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New Director of the BACC and Parks & Recreation

The Bradford Area Community Center has hired a new director, Kate Dobrowski, who is new to the combined position as director also of the Bradford Parks and Recreation Department—a full-time position that was approved at the 2007 Town Meeting.

Owner and operator (with her three sons) of a small certified organic farm in Sutton, Kate has had experience in meeting the public as a former greenhouse manager and retail clerk at the Merrimack Farm and Country Store. Prior to her five-year employment with the farm store, she developed and facilitated outdoor programs for youth at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. She said, “I hope to incorporate some of my previous experience with kids and love of the natural world into my work here at the Bradford Area Community Center. Raising and growing a vibrant community—as in a healthy garden—will provide strong roots for everyone, especially the children.” She welcomes folks “to stop by and say hello.”

One of Kate’s first events will be a Community Barn Dance on Friday, May 4, and Friday, May 25, at 6:30 pm at the Bradford Elementary School. The Sugar River Band will play New England-style folk fiddle for dancing.



Kate Dobrowski

Forest Society Hopes to Protect 1100 Acres on Mount Sunapee

by Jack Savage, Society of Protection of N.H. Forests

Continuing a land conservation effort in the Sunapee region that dates back nearly a century, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has launched a campaign to protect 1,100 acres on Mount Sunapee’s eastern slope. This ridgeline is one of the most visible views in Bradford, from Route 103, West Road, Solitude Ridge Road, and Fairgrounds Road.

The Forest Society, New Hampshire’s oldest and largest land trust, must raise \$190,000 in private donations by May 15 of this year in order to permanently protect the land from potential future development. The project is a collaborative effort with the Newbury Conservation Commission and North Woodlands LLC.

The Pillsbury-Sunapee Ridge Forest Project includes two tracts of land – 845 acres in Newbury and 250 acres in Goshen. These properties are adjacent to nearly 15,000 acres of protected forestland, including Mount Sunapee State Park, Pillsbury State Park, and private property under conservation easements. The Forest Society originally protected the crest of Mount Sunapee in 1911 and donated its protected acres on the mountain to the State of New Hampshire in the late 1940s. Today the area remains one of the largest unfragmented landscapes south of the White Mountains.



Land preservation project as seen from Messer’s fields on Fairgrounds Road

Bradford’s Town Hall

By Ruth-Ann Harris

In the late nineteenth century, when vaudeville became a wildly popular form of entertainment in America, Bradford and Sutton emerged as a New England center for this amusement. The second floor of Bradford’s Town Hall, with its elegant stage setting, was the scene of many vaudeville performances. Some of the families who participated in these performances are still in the area: the Lowes, Don Keith, the late Estelle Rooney, Robin Geoffrion and many others.

The central role of the town hall in Bradford’s life will continue in the future. While plans are still being developed, the basic idea is to maintain the town hall as the site of the town offices, subject to renovations that will provide safe storage of vital records, improved working conditions for the town employees, and better space for the meetings of town boards. A central part of the plan is to make the upstairs usable once more for public events. It is an ex-

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From The Editor's Desk

by Dorothy & Gerry Monigan

Well, I guess as they say "No news is good news." All is quiet (as far as we know) in Bradford, and that's a good thing. Elections, voting, and contentiousness are all behind us. Also, the good news is that Spring is on the way – or has already sprung, however you want to look at it. Warm weather sure is a pleasure, isn't it?

On a personal note, we know that some of you have heard that Dorothy has been "under the weather." We're here to tell you that she is feeling better and is on duty as usual here at the helm of The Bridge.

Also, as a reminder, we're still looking for ways to spruce up The Bridge a bit, so please don't be bashful – send in any and all suggestions you may have. Also, please send in your suggestions for our new "Know Your Neighbors" column.

Enjoy the weather, and remember to count your blessings!

Forest Society

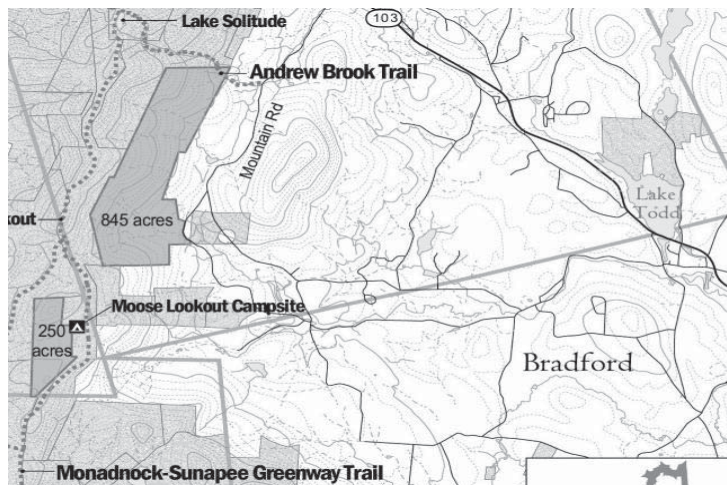
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"We've received several generous donations toward the project already," said Anne Truslow, director of development at the Forest Society. "We are optimistic that we'll reach our goal by the May 15 deadline, but we need people to step forward now. This is a wonderful opportunity to protect important wildlife habitat and much-loved recreational resources in the heart of the Sunapee region."

