

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## *Preserving Bradford's Past, Building Bradford's Future*



Preliminary estimates for restoration of Bradford's Town Hall are being reviewed by the Town Hall Restoration Committee. The plan under consideration includes many items not fully covered in the proposal approved by a majority of Bradford voters last March: new roof,

complete re-paint of building, Limited Use/Limited Access Elevator (LuLa to its friends), fully accessible bathroom on second floor, sprinkler system, granite veneer, generator, first floor air conditioning, robust envelope (additional energy efficiency), Heat Recovery Ventilation (HRV) air exchange.

Grants have been applied for and fund-raising is well underway to offset as much of the financial cost as possible. Details will be forthcoming from now until Town Meeting next March.

Michael Bruss, Construction Manager for the project, outlined work to be done on the site – new well and septic system and provisions for handicapped parking with access to the front of the building.

The Building Committee, responding to questions about providing a full or partial basement under the building, recommends the placement of a full foundation under *only the rear* portion of the Town Hall. This decision, based on considerable research and consultation with industry professionals, was made for the following reasons:

- The design team undertook a full evaluation of the existing foundation, its support, timbers, and sills; and found that the foundation for approximately two-thirds of the front of the building is sound, dry, and stable. Therefore, because there has been very little, if any, movement of the building in that area for 150 years, foundation work there is not necessary.
- Disrupting the original granite foundation could jeopardize the receipt of certain historical grants for which we have already applied.
- The resulting basement space could be used only for storage, due to

## 10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

*Bradford Market (Cobble Pond Farm) has been open since 2002 when Uncle Rashon (Rahn) and Nephew Jesse came to Bradford and bought the market. They were told about its availability by a friend and were ready for a move. In the beginning years Jesse and Rahn owned the market, but Jesse stayed in Bradford and Rahn took over the Newbury Quick Stop. A few months ago Jesse and his wife and two children decided to move and bought a gas station/convenience store in Northern New Hampshire and Rahn and his wife Anu (Anna) and their daughter Ashna stayed on in Bradford. Ashna is in her senior year at Mt. Royal Academy and is currently looking at colleges. She wants to study medicine and become a doctor. She is currently looking at obtaining a scholarship to attend a college of her choice. The Bradford Market has been changed in some ways by Uncle Rahn. They continue to serve the Indian food that they are famous for but have also added lunches and more and various items to their store. This is our December (Christmas) issue of the Bradford Bridge and in line with the holiday celebration which includes other holidays like Hanukah and Kwanza, etc. we thought we would welcome*

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Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm  
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Monday: noon-7:00 pm  
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12:30 pm-5:00 pm  
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Town offices are temporarily  
located at BACC

## From the Editor

When The Bradford Bridge requires twenty-four pages to cover the month's events, it indicates a very busy time in our Town - and so it is this year in December. There are so many holiday events and activities, choosing how to spend our limited time will not be easy. You can cut your own Christmas tree or buy one pre-cut; holiday greens and plants are available at the Town Hall along with home made pies. Entertainment includes Odds Bodkins' rendering of Dickens' *Christmas Carol*, the KRES Winter Concert, and the annual Christmas Eve pageant at the Center Meetinghouse. Visit with Santa at the Library on the 14th or dine with him at BACC the following week. Enjoy the tree lighting and carol sing at the Library then go across the street to the Spaghetti Dinner put on by the superb cooks at the Masonic Lodge.

Check the calendar for other events scheduled at the BACC, including a movie of Dickens *Christmas Carol*, and a holiday dinner with entertainment by Kearsarge High School's Select Chorus.

As you drive through town, note the signs of progress starting along East Main Street with the newly cleared lot where a burned out house once stood, the Historical Society building across the street and, soon, a vacant lot on the corner of Route 114 and Old Warner Road where a once proud historic building was left to deteriorate until it could no longer be restored. Then watch for signs of new or expanded businesses. The Merrimack Farm complex will soon be Bradford Depot Plaza with four business locations, storage units and an ATM. Drive down Route 114 and watch Bradford's first cell phone tower rise, the new canopy and signs at Ayer & Goss, and additional signage at the Lumber Barn. Bradford's businesses are growing. Please help our town by supporting them for your holiday and everyday shopping.

Follow the Tips for Surviving the Holidays from VNA Home Care Matters as you wrap up 2013 and look ahead to the New Year.

The Bradford Bridge Board joins me in extending our best wishes for this holiday season.

*Marcia Keller,  
Co-editor*



# Happy Holidays

## Selectmen's Highlights

**Town Hall** Selectmen approved use of the Town Hall to sell holiday decorations on Sunday December 8 and Saturday December 14. Heat will be on and toilets available. Contract was signed with Bruss Construction as the Construction Manager for the restoration project.

Treasurer Marilyn Gordon reviewed the procedures required to deposit funds in the Town Hall Restoration Trust Account, which is handled by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. She stressed that careful record keeping is of great importance. A two-part form will be prepared to track donations.

**Police Department** On recommendation Chief Jim Valiquet, Selectmen approved hiring Neil Flanagan from Contoocook as a

full-time officer in Bradford. He was sworn in on November 22 and will attend the police academy for certification, which will be paid for by the COPS grant.

Justin Crotty, a certified police officer from Manchester, was sworn in November 25 to serve as a part-time Bradford police officer.

Selectmen supported Chief Valiquet's request to continue the fire arms instruction class at the Valley property. Two firearms instructors will be on site for a maximum of twelve in a class.

**Planning Board** Selectmen were given the CIP (Capital Improvements Program) for 2014 with a request for professional assistance to help prepare this document next year. Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) offers

this service at a cost between \$3,000 - \$4,500. A warrant article will be considered.

A Planning Board brochure has been completed outlining the responsibilities of the board and will be available at the Town Office.

**Shared Services** Chair Harry Wright reported that the towns of Warner, Webster, Andover and Salisbury have discussed sharing some town services and formed a committee to look into group insurance and major purchases. John Pfeifle offered to attend the next meeting of the group.

*Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*

## Planning and Zoning Board Notes

### Site Plan Approvals

Based on variances and Special Exceptions granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board approved two major site plan revisions for area businesses:

**Bradford Depot Plaza** At the site of the former Merrimack Farm Store, the plan submitted by owner John Gioldassis was approved. Portions of the old building, including the green house, will be removed and the train shed will be converted for four business units plus a two bed room apartment on the second floor. A 24-Hour ATM will be placed on the site of the sugar shack.

New signage was approved for the free standing towers and on the buildings with limitations

set for the hours and type of illumination on the Sugar River ATM.

**Lumber Barn** The next phase in up-grading the signs at the Lumber Barn were granted variances by the ZBA - a triangular sign for the Power Barn, three product signs on the north end of the building, and the addition of a California Paint sign to the existing tower. The tower lights will be on a timer.

The Planning Board approved the revision to the site plan allowing the sign permit to be granted.

**Brochure** A tri-fold brochure outlining the role of the Planning Board and its responsibility for subdivisions, site plans, and gravel pit permits has been

completed and is available at the Town Office. Many thanks go to all who worked on this project - originating with Sue McKevitt, editing by Board members, and computer generation by Erich Caron.

**CIP** The Capital Improvements Program for 2014 was completed and sent along to the Selectmen and the Budget Committee. It was recommended that professional assistance from CNHRPC be considered for the coming year.

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### Area Events

### BBA News

#### Warner

#### MainStreet Bookends Monday, December 2 at 2 pm

We are honored to host the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Third Annual Warner Community Remembrance Ceremony *Hospice Lights of Life*

#### December 14 7th Annual Warner Holiday Tradition

Visit the downtown all day to celebrate the Holidays in Historic Warner Village. Arts, crafts, music, food, Festival of Trees, horse-drawn carriage rides all up and down Main Street.

The MainStreet Gallery will be packed with local artists and crafters.

Stick around or come back at 7 p.m. for Holiday Concert in the Gallery with Sweet, Hot and Sassy!

What a way to ring in the Holidays! \$10 ~ Reservations highly recommended



**Winter Celebration** Saturday December 7, 10am-4pm. Storytelling, herbal talk, song and dance, games, corn husk doll craft, sample Native foods, museum store sale. Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, 18 Highlawn Road, Warner, 603-456-2600, [www.IndianMuseum.org](http://www.IndianMuseum.org)

#### Concord

Tuesday December 3 at 6 p.m. Red River Theatre *It's A Wonderful Life*

#### Newbury

#### Sunday December 7 from 9 - 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast with Santa.

South Newbury Union Church, Friendship House, ( corner of Village and Sutton Roads) Bring the kids and join Santa for Breakfast. Adults \$5, kids \$2.00, under 5 free.

Proceeds to benefit the Church Youth Group. For more info call 938-5369

#### The Fells Friday, December 6, 5-8pm Holiday Patron Party

Reserve online or call 603-763-4789 x3 no later than November 29. Directions available at time of reservation.

#### Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, 10am-3pm Holiday House Tour

Tour six fabulous residences all decked out for the holidays in the picturesque town of New London, NH and get inspired! *For more information about any of these events, contact The Fells at 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org).*

#### Statewide

Shop at League of NH Craftsmen's Statewide Retail Galleries this Holiday season. When shoppers purchase fine handmade craft from any of the League of NH Craftsmen's Retail Galleries, they support the livelihood of 300+ craftspeople, thus contributing to the economic well-being of New Hampshire. The League's retail galleries are located in Concord, Hanover, Littleton, Meredith, Nashua, North Conway, and Center Sandwich (open May-October).

Happy Holidays from the Bradford Business Association! We sponsored our first ever Business After Hours on November 13th hosted by Kearsarge Fitness and Dawn Pettiglio, CPA at the gym on Route 103. Several business members as well as members of the public enjoyed a tour and refreshments. Our potluck Holiday Gathering and meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8th from 2:00 to 4:00PM at the Candlelite Inn. The first Business After Hours for the new year will be held at Valley Fire Equipment, date and time to be announced. There is still time to make the 2014 Members Guide, so call Laura Hallahan for information at 938-2366 or download the application at [www.bradfordnh.com](http://www.bradfordnh.com). All are welcome to join or come to events!



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## Hiking in Our Hometown

by Laurie Buchar

Bradford is favored with a distinct terrain of familiar vistas. We recognize these views and cherish the contours. Better yet, the sight of our horizon hills signals a comforting sense of going home.



Why not explore our rugged landscape on foot? There are several established trails and Class 6 roads that are open to the public, ready to explore year-round. Before the advent of the railroad, many of these roads provided the main access in and out of Bradford. They fell into disrepair when routes changed, providing us with a unique glimpse of the past. Passing stoic stone walls, you can imagine our forests as the farmland and pastures of yesteryear. Maps created and provided by the Conservation Commission are available at Brown Memorial Library. So grab your compass, don your pack, and hit the trail.

This article features Knight's Hill Trail in the southeast corner of town. There is access to the trail from the ends of both Rowe Mountain Road and County Road. This is basically a ridge walk with some fairly steep sections and a few damp spots.

There are views at either end as well as at the summit of Knight's Hill. Allow 2-3 hours to do the 2-mile traverse, which can be done from either end.

If you choose to start at the higher elevation of Rowe Mountain (also known as Rowe's Ridge), park at the height of land on Rowe Mountain Road and enter a grassy uphill path next to Lettvin's house. Be sure to look back over your shoulder at the stunning view of Lake Massasecum and Mount Kearsarge. Then look for new signage that directs you to turn right (west) and begin the Knight's Hill Trail. Keep an eye out for an impressive rock formation that may have been a livestock ramp. Twice, you will have the option to take another right (north) to descend into the Blitzler easement, which features a loop trail and ends where Rowe Mountain Road turns to dirt.

