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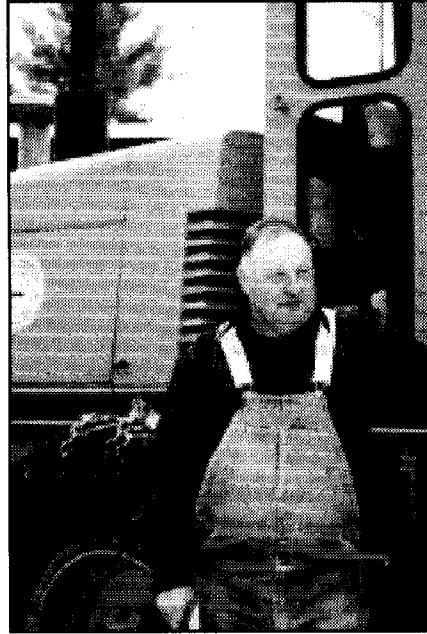
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## Andy Anderson Retires

After 14 years of service to the Town of Bradford, Arnold "Andy" Anderson, Road Agent, has retired. The Town wishes to thank Andy for his dedication to our roads. He has spent hours plowing, sanding, and responding to late night calls to support our fire, rescue and police departments as well as preparing the town roads for increased use during the past and future development cycles.

Andy has been very active in the Road Committee, participating in the planning the future of our town and the growth and structure of the Highway Department. He has overseen the building of many of our new bridges and reclaimed and repaved miles of roads. We wish him well in his retirement.



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—Beth Rodd

## BWC Scholarship Winners See story, page 4



Bob and Emily Selig, and Jessica Fillmore and her mother, Connie Kelly

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## Audrey Sylvester Completes Certificate Program in Photography with Distinction

Commencement ceremonies at the New Hampshire Institute of Art (a four-year art college located in Manchester, New Hampshire) took place on May 23, 2004. Bradford resident, Audrey V. Sylvester, was among 13 Certificate and six Bachelor of Fine Arts students receiving recognition in Painting, Photography, Interior Design, and Drawing. Sylvester began the two-year program two weeks after retiring as a Program Coordinator from the NH State Council on the Arts. She completed the Certificate Program in Photography with Distinction.

Among the photographs showcased in the Annual Student Exhibition are Sylvester's black and white "Environmental Portraits" of neighbors and friends that were taken in their yards, living rooms, kitchens, and music rooms. Also shown are her color photographs titled "Memory Traces" that create her family's portrait using objects brought to light from the lost corners of closets and chests of drawers in her New Hampshire farmhouse.

Two galleries, the Institute's Main Building (148 Concord St.) and the Fuller Hall Citizens Bank Community Gallery (at the corner of Hanover and Pine Streets where the Certificate Graduates are featured), exhibit more than 400 works of art. The free exhibits continue through June 20. Gallery hours are: Monday-Friday, 9 pm to 7 pm; Saturday, 9 pm to 5 pm; and Sunday, 1-5 pm. For more information about the NH Institute of Art, visit their web site at: [www.nhia.edu](http://www.nhia.edu) or call: 603/623-0313.

Quote of the month:

**"Information is the currency of democracy."**

Thomas Jefferson

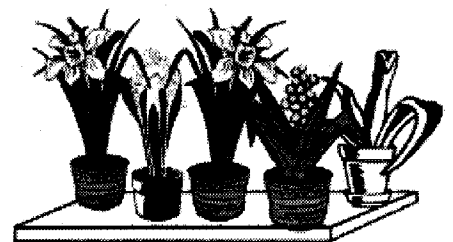
Jefferson (1743-1826), born in Goochland, Virginia, was a philosopher, architect, statesman, and third President of the United States. He also served as governor of Virginia, minister to France, Secretary of State, and Vice President. Jefferson is best known for being the primary author of the Declaration of Independence and for the Louisiana purchase, which doubled the size of the country. He spent his years after the presidency establishing the University of Virginia.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRED WINCH

June 16th is his 90th. Fred was a selectman, founder of the BRADFORD BRIDGE, and author of a gardening column for many years. He's currently at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Concord, still very lucid, and welcomes cards and visitors.

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## Selectmen's Meetings in May

**May 4.** Jane Lucas met with Selectmen to discuss the hiring process for a director of the Parks and Recreation Committee. The duties and procedures to be followed for a new employee were discussed. The Committee has approached the BACC to share office space.

Steve Bowie met with Selectmen to request signs be placed on Pleasant Valley Road warning motorists of children at play. The Selectmen will speak with the Road Agent to have "slow children" signs installed.

Steve Lucier has been appointed to the position of Road Agent. He reported that gravel is being crushed this week. The amount of gravel and the cost were discussed as well as the amount needed for East Washington Road. The men were meeting tomorrow to discuss the yards per ton calculations. The ordering of the new truck was discussed. Modifications to the original spec. sheet were discussed. Selectmen approved the ordering of the truck with a diesel engine.

Selectmen signed tax warrants for timber tax and first half property taxes.

Current use applications were presented for Pfieffe. Selectmen questioned notations on the map and postponed signing until the issues were explained and settled.

Accounts payable manifests were signed. Forest Fire bills were signed.

Current use change reports were signed for Reynolds and Halstead.

Tax decided property issues were discussed.

Non-Public session to discuss Police Hiring per RSA 91:3All with Chief James Valiquet. Vote to go to non-public session was Edwards, yes; Fenton, yes; Pickman, yes. Time out 5:59pm returned at 7:00pm. No decision made. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**May 18.** Jane Lucas, representing Parks and Recreation, reported the committee's decision to hire Jarna Perkins as the part time Director of Parks and Recreation. The details of time cards and hours will be worked out in the coming weeks. Jane Lucas also spoke to the Selectmen regarding the clean-up day on May 22 for French's Park. The Highway Department will lend a truck to the clean up effort. Mrs. Lucas also ques-

tioned the proposed use of the area cleared of a building last fall by the town on the Naughton Property. The Committee would like to explore the possibilities of finding a new use for the slab and foundation. Selectmen have already heard from the Historical Society regarding the Main Street portion of the property, but suggested the Parks and Recreation committee prepare a proposal for the other location.

Michael and Joy Elmes, and Donna Siebolt of Colby Linehan Real Estate met with Selectmen regarding the Sayre property on the former Lord Road. They have spoken with Karen Loscik and James Raymond, abutters to the class VI road, and have requested an estimate from Messer Construction to repair the deficiencies listed by the Town. The Selectmen and the Road Agent, Steve Lucier, were in agreement with the repair program. All parties appear in agreement to the repairs. The Elmes do not intend to build immediately, but wish to be assured of permission to build in the future. Selectmen suggested the couple touch base with the Planning Board. Donna Siebolt will stop in to talk with the Planning Board circuit rider on Wednesday.

