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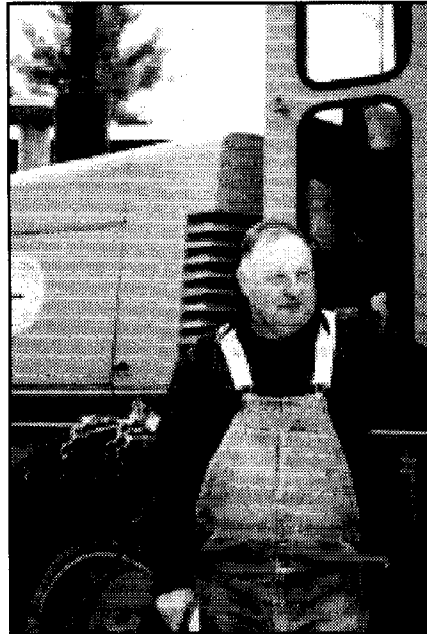
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Andy Anderson Retires

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 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.

Garden Exchange

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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.

Bradford Board of Selectmen


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Peter Fenton
Dave Pickman

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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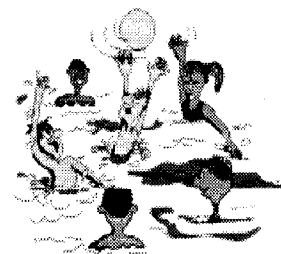
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The Bradford Rescue Squad wants to sincerely thank the residents from Bradford and surrounding communities that "responded" to our plea for volunteers. The Rescue Squad does not exist without dedicated, selfless volunteers willing to give their time, putting the needs of the community ahead of their own. Our call for these special volunteers did not go unheard and we are thrilled with the new folks who have joined our ranks.

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 9th and 10th grade students. Also Wednesday, June 2, Band and Chorus for 11 and 12th 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.