If you want to continue the traverse, follow the signs for Knight's Hill - Dunfield Road. Soon you will see a sign to head left (south) for an optional



½-mile spur trail to the summit of Knight's Hill. This is a mossy

new trail with flags, but no blazes, so pay attention. Enjoy the summit cairn and view of Pat's Peak, before retracing your steps to the main trail.

Eventually, you will cross the boundary into Low State Forest, which features informative signs about the natural history of the region. Then you will come to the intersection with Dunfield Road, which was a main thoroughfare a century ago. Look for remnants of at least three different homesteads in this area. The Knight family farm, which was still in use 60 years ago and for whom the hill was named, can be found ¼ mile south. This is a Class 6 road and can be traveled either way at this point. Right (north) takes you 1 ½ miles down a rocky washed-out route to Rowe Mountain Road. And left (south) takes you to County Road in about ½ mile, past a vista to the east of mighty Mount Monadnock.

### TIPS:

Always be respectful of the property owners who have granted access to these landmarks.

Wear appropriate clothing, bring provisions, and hike safely. And have fun!



### Don't Forget!

The Bridge is online at [bradfordbridge.com](http://bradfordbridge.com)  
Old issues going back to 1999 are also available  
See the Bridge in color!



### Town Clerk Update

On Nov. 3rd the Town of Bradford held a small ceremony in honor of Louise M. Clark who was awarded the Boston Post Cane for being the eldest citizen (92) in Bradford. Selectman Harold Wright made the presentation to Mrs. Clark. About thirty people attended the ceremony, where I gave a brief history about the Boston Post Cane and shared Louise's bio with everyone. After, while pictures were being taken, everyone was able to sit and chat while having coffee and pastries.

I would like to make a special mention regarding two other citizens, Mrs. Helen Lyman, 88 and Mr. Richard MacLeod, 87, who although not the Town's oldest citizens, are, however, the Bradford's oldest natives.

As of December 9th, we are pleased to announce that you will no longer need to write two checks when processing registrations. Our office will now be a ONE check system. We will also be accepting Credit/Debit cards as of the 9th. The charge to the customer for this convenience is as follows: A debit card is processed as a credit card only if the card has a **MasterCard, Visa, Discover** logo present. *Please Note:* There are additional fees to cover the cost of the credit card fees—2.95% with a \$1.50 minimum. These fees go directly to our third party processor and are not retained by the town. Convenience fees cannot be refunded.

These charges will be posted on our website and at our windows.

Our office will be open the following Saturdays, Dec. 14th and 28th from 9 – 12:00.

Office hours on Tues. Dec 24th and Tues. Dec 31st will be from 7:00 – 2:00pm due to the upcoming holidays. Other than those days, our schedule will remain the same.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Erica Gross, Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
Melissa Cloutier, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector



### Letters To the Editor

To The Editor,

I thank the Bradford and Heniker Rescue Squads for their quick response to my medical emergency earlier this fall. Had it not been for their prompt, professional and kind intervention, I would not be alive today. The kindness of the first responders and their ability to administer emergency medical attention to stabilize me were crucial in creating a successful medical outcome.

Thank you, all who responded and saved my life. My family and I are profoundly grateful to you and for the wonderful small town organization that made such a difference in our family's life.

Barbara Perkins, Bradford



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## Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

The biggest news this festive season is our upcoming visit from Santa Claus. Join us on Saturday, December 14 at 4pm. The librarian will read a story or two, then children can visit with Santa. We will then move the party outside the library and light our tree and sing carols. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library. We hope you can join us!

On Friday, December 6 at 7pm we compare the book *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya with the movie adaptation. The book is a coming of age classic of Chicano literature set in 1940s New Mexico.

The library continues to host chess players the third Monday of each month. Drop in for a challenge on Monday, December 16 between 6:30 and 8pm.

Come in and check out our two display cases. One case illustrates the history of the Boston Post Cane in Bradford. In our larger case, Steve Hansen has generously shared some of his historic Bradford memorabilia and photographs.

A selection of the new books added to your library:

### Adults:

*The Goldfinch* - Donna Tartt

*The Luminaries* : a novel - Eleanor Catton

*Sycamore Row* - John Grisham

*Starry Night: A Christmas Novel* - Debbie Macomber

*Dwelling In Possibility* - Howard Mansfield

*Command and Control* - Eric Schlosser

*The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon* - Alexander McCall Smith

*Doing Hard Time* - Stuart Woods

*The Valley of Amazement* - Amy Tan

### Children & Teens:

*Mr. Wuffles!* - David Wiesner

*Too Tall Houses* - Gianna Marino

*Allegiant* - Veronica Roth

*The House of Hades* - Rick Riordan

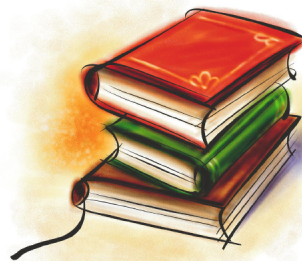
### Library Hours

Monday, 10-8

Wednesday, 10-7

Saturday, 10-3

Sunday, 11-3



## Obituaries

**Scott Albert Davison**, 40, a life-long resident of Henniker, passed away in a single vehicle accident in Contoocook, shortly after midnight Nov. 10, 2013.

Scott was born June 30, 1973 in Concord. He leaves behind his parents Herman and Fay Davison, of Bradford; two sisters, Rebecca Smith and her husband, Michael, of Concord and Katherine Graeme and her husband, Russell, of Henniker; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and co-workers at the Henniker Highway Department. He was predeceased by paternal grandparents, Albert and Dorothy Davison, of Boscawen; and his maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Mary Russell formerly of Penacook.

Scott was the Assistant Road Agent for the town of Henniker, and formerly a member of the Henniker Fire Department. He was an avid fisherman and deer hunter and also enjoyed "Jeep Outings", the Red Sox, the Patriots, family cookouts, trips to Pittsburg, and time spent with friends. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

A graveside service was held Nov. 15 in the Henniker New Cemetery, Henniker.

