

THE Bradford Bridge

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BRADFORD'S NEW SIDEWALKS

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

We interviewed Deborah Bede this month to find out about her art conservation work. She explained that she found the perfect place for her work in Bradford after living in Henniker for nine years. Her house and barn sit next to "Sunny Plains." She said that the barn in particular was a perfect setting and had the space for all the equipment that she needed for her work and also was certainly next to a quiet neighbor.

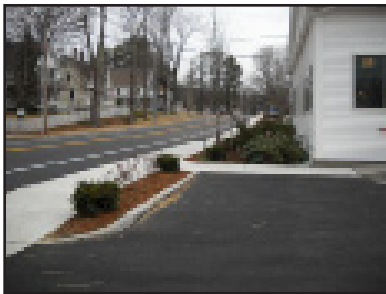
Q. You have an interesting background with schooling and jobs in New York, Boston, Minnesota and now Bradford.

I was born in Illinois and at the age of nine the family moved to New Canaan, Connecticut. My mom took me to the Ballet when I was really young and we visited museums in New York City. I think that I have always been interested in the arts.

Q. You mentioned that your interest in art conservation really began when you volunteered at an archeological dig in England after you graduated from high school. Where was the dig and why did you postpone college for some years?

The dig was in Winchester, England. They had two hundred volunteers and there were nine different sites. I worked with the photographer and was able to visit all the sites. I didn't go to college for several years because I had no plans for my life.

Q. Can you define art conservation in layman's terms?



Shrubbery by Pizza Chef



Looking East



*Crosswalk at
Community Center*



Bicycle Lanes



Looking West

Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Saturday December 8 at 3:30 PM join your fellow citizens at the corner of East Main Street and Route 103. A celebratory ribbon will be cut to formally open our new sidewalk. Enjoy a stroll along the walk, a cup of hot chocolate at Dunkin Donuts, and then proceed to Brown Memorial Library for the lighting of the Christmas tree.

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - noon
Selectmen meet every Monday
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM
Special Meetings will be posted
24 hours in advance

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
Office Hours
938-2288

Monday: noon-7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am
12:30 pm-5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and
12:30 pm-5:00 PM
Saturday: (2nd & 4th) 9-Noon

Planning Board Circuit Rider
Wednesday
call 938-2253 for appointment

Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC

Letter from the Editor

There is so much positive news from our town – the absolutely amazing 86% of our voters who turned out for the election, including 96 new voters who registered on election day. Of special note was one who had recently received U. S. citizenship and a young man who turned 18 on election day – both voting for the first time for different reasons.

Bradford's Main Street (east end) looks like a true main street with safe sidewalks accessible to all, bicycle lanes, and clearly defined travel ways. Spring will bring the newly planted trees and shrubs to life. We can all be proud of the efforts that went into this first step in transforming Main Street back into the vibrant space those of us with long memory can picture. Join the ribbon cutting ceremony on Dec. 8 at 3:30 PM.

We can also be proud of the efforts of the Fenton family and the Appleseed to organize a collection of items to send to those who lost so much during Hurricane Sandy. Only a few days were needed for the generosity of area residents to fill not only a trailer, but several other vehicles as well.

Several homes on Main Street are undergoing renovations and will add to the sparkle of the area. More homes have been sold in other parts of Town as the economy begins to improve.

With all the good news, it is sad to witness the lack of civility at recent selectmen's meetings. Everyone has a right to express their opinions, but it should be done with courtesy, giving each individual an opportunity to speak without interruption. The Selectmen have many concerns to deal with; continual disruption of their meetings is hardly productive for the town. Balancing the public right to know with privacy concerns is not an easy task. It is hoped that the legal issues will soon be resolved and we can begin to focus on Bradford's future.

Take time this season to appreciate our family, our friends, and our town. My hope for all of you is to find peace in your heart, in our town, and the world around us.

*Marcia Keller,
December Editor*

Selectmen Engage New Town Attorney

Selectman Chair Harry Wright announced a decision made in non-public session on November 12. The Board of Selectmen, by majority vote, dismissed the Mitchell Group law firm as town counsel. The Lebanon based firm of Gardner, Fulton, and Waugh was unanimously chosen to represent the Town of Bradford. Lead counsel is H. Bernard "Bernie" Waugh.

Selectmen's Highlights

KRSD High School Hockey Coach Mark Cashin asked if it would be possible to hold a fund raiser at the Bement Bridge next spring to raise \$25,000 for the hockey program that is not covered by the school budget. A written proposal will be forthcoming.

Safe Routes to School - Cheryl Behr was authorized to sign an application for a \$14,500 grant as the next step in the Safe Routes to School program. This is necessary to continue with the next phase of the grant process for the continuation of the sidewalk project.

Historic District Commission

Laurie Buchar presented the following names to update the Commissioner to serve the Historic District, which includes the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, the Old Schoolhouse, the Town Pound, and the Old Burial Ground.

Carey Rodd - Cemetery Representative-one year term
 Meg Fearnley, Conservation Commission -two year term
 Laurie Buchar-Union Congregational Society-three year term
 George Cilley-Bradford Historical Society-one year term
 Sonny Harris-Selectmen Representative-two year term

The Selectmen unanimously approved the slate as presented.