The Newbury parcel of land was recently for sale on the open market and was likely to have been sold for development, thus forever changing the views of the ridgeline and lower slopes seen from Route 103 at Sunapee's southern gateway. Thanks to a collaborative effort between the Forest Society, North Woodlands LLC, and the towns of Newbury and Goshen, there is a window of opportunity to raise the funding that will assure the land remains in private ownership by North Woodlands, under permanent conservation easements held by the Forest Society.

"The Newbury Conservation Commission immediately recognized the importance of securing such a large tract of land on Mt. Sunapee's eastern slope. We are pleased to allocate \$200,000 from our Conservation Fund, supported by Land Use Change Tax funds, to assure the permanent protection of this iconic landscape in our community," said Bill Weiler, chair of the Newbury Conservation Commission.

To complete the project, the Forest Society must raise \$190,000 from private donors. This will support both the Newbury and Goshen portions of the project, along with associated project costs. Funds must be pledged to the Forest Society by May 15, 2007. For more information or to make a donation online, please visit www.forestsociety.org, or contact Anne Truslow, Director of Development, at 224-9945.



Bradford Historical Society

With the warm weather on its way, we plan to be open Saturdays from 1:30 to 3 pm, but sometimes other things happen. A phone call first to 938-5386 can result in a visit at your convenience.

Our first program will be the KRHS Music Department on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:00 pm, at the Baptist Church. This is a talented group of young people presenting a professional evening of entertainment. It's free, as are most of our programs. As of now, the schedule for the rest of the season includes on June 3, an exhibit at the Newport Opera House as they host displays from local historical societies; a June visit to Steve Hansen's Bradford history collection; a table at the Bradford Women's Club town-wide yard sale; opening the School House for the Lettvin Concerts in July; hosting Sherry Gould, who will present a program on the Abenaki in August; and a September walk to the Bradford Pines and the Ames Monument. Please join us for any or all programs, and drop in at the Old Post Office to enjoy Bradford pictures and artifacts. Just maybe, you can advise us on some of the updates and information we are missing – who knows?!!

Fresh Air Fund Seeks Host Families

Although Summer may seem like months away, the smells of fresh-cut grass and BBQ smoke will soon fill the air. Why not invite a child in need to join you for life's simple pleasures for two weeks this summer? The Fresh Air fund is seeking host families in the Bradford area.

"These are great kids from underprivileged families that cannot afford to send a child to camp, away from the stifling heat of New York City," says Joyce Foley of Warner, a local Fresh Air Volunteer. "Swimming in a lake or picking vegetables is new and exciting for these kids, and your kindness can really make a difference in their lives."

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LYNN BETZ

KEARSARGE AREA PRESCHOOL HEAD TEACHER

By Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation of a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people who make a difference in Bradford. Lynn Betz is our guest this month.

Lynn Betz was born in Boston, MA. She attended schools in Massachusetts, Switzerland, and then Williams College in Williamston, MA, where she received a BA in American Studies and then an MS in Early Childhood Education at Wheelock College in Boston. She liked the idea of a broad education with interests in literature, history, psychology, and philosophy. Her first job was an assistant pre-school teacher in Brookline, MA. She found her passion and decided to become certified as a K-3 teacher and taught 2nd grade for several years.

Q. How long have you lived in Bradford?

I've been here since 1993 - about 14 years. Actually, New Hampshire was a second home for me since we had my grandfather's house on Lake Sunapee and summered there every year while I was growing up. I came to Bradford to marry a local and raise a family in a rural environment.

Q. Your role at the school must be trying at times. How do you cope with the stress?

Chocolate, tea and friends.

Q. Do you follow a strict curriculum and work from lesson plans?

No. We have monthly themes. Pre-school children learn by playing. We provide them with materials and experience relating to the theme. This month features fairy tales, and we have numerous others: family, healthy foods, and so forth. Children are egocentric. We encourage them to look at the world of animals, the seasons, and similar areas. My favorite quote was when I overheard one of our three year olds begin a sentence with "When I was little..."

Q. What would you like prospective pre-school parents to know about the pre-school and you?

My cultural life is fairly interior. I like to read and enjoy writing. I write memoirs and have written sermons for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord. I've been told that I have a leaning toward this type of work and life but I'm not ready for that yet.