Donations in Scott's name can be made to the Henniker Fire Department, 216 Maple St., Henniker, NH 03242. For more log on to [holtwoodburyfh.com](http://holtwoodburyfh.com).

**Lillian Sejkousy** Graveside burial services were held for long-time Bradford resident, Lillian "Lil" Sejkousy, on October 31, 2013, at the Sunny Plains Cemetery, Bradford. A celebration of her life was held at the Appleseed Restaurant following the services. Donations in her name may be made to the Bradford Firefighters Association.

10 Questions - *continued from page 1*

*Rahn and Anu and find out how they celebrated the winter holiday in Punjabi, India where they come from.*

**Q. Anu, I understand that your Christmas is named "The Festival of Lights" in India. Would you like to tell us about it?**

We celebrated our holiday for a week in early November and in many ways it is similar to your Christmas. We exchange gifts and it is named "The Festival of Lights." The gifts are toys and clothes but also sweets as part of the giving. We worship morning and evening for one week. We have Christmas lights and fireworks as well. The day of celebration is called "Diwali." We are Hindu and Ashna, when she marries, will have an arranged marriage but if she meets someone she loves we will consider her wishes.

**Q. Anu. Tell me about your early years in Punjabi?**

I was raised as the youngest of six children. There are two sisters and three brothers. Since the family was so large my seventeen year old sister helped to raise me and my older brother would walk me to school. Vasu Dev Seisi, my older brother works at the Newbury store and people there call him Mike. I attended school and college in India. The college was Kamla Nehru College and I finished with a BA in Art. General courses were also part of my education and the curriculum included embroidery, cooking, painting and drawing.

**Q. Anu. Why did you come to the United States?**

My friends were marrying and going to London and Toronto, Canada. I came to the United States because my oldest brother Vasu was living in Queens, New York. He drove a cab. I stayed with him and cooked and

kept house for him. I found a job at a stationary store. I was in my early twenties.

**Q. Anu. How did you meet your husband Rashon?**

I met Rashon in 1990. A friend introduced us, but it was a traditional arranged marriage in Forest Hills, Queens. We moved to Fowler, California, a small town near Los Angeles. We owned and worked in a food market until 1996. Ashna was born in Los Angeles and went to kindergarten there for one year. We didn't enjoy living in California although we owned a motel there; it wasn't where we wanted to live. In 2002 the family moved to Bradford and bought Cobble Pond Farm, which is now Bradford Market. Roshan came first and commuted between Los Angeles and Bradford. Then Jesse came over and joined Roshan at the market. The commuting was too hard for him so we decided to move to Bradford. We had a difficult time finding a place to live but eventually we found an apartment and Ashna attended first grade at the Bradford school. But, she didn't stay too long in the Bradford School. We decided to send her to Mt. Royal Academy in Sunapee. She wants to study medicine and become a doctor. She is very active in Student Government and plays basketball. She is currently looking at colleges and also inquiring for a scholarship. Emmanuel College in Boston is her first choice but she is applying at several other schools including St. John's in Queens, New York, Boston College, and Albany College in New York

**Q. Ashna. Are you ready for college? Tell me about your activities at Mt. Royal Academy?**

I have many friends at Mt. Royal. It is like a little family. I am ready for college next year and I hope to get a scholarship and study medicine. I am currently on the basketball team

at school and I love it. We have practice all week. I also love to ski and play soccer. I don't really enjoy cross country skiing.



**Q. Ashna, how do you feel about the arranged marriage which is the custom in your family?**

I feel fine with the idea. I know that my parents will consider my wishes and feelings.

**Q. Anu: Your life seems so busy. I know that you work at both Bradford and Newbury stores. What are your duties at the stores?**

I train new help, order food, manage bills and cleaning as necessary.

**Q. Anu. Your Indian food is so good. Would you like to talk about some of the things that you prepare at home and for the store?**

I make bread every day at home. We eat bread at every meal. We also eat many of our vegetables. When I don't have time for cooking I buy frozen food at an Indian supermarket in Waltham, Massachusetts. It is sometimes difficult to work every day and prepare meals. I make Naan bread and other Indian breads which are all very good. Our meals are served twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays and usually we have a very good business on those days. People seem to like our Indian food.

**Q. Anu, tell me about your relationships in India.**



In India cousins are like sisters. Rashon is Jesse's uncle and Ashna is his cousin.

**Q. Anu. Ashna is Hindu and she attends Mt. Royal Academy which is a Catholic school. Is that confusing for her?**

I don't believe that it is confusing. There are no Hindu temples nearby. She attends Catholic School but she knows and celebrates her Hindu religion at home. We celebrate our religion at home but she also understands the Catholic religion. It is not a problem for her. The nearest Hindu Temple is in Boston. Our "Puja" which is the place of worship, is celebrated every morning and every evening at home.

**Q. When the interview was completed I discovered that we only had nine questions. It was an interesting meeting with our friends and neighbors and since there is no tenth question. I just wanted to say that it was a joy to meet and speak with Anu and Ashna. Rashon preferred to leave the interview to his wife and daughter, but he was pleased that we asked him to participate in the article for the Bridge.**

## Church Happenings

PLEASE JOIN US!

**Bible Study 'Gospel of Mark'** Thursday evenings—Dec. 5,12,19 @6:30 pm in the church office building

**Progressive Dinner**, Dec. 7th 5pm, everyone welcome reservations call 938-5313

**Men's Breakfast** Dec. 7th 8 am in the church office

**Women's Breakfast** Dec. 14th 8am church office

**Men's Fellowship**, Dec. 18, 6:30 pm at the home of Fred Hubley

**The Toys for Tots** gift tags on a tree in the church or at Lake Sunapee Bank, Bradford. Gifts are to be left unwrapped with the tag attached. Please have all gifts back by Dec. 15.