Personnel Issues Questions continue to be asked concerning the status of the road agent and a disk of information that has been made public. The disk, which contains material that should have been redacted, has been widely circulated. Many questions were raised as to when, why, and on whose authority the material was released. After much conversation, Harry Wright spoke up and said, "I guess it had to be me as no one else wants to speak up to it."

Town Hall Restoration Selectmen approved engaging a Construction Manager for the project. Architect Rick Monahan explained the process and the advantages. Eileen Kelly said the fee of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600.00), over and above the original contract, is available from Rural Heritage Connection through the Cornerstone Account.

Building/Code Enforcement Don Jackson discussed two instances where it appears local regulations have not been followed in issuing building permits. Letters had been sent to the Selectmen from the Planning Board with no response. He suggested that the overall system needs to be discussed with the Building Inspector and made clearer to the public and all departments.

BACC - Selectmen approved replacing blinds in the pre-school room

with room darkening roller shades similar to those in the senior room. This was followed by a general discussion of maintenance issues at the Community Center and the difficulty of dealing with minor issues promptly. It was decided to seek a part-time person to call upon as needed.

Hazard Mitigation Plan - The final report that was completed and accepted by FEMA was signed by the Selectmen.


Budgets - The Selectmen continue to review department budgets as they are submitted. Those approved are forwarded to the Budget Committee for further action.

Junk Yard/Automotive Recycling Center

A public hearing was held, under RSA 236:115 on an application from Martin Chivers for a license to conduct a junk yard/recycling center on Breezy Hill Road. Both the ZBA and Planning Board have given the approvals necessary from those boards.

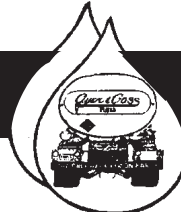
Mr. Chivers expressed his intention to seek an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at the 2013 Town Meeting to allow the facility to be relocated closer to Route 103 than the statute requires. He requested approval of the current plan to allow the state to continue its review.

Selectmen unanimously voted to issue the requested license.



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Area Events

Warner

Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m. The Warner Fall Foliage Festival annual meeting- Frank Maria meeting room, Pillsbury Free Library in Warner. New board members will be elected and grant requests will be voted upon. The public is invited.

Warner Lights up for the Holidays! Saturday, December 8 Join us and the other downtown merchants to celebrate the season with a Holiday Shopping Tour

Saturday, December 8th at 10am: We'll be reading *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* in front of the fire, and the Gallery will be filled with local foods and crafts

Farmers' & Artisans' Market: 10 am to 4 pm in MainStreet MarketPlace & Gallery. Fresh produce, baked goods, preserves, crafts, art, and gifts Organized by MainStreet Warner, Inc. Call Ben for additional info @ 603-540-1156

Just one more reason *Something Wonderful is Happening in Warner!*

Hopkinton

Wednesday, December 5th 7:00PM Hopkinton High School Celebrate with seasonal selections from the Hopkinton Town Band. Admission is free for the 90-minute program to delight people of all ages featuring traditional to modern arrangements, large and small ensemble pieces, and sing-alongs - something for everyone.

The Hopkinton Town Band is an all-volunteer community wind ensemble led by Jim Wojewoda and managed by Lucy Gaskill and Melissa Mandrell. The Holiday Concert is a highlight of the season – don't miss it!



Police Chief Jim Valiquet Believes in Helping People in Need

Senior residents of Bradford receive help when needed during the recent "Sandy" event and other weather related disasters. Chief Valiquet has been our police presence for the past eight years, prior to that he served Newbury for thirteen years. After our latest weather problem I spoke to him about this service that he provides. I wondered how he knew which people to phone.

"We get the names of resident seniors from the Senior Center and other sources. The phone rings during a winter storm or a summer heat wave and a friendly voice says," This is Chief Valiquet are you okay?" A reassuring thing for many who live alone, are of a certain age, or anyone in need of help. He explained that he does this during ice and snow storms or whatever disaster is imminent. He did this in Newbury for thirteen years and eight years since he's been chief in Bradford.

The help varies with the need. He said he has cleaned roofs of snow and shoveled walkways. "We've invited people to the police station during heat waves or a storm. In Newbury during the 1998 ice storm I brought wood to people for their woodstoves. We've taken meals to people. There aren't many towns offering this type of help."

The chief sat in his new office next to Bradford Post Office and praised the new quarters. "We might need some partitions for interviews and we don't have a Sally Port, which is a lack, but perhaps that will happen in the near future. A carport would be nice," he said. "Bradford is a safe place to live." He did mention drug related issues but he felt that it was fewer than other towns.

Phyllis Wilcox

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Board of Bradford Selectmen

21 November 2012

I address this to the Chairman Harry Wright and those involved. Upon reading the minutes of Nov 12-12 I see that you authorized the release of confidential personnel information pertaining to the criminal investigation. Reference RSA 41:8. A majority of the selectmen shall be competent in all cases. In other words a board selectmen may take action only by majority vote. As is often said a single selectman has NO AUTHORITY Ref: exception to state of NH RSA 91A: right to know and exception to FOIA: freedom of information act.

