salon complex which features a Mexican restaurant, MARLENE'S is filled with surprises. She sells fresh-cut flowers, plants-in-season, and wedding invitations. With available wire and credit card services, she makes it easy for rural clients to send flowers anywhere in the United States. Drawing on the knowledge she gained from flower arranging courses at UNH, Marlene creates individually designed floral arrangements for weddings, funerals, and special occasions.

She is a member of the Bradford Women's Club and the Business Association. Her reliable intuition tells her that the business climate is as good in Bradford as it is anywhere else in New Hampshire. Emphatically, she said, "I don't care where you go."

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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

SERMONS IN STONE

by Susan Allport
 W.W. Norton & Co., NY 1994
 Available at Brown Memorial Library

A person out for a walk in New Hampshire woods might find a serene, out-of-the-way spot and feel he/she is treading where no one else has ever trod. But this thought would soon vanish when, a few feet away, a stone wall or old fence came into view. Throughout this book, Allport takes the reader back into history, with a focus on stone walls and fences.

Allport's research touches on native Americans of New England, many of whom lived a nomadic existence. Dutch settlers had good relations with them and recognized their right to possess land. The Dutch worked to require all settlers to purchase land whenever new colonies were established. The English, however, "claimed vast tracts of land in the name of the crown by right of discovery, and their papers and records, as if to justify their land policies, are filled with criticisms of the Indian way of life."

A point of interest concerns the English colonists' belief that the Indians burned land to clear it and facilitate moving through the forests. At the same time, Adriaen van der Donck, a Dutchman, taking an interest in Indian customs and traditions, learned that the burning thinned out and cleared the woods of all dead substances and grass, which then grew better the following spring.

Other aspects of the fence and stone wall evolution include the beginnings of the "fence viewer" occupation. The book touches on walls, stiles, how religion affected reason and attitudes, and the laborers - slaves, Indians, indentured servants, and children - who built the enclosures.

A fascinating book full of excellent illustrations by David Howell.

Researched by Sandy Wadlington, with photos provided by Steve Hansen



West Main Street looking east, from the driveway of the Bradford Bridge, circa 1900 and present. In 1896, electric light (and therefore poles and wires) were installed - as seen on left of both photos. The maples, oaks and elms are mostly gone, victims of road widening, old age, disease and road salt. In the upper photo, the house on the right, which today belongs to Burton and Ellen Hersh, was the Woodside Inn, owned by Roswell Cummings.



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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



May will bring more warmth and sunshine! There will be great outdoor sports to play or enjoy. I feel good ... hope you do too! Happy Mother's Day to you Moms!

Chocolate Mint Tarts - No Baking!

- 6 Keebler single serve graham cracker crusts
- 1 8-oz fat-free cream cheese
- 1 (4-serving) pkg Jello sugar-free instant chocolate fudge pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup Cool Whip lite 1 tsp mint extract
- 1 Tbsp mint or plain mini-chocolate chips

In a medium bowl, stir cream cheese with a spoon until soft. Add dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Mix well with a wire whisk. Blend in 1/4 cup Cool Whip and 1/2 tsp mint extract. Evenly spoon mixture on graham cracker crusts.

In a small bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup Cool Whip and 1/2 tsp mint extract. Spoon a scant tablespoon of the mixture over each tart. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon mint or plain mini-chocolate chips evenly over each. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Each serving contains only 7 grams of fat.

Newport Adult Evening Program

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The following computer classes are being offered for the 1995 spring and summer terms.

| Class | # Weeks | 1st Class | Time | Cost |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Beginner's PC | 5 | May 9 | 6:00-9:00 | \$65 |
| Wordperfect 5.2 for Windows | 5 | May 10 | 6:00-9:00 | \$65 |
| Keyboarding | 9 | June 1 | 6:30-9:30 | \$100 |
| Windows 3.1 | 6 | July 6 | 6:00-9:00 | \$75 |
| Beginner's Spreadsheet | 5 | July 11 | 6:00-9:00 | \$65 |

Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

UNH Cooperative Extension, Merrimack County, has presented Brown Memorial Library with a resource notebook containing a broad range of information on parenting/childcare, food/nutrition, money management, agriculture, community development, forestry, wildlife, 4-H youth development, home, lawns, gardens, and water quality. Items may be copied.

Thanks to the IGA for another video donation ... Forrest Gump!

On May 4, a statewide public forum will be held at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner at 7:00 pm. The forum is being presented by the NH State Library Advisory Council. The purpose is to hear the thoughts and concerns of residents about current and future statewide library services. This information will be used to update the State Library's long-range plan. In addition, to better advise state and federal legislators, the Advisory Council is interested in hearing how federal funds have benefited local libraries and how they would use the funds in the future.

On April 5, the Selectmen asked the Trustees of BML to reconsider the former Central School building. The Trustees are looking at all options.

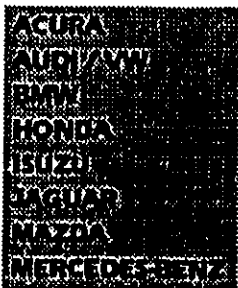
We will take books for our annual July book sale during the next three months. Call the library to arrange for pick-up. Books may be brought in during library hours.