Q. What sorts of field trips do you plan with your students?

We have been to the Bradford Pines. We've gone to the Pannoni Farm in East Washington. We go apple

picking in the fall, and next week we will visit Pizza Chef to watch the pizza-making process.

Q. What do you do in your spare time?

I write. I spend time with my sons, Eric, 11, and Carl, who is 8. This is a time of driving them to guitar lessons, and soccer. We have many pets -2 dogs, 2 cats, a Zebra Finch, gerbils, rats, and chickens. Many of the pets are the offspring of our pre-school pets.



Q. If you could change one thing about your job what would it be?

Health insurance would be nice. And I would really like to see more community volunteers with a passion for early childhood serve on our board. Sometimes the parents on the board don't have relevant skills. I work for the parents. The board member volunteers could have skills in business or education. Please, if anyone is interested phone 938-2442. We have a Website which is www.KearsargeAreaPreSchool.org.

The goal of pre-school isn't to cram a curriculum. Each child will be respected as an individual. It is a gathering of social skills and readiness to prepare them for life and future school experiences.

Q. What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

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Living on a part-time salary is pretty challenging. Working with families who are under a lot of stress. Young children are stressful by themselves. Families are dealing with aging parents, job security, financial stress and many families have just experienced a physical move which is exciting but can be stressful. We have some children with special needs, and for this population we have special services provided by the school district which includes occupational and physical therapy.

Q. You've been at the pre-school for five years. What do you see as the most significant changes and challenges in the school population?

Because we're just a pre-school with a school day that is only three hours from 8:45 to 11:45 am, two working parents are not able to use our facility. They need full day care which we do not provide. I'm concerned about the increasing use by children of video and computer games. Pediatric groups say that there is no safe amount of television watching for children under two years old. Children do best when they are creative and playing outside.

Q. What do you like best about your life and work in Bradford? Least?

I love living in a small town where you can drive in your car and wave at people you know. People here help when I have problems. I also love the land and surrounding nature which can sometimes get too close such as when a bear decided to visit my deck while I was sitting there. The worst aspect is that people know your business which can be good and bad.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Women's

Christian Guild; The women of the Guild will travel to the Presbyterian Church in New London on Friday, May 4, at 1:00 pm to participate in World Fellowship Day. On Friday, May 11, at 11:30 am, they will meet at our church for a potluck luncheon and put together May baskets for shut-ins.

Crop Walk: Our annual crop walk to support Church World Services will be Sunday, May 6, at 2:00 pm, in Bradford. We will meet at our church at 1:30 pm. There is a 1.5 mile or a 3.0 mile walk. Churches participating are the United Church of Warner, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sutton and First Baptist Church, Bradford.

Food pantry: The May distribution date for May is Wednesday, May 16, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Spring Clean-up Day: On Saturday, May 19, we will meet at the church at 10:00 am and have an "all church clean up day".

Children's Day: The children will lead our worship service on Sunday, May 20, at 10:00 am. The theme will be "Friendship First".

All God's Daughters Banquet; Our annual banquet will be Tuesday, May 22, at 6:00 pm. The cost for the banquet is \$5.00. All girls and women are welcome.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, May 30, at 7:00 pm, for fellowship, refreshments and pool.

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ceptional space with a proscenium stage, pressed tin ceiling and upper walls, and a “floating” oak floor that is wonderful for dancing. We need to provide handicapped access, via an elevator, and sprinkling systems that will make the space safe for up to 200 persons. In recent years this space has been used for dramatic and musical productions, for square dances, and other recreational groups, and it will be an ideal setting for public meetings that are too large to be held in the downstairs, but not large enough to require using the school. Many New Hampshire towns have been restoring their town halls and opera houses in recent years, and these provide a focus for renewed civic life.

It was agreed that restoration should involve community partners to provide educational and enrichment opportunities in the broadest sense – for children, young people, and adults. There are many possibilities for community engagement involving the schools and community groups as well as subject matter.

There are plans underway to restore the painted backdrop which was found in the attic of Town Hall a year

ago, and which has been assessed as valuable and the first of its kind in New Hampshire by Christine Hadsel of the Vermont Stage Curtain Project. The selectmen have given permission for the curtain restoration to take place in the second floor auditorium, and the committee is planning community involvement during restoration, including exploring educational possibilities for Bradford’s schoolchildren, as well as community members who wish to participate in the art of fabric restoration.

The history of Bradford can be explored in a number of ways: through its role as a center of the region’s entertainment, as well as its role as the economic center for a wide area extending to Vermont and Manchester with the Carr Store on Main Street (now owned by Mike and Janet Bauer). There are plans to restore the Carr Store as a temporary exhibit in a project spearheaded by Professor

Donald Linebaugh of the University of Maryland. Professor Linebaugh found the business papers of the store some years ago and brought the proposed project to the attention of the Bradford Historical Society. Again, the children of Bradford will be able to explore Bradford’s remarkable history through the temporary reconstruction of this store on West Main Street.