I purchased a copy from the town administrator. Upon reading same I find several social security numbers beginning with Mr Remillard, Mr Wheeler, and Mr Harris plus others. I do not see yours or Cheryl Behr's the present town administrator.

The information had to come from the town records and just wondering why those two social security nrs were not present as your names were included. I believe that one is part of the problem or part of the solution. Which side of the fence are you and your administrator on?

I personally feel that we elect people to work for the improvement of the town and not for personal gain of any kind. I also believe the towns people expect and deserve this service.

In closing I fell th3e person who released this information should be held accountable and responsible to insure the protection of social security nr's of all those persons whose numbers were released including Mr Remillard as well as protection of confidentiality of personnel records.

Yours truly
Robert Lincoln

This letter was read into the record at the 11/26/12 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The writer requested that it be printed in The Bradford Bridge and approved abridged text to meet the word limit set for letters to the editor in The Bridge



French's Park Damaged by Hurricane Sandy



*Large pines uprooted and other damage at French's park
During Sandy's pass through Bradford*

*Thank-you to the Town of Bradford
Road Crew for the clean-up*



Local Holiday Gifts from the Bradford Historical Society

New town history book
\$22.00

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Quilt calendar for 2013
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Genealogy book
\$35.00

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Society will be open only by
appointment during the winter
months.
Call 938-5372.



ANTI-BULLYING CHALLENGE!

KRES-Bradford initiated a wonderful program about the importance of kindness, kicked off with great enthusiasm by a fun and timely session with Odds Bodkin, who donated his time to this effort. I provided t-shirts for all the staff to wear every Friday and now I want to be able to purchase t-shirts for all 185 students!

I am challenging town businesses and residents to "lend a hand" and donate any amount to this worthy cause. Donations can be dropped off at my office or mailed to P.O. Box 525, Bradford.

THANK YOU!
Laura Hallahan

Grant to Restore Bement Covered Bridge

Through the efforts of Town Administrator Cheryl Behr, Bradford has received a grant in the amount of \$772,000 from the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program to complete a restoration of the Historic Bement Covered Bridge. This is the final round of grants from the federal program. The federal government will provide \$617,600 with the State paying 80% of the required match. Bradford's contribution amounts to a total of \$30,880 to be raised over a two year period.

The Bement Covered Bridge was completed in 1854 and rehabilitated several times during the mid to late 1900s. It is a Long truss structure, patented in 1830 by Colonel Stephen H. Long of Hopkinton, NH.

This project proposes to design and perform rehabilitation and repair efforts to address the overall deterioration of this bridge:

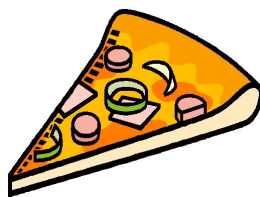
- Completely rebuild the dry laid stone abutments and properly (replace abutments if absolutely necessary)
- Correct wracking of the bridge frame and install bracing as needed
- Replace worn and deteriorated deck planking
- Reframe roof and replace roofing material
- Evaluate restoring the portal framing to match original shape
- Repair and/or replace rotted and decayed truss and framing members
- Additional required tasks as identified during rehabilitation

The rehabilitation of the Bement Covered Bridge will begun as soon as practicable after approval/receipt of the funds.

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Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Jess Hearne

Each week the children at KAP study a new letter of the alphabet. During our H week, students were invited to participate in Hat Day. To show off the fancy hats the students paraded to our weekly story hour at the Bradford Public Library. The library was full of children wearing tiaras, construction hats, baseball hats and homemade winter hats, just to name a few. It was a fun **H**appy, **H**umorous, **H**earth-felt **H** day! Next we will be studying the letter **I**, learning about the measurement of an inch and celebrating with ice cream!

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our annual Breakfast with Santa on December 15th from 8:30 - 11:00 AM.



Hat Day



Looking at library books

Smart Cookies

by Jill Pinard

Congratulations to the members of Kearsarge Cadette Troop #12579 who competed in the FIRST Lego League's Concord Regional qualifier on November 17!

Operating under the name of CookieBots 4000, the team competed in six different events including robot design, research, project presentation, and three rounds of performing robot missions. They ranked in the top eight for their robot missions, earning them a coveted spot in the final elimination round. The CookieBots were awarded the second place award for their project, "Green Greens." Each team identified a project affecting seniors, conducted research, and designed a solution to that problem.

The CookieBots identified challenges associated with gardening for seniors and designed a lightweight, self watering planter made from recycled materials.

The judges said, "This award recognizes a team that excels across the Research, Innovative Solution and Presentation categories. This team has 'grown' tremendously through its first year competing. Their green thumbs have put together a tremendous project." The CookieBots would like to thank The Brown Memorial Library in Bradford and Spring Ledge Farm in New London for help with their research.

Anyone interested in providing support to the CookieBots should contact Jill Pinard at jill@absomagic.com.