- New additions:
- Seventh Scroll*, by Smith
 - Superior Death*, by Barr
 - Our Game*, by LeCarre
 - Forrest Gump*, by Groom
 - Carousel*, by Plain
 - Angel of Death*, by Higgins
 - Island Queen*, by Older
 - Polar, the Titanic Bear*, by Spedden
 - Diversity Your Way to Wealth*, by Perritt
 - Blue Jay's Dance*, by Erdrich

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

A beginners' bird walk will take place at the Low Plains Natural Area on Saturday, May 6, to look for spring migrants. Leaders Fred Sladen and Bob Vernon will meet participants at the Four Corners Grille, New London, at 8:00 am. Please bring binoculars and insect repellent. For more information, call Fred, 526-4321, or Bob, 526-6216.

If you have ever dreamed of taking a wilderness canoe trip, David Marshall and Bill Best will serve as your guides when they present their slide program, entitled "Northwest Territories Canoe Trip to the Arctic Ocean," Friday, May 12, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New London. Their fourteen-day odyssey on the Horton River features wildlife up close and typical tundra scenery you won't want to miss. For more information, call Phyllis Curtiss, 526-4396.

The Audubon Society of New Hampshire is sponsoring its annual Birdathon-Bloomathon on the weekend of May 20 & 21. Birder Bob Vernon will represent the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter in leading this field trip locally. Forays will be made to promising birding and wildflower areas to enumerate the species observed. Please meet Bob at Cricenti's Market parking lot, New London, at 7:00 am with binoculars and insect repellent. Walks end at noon each day. Call Bob at 526-6216 for details. --Phyllis Curtiss



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Bradford-Newbury Workshop news

Our meeting in May will include a visit to the Hay Estate. Meet at Friendship House at 10:45 am on Thursday, May 11 to car-pool.

After a tour of the grounds, we'll picnic (bring your own) in the garden. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

After lunch, we'll hold a plant exchange. Bring your extra seedlings to swap and take home someone else's surplus plants. This is always a fun event.

In case of rain, we'll stay at the Friendship House. --Clare Bensley

Second Monday Nighters present Alaskan travelogue

The Second Monday Nighters will hold its final program of the season on Monday, May 8, at 7:30 in Cleveland Hall at the First Baptist Church, Main Street, New London.

Jack Liberman of Newport will present a travelogue, accompanied by slides, of his recent trip to Alaska. He travelled on a ferry up the Inland Passage, visiting Sitka, Denali State Park, and Valdez, as well as Fairbanks and Anchorage.

The program is open to all and is followed by refreshments. --Betty Horne



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NH Arts Council invites artists to regional meeting

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts invites all individual artists to meet with Arts Council staff to discuss funding opportunities and services offered through the Council's various programs. May meetings will be held in Wilton, Newport, Portsmouth and Conway. The Newport meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2:30-4:30 at the Library Arts Center, 58 North Main Street. For directions to the meeting site, contact Doris Nelson, 863-3040.

Artist Services Coordinator Audrey V. Sylvester alerts individual artists to a 95/96 change in the Artist Fellowship Program. She said, "Last year, the Individual Artists Advisory Committee, after reviewing the Fellowship grants process, noted that even though many artists received very high scores with a particular discipline, only a few had a chance for an award. The Committee recommended that, in order for more of the top-ranked artists in each discipline to have an opportunity to receive an award, the review of disciplines be split into separate, alternating years."

Beginning July 1, 1995, only three disciplines will be accepted for Fellowship review in odd years (1995, 1997, 1999), literature, music and crafts.

The other four disciplines will be accepted only in even years, visual arts, theatre, media arts, and dance. Traditional and interdisciplinary arts will be reviewed annually.

At the Council meeting, information will be provided on Artist Fellowships, Percent for Art Program, and the Council's Artist Slide Registry. There will be a special emphasis on the preparation of support materials (artist work samples) used by panelists reviewing applications. Council staff will describe opportunities for artists in other Council programs, including Rural Arts, Touring, Arts in Education, and Traditional Arts. Some of these programs are open to media artists this year.

For information about the meeting or Council programs, call 271-2789.

MAY SPECIALS

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|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------|
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BRADFORD MARKETPLACE

GARDENING

by  Fred Winch

It has been a backward spring, the average lawn did not turn green until the light rains of the 18th and 20th of April, though there was no snow cover from the middle of March, a truly dry stretch. Temperatures were colder in early April than in the latter half of March. If we watched TV from below the New Hampshire border, we wondered why "they" were green and monitoring pollen counts while "we" were still in the gray stages. Even with the change to daylight savings time, most gardeners still were not in the mood, though some banded up against the persistent wind and used the time to police up the yards, raking leaves, spreading humus, and collecting the winter's debris. The lack of decent rains put many on the alert for forest fires, held back the crocus and jonquils, even in sheltered areas. Robins were evidently having fruitless searches for early earthworms.