NOTICE

A joint meeting of the Bradford Board of Selectmen and the Needs Assessment Committee will be held at 9 am on Saturday, May 5th, at the Bradford Town Hall. Issues to be discussed include the 2006 Town Meeting presentation and the continuation of the work of the Needs Assessment Committee.



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Teen Help is on the Way!

The Bradford Area Community Center is hosting a group for parents raising teenage children called "Heron Wind." It will be a time to share stories, relax, create a community of support, learn from each other's experiences, and ask questions. It is being facilitated by Tom Wilkins of Bradford, a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor. Sessions will begin May 1st for 6 weeks and will be held in the youth room of the Center from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. For further information and to pre-register call Tom at 938-6019 or email twilkins@colby-sawyer.edu

Bradford Women's Club Update

Thank you to all who sent in their applications for the BWC Scholarship. A decision will be made by May 8th. The flower bulb campaign was a big success, and delivery of the bulbs will be within the next few weeks. The Annual BWC dinner is May 16 (6:00 pm) at the Mason's Lodge. Members, please send your reservations by May 5th.

Save the Date: June 23rd (9:00-2:00), rain date June 24, is the BWC Bradford Town-Wide Yard Sale, so start gathering all your saleable treasures! Putting your name and location on the map will cost \$5.00. There will also be a same-day Flea Market on RT 114 (beside the Junction Restaurant). Renting a space for the flea market is \$15.00 (bring your own tables). Please send your information and money to BWC, PO Box 292, Bradford, NH, 03221, by June 9th. If you have any questions, contact Jackye Pehrson, 938-5951.

Bradford Business

Association Annual Meeting

The BBA will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2007, 1 pm, at the Candlelite Inn, 5 Greenhouse Lane, Bradford. Dinner will be prepared by Heather Turner, Forfeng

Designs, and Marilyn Gordon of the Candlelite Inn. Enjoy an afternoon of good food and networking with your fellow businesses. RSVP 938-2255 to Bob Stewart.

Baton Twirling Classes planned for May and June

The Bradford Batonnettes will start classes on Wednesday, May 2, with Donna Aker.

Class and registration will begin at 3:15 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center, with classes continuing on Wednesdays during the months of May and June. Classes are for children 4 years of age and older. The cost for the two months' sessions is \$50 for the first child and half-price for a second child. Batons will be available for purchase for \$10. The class will perform at the **FOURTH OF JULY Parade** in Bradford!

Community Barn Dances

Two Community Barn Dances are being planned by the Parks & Recreation Department for in May. Dates

for the dances are on Fridays, May 4 and May 25. Dances begin at 6:30 pm at the Bradford Elementary School. Cost for adults is \$5.00 and students & seniors \$3.00. Music will be performed by The Sugar River Band, renowned for its lively dance music from various folk cultural styles using piano, fiddle and accordion. Locally, the band has performed for dozens of family dances in New Hampshire and Vermont and for retirement homes, farmers' markets, town celebrations, parties, and weddings around New England. Sugar River was featured at the annual Ralph Page Dance Legacy Weekend at UNH at Durham, and they have performed at the New England Folk Festival in Natick, Massachusetts.

Robert Stewart, Sr. Selected as NH Volunteer of the Month

Robert Stewart, Sr. Selected as NH Volunteer of the Month for April, 2007. Governor John Lynch presented a commendation to Bob Stewart on behalf of his office and Executive Council for his exemplary



April 18, 2007, State House – Bob Stewart, Sr., (center) is presented "NH Volunteer of the Month, April, 2007" Award by Governor John Lunch (right) while his wife, Addy Stewart, and son Bob Stewart, Jr., (left) look on.

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contributions to his community and state on April 18, 2007, at the State House. Bob is a retired twenty-two year Navy veteran. His many volunteer activities are as follows: Town of Bradford Budget Committee (25+), Bradford Area Community Center, Bradford Business Association, Bradford Fire Department, First Baptist Church (many outreach activities including Food Pantry and past Trustee), Treasurer of Bradford Fish and Game Club (34+), Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports, Director of Lake Todd Associations - very active in the Masons and Shriners for their fund-raising events, Shriners Football game each year, and Shriners Circus for Crippled Children Hospitals. In 1994 he was named Shriner of the Year by Mount Sunapee Shriner Club and also past President of the Kearsarge Shrine Club. Bob continues his activities with the Hopkinton State Fair for more than 35 years as Past President and currently Treasurer and the New Hampshire-Vermont State Fairs Association.