*Pictured:
Taylor Albright, Warner; Lydia Pinard,
Bradford; Natalie Soule, Sutton*



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Obituaries



Richard Marquis

Richard (Dick) A. Marquis died at his Bradford home after a long illness on Nov. 15, 2012. He was the beloved husband of Lesley (Richer) Marquis. They had been married for 41 years. Born in Woonsocket, RI, the son of the late Louis and Juliette (Paquin) Marquis, he had been a Bradford resident for the past 21 years as co-owner of the Rosewood Country Inn with his wife, Lesley.

He was the father of Rebecca Marquis of Allenstown, Sarah Marquis Whitcher of Andover, Robert Marquis of RI, and David Marquis of FL. He leaves eight grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Claire Bouley.

Dick was a special person in many ways. He loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, taking trips to Florida, and entertaining family and friends. He was a loving husband, and caring father. He was an Air Force Veteran. Prior to moving to New Hampshire, Dick was in charge of the laboratory department at Fogarty Memorial Hospital in Rhode Island.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA, 107 Newport Rd., New London, NH 03257.



Florence B. "Callie" Lowe

Florence B. "Callie" Lowe, 83, died hearing her daughters singing Nov. 19, 2012 at The Clough Center in New London where she had resided for the past two years.

She was born in Duquesne, PA. Dec. 16, 1928, the daughter of Charles Casmir and Suzanne B. (Janko) Balchunas. She graduated from Duquesne High School and attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. In 1946 she joined the Hamid-Morton Circus and met her husband, Don Lowe of the vaudeville act, Monroe and Grant. They were married from 1949 to 1984. He died in 2000.

Callie was the first New London Hospital Day Queen in 1952 and was a founding member of the Sutton Homesteaders. She was a creative, talented seamstress, who enjoyed playing golf, gardening and painting. She worked for several years at the College Sport Shop in New London.

She was predeceased by her sister, Janet M. DeMarco, in 2008. Members of her family surviving include four daughters and husbands, Susie Lowe-Stockwell and Rick Stockwell of South Sutton, Kathy Lowe-Bloch and Peter Bloch of New London, Kim Lowe Beaton and George Beaton of Bradford, and Holly Lowe-Adamy and Mark Adamy of

Portsmouth; numerous grand and great grandchildren; a niece, and nephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 5 Bedford Farms Drive, Suite 201, Bedford, NH 03110 (alz.org) or to the Sutton Historical Society (for the South Sutton Meeting House), P.O. Box 457, South Sutton, NH 03273.



Ruth-Ann Harris Remembered

Ruth-Ann Harris died suddenly on September 5, 2012. She and her husband, John were the proprietors of the Brick Mill Building on the corner of West Main and High Streets.

Bradford neighbors are invited to a memorial service at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, December 16 at 1:00PM where we can share our stories, thoughts, experiences and memories of her life in Bradford. There will be a reception with light refreshments after the memorial at the Brick Mill building. Please join John and his family to give tribute to our friend and neighbor, Ruth-Ann Harris.



Church News

Advent Bible Study based on Rick Warren's *The Purpose of Christmas* with Pastor Lynne on Tuesdays at 10AM

Men's Prayer Breakfast studying *A Man After God's Own Heart* 12/1 at 8AM

Toys for Tots

Please have all gifts with tags attached by 12/9. Tags available at the church office or Lake Sunapee Savings Bank

Christmas Caroling on Main Street with cocoa and cookies afterwards in the Church Vestry 12/9 at 4PM



Special Worship Services
 Sunday, 12/16 Sunday School
 Children will lead at 10AM
 Sunday 12/23 - Christmas Sunday
 Service at 10AM
 Monday 12/24 Christmas Eve
 Service at 7PM

Food Pantry Baskets can be picked up on Sat, 12/22 from 9-11AM

Ham and Bean Supper
 December 8th from 5:00-6:30PM
 Donations accepted

Christmas Fair and Soup Luncheon
 December 1st 9AM-2PM
 Crafts, baked goods and white elephant table. Proceeds to benefit the food pantry

Focus Factor Youth Group for Grades 6-12 Sundays from 4-5:30 pm
 12/2 Meet in Church Office
 12/9 Christmass Caroling with the Church Family
 12/16 Meet in the Church Office
 12/23 Meet in the Church Office

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sat. December 1st

7:45 AM – AA

Mon. December 3rd

**No Fitness Group
this Month**

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

5:00 PM - Selectmen

Tues. December 4th

10:00 AM- Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor class

4:00 PM – Special Group #5

6:00 PM – Yoga

7:00 PM - ZBA

Thurs. December 6th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

Fri. December 7th

9:00 AM – CNHPRC

Speaker – NHDOT Commissioner

Chris Clement – Bow Town Office

11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch

raffle, singer Carl Brogan, door prizes!

Reservations please!

7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie, BML

Sat. December 8th

9:00 AM – Writing Group

3:30 PM - Sidewalk Ribbon

Cutting - corner of East Main and Route 103

4:00 PM – Santa &

Tree Lighting, BML

Sun. December 9th

12 noon – Special Group #2

Mon. December 10th

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

5:30 PM - Selectmen

7:00 PM – Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. December 11th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor class

4:30 PM – BACC Governance Board

6:00 PM – Yoga

6:00 PM – BBA holiday event

Appleseed Restaurant – all

welcome

7:00 PM – Planning Board

Thurs. December 13th

11:30 AM - Holiday Dinner

for Meals on Wheels clients

Kearsarge High School’s Select

Chorus.