Road Agent Steve Lucier met with Selectmen to discuss the hiring of Robert Greene. Selectmen approved the hire. Mr. Lucier also requested the Town crew be allowed to implement a summer schedule of four ten-hour days per week beginning May 24, and running through Labor Day. After discussion, Selectmen agreed to allow the schedule on a trial basis. The Selectmen voiced their concerns regarding the work schedule and Mr. Lucier stated a road crew member would be available on call on Fridays. Selectmen also advised the Road Agent to continue to post for an additional crewmember. Cheryl will repost and place on cable. James Gove will attend Grader School on May 25. Road sweeping will begin on Wednesday, May 19. Mr. Lucier reported on the gravel-grinding project and reported the work done. He discussed the possibility of hiring additional trucks to deliver the material to East Washington Road. No allowances were made in this year's budget to pave a portion of East Washington Road, because of the time needed to complete the gravel work.

Selectmen discussed action to be taken on an illegal building on Carter Hill Road on property owned by Carlton Thayer. The building inspector will be consulted and his recommendations considered. An additional structure on Purrington Road will also be investigated.

Selectmen discussed procedures to keep the dump open during periods of compactor breakdown. Possible suggestions were to contact Naughton Recycling to deliver a dumpster or call the Highway crew to deliver a dump truck until the compactor can be repaired. Selectmen requested a letter be prepared to the Transfer Station Manager.

Selectmen moved to non-public session per RSA 91, 3 to discuss legal matters with Mark Gadoury. Property redemption issues were discussed. Return from non-public session at 6:25 pm. Vote was Edwards, Yes; Fenton, Yes; Pickman, Yes. Time out 6:15 pm.

Selectmen continued the public session and discussed the original acceptance date for Woodview Heights Road. The Town voted to accept the road at the March 1980 Town Meeting. Selectmen requested letters be mailed to abutters of the class VI portion to inform them of the requirements to be met prior to Town Meeting of 2005 if they wish to have the road reclassified. Cheryl will prepare a letter for signature. Show copies to all abutters.

Selectmen again voted to move to non-public session to meet with Chief Valiquet to discuss personnel matters per RSA 91.3:All. Vote Edwards, yes; Fenton, yes; Pickman, yes. Time out 6:20 pm. Selectmen returned from non-public session at 7:09pm. The Selectmen voted to continue the administrative relationship with Chief Valiquet through December 31, 2004. Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm.

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### Bradford Board of Selectmen


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Cheryl Behr, Administrative Assistant

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## Bradford Conservation Commission

On May 18, the Bradford Conservation Commission held a formal public hearing releasing money held in the conservation fund. This money will be used towards purchase of the Goodridge property, which will expand the size of the Bradford Bog conservation area on the East Washington Road and protect the oldest of the rare Atlantic white cedar.

The Town Meeting held on March 10 showed overwhelming support for this project, which attracted grant money from the NH Charitable Foundation and donations from interested citizens. Julie and Hillary Goodridge needed to sell their property, but were willing to lower the purchase price and give the Conservation Commission and the Rural Heritage Connection time to seek support. The Rural Heritage Connection is a local non-profit organization with the goal of connecting interested owners of properties with significant historical, recreational, or environmental values with methods of preserving their land.

The conservation fund of the Bradford Conservation Commission was created by RSA 36-A:5. This law allows towns to form an account to be used for the protection of natural resources. Actual acquisition of a parcel is often not the method of first choice however. This fund can also be used for costs associated with donations (such as with the 28 acres of land giving access to the Bradford Bog in 1986), assistance in setting up conservation easements, and for facilitating other land management tools to protect water resources, important wildlife habitat, or other lands of importance to the Town.

This year the town budget adds \$500 to the conservation fund. Most of the \$30,000

from this account that will be expended has slowly accumulated through the current use change tax system. Land in traditional farming or timber uses is taxed at a lower rate than industrial or residential land. There is a penalty fee charged to owners who remove their land from forestry or agriculture and convert it to other uses, such as development. RSA 79-A and RSA 36-A recognize that this penalty fee for the development of open space can be returned to a fund to preserve other open space as voters see fit. Currently, Bradford allocates 50% of this penalty fee back to land conservation.

The rhodora on the Bog has flowered early this year. Rush out and see the brilliant display out on the boardwalk!

—Ann Eldridge, Bradford Conservation Commission

## Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host their annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, June 19, at the Town Hall. Dona Prudhomme will call A-1 from 7:00 until 8:00 pm and Mainstream from 8:00 until 10:30 pm. Vera Prudhomme will cue the rounds. This special event not only features musical "oldies" for your dancing pleasure, but casual dress may be worn for your greater comfort. Admission is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. For more information, please call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

—Bob & Shirley Trombley

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## Women's Club Awards Scholarships

The Bradford Women's Club awarded \$1000 scholarships to Emily Selig and Jessica Fillmore, both of Bradford, at their annual luncheon on May 18 at the Appleseed Inn. Applications were received from 15 students, all of whom were superb students with excellent credentials. Members of the committee were impressed with the high caliber of quality applicants.

Emily Selig will graduate from KRHS this year and plans to attend Keene State College, where she will continue to be involved with basketball and the community as she considers vocational options open to her. Emily resides in Bradford with her father, Bob.

Jessica Fillmore will graduate from Kimball Union Academy and continue her education at Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her field of interest is Drama and the Arts and she has been a participant in many Kat Company and KUA productions over the years. Jessica lives with her mother, Connie, in Bradford.

We wish both girls, as well as all our seniors, good luck and much happiness in all the adventures ahead of them. We are proud of all of you!

Beth Rodd

## Bradford Women's Club Update

On May 18, we had our Annual Luncheon. It was an enjoyable day made even more so by the hard work and good food provided by the Fentons at the Appleseed Restaurant.

At the meeting, Beth Rodd announced the receivers of the BWC Scholarship Funds. It was a pleasure to meet Jessica Fillmore and Emily Selig (both from Bradford). Congratulations to you both and good luck for the future.

The June 8, Board Meeting will be held at the Mountain Lake Inn at 9:30am. A craft workshop will follow immediately after starting at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome! Please bring your own lunch.

Please take note; there are no general meetings scheduled until September. A special thank you to Barbara Vannata for all her dedication and devotion to the Women's Club during her three-year run as president.

—Erica Gross, President

## Senior Council News

The Bradford Area Community Center Senior Council met on Saturday, May 8, for dinner at the Rainbow Restaurant in Concord. All of those present enjoyed the socialization and planned for future events.

On Saturday, June 12, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, an afternoon of fun is planned to play Bingo at the Bradford Area Community Center in the Senior Room.

The Senior Council meets regularly the second Saturday of each month at the BACC in the Senior Room from 1:00-3:00 pm with the exception of July and August.