He is past member of the first Kearsarge Regional School District Municipal Budget Committee and New London Hospital Advisory Committee. Bob had been a Boy Scout leader for twelve years and Bradford Area Little League Coach for twelve years. In 1994 at the Bradford Town Meeting, Bob was awarded Bradford Lifetime Achievement Award for all his volunteer work in many committees of our town.

Bob is owner of Stewart Agency Realtors, a family business spanning three generations providing real estate services for seventy years to the Dartmouth-Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee region. He is a member of the Na-

region. He is a member of the National Board of Realtors and Sunapee Board of Realtors.

The Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board nominated Bob for this volunteer award. Over the years he has been the quiet man behind the scenes donating where he can for whatever is needed for others. Congratulations, Bob - well done!

Zoning Board Meeting - March 2007

The Board voted to meet at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in order to avoid as much time conflict with the Selectmen's meeting as possible. A special exception was granted to Hill & Dale, LLC, for expansion of an existing gravel pit. A public hearing for a variance involving insufficient setbacks to a wetland - Map5, Lot 100, is noticed for May 1 at 7:35

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Area Happenings

Sunapee Community Coffee House

The Sunapee Community Coffeehouse continues to offer live music in Sunapee Harbor at Marzelli's Deli every Friday night at 7:00 pm. Under new leadership, the non-profit Coffeehouse moved last winter from the Knowlton House into their new digs at Marzelli's, where the Coffeehouse started in 2004. Marzelli's has sandwiches, coffee, tea, and goodies for sale.

The team of John Sullivan, Martha Naylor, Alan Curruth, Alan Peterson, and Randy Richards on backup, (and most recently some input from Gary and Charlotte Signor) have provided a steady flow of folk, blues, swing, and bluegrass throughout the winter. They and the Coffeehouse will be taking a summer break starting June 15 but will start up again on September 14. See the website for directions, a full schedule, and description of who's playing and when at www.sunapeecoffeehouse.org. The Coffeehouse will also be sponsoring the music for the Sunapee SunFest, a holistic health and sustainability festival, on Sept. 15 at Mt. Sunapee. For more information on this event, go to www.mtnspirit.org/sunfest.html.

May Schedule:

May 4 - Bradford Bogstompers Stringband

Woody Pringle, Beth Eldridge, & Tii McLane playing American roots music - early southern old-time stringband music, and some contemporary songs too, on banjo, fiddle, and guitar. Music with a passion.

May 11 - Mink Hills band

Ted, Val, and Company play a delightful evening of Swing & Folk Music. A must see and local favorite!

May 18 - Carolyn Caruso

Carolyn Cruso has been performing professionally in both the United States and Europe for close to two decades as a multi-instrumentalist playing hammered dulcimer, various flutes, guitar, and vocals. She heard about us through our sister coffee house in Leavenworth, Washington.

This is her second visit to Sunapee. *"A musical tour-de-force, fusing an eclectic melange of folk, jazz, and Celtic elements...a poetic virtuoso."*

May 25 - Open Mic

Bradford Squares' Dance

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Square Dance on Saturday, May 19, at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in Bradford, NH. Lenny Stratton will call this Mainstream only dance and Phil Catchell will cue. Admission for the dance is \$7 per person. Spectators are free and always welcome. Call 603-763-0187 for more info.

Sugar River String Band

A concert by the Sugar River String Band will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2 pm, at South Newbury Union Church, UCC, Newbury, NH (corner Sutton & Village Roads off Route 103). The Sugar River String Band, a fantastic family band from Newport, NH, features traditional New England contra dance, Celtic and Swedish fiddle tunes. The Orzechowski family fiddlers perform with the New England Folk Festival. Freewill offering, refreshments, handicap accessible. Join us for this toe-tapping musical treat. Call 938-5369, for more information.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Events

Please come to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter program, "Milkweed Visitors," Friday, May 11, 7:30 pm, Tracy Memorial Library, Main Street, New London. Speaker Mary Holland will present an interpretive program on the ecology of a milkweed patch, information about the common milkweed plant, and various insects that visit. Mary is a naturalist,

newspaper columnist, and nature photographer. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information please call Ruth White at 763-4893.

On Saturday, May 12, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a birding trip, led by birders Ruth White and Joy Bockius, to Clough State Park to observe spring migrants, warblers, vireos, and many more.

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Post-production photo of the partial cast and crew of *Godspell* performed at the First Baptist Church of Bradford on April 15th

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Participants should meet at Warner Park and Ride, Exit 9, I-89 at 8:00 am. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars, and a scope if you have one. Inclement weather cancels the trip. Contact Ruth at 763-4893.