Reservations please!

6:30 PM – Budget Committee

Fri. December 14th

7:00 PM Town Hall Restoration

Committee

Sat. December 15th

8:30 – 11:00 AM - Breakfast with

Santa – KAP

Mon. December 17th

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

5:30 PM - Selectmen

Tues. December 18th

10:00 AM – Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor class

5:30 PM – 4-H

Wed. December 19th

4:00 PM - Special Group #5

6:00 PM - Yoga

Thurs. December 20th

10 AM – 1 PM - Blood Pressure Clinic

by LSVNA

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

4:30 PM – Parks & Recreation

Fri. December 21st

9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic

LSVNA at North Ridge

10:00 AM - 3rd Friday Movie

Billy Elliot

Sat. December 22nd

9:00 AM – Writing Group

Mon. December 24th

Christmas Eve

No Bridge Group Today

Library Closed

5:00 PM – Christmas at

Bradford Center Meetinghouse

Tues. December 25th

Closed Christmas Day

No Meals on Wheels

Merry Christmas to all

Thurs. December 27th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM – Bible Study

Fri. December 28th

7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration

Committee

For scheduling activities at the BACC, please call 938-6228 or 938-5900

From the MVSC Newsletter

Do you know someone who needs a companion?

We now have two senior companions ready to serve those in your community who would benefit from a weekly visit providing caring friendly support, and it’s free! If you know of someone whose quality of life could improve with a little support, call 938-2104.

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.



Abbreviation Key

BACC-Bradford Area Community Center

BBC-Bradford Baptist Church

BML-Brown Memorial Library

FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse

Gillingham Drive

KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool

KRES-Bradford Elemen. School

MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr

TH-Bradford Town Hall

Town Clerk Update

What a great day November 6th, The Presidential Election (State General Election), turned out to be. We started the morning with 1048 registered voters on the checklist, 96 new voters registered at the election bringing us to a whopping 1144 registered voters. It was so wonderful to see an 86% turnout with 879 voters and 111 absentee voters.

Melissa and I would like to thank everyone, the Highway Department, our police force, the Elementary School personnel, our dedicated ballot clerks and the 24 counters who not only trained for this election but counted with such professionalism that the counting was finished within 2 ½ hours. Great Job everyone!

Our office will be open the following Saturdays, Dec. 8th and 22nd from 9 – 12:00.

Due to the upcoming holidays falling on a Tuesday, our office hours on Mon, Dec 24th and Mon Dec 31st will be from 9:00 – 3:00pm. We will be closed for the holidays on Tues Dec 25th and Tues Jan. 1st. Other than those days, our schedule will remain the same.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Erica Gross, Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Christmas at the Meetinghouse

Don't miss the most charming spectacle of the year at Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm.

Dress warmly and get ready for a special holiday glow.

Join your neighbors for some good cheer and lovely music at this delightful, non-denominational pageant that has become a favorite local tradition.

Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter-2nd Saturday at 10AM at First Baptist Church/call 938-2777 for info

Children's Storytime - Mondays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 10:30AM at BML

Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-5539 for info

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML

Fish and Game Club -1st Monday 7PM at Fish and Game Club

First Friday Bunch -11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/
call 938-2104 for info

Historical Society - Saturdays, 10 am-noon, or by appointment, call 938-5372

Library Trustees -1st Wednesday at 6:00PM BML

Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC

Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC

Selectmen's Meeting - Every Monday 5:30PM, BACC

Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC



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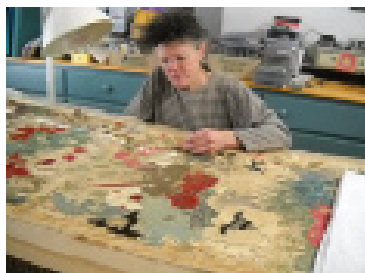
Meetings of all Town Boards and Committees

will be held at the
Bradford Area Community Center
until further notice.

Art conservation is preservation of original material as opposed to restoration, which is primarily about aesthetics. The primary concern is with preservation.

Q. How many years have you lived and worked in Bradford?

I had lived in Henniker for nine years. One of my sisters attended New England College and I decided to move to Henniker and live near her. At the time I worked for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. I commuted to Boston on the Concord bus. There were a large group of people who caught the 5:45 a.m. bus and then back on the 5:45 pm. It was over two hours each way, I liked the New England area and found the perfect house and barn for my work in Bradford. It was 1999 and prices were reasonable.



Q. Your history of employment is amazing. Would you like to talk about some of the projects that you worked on at the Museum of Fine Art as a Mellon Fellow?

That was really fun. I worked with historic clothing in the costume collection. It was a large donation from the New York Historical Society and it was creative. My work wound up in an art exhibit in 1981 called "La Belle Époque". The collection consisted of dresses from 1900 to 1910. I worked with the curator and my mentor was the head conservator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It was a wonderful experience to work with such talented people.