**Christmas Food and Gift Baskets** will be distributed on Dec. 21, 9-11 am at the food pantry.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Dec. 24 at 7 pm

**Christmas Musical Recital** Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm Michelle Gosnell's voice and piano students—Free



**Christmas Caroling**, Dec. 15th at 4 pm. Start at church/ Get warm with Cocoa after.

**Children's Christmas Pageant**—Dec. 22 at 10 am. Followed by a special 'Birthday Party for Jesus'.

**Odds Bodkins 'A Christmas Carol'** Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Church. To benefit the Bradford Center Meeting house and The First Baptist Church/ Tickets \$10.00 at the door, need info call 938-5313

**Focus Factor News (youth group)** Sunday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> meet in the church office building from 4-5:30 pm Sat. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am/ drive to the Rise Again Homeless Mission. Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> meet at church to go Christmas Caroling at 4 pm No Meetings on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

We may no longer be called Cobble Pond but OUR FABULOUS INDIAN FOOD is still here! TAKE OUT ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY



## Bradford Market

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## DECEMBER CALENDAR

### Mon. December 2nd

**No Fitness Group  
During December**

1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
4:00 PM - Watercolor Class  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet

### Tues. December 3rd

9:00 - Noon - Community Outreach  
10:00 AM - Quilting Group  
12 Noon - Sr. Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
6:30 PM - Budget Committee  
7:00 PM - Main St. Revitalization

### Wed. December 4th

4:00 PM - Special Group #5  
6:00 PM - Yoga  
7:00 PM - ZBA

### Thurs. December 5th

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

### Fri. December 6th

11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch  
raffle, Harpist DeLuna, door prizes!  
Reservations please!  
7:00 PM - *Bless Me, Ultima* BML

### Sun. December 8th

11:00 AM - 6:30 PM  
Holiday Greens & Plant Sale - TH  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Pie sale - TH  
7:00 PM - Odds Bodkin *A Christmas Carol* Baptist Church - Tickets 938-5313

### Mon. December 9th

1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
4:00 PM - Watercolor Class  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet  
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

### Tues. December 10th

10:00 AM - Quilting Group  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class  
7:00 PM - Planning Board

### Wed. December 11th

6:00 PM - Yoga

### Thurs. December 12th

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
4:30 PM - BACC/P & R Committees  
6:00 PM - Bible Study

### Fri. December 13th

1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

### Sat. December 14th

9:00 AM - Writing Group  
1:00 - 4:00 PM - Holiday Greens  
& Plant Sale - Town Hall  
4:00 PM - Visit with Santa, BML  
4:30 - 7:00 PM - Spaghetti Dinner  
Fund-raiser for TH - Masonic Lodge

### Mon. December 16th

1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet  
6:30-8:00 PM - Chess at the Library,  
BML

### Tues. December 17th

9:00 - Noon - Community Outreach  
10:00 AM - Quilting Group  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

### Wed. December 18th

4:00 PM - Special Group #5  
6:00 PM - Yoga  
6:30 PM - Winter Concert Grades K-5  
KRES - Bradford

### Thurs. December 19th

10 AM - 11:30 AM - Blood Pressure  
Clinic LSVNA  
11:30 AM - Holiday Dinner  
Reception for Meals on Wheels  
clients  
Kearsarge High School's Select  
Chorus. Reservations please!  
7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration

### Fri. December 20th

Dress Up Day & Fancy Holiday Feast  
KRES - Bradford  
9:30-11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic  
LSVNA North Ridge Senior Housing  
10 AM - 3rd Friday Movie:  
*Dickens' A Christmas Carol*  
12 noon - Senior Dining

### Sat. December 21st

7:00 - 9:00 PM Dinner with Santa

### Mon. December 23rd

December Break Begins  
KRES - Bradford  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet

### Tues. December 24th

**Christmas Eve**  
No Quilting Group  
No Community Dining

### Wed. December 25th

**Closed Christmas Day**  
**No Meals on Wheels**

### Thurs. December 26th

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
6:00 PM - Bible Study

### Fri. December 27th

1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

### Sat. December 28th

9:00 AM - Writing Group

### Mon. December 30th

1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet

### Tues. December 31st

**New Years Eve**  
10:00 AM - Quilting Group  
12 Noon - Senior Dining

*For the MVSC call Phil at  
938-2104 with your ideas  
or questions*

*To schedule rooms at the BACC  
call Jim Valiquet at 938-2522*

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

## Budget Committee

As we move into 2014, you will probably have noticed a slight reduction in your tax rate. This is in contrast to the announcement in the Concord Monitor of increases set for our neighboring towns. Last March with this lower rate in mind, the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended approval of a bond to restore Town Hall. The second advantage was the exceptionally low interest rates available to do the job. Hopefully these rates will continue through into 2014. Indications are that the low rates will not continue much beyond that time. It is time for Bradford to move ahead.

At the present time your Budget Committee is beginning to review the operating budget for 2014 along with the Capital Improvements that were projected. All meetings are open to the public.

Dick Keller,  
Bradford Budget Committee



### Ongoing Events

- Children's Storytime - Mondays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 10:30 am at BML
- Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-2119 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 938-2119
- 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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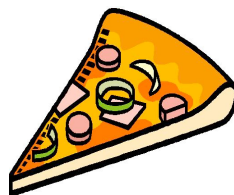
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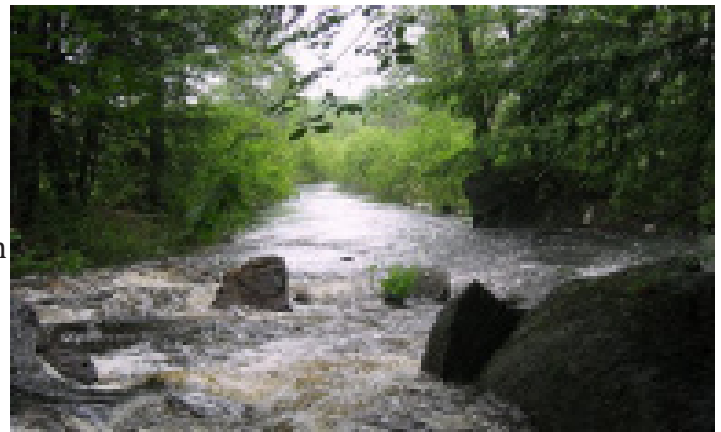
### Chapter Seven of the Natural Resources Inventory Bradford Conservation Commission

'Surface water' refers to our lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers. (These are related to, but different than, wetlands such as swamps and marshes.) Town planning and landowner actions at the shores of surface water have long term effects on flood control, erosion, nutrient runoff, and drinking water quality. The full version of the Natural Resources Inventory describes all this in more detail; see [www.bradfordnh.org](http://www.bradfordnh.org) >> Town Boards >> Conservation Commission.