MVSC to Present Gardening Series

Mountain View Senior Center will present an eight-part series titled "Gardening - Caring for Nature and Ourselves" beginning Friday, May 4, at the 11:30 am First Friday Brunch. Marilyn Wyzga from NH Fish & Game will present "Beyond Bird Feeders: Landscaping for Wildlife in Your Backyard". On Thursday, May 24, a UNH Extension Service Master Gardener will provide information and tips on caring for houseplants. On Thursday, May 31, the program will feature another Master Gardener providing information on container gardening and how to maximize vegetable production in containers.

This is a great opportunity to "get your hands dirty" and do your part to help sustain a clean environment, as well as grow your own fresh, healthy produce, plants and flowers. The program will continue throughout the upcoming year with sessions pertinent to the season.



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KRSD School News

Bradford KRES News Mary Keegan-Dayton

May is an exciting month at school. Here are some of the highlights:

Environmental Camp- The fifth graders will go to Camp Coniston for two days: May 24th and 25th. Environmental camp is part of the science curriculum where students study the bog and pond at Coniston. Each of the four elementary schools gets to go for the two day learning experience. Warner goes with the Bradford School and New London goes with Sutton. Rock climbing and orienteering are included at the campout. A representative from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association comes to do an activity with the students in addition to New Hampshire Search and Rescue Dogs.

Battle of the Books- This reading incentive program is for fourth and fifth graders. It began in September with help from the fourth and fifth grade teachers, the School Librarian and the Reading Specialist. Students have been meeting in book discussion groups at lunch time since September reading books like, *The Indian in the Cupboard* and *Paul Bunyan*. There will be a Quiz Show and fun event this month for the readers to culminate this incentive program.

Kindergarten Visitation Day- Please register your child for kindergarten and come to our Visitation Day on May 22 at 3:15. To register, please come by the school and pick up kindergarten registration forms. Visitation Day will run for one hour and parents and students are invited to come. Students will have a chance to meet the kindergarten teachers and parents will have a chance to meet and talk to our school principal and tour the school.

Fifth Grade Transition- A positive transition to middle school is important. On May 8th a few KRMS staff and students will come to our school to present a slide show about the sixth grade and take questions from fifth-grade students. May 17th is Step Up Day and Bradford 5th graders will ride the morning bus up to the middle school, take a tour, and then return to our school, as they practice for September.

School District Report Jon Steiner

The 2007-08 School Calendar was approved at our most recent meeting. Following the positive comments received on this year's dates, we have again chosen to schedule vacations during the week following the vacation in Massachusetts.

School will open for teachers August 22 with students arriving on August 29 for 3 days. The following week, students return after Labor Day for 4 days, and then beginning the 10th are into 5 day weeks. We have found this 3-4-5 transition is particularly helpful to our younger students.

February vacation will begin Feb 25 and April vacation begins April 28. The last day of school is scheduled for June 11, but with all the wacky weather we seem to have each year, except make-up days to extend this date.

Weather has also affected construction at the new middle school. Although progressing well, there is no firm completion date set, so we are not sure when we can begin moving students in. Originally, we planned to move in as soon as finished, but after hearing concerns from transportation, administration, teachers and parents, we may try to wait until spring or summer to open the building. This gives the building time to air out from chemicals and solvents, gives time to complete punch lists, and ensures kids are not stuck outside in below zero temperatures as new bus routes are tried for the first time. More to follow as we know more.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editors:

Considering that both bridges on West Meadow are scheduled for specific repairs, I want to point out a few potential negatives. First of all, none of West Meadow's residents relish the thought of truck traffic returning full force. It was the trucks in the first place that, through sheer indifference, exceeded the weight limits of the two bridges by as much as 30 or more tons. Not only did the truck traffic ignore bridge regulations, they drove too fast, littered, and generally turned a nice peaceful walk on West Meadow into a hazardous, Quentin Tarantino-esque, horrofflick! West Meadow is arguably one of the oldest roads in Bradford and also includes one of

the oldest, if not most ancient, wood mill in the state, located by the south bridge, built by Stephen Hoyt around 1798.

West Meadow is a beautiful, peaceful, and historic dirt road that is not equipped to support a steady bombardment of truck traffic, including huge construction trucks, logging trucks, and freight trucks. It resides between two other average-sized, rural roads, Fairgrounds and West, and it was consistently abused by heavy truck traffic cutting through to East Washington or points in Hillsborough and beyond. I can safely say some of us won't roll over and let that happen again. Let's preserve West Meadow's integrity.

Another negative of opening up West Meadow to traffic again is the fact that people in cars and trucks were notoriously throwing so much garbage on the side of the road, you would think there was a sign that said "Dump Your Trash Here!"

In summation, we would love to see West Meadow permanently closed to truck traffic but since that is fantasy, let's at least be careful and gentle with West Meadow, which certainly deserves the term, "historic".