Q. Would you be willing to talk about other projects that you have worked on?

All of my work was interesting. In Minnesota at a history museum, all of my work was about the story of the object. I prepared the textiles for the exhibits. I didn't do the research and writing. I worked in Dayton, Ohio on one of the Wright Brothers planes. It was their first plane and capable of controlled flight. The project was in honor of the 100th anniversary. The plane was built in 1905.

Q. You have a very large loom and also do weaving. What kind of items do you work on?

I have been weaving for ten years. I use antique tools for my woven pieces. My loom is 18th century; I design and make household textiles which I feature on my web site. I work on napkins, dish towels, placemats and throws. They are more finely woven than the usual manufactured products and people do appreciate the quality and durability of the products.

Q. In addition to your own business you have taken a job at Dartmouth Hitchcock. You mentioned that the economic downturn made this a necessity. What is your work at the hospital?

I'm a pharmacy tech. We dispense drugs for the pharmacy at Hitchcock. We compound some of the medicines for the hospital patients. It is interesting work. I volunteer as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT.) and have done that for some years. It is all somewhat connected.

Q. You have a busy working life. What kinds of recreation are you interested in?

Most of my recreation involves my 1955 Airstream. There are a large group of people with vintage airstreams and we travel together and go camping spring through fall. We've been to many camping sites in Minnesota and Central New York.

Q. You mentioned a family connection to linen production in

Northern Ireland. Would you like to elaborate on that?

My great grandfather immigrated from Bainbridge, Northern Ireland to Chicago. He had a business that imported hand woven linens. He was trying to support the industry. He wrote a booklet about linen production..



Ornaments Are In!

Marlene Freyler helped create a wonderful ornament to celebrate Bradford's 225th birthday. The scene includes the town hall, covered bridge and the old meeting-house. Perfect for a holiday gift, to hang from the tree or for all year long. Cost is \$22.00 and ornaments are available at the following BBA member sites: Marlene's His & Hers Salon, the Candlelite Inn, Tall Pines Realty and Newbury Electrolysis.

The BBA will squeeze in one more highway clean-up before snow flies. Our annual holiday event will be held this year at the Appleseed Restaurant on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:00PM. All are welcome.

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Town Hall Restoration Forum

On Saturday, November 10, there was a town-wide forum to discuss the progress of and ask questions about the Town Hall Restoration Project. Architect Rick Monahan and Jim Bruss, local restoration and general building expert, led the discussion. Approximately 45 people attended the forum, both supporters and non-supporters. The tone of the forum was upbeat and positive and covered an overview as well as details of the project.

Mr. Monahan based his work on previous studies, both architectural and historic, that laid the ground for the current plans. His plan includes a schematic design, a site plan (provides more parking spaces than currently available) and designs for new septic and well systems. Consideration was given to whether the building should have a complete new foundation but studies confirm that only a partial foundation for the rear 1/3 of the building is needed. The basement area will be used to house mechanical systems, a cistern for the sprinkler and archival and other storage spaces.

The main floor will house offices, meeting rooms, and service areas with a small catering kitchen that can be used to heat food for functions and serve as a break room for employees. The building will be insulated and heated/cooled with cost saving up to date, energy-efficient systems. This will save the town money and prevent the need for "band-aid" repairs that leak money from the budget. The second floor will be completed in Phase two of the project. One option to be considered is completing the project in one, rather than two phases. This approach would show savings of approximately \$60,000 for the entire project. A straw poll of forum participants showed a preference for completing the project in one phase.

The Selectmen supported the committee's recommendation to hire a Project Manager to supervise the work. The benefit to the town would be that qualified local artisans, plumbers, craftsman, engineers and skilled, licensed people would be given employment preference over non-residents to work on the restoration project. It is estimated that the entire project could be completed in 10 months, twelve months for a phased approach. Shortly before Town Meeting, there will be a second forum to discuss this project with up to date design plans, solid cost figures and other data as needed.

Please support the THRC by volunteering in our fundraising efforts, outreach and communication forums, letters of support and other means of seeing this project to completion. Please contact the Town Hall Restoration Committee through Eileen Kelly at 938-2779 or ekelly@mcttelecom.com

--- - Beth Rodd

Like Genealogy?
The Cemetery Commission will be looking for a new member next year.
For information, call Tom Riley
938-5539



BACC Christmas Tree Sale

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Conservation Commission News

Hiking Bradford's trails has become a little easier thanks to the efforts of Commission members and numerous volunteers. The Bog boardwalk had its annual overhaul in September in time for nearly forty people to attend a guided hike of the Bog, Atlantic white cedar swamp, and the nearby historic Bradford Springs Hotel site. There are new signs identifying bog and swamp plants - and poison ivy.

New directional signs also went up on the Knight's Hill Trail that runs from the south end of Dunfield Road (easiest parking), through the Low State Forest, to Rowe Mountain Road and the Blitzler Easement. A spur trail is planned to the actual summit of Knight's Hill.

The new Battles Farm trail loop off Jewett Road has also received new signage and this trail will also be extended. A full moon snowshoe hike is being planned - watch for posters and snow.



In addition, several members took on the project of rebuilding the foot bridge that leads to the Tall Pines at the tiny state park on Route 103.