Bradford lies entirely within the greater watershed of the Contoocook/Merrimack River. The town has one large lake (Lake Massasecum – 401.7 acres) and part of a second large lake (Lake Todd) within its borders. The views and recreational opportunities provided by these two lakes are important to the identity of the town. In addition, there is Ayers Pond, Mud Pond, Brown's Marsh, Lovewell Lake, and a ten acre pond on the Kiskanari Easement. Numerous smaller 'wild' ponds and dozens of man-made ponds exist in town.

Bradford relies on a volunteer Fire and Rescue squad. In addition to the dry hydrants next to the fire station and at the outlet of Lake Massasecum, the safety of our town depends on 26 dry hydrants at small ponds or streams scattered throughout town.

The two large streams in town - Hoyt Brook and West Branch Brook - along with the outlets of Lake Massasecum and Lake Todd, create the Warner River. These brooks come together over Bradford's primary aquifer – a possible future source of public drinking water. This soil type is especially vulnerable to pollution – thoughtful town planning is important in this area.



Bradford at this time does not specifically protect its surface waters except for those public waterways under the jurisdiction of the State. All town residents should be concerned about residential, commercial, and agricultural practices that contribute to surface water pollution and groundwater pollution as well. Meaningful protection to keep our waterways healthy should include the following:

- Naturally vegetated buffers for all waterways; stabilization practices for any unstable stream banks.
- Construction setback requirements for streams and ponds based on current Best Management Practices, adjusted as needed for soil type, slope, and vegetation type;
- Modifying the Zoning Ordinance to limit the maximum amount of impervious surface per lot.
- Developing and adopting an Aquifer Protection Overlay Zoning District, as recommended under Groundwater Chapter 10.

For further information:

Wetlands Bureau, Department of Environmental Services <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/>

UNH Cooperative Extension: 'Buffers for Wetlands and Surface Waters, A Guidebook for New Hampshire Municipalities'

<http://extension.unh.edu/commdev/Buffers.pdf>

Environmental Law Institute: 'Planner's Guide to Wetland Buffers for Local Governments'

[http://www.elistore.org/Data/products/d18\\_01.pdf](http://www.elistore.org/Data/products/d18_01.pdf)

## Central New Hampshire Regional Plan Public Outreach

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is continuing its series of public outreach listening sessions and invite interested people to discuss challenges and opportunities facing the Central NH Region. Two sessions have been held with interactive discussions on community, transportation, and economic development in the area.

### What are the region's strengths and what could be improved?

Join your fellow Central NH region residents and business associates at the third session Wednesday, December 11 – Pittsfield Elementary School Cafeteria, 34 Bow Street, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM for an informative dialogue to answer these questions and more.

Feel free to attend regardless of where you live in the region as these are regional discussions of importance. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact CNHRPC at 226-6020 or [admin@cnhrpc.org](mailto:admin@cnhrpc.org), and visit [www.cnhrpc.org/gsf](http://www.cnhrpc.org/gsf).

### Preserving Bradford from page 1

life-safety and building code restrictions; and the full basement would exceed the storage needs for the Town.

- Additional basement space would require more automatic fire sprinklers. More sprinklers mean a larger water cistern and fire pump, which would increase the cost of the project.

While it is true that the cost of added basement space would be less per square foot than building a new space elsewhere, it is still a significant cost, for which there is no pressing need.

As always, the Restoration Committee appreciates the comments and questions from residents as we work towards returning the Town Hall to a vital part of our community. Feel free to contact us: Eileen Kelly at 938-2779.



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Gingerbread Man Play  
Model Train Demo • Gift Basket Raffle  
Bake Sale • Horse & Carriage Rides  
Community Caroling 6:30pm

December 7 & 8 Nutcracker Performance  
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For complete schedule of events

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## Home Care Matters Self Care During the Holidays

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### Tips for surviving the holidays:

- Get enough sleep
- Delegate projects and errands when possible
- 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
- Pay attention to when your body is hungry and comfortably full, and respond accordingly. You may find you need smaller portions.
- Put less focus on food and enjoy the conversation and activities at parties
- Watch the amount of alcoholic drinks. They can inhibit your ability to feel your body's hunger and fullness signals. 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
- Save some room for dessert, or eat it first if that's what you really want
- Send "Happy New Year" cards in 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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These skills greatly improve the Bradford Fire Department's ability to respond with trained personnel for these type of water emergencies.



*At The Mutual Aid fire drill held at West Meadow Stables, New London Fire Department Engine, Hillsboro Fire Department Tanker & the Bradford Fire Department Engine, flowing water and filling the portable tanks.*



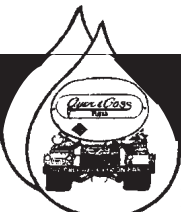
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*KRES-Bradford fifth graders from Mrs. Lee's and Mrs. Duquette's classes visited with Governor Maggie Hassan following a trip to the NH Supreme Court and State House.*