Sincerely, Jeff Aarons

To the Editor:

Our "Winter Fishing Derby" was a great success and parents can visit The Bradford Fish and Game Club's website at:

bradfordfishandgame@TDS.net

for pictures that were taken of the children and their fish. We have changed our meeting to the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm.

The Bradford Fish and Game Club

P.O. Box 128

Bradford, N.H. 03221



Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

Come to the library on any Sunday to meet our new employee, Katie Walker. Katie will be working with me every Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm.

The library will hold a Memorial Day book sale on Saturday, May 26, from 9 am until 2 pm. Lots of great donations have come in since the last sale, and things are always changing in our book sale area.

The May book-to-movie discussion of *The Illusionist* by Steven Millhauser will be on Friday, May 4, at 7 pm. The next international film on Friday, May 18, was filmed in India and was nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film of the Year. Come into the library for a full description (movie licensing forbids stating the movie's title outside the library). Planning ahead, our June

book-to-movie discussion will be on *The Shipping News* by E. Annie Proulx. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Books added to your library in April

For adults:

The Woods by Harlan Coben

Deep Economy by Bill McKibben

Sisters by Danielle Steel

Heart-Shaped Box by Joe Hill

Crops in Pots by Bob Purnell

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OUTSIDE

by J. Ann Eldridge

The beginning of April is when black bears usually come out of their winter torpor. I've been hunting a different kind of bear for several weeks now, not black bear, but water bears. I thought it would be easier. Water bears have also been called "moss piglets" and it was reading about moss that sparked my interest in these microscopic multicellular beings. Hunting requires patience, stealth, luck, and some knowledge of your intended prey. Armed with a bit of knowledge now, I found that I'm sadly deficient in the other three areas.

The water bears of which I write are more properly named 'tardigrades' of the Phyla Tardigrada, a name also given to the tree sloths. Tardigrade translates to 'slow-walking animal,' which indeed both sets of creatures are. There are at least 750 species of the aquatic micro-invertebrate known, and very few people looking for more. Measuring 0.1-0.5mm in length, they are quite transparent, though not without lovely reddish coloration. Equipped with micro muscles, twin micro eyes, and eight stumpy micro legs brandishing curved micro claws, they lack skeletal structure because they have no need for one. Two drinking straws attached to their pointy faces send sustenance to their visible innards. Who would not wish to see one for themselves?

Reportedly, they can be found in any habitat with moisture – tops of mountains, bottoms of oceans, and under 600 feet of ice, for instance. A more accessible hangout is found in mosses, and it was in these woods with a 30X scope that I stalked them, hoping to observe them at home in their native habitat. I searched the glistening, glassy moss forests. And searched. And searched. Neither track nor scat could I find. I took a tree stand approach and waited. Impatient, I began crashing through the watery underbrush with my hand lense hoping to flush out my prey. Or anything at all. Finally, taking on-line advice and detaining more and varied mosses, I began inundating the swamps and scanning the floodwaters. I began to understand my friend Carol's exasperated grad student who finally announced after a semester of microscopes and pro-

tozoa that he yearned to study something large and immobile. He became a geologist.

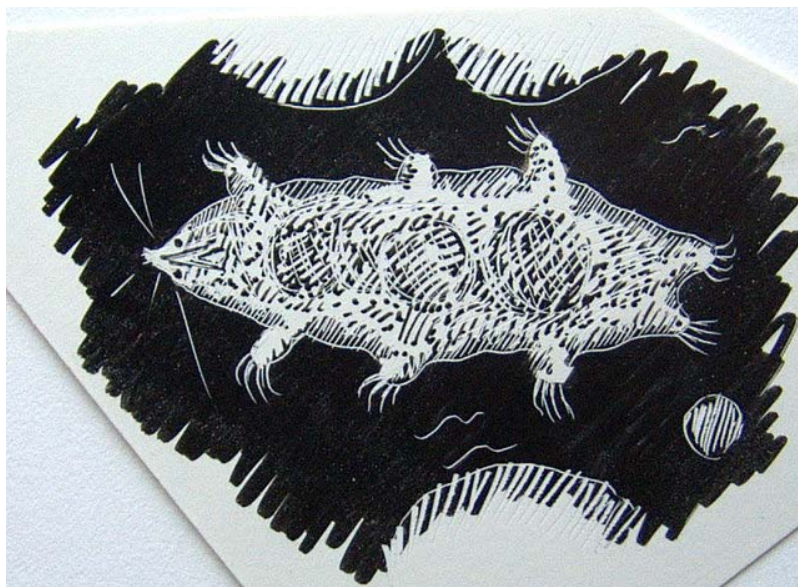
As my right retina was about to revolt, I finally found a water bear. He (or she) was whitish and just visible to the naked eye. A behemoth among bears. At 100X he became a distinct personality, circling about in apparent confusion. He did not look particularly alien to me. And yet, based on some rather astonishing attributes, some theo-

rize that these plentiful gummy bears blew in from another planet. A drying tardigrade quickly forms what is called a 'tun', a little kernel of suspended metabolism. This extreme form of hibernation is called cryptobiosis. In other life forms this is known as 'death'. Fragile in their wet state, water bears are nearly impervious to disaster when in the tun state.