We will resume our fall activities on September 6 with a potluck cookout at 1:00 pm at the home of Jean and Dick Kennedy, Crittenden Road, Lake Massassecum. There will be a grill ready for you to cook your own hot dogs and hamburgers. For other dishes please call Marion Hall at 938-5387 to discuss what is needed. For directions to the Kennedy's, please call Ona Ruchtri at 938-5330. Even if you have not attended before, please feel welcome to join us on September 6. All area seniors and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you. For questions please call 938-2640 or 938-5352.

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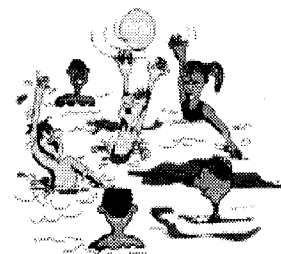
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## Thank you from the Rescue Squad

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In the last few months we have added eight members to the squad, and have two other recruits "in the pipeline." Two people came forward, not having any previous experience, went through the training and testing, and are now waiting for their license to practice. Three other folks came aboard with impressive experience levels. Between the three, they have over thirty-five years of EMS experience with other squads. One

former member with over a decade of experience came back to the squad as an extra EMT, willing to help when time allows. Two other folks joined up as drivers. One of these drivers is considering taking the basic EMS course, and the other is a "retired" paramedic of ten plus years.

As one can see, the response has been wonderful. We have received both fresh commitments from those looking for new experiences, and pledges from seasoned EMTs. With this great news, we certainly do not want to discourage anyone who may be considering contacting us. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. So if you are interested in getting involved, please call Deborah Bede, at 938-2393. Thank you from all of us.

—Stephen Manley, Lieutenant, Bradford Rescue Squad

## BWC Christmas Workshops

Bradford Women's Club Christmas Workshops still continue at the Mountain Lake Inn. All Women's Club members and women that just enjoy crafting are invited to attend. For further information, please contact President Erica Gross at 938-5566, Jean Gaito at 456-3779 or Tracy Foor at 938-6196. June 8th, 2004 at 11:00 (just

after Board Meeting and bring a bag lunch). June 22nd, 2004 at 7:00 (night time meeting.)

Beginning in July, the Craft meetings will be every Tuesday at 11:00 am. All participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. The last Tuesday of the month will be an evening meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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## KRHS Chorus and Band Perform in Florida

The Kearsarge Regional High School Band and Chorus performed in April at the All American Music Festival in Orlando Florida under the direction of KRHS Music Director Ernie Mills during school vacation. One hundred sixty-two students attended the music festival sponsored by Universal Studios in partnership with the Hard Rock Café Performance Center. Twenty-three parents and faculty including Ernie Mills, KRHS Accompanist Missy Owens, School Nurse Lisa MacLean, and Joanne Hinnendale chaperoned the students during six days of musical performances and fun in Orlando. The KRHS Jazz Band also performed at Cosmic Rays Café in Tomorrow Land at Disney and both the band and chorus performed at Epcot in an outdoor venue.

"Festival Prelude" by Albert Reed was one of the three selections performed by the Band. The 110 KRHS Chorus students sang

"In My Life" by the Beatles with solos by Jess Boyea, Danielle Carroll, Meghan Whitman, and Amanda Shurluff. KRHS Music Director Mills commented that he was "happy and pleased with the blend." The American Music Festival gave the Chorus a Superior rating in addition to the Men's and Women's Select Choirs. The band received an Outstanding rating. The judges at the festival provide the schools in the competition with feedback sheets to take home and, yes, large trophies.

KRHS has been taking performance trips to Florida with the Band and Chorus every two years since 1994. Students pay their own way. Fundraising activities including a Fudge Sale at Warner Fall Foliage Festival, car washes, a KRHS Spaghetti Dinner, and a Poinsettia Sale were held to assist students with tuition for the trip. Fundraisers also provided some scholarship monies for

students who needed the financial support.

It was a beautiful, 85-degree day in Orlando the day students performed outdoors at Epcot. The incredible outdoor stage with a superior sound system and surrounding flower gardens provided a beautiful venue to the KRHS students in formal concert wear with the voices of angels. Many parents from the seven towns traveled down to Orlando to hear their children sing.

There is an abundance of musical talent at KRHS. At present, 115 students are in the Band and 220 are in Chorus. The last performances this year at KRHS are on Tuesday, June 1, Band and Chorus for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Also Wednesday, June 2, Band and Chorus for 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Women's Choir will also be singing at Graduation on June 12. Call the school for additional information. Performances are open to the public.

Mary Keegan-Dayton



*Band students preparing for performance*



*KRHS Band & Chorus in front of Hard Rock Live Performance Center at Universal Studios, Orlando, Fla.*



*KRHS Band & Chorus students with the trophies won at All American Music Festival. KRHS Faculty Members Ernie Mills and Missy Owens; Students Joe Marzelli, Amy Wolfe, London Dupere, Meghan Whitman, Joe Fayton, Maggie Dayton, Jess Boyea, Meghan MacLean and James Rhodes.*





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**Purple Martin Series**

Suzanne Kelly will present *Treatment of the Dead: Social Practice as Social Meaning* from 6:30 until 8:30pm on Thursday, June 17 at the Bradford Area Community Center.

Recent scandals around the dead, in particular the stockpiling of bodies at a Georgia Crematory and a class-action suit brought against a South Florida cemetery for digging up remains, disturbing markers, and destroying vaults, have raised questions about our treatment of the dead and compelled us to face the distance and denial that have been hallmarks of our death practices in the U.S. While this distance can be seen in such horrors as the events that took place in both Georgia and South Florida, it can also be found in the lack of cultural validation given to maintaining relationship with the dead. Join us as we explore some of the social trends and practices that create such distancing, while also looking to current moves that work against the recurrence of such atrocities, and that also validate an on-going relationship between the dead and the living. Suzanne Kelly is adjunct Professor of Women's Studies at SUNY New Paltz, and resides in Rhinebeck, New York.

**Relay for Life—Cancer  
Research Fund Raiser**

The Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event to celebrate those that survived cancer and to raise money for awareness and the fight against cancer. This event is being held at the Kearsarge Regional High School. It starts at 6:00 pm on Friday, June 4 and ends at noon Saturday, June 5.

There are a total of 21 teams signed up this year and each team tries to keep one member walking at all times. The walk takes place on a track.

The OutSpokin' Bicycle and Sport Shop, located in Newbury, is sponsoring the Team I am on. Those interested in donating money can make a check payable to the American Cancer Society and can mail the check to 68 Mountainside Drive, Newbury, NH 03255, care of the American Cancer Society. Help our team raise the money needed to help this fight against cancer. Thanks for your help with this.

—April Messer

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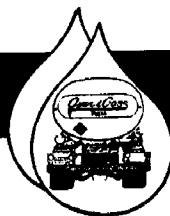
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## UNH Extension Agricultural Fact Sheet: Growing Perennials

*Educators Nancy Adams and Margaret Hagen*

### Growing Flowering Perennials

Perennials are plants whose roots live from year to year. Depending upon the species, the leaves and stems may die back each fall and grow back again in the spring. The "perennial" growth habit makes them a popular addition to any home landscape.