But May Day will bring a different story ... we hope! (Whatever happened to the hanging of May baskets by country youngsters?) Seeds of annual flowers now should be at the stage for transplanting into six-packs or larger containers. Marigolds, zinnias, snapdragons and lobelias will welcome more room and a dose of liquid fertilizer. The same is true for vegetables, such as tomatoes and peppers, early cabbage and broccoli and lettuce. The window sills and growlight tables will come into play. If you have a hotbed or a greenhouse of sorts, it will soon be crowded.

The 1995 gardeners have had a hard time keeping up with the overwhelming supply of new varieties of vegetables and flowers from seedhouses ... and making choices. A good example is what has happened to

peppers. Lady Bell was developed more than 20 years ago as an early improved variety. It has been the choice for roadside stands and home use in the northeast. Available last year for testing were Yankee Bell and Apple, earlier, crisper and an advance. Tomatoes have followed the same pattern, newer, earlier and better.


Many tips, homemade and otherwise, have been developed for growing our favorite garden fruit, the tomato. If you still eat and cook with eggs, save, dry and crush the shells. Save the result for the day you set out your tomato plants. Place a tablespoon of crushed shells along with a teaspoon of epsom salts in the hole, set the plant, water with liquid fertilizer ... and stand back. The shells and lime, the salts' trace minerals, the fertilizer ... a mild explosion of plant growth results from your own miracle grow.

Many who grow that first crop of the garden, radishes, have been plagued by a fly which lays eggs in the soil; they hatch and move to the swelling root of the radish. A simple solution is to cover the radish bed with a spun fabric, such as Reemay, to keep flies from soil. Do this when seeds are planted, keep the bed covered except for the few minutes you pick the crop. This same technique may be used with early cabbage and broccoli, neither of which require pollination by bees.

Winter was kinder than usual to many of the flowering shrubs. Temperatures did

not drop to Zone 4 levels and so forsythias are budding nicely in many Bradford locations. Tea roses usually require a cover of snow over the whole winter to overwinter successfully. While temperatures were less severe, many of the tenderer varieties were damaged. Rugosa roses are a very hard type, which require no protection. Many of the newer hybrids will take the climate of Zone 3 with no ill effects. These new varieties also have been bred to produce blooms sporadically all summer, as well as providing a pleasing fragrance.

Let's hope for a warm moist May with sunny days for outdoor activities. We may be fortunate. Streams are presently low, stagnant puddles are few, and our usual supply of persistent blackflies and mosquitoes may be conspicuous by their absence! Have a great gardening May!



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#3. Buy trees or shrubs on Mother's Day and receive a discount on any bagged material from our Barn!
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#4. Wire flowers to your Mom long distance for Mother's Day and receive a discount on perennials in bloom that day!

Remember MOM on Mother's Day, May 14! Open daily, 8-6

May Calendar

Monday, May 1

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00
KRSD School Board, High School, 6:00
Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386

Tuesday, May 2

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00
Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, May 3

Library Trustees, library, 7:15
Open to the public

Thursday, May 4

Facilities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Friday, May 5

Share sign-up, 10:00-2:00, 4:00-6:00;
Warner CAP, 456-2207

Monday, May 8

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, May 9

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30
KRSD Budget Committee, High School,
7:15

Wednesday, May 10

PTC meeting, Bradford Elementary
School, 7:30

Thursday, May 11

Bradford-Newbury Community Work-
shop, Friendship House, S. Newbury,
10:45

KRSD School Board, 7:15
Location to be posted.

Friday, May 12

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Prizes, refreshments, sponsored by Brad-
ford Food Pantry

Monday, May 15

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00
Bradford Business Association annual
meeting, Bradford Inn, 7:00

Tuesday, May 16

Bradford Women's Club annual luncheon,
Applesed Inn, 11:30 am
Reservations by May 9, Alma Clinton,
938-2252, or Clare Bensley, 938-5482

Water-Sewer Needs Assessment Commit-
tee, Town Hall, 7:30. Review of com-
pleted surveys with Tom Clark

Conservation Commission, Tillie
Wheeler's, 7:30

Kindergarten Parents, Church Vestry,
6:45; babysitting, call 938-5480

Wednesday, May 17

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00
Moon Mountain Arts Film Series, Brad-
ford Church, 7:30; see page 2

Silver Hill-Vesta Chapter, St. Peter's
Lodge, 7:30

Thursday, May 18

Facilities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Saturday, May 20

Share Pickup, Warner Church, 8:30-
10:00 am

Spring Concert, Upper Valley Community
Band, Lebanon Opera House, 7:30
\$4 adults, \$2 seniors/students, pre-
schoolers free

Monday, May 22

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, May 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, May 24

Historical Society, Town Hall, 7:30

Thursday, May 25

KRSD School Board, 7:15
Location to be posted.

Friday, May 26

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes, refreshments, sponsored by Brad-
ford Fire Dept.

Saturday, May 27

Bradford Women's Club Annual Memo-
rial Day Bake-Sale, Bradford IGA, 9:00-
noon

Monday, May 29

NO Selectmen's meeting, Memorial Day

To list events for the month of June,
call Lou Signorino, 938-2608.

Classified Ads

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL. Registration continues for kin-
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