Listen to this: a tun can survive heat to 325 degrees F., freezing to near absolute zero or -400 degrees F., resistance to

1000 times more radiation than would do us in, suspension in a vacuum, noxious chemicals, boiling in alcohol, atmospheric pressure in excess of 6000psi, and a hundred years of desiccation in museum displays. Fifteen minutes of cozying up to a drop of water, and water bears are ready to pick up where they left off. Tardigrades are thought to be unrelated to any other organism on this planet, and thus there are a few naturalists who search for heavenly explanations. Why would they have developed such extreme talents on this planet?

The black bear is a noble creature, not so numerous as the water bear and even harder to locate if they do not wish to be found. Black bears lead complicated lives that we can in part sympathize with as fellow mammals. The lives of water bears, however, are carried out on a scale far remote from our sight and imaginations and yet they accomplish a great deal without so much as two brain cells to rub together. They succeed in all the things furry bears and humans do – feed themselves, locate a mate, make provisions for the next generation. And they can do something black bears and humans don't perhaps do as well – survive pretty much anything.



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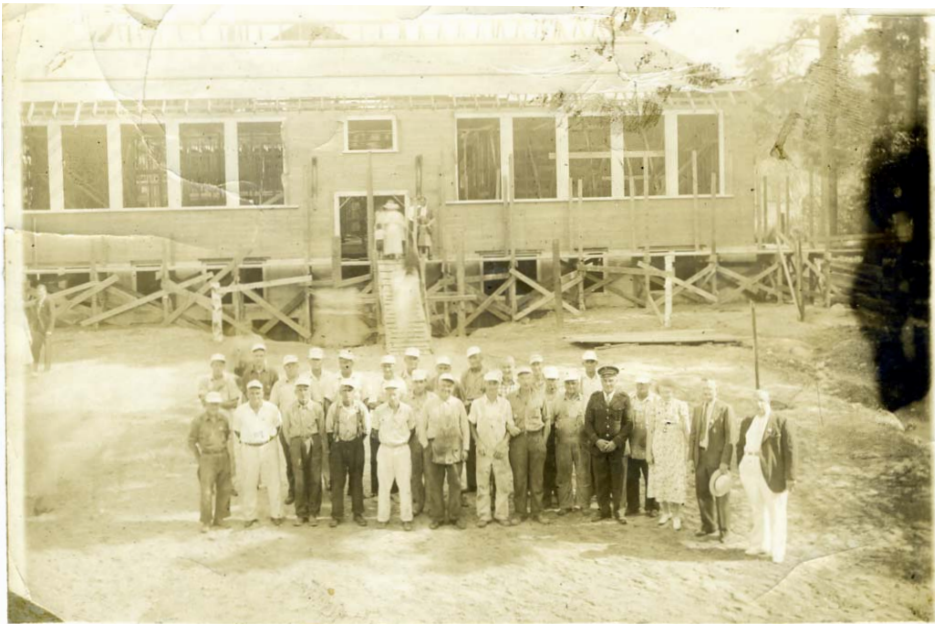
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Central School , 1937

The construction crew building the Central School. Needing more space for the seventy plus students who were attending school in Town Hall’s two classrooms, the Town went through the usual agonizing before settling on the location and price of \$18,000 in April, 1937. (It was \$17,000 in March). The interior materials brought it up to over \$21,000. Consolidating the Bradford schools into one necessitated some bus route bids, “by parties using a beach wagon”. A lucky “25 students in a heated bus with steel body “ ran out to the Center and around Box Corner. Charles Ballard, on the far right, owned the construction company , and hired most of his workmen from the area. Ballard was a Spanish American War Veteran, and built several homes. He sponsored free dancing lessons for the high school students in surrounding towns

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Mountain View Senior Center held its “**First Friday Brunch**” on April 6, and guest speaker was Ted Leach of Hancock, Co-Chair of the NH Carbon Coalition, who spoke to the 30 attending seniors on sensible energy policy, how the Carbon Coalition fits into the global warming situation, and what seniors can do to help our environment. Seniors dined on Belgian waffles (mmmmmm!)with fruit, sausage, cottage cheese, and beverages served by Jim Spadaro, Principal of KRMS, and Steve Potoczak, Sutton Elementary Principal. Brunch is held at Mountain View Senior Center, Main St., Bradford the first Friday of each month. For information on the NH Carbon Coalition, contact Ted Leach, PO Box 267, Hancock, NH 03449, or on their website, www.carboncoalition.org.

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