

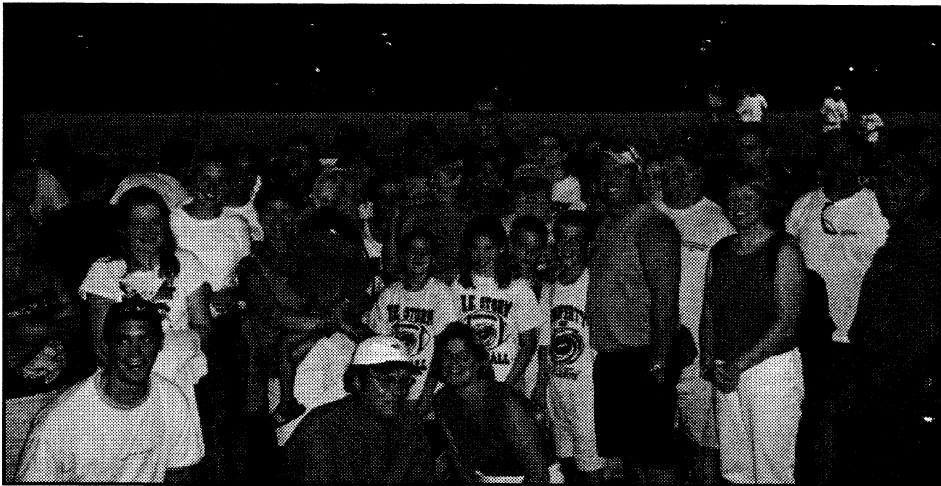
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Bradford Cheers up a Storm at WPFL Opener



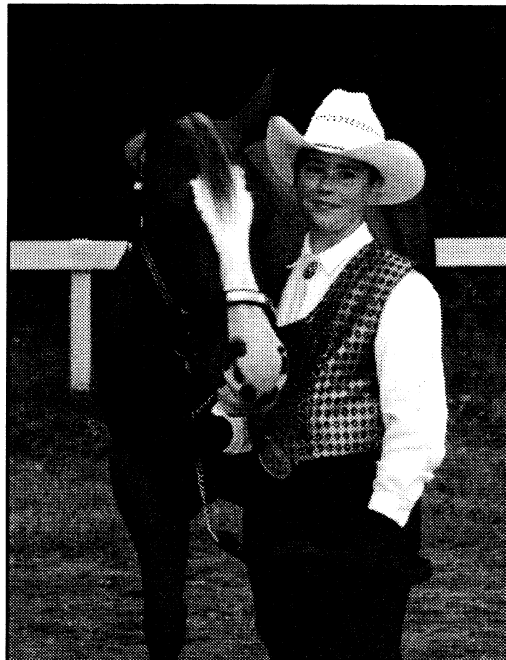
Heather Beaton of Bradford (center rear) and some of her fans pose after her debut at the August 10 home opener for the New England Storm, a team of the Women's Professional Football League. Beaton plays guard for the team, whose home games are played at the Hormel Stadium in Medford, MA. The Storm lost that game to the Syracuse Sting, 3-6, but will have another chance in their next home game on September 14. Follow Beaton's career with the Storm on their web site, www.newenglandstorm.com.

St. Cyr Qualifies for 4-H "Big E" Competition

Jacki St.Cyr, 13, of South Sutton, will be one of twenty 4-H riders representing New Hampshire at the Eastern States Expo in Springfield, MA September 19-22. St. Cyr placed twelfth at the State 4-H horse show held July 26-28 at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. The twenty qualifying riders who will head to the Big "E" were chosen out of over 120 participants by high scores on horse knowledge, riding, and stable management.

St. Cyr's mount, Encore's Deja Vous, is an American Paint horse.

Also qualifying from St. Cyr's Sullivan County 4-H group were Tori Labelle, eighth over all, and Bethany Prussman, fourth over all.



Digging Up Trouble?

Ask before you excavate

As a property owner in the Town of Bradford, what do you need to know before you move or remove "earth" from your property? Two definitions from RSA 155-E (The State Statute) to start:

Earth: "sand, gravel, rock, soil or construction aggregate"

Excavation: "a land area which is used, or has been used, for the commercial taking of earth, including all slopes."

There are many reasons why a property owner might want to move earth around including preparing a site for building, adding on to an existing building, major or minor landscaping to deal with uneven topography, or relocating a driveway. If a wheelbarrow and shovel are the tools of choice and the material does not leave the lot of origin, it is safe to say no regulations would stop the project. When mechanized moving of soil is involved, the safest approach is to discuss the project with the Planning Board.

In general, if a small amount of earth, of less than 1,000 cubic yards, is to be moved from one place to another on the same piece of property, or to a contiguous piece in the same ownership, no excavation permit is necessary. State permits may be required when larger amounts or wetlands are involved.

In general, if the material is to be removed from the site and sold, it would be considered a commercial operation and would require a permit under RSA 155-E and may also require state permits. The Planning Board is charged with the authority and responsibility for administering the requirements of RSA 155-E, LOCAL REGULATION EXCAVATIONS.

Some operations are specifically prohibited where it would be hazardous to the public, would damage a known aquifer, where existing visual barriers would be removed, or when either the operational or reclamation standards in the law could not be met.

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Selectmen's Update

This will be my last update for the *Bridge*. As I look back, so many things have changed. I was first elected in March of 1997 on a write-in, of all things. I just wanted to get involved with the Town and help out where I could. Little did I know what a commitment it was to be a Selectman.

Luckily for the Town of Bradford and me, we hired Cheryl Behr. She was the first person that we interviewed for the job of Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen. She is a staff of one, with the occasional assistance of Michelle Marson. Due to Cheryl's initiative and expertise in the area of finance, we have saved thousands of tax dollars. The offices at Town Hall were completely redone with input from Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk. The town offices are totally computerized thanks to Cheryl and Sue. Ann Lucier, the Deputy Clerk, is a delight to work with and is a great asset to the Town. Marilyn Gordon does an excellent job as Town Treasurer. It has been a great pleasure working with these professional women.

I have seen new street lights put in, new signs installed (soon I hope!), roads paved and upgraded, new homes being built, a new Community Center up and running quite successfully, and a library renovation that makes it one of the finest in the area. I have seen the following committees, endorsed by the Board of Selectmen, formed for the good of the Town: they are the Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee, the Bradford Community Corporation, and the Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board. We now have a Parks and Recreation Committee. All members are volunteers. A Bradford Business Association was formed and is active. It has been my good fortune to work with the people on the various committees in town. It has meant many meetings and long hours.

There also have been many sleepless nights trying to deal with "problems". You know what? It was worth it! Bradford and the people who live here are very special to Sue and me. We thank you for the opportunity to have served you and the support you have all given us these past years. I am "retiring" from the job of Selectman officially on September 10, 2002. If I could give some parting advice to the Town, it would be to continue to support your elected officials, to welcome the individual that will finish out the last six months of my term, and to please volunteer when you can. The rewards are endless.

—Dick Vitale, Chairman, Board of Selectmen



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