Success with perennials depends in great part on proper planning. Soil preparation, fertilization and plant selection play key roles in any perennial garden.

### Soil preparation

Perennials grow best in well-drained fertile soils. In many situations this will require amending or altering the present garden soil. To determine if this is necessary, have the soil analyzed at a testing laboratory. Get a soil test kit by visiting your local Cooperative Extension office or calling the toll-free Family, Home & Garden Education Center Info Line (1-877-398-4769). Soil test results will determine soil type, pH level (acidity or alkalinity) and the levels of important plant nutrients. Add fertilizer, lime or other soil amendments based upon the laboratory recommendations.

When soil test results are not available, apply dolomitic limestone at the rate of 5 to 10 pounds per 100 square feet for new garden sites and one or two inches of organic matter such as compost or rotted manure. Select a complete general purpose fertilizer such as 5-10-10, 10-10-10, or 5-10-5 and apply it at a rate of 3 to 5 pounds per 100 square feet.

Mix the lime, organic material and fertilizer thoroughly into the top 8 to 10 inches of soil. If drainage is a problem, plant the perennials in raised beds.

### Plant selection

Perennial gardens can be planned around a number of themes or ideas. Silver gardens, medicinal plants, colonial gardens and

many other themes can be the center of any garden plan.

Whether you choose a theme or not, map out the garden area on graph paper. Make selections considering the eventual height and space requirement for each mature plant and locate plants on paper. Tall plants are most frequently placed near the back of the perennial border and shorter plants closer to the front.

Another key factor involves the frequency of bloom. Select perennials which will bloom at different times throughout the growing season. Staggering blooming periods will provide some color at all times. If color is lacking, gardeners can selectively place flowering annuals to help fill in the gaps in the bloom period. Be sure to coordinate flower colors with bloom times for maximum effect.

### Planting and maintaining perennials

Many perennials are easy to grow from seed or cuttings. However, for the beginner, the best plan is to purchase young, vigorous plants from a local nursery or garden center. These container-grown perennials can be planted outdoors anytime during the growing season.

Set the plants in a hole placed at the same depth as they were in the container. Water well and enjoy the results.

Early in the season, lightly cultivate or weed the garden soil. Later, a light mulch of grass clippings, pine needles, shredded pine bark, or other organic material free of weed seeds will help control weeds, conserve moisture and keep soil temperatures cool.

Perennials may need a light fertilizer application each spring. Yellow leaves and poor growth are indications that fertilizers are needed. Select a complete general purpose fertilizer such as 5-10-10 and apply it

at a rate of 2 to 4 pounds per 100 square feet. Excessive fertilization will stimulate unwanted leaf growth and may result in few blooms.

As the season progresses, remove faded blossoms, spent flower stalks and any dead or diseased leaves. Be sure to weed the perennials periodically and water well during dry spells.

### Dividing perennials

Most perennial plants should not be left in the same place without division for more than 3 to 4 years. It's time to divide perennials when the center of the clump grows sparsely, flowers are fewer and smaller and the clump gets too big or overcrowded.

Divide summer and fall flowering perennials early each spring. Spring flowering plants are best divided after they flower and enter a resting or dormant stage. To divide overgrown clumps, dig up the plant with a garden fork and divide the clump into parts. Retain the outer portion of each clump and discard the mature center parts. Keep 3 to 5 of the most vigorous outer side shoots and replant them. Discard the remaining materials, plant them in another location or give them away. Growing perennials is a social hobby!

### Winter Protection

After several hard frosts in the fall, cut back the brown, dead foliage on perennials to 4 to 6 inches above the ground level. After late November, lay down a protective mulch to keep the soil temperature stable and prevent plants from heaving. Ground up leaves, pine needles or straw make good mulches; anchor mulch materials with a light covering of branches.

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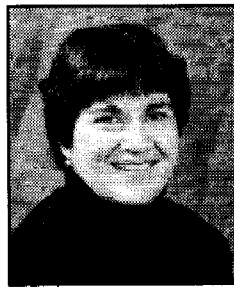


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## Real Estate Hints: Interest Rates and Mortgages

by *Laura Hallaban*

While the spring market was one of the strongest ever for real estate in our area, many consumers fear that a recovering economy means higher interest rates are coming. Indeed, the Federal Reserve is likely to raise interest rates at the end of June, with economists predicting the median 30-year loan to settle at 6.6 percent by year's end. While higher borrowing costs will slow the refinancing market, home sales are projected to remain healthy. The most recent National Association of Realtors' survey shows that median existing-home prices in most metropolitan areas continued to experience above-average appreciation in the first quarter of this year. The national median existing-home price was \$170,800, up 6.5 percent from the first quarter of 2003 when the median price was \$160,400. Regionally, the strongest increase was in our neck of the woods, the Northeast, where the median resale price was \$212,000, rising 18.7 percent from a year earlier. Looking at price increases in our region, you can see that we, too, are experiencing such appreciation.

So, how will the Fed's announcement of higher interest rates affect mortgage rates?

**Fixed-rate mortgages.** Rates on 15- and 30-year fixed-rate mortgages tend to move up and down before the Fed acts, so expect long-term mortgage rates to rise in anticipation of the Fed action. Not to panic, as housing economists predict that the rise will be slow, with 30-year rates expected to end the year at less than 7 percent. Faced with the uncertainty of it all, however, buyers may want to decide now how high a rate they are willing to pay, then float and hope rates stay the same or drop. If rates rise, they will have already identified the point at which they would lock.

**Adjustable-rate mortgages.** The long cycle of low interest rates has resulted in the popularity of adjustable-rate mortgages, or ARMs. If a buyer plans on staying in a house for five or fewer years, he or she should consider an ARM. People who have a lot of investment income might like an ARM as well, because they can handle the risk of rising rates better than the person whose earnings come from wages or a salary.

**Home equity loans.** If you are thinking about a home equity loan, remember that rates tend to follow the prime rate, though longer-term loans behave more like long-term fixed-mortgage rates. While most equity lines of credit feature variable rates, if you can afford the higher rate and want to tap into your home's equity to pay for home improvements or college tuition, a home equity line of credit (HELOC) is a good choice.

The bottom line is that keeping an eye on interest rates is a wise idea, as is talking with your banker or mortgage lender about your financial options. There may be a benefit to taking action before the Fed announcement affects the market.