The Bradford trail map has been updated and will be available soon on the town website at www.bradfordnh.org and also at the Brown Memorial Library.

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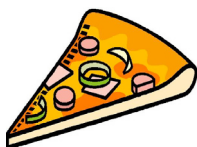


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Bradford Parks & Recreation



Well we made it through "Hurricane Sandy" and wondered about postponing Halloween but decided we are Bradford....we do Halloween on Halloween! There was lots of food so that people could take a break from "trick or treating" and eat something nourishing and warm up. This year we had a new addition of Tom Dunn and his Pizza Dragon Oven. If you went home hungry you had no one to blame but yourself.



We had several pumpkins entered in the Pumpkin Contest and the winners were: Marissa Pickman and Jeffrey Stewart!! We also had a jar of Candy Corn for people to guess the amount and win it which was won by Marissa Pickman! We saw lots of kids (and adults) in costume!!! This is my favorite event of the year because without it I wouldn't see any trick or treaters. If you don't get any at your house you should think about coming down next year and joining us!

To everyone who lives on Main Street and hands out candy, thank you! To everyone who stopped by the Spooky Diner at the Community Center, thank you! To those of you who made donations and/or volunteered your time, thank you!

Parks and Rec is wrapping up for 2012 but if you have any ideas of programs or events you would like to see next year, please feel free to contact a committee member by leaving a message at the Community Center - 938-6228.

- - - Margaret Raymond

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

BOOK-TO-MOVIE: This month we offer a family-friendly selection. Read *Big Miracle* by Tom Rose or just come and watch the movie on Friday, December 7 at 7pm. In January we will read the original article from *Texas Monthly* that is the basis for the movie *Bernie*. Join us on Friday, January 4 for the movie and we will find out how the filmmaker is inspired by a short journal article.

VISIT WITH SANTA: Come to the library on Saturday, December 8 at 4pm. Santa will visit with children and read some wonderful holiday stories. After the visit, we will light the library tree and sing some favorite carols. This event is sponsored by the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Women's Club. Don't forget the ham and bean supper at the church at 5pm the same evening.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP/THIRD FRIDAY MOVIE: These two programs will take a break in December. Join the Book Group on Wednesday, January 9 at 7pm for a discussion of *Missing Mom* by Joyce Carol Oates. The Third Friday movie series continues in January with *Brave* on Friday, January 18 at 7pm. The library will be closed on Monday, December 24.

Don't forget your library has more to offer than books. Did you know you can borrow free e-books and audiobooks through the New Hampshire Downloadable Consortium? We also offer Ancestry.com library edition for use here at the library. We have an extensive DVD collection, music CDs, audiobooks on CD, and magazines all available for you to borrow for a two-week period.

Our book sale area is now open upon request during all regular library hours. This policy will remain in effect until the spring/summer book sale season begins.

Some of the new books added in November:

For adults:

- 'Twas the Night After Christmas* - Sabrina Jeffries
- Dear Life: stories* - Alice Munro
- Flight Behavior* - Barbara Kingsolver
- Among the Islands* - Tim Flannery
- Poseidon's Arrow* - Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler
- Return to Willow Lake* - Susan Wiggs
- The Racketeer* - John Grisham



For children:

- Reached* by Ally Condie
- You are Stardust* by Elin Kelsey
- One Year in Coal Harbor* by Polly Horvath
- The Alien Hunter's Handbook :how to look for extraterrestrial life* by Mark Brake
- Who Could That Be at This Hour?* by Lemony Snicket
- Lost Trail : nine days alone in the wilderness* by Donn Fendler

Brown Memorial Library hours;

Monday, 10-8; Wednesday, 10-7; Saturday, 10-3; Sunday, 11-3
Story times every Monday at 10am, Wednesday at 10:30am

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

In my article last month providing a list of contractors I forgot to include Bob Blank, who is well known in the area and who specializes in restoring antique houses. He can be reached at 938-2005. Also, Anthony Magistro is not working as a contractor full-time, so the person to contact is Sal Magistro at 938-6083.

Laura Hallahan



To the Editor :

The Town of Bradford is lucky to have George Cilley helping with town beautification. He mows and maintains Lafayette square. Many townspeople have recognized and appreciate his efforts.

Lois Kilnapp



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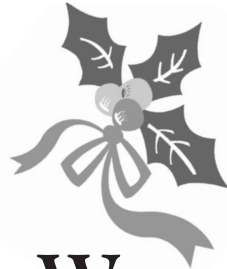
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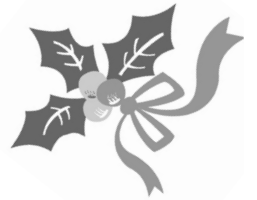
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Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

We come across turkeys more often at the end of the year both in our ovens and outdoors. The turkey is native to North, South, and Central America, where there once were a number of different species. Domesticated by the Aztecs, they were among the marvels that the Spaniards discovered in the late 1400s. Once in Spain, they rapidly appeared in barnyards all over Europe undergoing impressive changes in color and form through intensive breeding programs. The name "turkey" was attached due to a misconception of its country of origin. The Pilgrims and other invaders brought their turkeys back to the New World where the wild bird was encountered. One wonders if anyone then had the energy to ponder how a Turkish bird could possibly have gotten there ahead of them.