*An appreciative crowd enjoyed the Chinook program at Brown Memorial Library*



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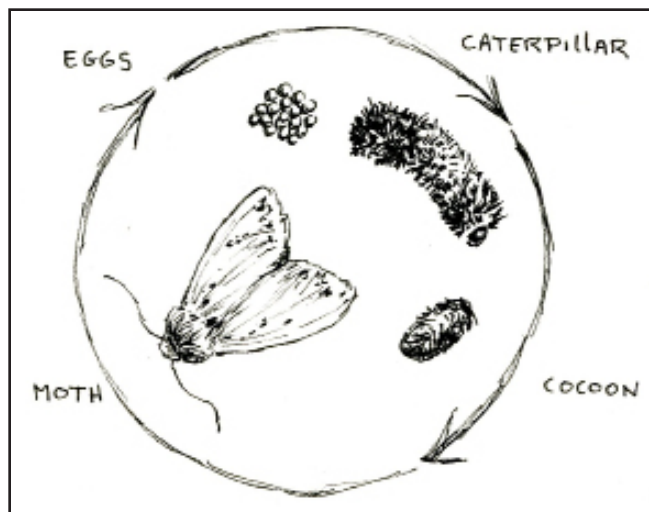
J. Ann Eldridge

One method for predicting the severity of the approaching winter is to consult the Farmer's Almanac. Another is to observe the industriousness of your neighbors. Using the latter method and judging by the volume of Dave's cordwood so far, I would guess that it will not be a hard winter. However, both of these predictors are imperfect.

Persistent folk wisdom insists that a long-range forecast can be made based on the width of the center band on a woolly bear caterpillar. My research into the matter reveals that upon spring hatching this burnt orange band is barely discernible. After molting several times over the summer the band of color widens. Thus, although you cannot guess the snowfall of the approaching winter, careful, summer-long observation of these caterpillars will let you know that winter is in fact nigh – if you hadn't noticed by other, more obvious evidence.

The adult stage of the larval woolly bear caterpillar is the attractive but inconspicuous Isabella tiger moth. The moths mate, lay eggs, and these hatch into adorable tiny woolly bears. They initially dine in a family group on grass and weeds before dispersing. After their final molt they weave a silken cocoon interlaced with all those bristles. Two

weeks later the moth works its way out and up into the sky. Because there are two broods of caterpillars each summer, the sight of that wide reddish band in July does not mean imminent cold weather. It is the second brood in September and October that is suddenly visible everywhere. Motoring along at 0.05mph, which is fast for a caterpillar, they curl into a defensive hedgehog position and glide right out of your hand on their spiky pelts. In motion they look like they've misplaced their cell phones and desperately need to call home.



They are not lost. This is the generation responsible for locating suitable bivouacs to survive the winter. Woolly bears are one of those magical animals that can survive repeated freezing. One of their strategies is to convert their

energy stores of glycogen to the forms of antifreeze - glycerol and sorbitol. This protects them to about fifteen degrees below zero. They may also be able to perform a more complicated and unusually rapid 'super-cooling' that involves removing any 'nucleation' sites where killing frost crystals can form. This can see them through degrees of twenty below. Most other moths and butterflies survive the winter as eggs or in cocoons. The cocoon ensconced pupae of the Isabella tiger moth however wouldn't last five minutes in a freezer.

In tiny heads that contain nothing resembling a brain, they have calendars. In the dead of winter a coddled woolly bear warmed up and given enticements of food and drink will refuse to uncurl. Somehow, with no practice beforehand, they know that waking up and spinning that cocoon before March warms the air is a really bad idea.

In theory then, you can predict the arrival of winter by the width of the center band on an autumnal woolly bear – and the arrival of spring by their encasement in silk.

Further reading: *Winter World* by Bernd Heinrich – at Brown Memorial Library.

### Bridge Contributors Needed

The Bradford Bridge is looking for writers who would like to contribute to our town paper. Do you like to write? Do you have a specialty? Can you hunt and trap or do you know the best way to help a toddler get to sleep? Do you exercise regularly and why? Do you have financial advice we could benefit

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The Bradford Bridge Advisory Board

## Boston Post Cane Award



Louise Clark (center) was recently awarded the Boston Post Cane by Selectman Harry Wright and Town Clerk Erica Gross for being the oldest resident in Bradford. She was born in 1921 in Winchester, MA and has lived in Bradford for 55 years. She said "I love this little town of Bradford. I love its people and its natural beauty and am very proud to be its oldest citizen."

**BRADFORD VILLAGE CELEBRATES  
HOLIDAY GREENS & PLANT SALE**

To benefit the Bradford Town Hall Restoration

Holiday greens, plants and decorations will be sold at the Bradford Town Hall, 75 West Main Street:

**Sunday, December 8th**  
11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 14th**  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. "A Christmas Carol"**  
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## I Love This Time of the Year

by Jim Spadaro

The chill in the air means that snow can't be too far away. Yes, I like all four of our seasons in New Hampshire. The holiday season is here. I know this because of all the ads, sales and the decorations in the stores. I for one think this "push" starts way too soon and takes something away from the real spirit and purpose of the season. I also know that at this time I often find myself reflecting about just how blessed I am.

I like that my family supports each other during hard times. We grow closer and I like that my family stays positive and focused. We make time for fun and just being together is good enough. There is something to be said about "taking one day at a time." The gift of being a "family," doing the best we can, each day, is on the top of my thankful list.

I appreciate and recognize how fortunate I am to have the opportunity to assist an awesome staff in their efforts to facilitate their students' growth--social, emotional, physical and academic. Yes, it can be stressful but what a gift (job?) to be "the principal," "leader," "the go-to person." It is a big responsibility that I cherish everyday.

It does bother me when I sense others NOT appreciating what

a great district/school we have. The Kearsarge Regional School District does put what's best for students at its core. It does have parents who support education and want to work as partners. It does have a talented and committed staff. It has a school board that is interested in working together to improve the education for all students while taking into account all of the real costs. Perfect we are not, but having a willingness to move forward together is one of our goals. Yes, indeed, I can't tell you how many times I remind myself how lucky I am that I landed in this district ten years ago.

If "our children are the barometer of our hearts and souls" is true, then I can 100% assure you that we are in great standing. The students of Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford are beyond my ability to describe in words. Talk about smiling faces and sparkling eyes. Our students cause me to want to be a better, deeper person. They are so positive, kind, hard working, flexible, smart, forgiving, so honest and real, everything I hope to be.