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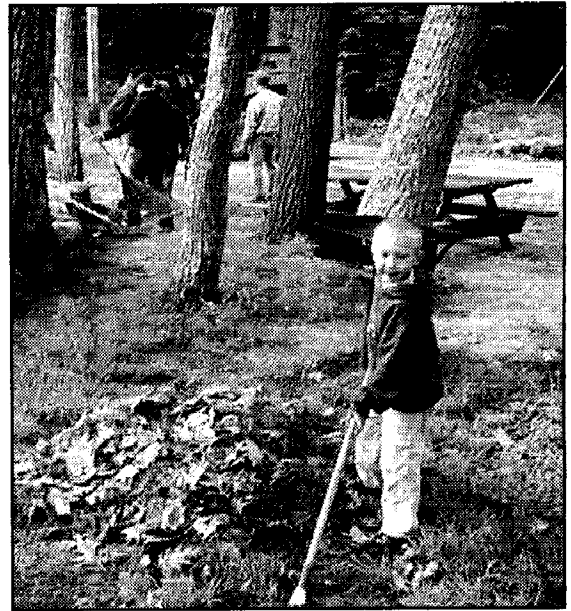
## Bradford Parks and Recreation

We are very happy to announce Jarna Perkins has been chosen as the new part-time Director for Parks and Recreation. She has rolled up her sleeves and jumped right in. With Jarna working with us, we are sure we will be able to accomplish many of the goals we have for Parks and Rec.

Even with our Annual French's Park clean up on the front page and posters around Town, there was a very small turnout. Know the weather wasn't good, but the cold breezes off the lake did keep the bugs away. Andrew Pinard with his magic rake had the beach all cleaned for us. He helps all summer also. A big thanks Andrew. Big thanks also to Dick Kennedy [this was his second time ever at the park, he lives on the other side of the lake], Lindsay and Colton Hisler, Sue Sarito, and Steve Lucier. The way Steve worked I would say the Highway Department is in very good hands. Thanks to the Pickman's for the loan of their equipment which really helps to make it easier

and we can get so much more done. Then we have our faithful P& R members Margaret and Jim Raymond, Dawn and Jim Allen, Joni and Jim Pickman, and my man and me. Most of us stopped by the Lumber Barn for lunch afterwards. Think we will make sure we time the clean up with their cook out next year.

Jane Lucas



Colton Hisler, one of our best workers



Jim Allen at the wheel, Wacky Lucas supervising and Jim Raymond doing the work

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## KRES Writing Contest Winners

John Drusendahl, site manager at K.R.E.S. at Bradford, came up with the idea of a writing contest to help with our schoolwide writing goal. Children had to write about a New Hampshire place, activity, or historical figure.

Here are the winning stories:

### FISHING AT THE CABIN

by: **Jakob Ulrich** (Kindergarten - Jakob dictated this to his teacher).

I like to go fishing at the cabin. My Dad sometimes catches frogs for bait so he can catch fish like pickerel. My bait that I go fishing with is worms. I go fishing on a boat sometimes. It's fun. One time, for real, my Dad used a worm and put it on a fishing line and dropped it in the water and then a baby perch tried to get the worm. One time also, me and my Dad went left across the water, almost across the whole pond, to go fishing. Sometimes we catch sunfish, shad, perch, pickerel, bass and hornpout. Catfish are up there too. One time, I put on my water mask and cracked some clams with a huge, heavy rock. Then I fed the inside of the clams to the fish and I dived into the water and watched the fish eat the clams. The fish were excited! I like to go fishing at the cabin a lot!!!

### POP POP'S SUGAR HOUSE

by: **Carley St. Louis** - Grade 2

My grandfather owns a sugar house. I call my grandfather, PopPop. His sugar house is made out of wood. He cut down the trees on his property himself. PopPop's sugar house is a little hut that he makes maple syrup in. He makes syrup in the spring when the trees start to thaw. He puts a tube into a maple tree. There is a bucket attached to the tube. Then when the sap runs the

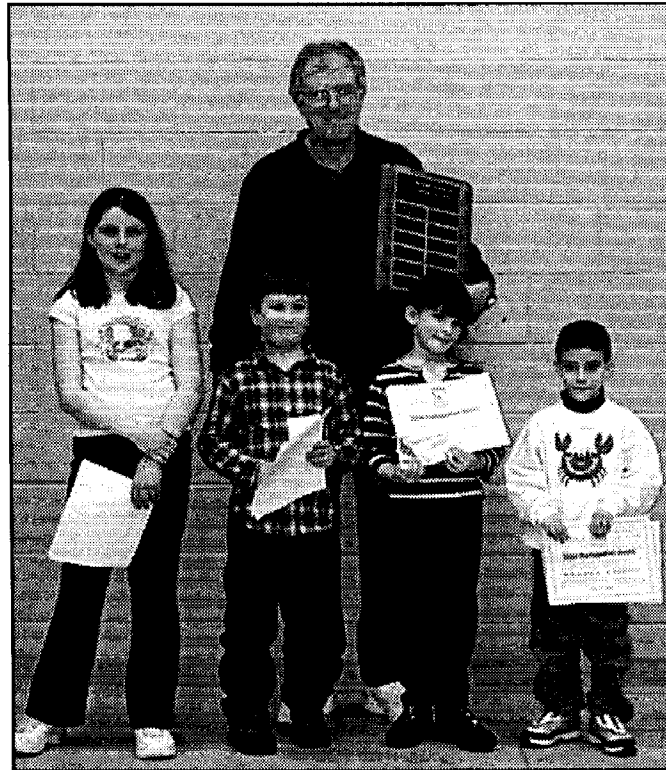
sap goes into the bucket. PopPop collects the buckets full of sap and pours it into a big tank in his pick up truck. When he gets to the sugar house he dumps the sap into the evaporator. The sap starts to bail into syrup. The syrup is sweet and tasty on my pancakes and French toast. I love being at my PopPop's sugar house. I love maple syrup.

### MT. KEARSARGE

by: **Emilie Newbern** - Grade 4

Mount Kearsarge is one of the oldest mountains in the state. It is 2,937 feet above sea level and it is located in the towns of Warner and Wilmot. Mount Kearsarge is a very popular spot for families to hike. I have been up to Mount Kearsarge six times. Every time I go up, it is a new adventure for me. You can hike up from Winslow State Park on the north side or Rollins State Park on the south side. I like the trail from Rollins best. I like it because it is very steep and you have to climb up big rocks. While I'm hiking, I usually hear birds chirping in the trees. My Dad always brings his binoculars to look at all the different kinds of birds. Sometimes, if you're very quiet, you can see or hear different animals. I've seen birds, squirrels, chipmunks and a red eft, but there

are probably lots of other creatures creeping around in the forest. Climbing is very tiring, so we often take little breaks along the path. My brother and I usually take the lead because after a while we get tired of climbing and just want to get to the top. As we get closer to the top, the trees start to get smaller because of the harsh wind and weather the mountain gets. I start to see the top of the fire tower and the open granite summit. When we get to the summit, I feel like I'm on top of the whole world. The wind is usually blowing quite steadily. The views are beautiful and vast. You can see marks in the rocks from the glaciers that formed Mount Kearsarge more than 25,000 years ago. Finally, we get to eat the picnic lunch that I have been waiting for since we started climbing. After our yummy picnic, we climb the steep stairs to the top of the fire tower. The park ranger is always happy to answer any questions you have. In the tower, you can see even more incredible views. On really clear and sunny days, you can see all the way to the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Green Mountains of Vermont, and the Atlantic Ocean and the skyscrapers in the city of Boston, Massachusetts. I have only hiked parts of the mountain in the summer and fall, but many people also bike, ski, snowshoe and snowmobile to the top. If you've never climbed Mount Kearsarge before, I suggest you get up and go!