Our grandparents never saw a wild turkey. Turkeys had been exterminated in New England and many other parts of their range by the year 1800. Excessive exploitation had depleted the population followed by the alterations of massive deforestation, agriculture and the influx of settlers to the countryside.

The turkey prior to 1800 was by historic accounts not a shy bird. Traveling in huge flocks of 500-600 birds, each gobbler and hen may have felt quite secure in the statistical unlikelihood of the arrow or bullet having their name on it. Now in much smaller flocks they have adjusted their attitude to fit the times and where they are hunted they are not so easily approached with a gun and where they are tolerated, they are quite impudent.

The reappearance of turkeys is a success story of Fish and Game management though it was not accomplished without a spectacularly slow learning curve complicated by politics and the hunting lobby. By 1930 a mere


20,000 turkeys were left on the entire continent. The original idea was to crossbreed a wild game bird with domestic stock. These could be easily mass-produced and released in profitable programs similar to the introduced pheasant. Early research clearly showed that a turkey needs 100% of its wild genes to display appropriate fear, digest wild food, and even to know when to incubate its eggs. Released birds with even a particle of domestic parentage rarely lived long enough to be shot. The attempts however went on for decades beyond what reason, research, and resources indicated as sensible.

With considerable difficulty some of the few remaining wild turkeys were live-trapped in the 60's and 70's for release in their former ranges. This worked. However, zealous conservation managers instituted programs for winter-feeding the new flocks. These handouts short-circuited the natural selection process, facilitated the spread of disease and provided excellent opportunities for poachers and other predators. Weak, poor-quality birds survived to reproduce and lower the vigor of the entire flock. Once these programs were finally stopped the wild turkey proliferated.

Turkeys spend the spring and summer dining in open/shrubby areas on insects, berries and seeds. The main threats to a young turkey's life are exposure and exhaustion with the highest mortality occurring during the first few weeks. After feathers have sprouted, a poult has a good chance of reaching adulthood despite the threats of a wide range of domestic and wild predators. As the cold comes on and the summer food sources dwindle larger winter flocks will form and these feed on acorns, beechnuts, and buds of all sorts. The gobblers tend to travel together; hens gathering in separate flocks with perhaps a few of the young males. By the time winter arrives here

a turkey is ready and able to survive several weeks of freezing weather *without food or water*. They can lose up to 40% of their weight and still greet the spring. Turkeys have a complex vocabulary and a complicated social structure to match. Their eyesight is acute to the slightest. To witness the mating display of the gobbler with its quick coloring of caruncles and snood, neck curling, tail-fanning, wing-dragging strut and the hen's apparent nonchalance is a memory long held. The continued introduction of catalogue-purchased, crossbred birds, urbanization, intensive logging in short cutting rotation and good-intentioned but ill-advised backyard feeding are the chief threats to the turkey's long-term survival in the east. For now though, life appears to improve for the turkey.





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- Try to get enough sleep
- Delegate projects and errands when possible
- Try to allow yourself 30 minutes or more each day of self care (massage, walks, naps, yoga, meditation, dancing, reading, movies, music)
- Eat breakfast daily
- Pack along snacks
- Practice paying attention to when your body is hungry and comfortably full, and respond accordingly. You may find that you need smaller portions.
- Try to put less focus on the food and enjoy the conversation and activities at parties
- Watch the amount of alcoholic drinks as they can inhibit your ability to feel your body's hunger and fullness signals and you may end up over eating
- Enjoy the more exotic treats and leave the ordinary ones for another day
- Set up walking dates instead of lunch dates with friends
- Try to save some room for dessert, or consider eating it first if that's what you really want
- Send "Happy New Year" cards in the middle of January instead of holiday cards
- Consider low calorie and low fat options of certain foods and drinks
- Don't go ravenous to parties; have a snack or small meal before you arrive
- Watch the extras: whipped cream, dressing, butter, dips
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Seasonal Recycling Tips

from Lois

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Doomed to a Christmas Eve without music because of a broken church organ, in 1818 an Austrian priest asked Franz Gruber to put his poem "Silent Night" to guitar music..."Twas the Night Before Christmas," Clement Moore's classic, written for his children in 1822, largely introduced us to the Santa we know today; the red suit, sleigh, reindeer names, chimney entrance, and sack of toys!

Hanukkah is celebrated around the world for eight days and nights... traditions include lighting the **Menorah** each day, spinning the **dreidel** and **eating fried foods**. ... Kwanzaa is the African American holiday celebrating community, family and good social values...they feast, dance, tell stories and give children a book and heritage symbol.

No matter what the culture or tradition, may your special celebration include warmth, laughter, friends, family, and feasting!

----- Thanks to the MVSC for sharing these fun facts with us.

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CONUNDRUMS.

14. Why does a miller wear a white hat?
15. When is a boat like a knife?
16. Why does Dr. Waters' Dentifrice make the teeth so white?
17. What kin is that child to its father who is not its father's own son?
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19. Why is the best baker most in want of bread?
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