Pictured with Mr. Drusendahl are writing contest winners L-R: Emilie Newbern, Jakob Ulrich, Carley St. Louis, and Harry Gross.

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## Visioning Session Generates Many Ideas



*Visioning Session participants hear presentations.*

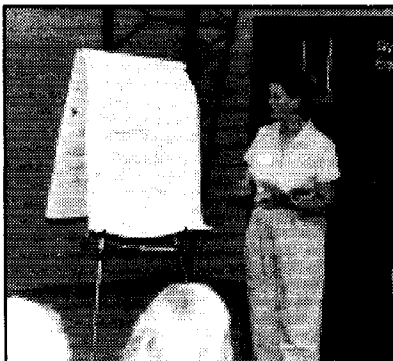
The Bradford Planning Board held a "Community Visioning Session" on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> designed as a fun and informal event to gather input on issues that will be addressed in the town master plan, which is currently being updated.

The morning was spent discussing issues facing the town. Topics covered included transportation, natural features, community facilities, housing, population and economics, history and culture, and land use. Although the group was small, several interesting and informative conversations were held. Results of the Community Survey, which was sent out in February, were also presented. Those survey results can be reviewed at [www.cnhrpc.org/bradfordmasterplan](http://www.cnhrpc.org/bradfordmasterplan). More detailed summaries of the discussion at the visioning session will be posted there soon as well.

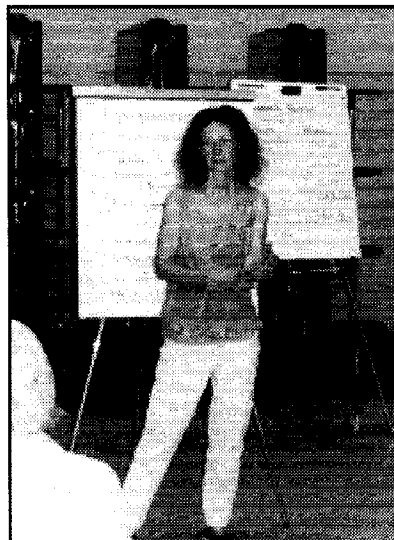
The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, which is assisting the

Town with the master plan update, is currently working to summarize Bradford's existing land use. The land use sub-committee will hold an initial meeting at 7 pm at the Town Hall on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Call Marcia Keller at 938-2877 to join this group. The transportation sub-committee, chaired by Edythe Craig, will be formed in a few weeks. Groups looking into the other topics covered by the master plan will organize in the next few months. Each sub-committee will be asked to meet three or four times over the course of a four-month period. For more information, or to sign up for one or more of the master plan sub-committees, contact Bob Foor at 938-6196.

*Marcia Keller*



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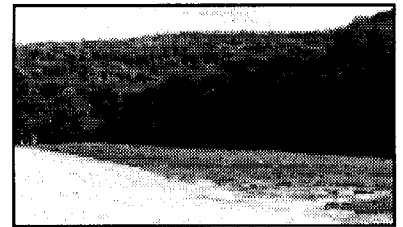
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## Bradford Area Community Center

### June 2004 Calendar

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1**

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2**

Yoga Class, 9:30-10:45 am

TBI, 4:00-5:00 pm

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**

No Computer Class Today

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5**

BACC Auction Item Drop Off, 10:00 am-noon

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**

Bridge Group, 1:00-4:00 pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00-7:30 pm

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

Brownies, 3:00-4:30 pm

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9**

Yoga Class, 9:30-10:45 am

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10**

Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board, 5:30-7:00 pm

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11**

Computer Class, 10:00 am-noon

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

Senior Council Bingo, 1:00-3:00 pm

**MONDAY, JUNE 14**

Bridge Group, 1:00-4:00 pm

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

Yoga Class, 9:30-10:45 am

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

Blood Pressure &amp; Foot Clinic, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Purple Martin Series: Treatment of the Dead, 6:30-8:30 pm

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

Computer Class, 10:00 am-noon

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

BACC Auction Item Drop Off, 10:00 am-noon

**MONDAY, JUNE 21**

Bridge Group, 1:00-4:00 pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00-7:30 pm

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22**

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

Senior Center: Trip to Franklin Pierce Homestead in Hillsboro and lunch at the Sanpan Restaurant. Meet 10:00AM at the Senior Center to car pool. Sign-up deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone 65 or older, admission is free. All others is \$5.00 per person. Lunch is your responsibility. This trip is open to anyone in the community. Call 938-2104 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23**

Yoga Class, 9:30-10:45 am

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24**

Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board, 5:30-7:00 pm

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25**

Computer Class, 10:00 am-noon

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26**

Senior Center: Summer Solstice Fair 10 am-2 pm at the Merrimack Country Store Parking Lot. Crafts, Flowers, Antiques, Balloons, and a Raffle for a handmade Redwork Quilt. The fair is a fundraising event for senior programming.

**MONDAY, JUNE 28**

Bridge Group, 1:00-4:00 pm

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29**

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30**

Yoga Class, 9:30-10:45 am

### Program Information

For general information or to schedule an activity, call Director Jarna Perkins at 938-6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups, organizations, or activities at the BACC.

For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels, CAP Transportation, or Senior Programs call Senior Center Program Director, Sandi Bandieri at 938-2104.

For Kearsarge Area Pre-School information, contact Heather Cooper at 938-2668.

### Senior Lunch: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

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## Computer Solutions

Last month we discussed keeping the hard drive of your computer uncluttered by disk clean-up and defragmenting. This month I'd like to suggest another clean-up procedure: actually opening your computer and cleaning out the dust, dirt, and animal hair. I may not be describing your office, but I certainly am mine!

You need a set of screw-drivers, and an anti-static wrist strap is a good idea. These are available at any computer or electronic store for a small price. Most important, a can of non-flammable compressed air. The enemies of your computer are heat and static electricity. The dust allows heat to build up and you can discharge static electricity onto components if you are not careful.

Remove the screws that hold the case together. There will be about four of them. Take the case off the computer, there are various configurations. Some are a side panel, some are a three-sided cover that slides backward.

Before you touch anything inside the computer, attach the wrist strap to your wrist and to an unpainted piece of metal of the case. Or you can discharge your static electricity by holding onto the unpainted metal part of the case for a few seconds.

Use the compressed air to blow all throughout the inside of the computer, to remove as much dust and hair as you can. Pay attention to the fans, and clear dust from them.

When all is as clean as you can get it, replace the case cover and screws. Your computer will thank you! Every few months should be enough, but at least twice a year!

If you have questions about these procedures, you can call Bev Leo 938-2996 or e-mail [bleo@iamnow.net](mailto:bleo@iamnow.net).

*Bev Leo, Chaos Design*

## Then...

*by Milly Kittredge*



### BRADFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL 8TH GRADE GRADUATION, 1950

Back Row: Teacher, Robert L. Jeffrey; Pauline Whitehouse, Mary Sargent, Annie Bagley, Ruth Sargent.

Front: Don Joyce, Buddy Westerberg, Sammy Lowe, Monty Gove.

Also on the staff: Vernice Dwinells, Alice S. Harris, Blanche Bailey, Ruth Whitcomb, RN, and William C. Sterling, Supt.

*Photo from Sam Lowe Collection*

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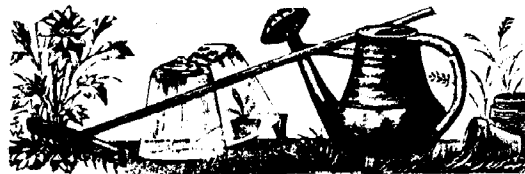
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## Seeking Vendors

The South Newbury Union Church is seeking vendors for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Fair on Saturday, August 14, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please call 938-2064. This year, along with a Chinese auction, raffle, kid's games, entertainment, food, and vendors, there will be a town-wide yard sale. Look for more details at a later date.

—Gail Bostic

## Bradford Historical Society

The Annual Band and Berry Festival will be Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Hopkinton TownBand will play their toe-tapping tunes and shortcakes and sundaes will be available. The band concert is free. Bring chairs or blankets, and bug stuff (just in case!) Afternoon, time to be announced. Old Bradford Center is on Rowe Mountain Road, through the covered bridge.



## Tips for Traveling with Your Pet

From *Travelsmart* Newsletter

**Car Safety:** Safety belts and harnesses are good for securing small dogs in vehicles, but the safest way for your dog to travel is secured in a crate in your back seat or cargo area in an SUV. Dogs should never travel in the open bed of a pickup truck. [Which is illegal in New Hampshire.]

**Identification:** Make sure your pet has a strong snugly fastened collar and identification tag that includes information about your destination should you get separated. It's a good idea to microchip a pet to aid in relocating him or her. Also, remember to carry a current photo of your pet along with the health certificates and inoculation records.

**Web Site:** [www.PetsWelcome.com](http://www.PetsWelcome.com)

This Web Site includes lists of hotels/motels that allow pets, as well as many other travel tips.

# First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley



**Women's Christian Guild;** Ladies who belong to the Guild are invited to come to the annual luncheon on Friday, June 4 at the Country Spirit Restaurant in Henniker. If you want to carpool, please meet at the church at 11:30 am. Otherwise, meet at the restaurant at noon.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries:** The annual dinner will be held Wednesday, June 9 at the Country Spirit Restaurant. To carpool, meet at the church at 5:30 pm. Otherwise, meet at the restaurant at 6:00 pm.

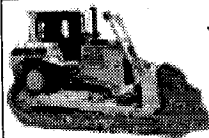
**Children's Day:** On Sunday, June 13, at 10:00 am, the children in our church will conduct the entire service. The theme this year is; "We Were Once Lost But Now Are Found". There will be skits and lots of music.

**Food Pantry;** The June distribution date for the food pantry is Wednesday, June 16, from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**Men's Fellowship:** The men will meet on Wednesday, June 16, at 7:30 pm at the home of Fred & Lynne Hubley.

**Youth Group:** Youth who are in grades 5-8 are invited to come to youth group. We will meet on Wednesday, June 16, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. This will be an evening of silly games: "Clothes Pin Challenge", "Steal the Bacon", "Trash Can Basketball", and "Charades". We will also meet on Wednesday, June 30, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and clean the food pantry. When we are done, we will enjoy a pizza party at Pizza Chef.

**50's Style Drive-In Car Hop:** This is our second annual car hop. The date is Saturday, June 19, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. You can drive in and eat in your car or dine under one of our canopies. We will be serving hamburgers, chesseburgers, hotdogs, fries, and ice cream treats. There will be 50's music.



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## Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

If you are taking a road trip this summer, you may want to check out some audio books on tape or CD from the library. They can really make a trip more enjoyable. We have adult and children's titles. If you will be at your destination more than the two-week loan period, you can always mail them back to the library.

The Bradford Art Group has installed a new exhibit at the library of nature photographs by local amateur photographer Wayne Szymkiewicz. Do come in to see them.

Join us at the library on Friday, June 4, at 7:00pm for our book-to-movie discussion of *The Quiet American* by Graham Greene. Refreshments will be served.

Some of the new books added to your library in May are:

For adults:

- Eventide* by Kent Haruf
- Double Play* by Robert B. Parker
- A Hole in Texas* by Herman Wouk
- The Shifting Tide* by Anne Perry
- The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler
- Eats Shoots and Leaves* by Lynne Truss

And for children:

- Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett
- Sidewalk Circus* by Paul Fleischman
- Superdog* by Caralyn Buehner
- The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place* by E. L. Konigsburg

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Wednesday, 10:00 am-7:00 pm

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Your Editors would like to invite comments and suggestions for making this truly a neighborhood newspaper.

Would you like to see more minutes of meetings (we'll need stringers to cover the events), more pictures of events, more listings of area events?

What is important to you?  
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938-2692

**Area Events**

**Main Street BookEnds of Warner, 16**  
East Main Street, Warner:

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 7 pm** They've been here before.....and we are thrilled that they're back!!! "The Mink Hills BlueGrass Band". Everything you love about bluegrass music you will find with Mink Hills. Make sure you get here early. If the weather is good....this concert might be held outdoors in our "Outdoor Performance Center" Call 456-2700 for more information. \$10.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 10 am-4 pm** (at SHAKER VILLAGE) Our BookEnds Gardening Staff will be at Shaker Village in Canterbury, NH for their "Herb & Garden Day" festival. If you're looking for the most authoritative books on Herbs and Gardening and want to spend a fun day...join us at Shaker Village in Canterbury from 10 am to 4 pm at Shaker Village!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 3 pm** Piano students of Mrs. Darlene Nevins will be performing in a "Piano Recital". This will surely be a fun event for parents and grand-parents and all those who want to support the kids who have worked so hard on their musical selections. Arrive early for choice seating.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 7 pm** Click's Back!! One of our favorite musicians...the legendary **CLICK HORNING TRIO** returns for another evening of incredible folk music. \$10

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1:30 pm** Shape Note Singing Returns!! Take part in this unique form of singing that's growing in popularity. It's based on the un-accompanied traditional singing done in the 1700's. There is no cost and participation is encouraged. BookEnds Gallery.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 7pm** Rebecca Courser is with us tonight! The past president of the Warner Historical Society continues her series of talks about Warner's rich history. Arrive early to guarantee a choice seat. Donations, Please.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 7 pm** Another great concert tonight in our now famous "OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE CENTER". That's right! We're closing off our parking lot and setting up chairs for Vermont's **JOSH BROOKS**. Bring your own lawn chair if you want for this Country and Folk Concert...Under the Stars! \$5

**FRIDAY, JULY 2, 7 pm** Our "Summer of Great Music" series continues tonight with **FRAN CHELLAND**. Outdoors...weather permitting. Bring those lawn chairs again for a fun evening of Acoustic Guitar Folk Music \$5

**Free Concord Monitor Listings**

Any local events or news, bake sales, school happening, town decisions, etc. for Bradford can go in *The Concord Monitor's* Town Crier section weekly. It appears on Sundays and any information needs to be to me by Tuesday midnight. This is a free service that the paper gives us. Please call 938-2636 or email: [forfengdesigns@tds.net](mailto:forfengdesigns@tds.net) or [forfeng@tds.net](mailto:forfeng@tds.net) (please put "town crier" in the subject line).

—Heather Turner

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# Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Potatoes are to be planted in spring "as soon as the ground can be worked". The ground I'm planting with this Andean import can still only be worked with a mattock, having recently been pine forest. A slim parting of last year's mulch, a shallow loosening of the soil, and the sprouty spuds are on their own. I hope they keep their heads down till those final frosts have passed.

Worms, disturbed in their fractured tunnels, writhe about in the shocking sun. I cover as many as I easily can. It is still too cool and too early in the day for the blackflies. A brown creeper is ecstatically singing across the logging road. Some remain with us cryptically all winter—sometimes in company with the gregarious nuthatches and chickadees. They are among the first to announce their intentions in spring. This is how Ora Willis Knight described creepers at the end of the 19th century:

"Beginning low down on a tree, they wind their circuitous way about the trunk, now upwards, now backing slightly downward, but in general progressing in an upward direction, peering into every crack and cranny of the bark as if doomed forever to seek some unattainable object. When finally they reach the top of the tree, or have progressed up the main branches, they usually drop or fly to the trunk of a neighboring tree to repeat the performance... In general, this bird reminds one of a venerable and pre-occupied college professor searching near-sightedly for some rare and longed for object..."

Their twirling song, however, is not that of an absent-minded intellectual. They make their crescent-shaped nests behind a loose slab of bark and fill it with 4-8 oval cream, red/brown speckled eggs. The birds themselves are shaped like a crescent, a fluid curve from bent bill to a bracing tail. They are very hard to spot if motionless on a tree trunk. The fledglings in late June are very active, noisy, and said to roost together at night in a tight circle with their heads down and their shoulder plumage puffed out. I would like to see this. For now, the males spring song is a fine accompaniment to my planting.

And, while I work, a couple of spring azure butterflies pass by. One of the earliest of butterflies, their movements seem especially frivolous with so few flowers about. In fact, they have very little time to be butterflies. As pupae, they have survived a very cold winter in frozen diapause. After hatching, their agenda for day one

is to find some like-minded soul of the opposite sex. For the female, day two is spent laying eggs on a variety of plants: viburnum, dogwood, and spirea especially. The last day, number three, is possibly spent in wild celebration. In due course, the eggs hatch and as small, sluglike caterpillars, they feed primarily on the flowers of their host plant. Ants soon find them and protectively defend them from other insects. In return for this service, the ants harvest the sweet, excreted honeydew, a by-product of the larvae's overly rich fare.

Darting in and out of last year's hay are wolf spiders. With superior eyesight, two large and four small eyes, they chase down their meals. Though some species spin silk-lined burrows, most wolf spiders are vagabonds without permanent retreat. Already the females have woven their squares of silk and deposited ninety or so eggs, rolling them up in a white globe that they will strap to their spinnerets and hang beneath their abdomens as they dash about. Extremely covetous of their precious cargo, they will defend it to the death, and if bereft, may accept some inappropriate substitute.

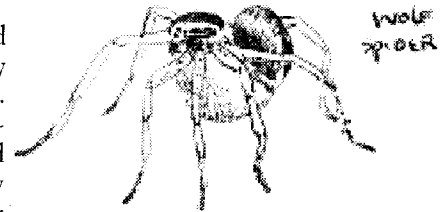
After some weeks, she will bite open the sac, releasing her tiny offspring. They will clamber up their mother's legs and take their places like commuters, clutching special curved hairs which are tipped with knobs - "spider saddle horns". Here they ride for several weeks, absorbing the remains of their egg yolks and absorbing the view. If they are accidentally knocked off during their mother's pursuits, she will stop and wait while they regain their seats.

Far below the brown creepers, below the spring azures and the hay with its wolf spiders, down with the potatoes and the earthworms, are the ground beetles. This is a large family of insects, variable in form and habit. Curiously and perfectly dead, one was lying on the surface. The cause of death was not apparent. One of the Calosoma ground beetles with a subtle metallic sheen, it had the wonderful name of the Fiery Searcher. As larvae and adult, this beetle was predaceous. They are beneficial to us, munching gypsy moth and tent caterpillars, slugs, and cutworms. I am hoping they also eat Colorado potato beetles.

In the midst of all this activity, the potato crop has been planted.



BROWN CREEPER



WOLF SPIDER



SPRING AZURE

DECEASED CALOSOMA BEETLE



# June Calendar

## TUESDAY, JUNE 1

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm  
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall,  
7:00 pm

## THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Bradford Economic Opportunity Commit-  
tee, BACC, 7:00 pm,

## FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Book to Movie Discussion *The Quiet Ameri-  
can*, BML, 7:00 pm

## MONDAY, JUNE 7

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00 am  
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00 pm

## TUESDAY, JUNE 8

BWC Board Meeting, Mountain Lake Inn,  
9:30 am  
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

## MONDAY, JUNE 14

Rural Heritage Connection, BACC, 7:00 pm

## TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm  
Conservation Commission, Town Hall,  
7:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Parks & Recreation Meeting, BACC, 6:30 pm

## TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

## SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Band & Berry festival, Bradford Center,  
Rowe Mtn. Road



**Children's Story Hour**, Wednesdays at  
Brown Memorial Library, 10:30 am

**Bradford Historical Society**, Old Post  
Office, open most Saturdays from  
1:30-3:00 pm or by appointment, call  
938-5386

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Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday  
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Tuesday: 7:00-11:30 am, 12:30-5:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am-12:00 noon, 1:00-5:00 pm

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# Classifieds

WANTED: Someone to help assist me in  
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perature controls. Ignitor knob. LP tank  
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YARD SALE: Business relocated. Items not  
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counter, large floor fan, microwave. Too  
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Classified ads	June 23
Articles	June 20

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