Yes, I, James J. Spadaro am truly blessed in so many ways. This season is about giving. At this time of my life, I feel very fortunate to be in deep debt. I am honored to be your principal. The Spadaro family wishes your family a very happy and meaningful new year.

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## Bradford Bog Repair Day



The annual Bradford Bog repair day was held on October 20- this time in conjunction with the Sunapee/Ragged/Kearsarge Greenway Coalition. The Coalition received a grant to identify and train volunteers for area trail work. The focus area was the Society for NH Forests Quabbin to Cardigan initiative connecting large unfragmented blocks of land between Massachusetts' Quabbin Reservoir and New Hampshire's Mount Cardigan for wildlife and for recreation. For more information on Quabbin to Cardigan (Q2C) see: [www.q2cpartnership.org](http://www.q2cpartnership.org).

Fifteen workers from five towns gathered on an exquisite October day. The boardwalk repair project at Bradford Bog was organized by Seth Benowitz with chief carpenter George Beaton, both members of the Bradford Conservation Commission.

The quarter mile boardwalk trail to the observation platform in the middle of the quaking bog needs annual visits to replace broken and worn out planks. It has been a labor of love by members of the Conservation Commission for many years now. Six members of the Commission were on hand along with a truckload of 40 fresh-cut 10-foot hemlock boards to be carried. The rotted boards were lugged back to the truck.

With so many workers, the job was completed in three hours. That included refreshment time with cider, homemade cookies, and sweet buns delivered still warm from the oven. Finally, participants climbed the viewing platform and marveled at the colorful hills encircling the bog. A great Sunday morning!

## Bradford 4-H Members Meet Governor



President Morgan Hemphill, Vice-President Hayleigh Battles and Secretary Hayley Hogancamp from the 4-H Club based in Bradford met with Governor Maggie Hassan. The girls filled her in on some of their projects. They sold calendars at Merrimack Farm and Country Store in Henniker and donated the money to the Live and Let Live Farm in Chichester, NH. In addition to donating money, many of the kids from the local club donated their time to help muck stalls for a day. The girls described the Heifer project they are now working on. They will look to raise money that will go towards purchasing an animal for a family in need somewhere in the world. Because the family agrees to donate one of the offspring from the animal they receive, it is a gift that keeps on giving.

It was truly an honor for the Governor to take time out of her busy schedule to meet with the girls.

## Cut Your Own Christmas Tree

**Open weekends through December 22nd**  
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**Open Monday/Tuesday December 23rd and 24th**  
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## Dickens' A Christmas Carol



An hour of pure Dickensian prose, edited from the original *A Christmas Carol*, performed with American narration and British characterizations by Odds Bodkin, Master Storyteller and featuring 10 different voices just as Dickens did in 1853 when he began public readings of his beloved novella. Wearing a tuxedo behind a lectern, the author became performer, giving voice to Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Jacob Marley, the Ghosts of Christmas and the denizens of Victorian London.

The performance benefits the Bradford Center Meetinghouse and the First Baptist Church. Sunday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, West Main Street, Bradford, NH. For tickets and reservations call (603) 938-5313.

## Pageant at Bradford Center Meetinghouse

Don't miss the Christmas Eve pageant at Bradford Center Meetinghouse on December 24th at 5:00 pm! Treat yourself to a brief but heartfelt moment in the busy holiday season. Lovely music, darling children, hot cocoa and cookies. Who could ask for anything more? If you would like your child to participate, contact Pam Bruss at 938-2909. Dress warmly and be of good cheer.



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## Massasecum Covered Bridge “Pond Brook Bridge”

Much has happened quite quickly:

- We have brought 90% of our oversight volunteers on board
- The Estate of Walter A. Heselton, Jr. donated 100% of the lumber needed to build the Bridge
- Four local sawmills offered to saw 100% of the Bridge’s needs:
  - John & Chris Mock
  - Perry Teele
  - Kyle Whitehead
  - Larry McDonald

Word of the contest and the rules will get out soon to the four design groups:  
1st – 5th Grade 6th, 7th & 8th Grade High School College

Because of delays in communicating exact expectations the timeline for the design contest is extended. The final design submission date is December 31st - results to be announced at the Selectmen’s meeting January 6th. Details will be presented to Bradford’s school children at each of the three schools. Kevin Skarupa, Channel 9 AM Weatherman, agreed to visit the schools to explain the design contest and he has volunteered to be one of our seven judges!

Any questions can be addressed to the Town Administrator, Cheryl Behr. We hope to generate donations to be able to offer the following cash prizes:

\$500 Overall Winner \$100 Each Divisional Winner

There will be a separate contest for the Bridge Sign Design and that winner will be announced at Town Meeting. Once the design has been chosen, a group of experts will provide guidance on timber needs. Volunteers will be needed to cut the trees and transport logs to the four sawmills in January – February. Volunteers will also be needed to help assemble the Bridge with the hope of installing it Memorial Day weekend 2014!  
Much more to follow.

## Kearsarge Area Preschool News

... a message from Director Jessica Hearne



The children at KAP have been enjoying a festive fall season! We learned about fire safety and went on a walking field trip to the Bradford Fire Department. We had an excellent tour and learned a lot! For Halloween we enjoyed a costume party, followed by a parade to local businesses and storytime at Brown Memorial Library. We are looking forward to our family potluck feast to celebrate Thanksgiving.

KAP's uniqueness results from relationships between families, teachers, and a parent volunteer Board of Directors. These partnerships have been the essence of KAP for over 25 years and the key to our continued success. The KAP Board of Directors is currently made up entirely of parent volunteers, but also welcomes community members to join the Board. The Board

is responsible for the business administration and fundraising for the school as well as setting school policy. If you think you might want to become involved please contact KAP for information on the next board meeting.

Come enjoy a spaghetti supper with Santa on Saturday, December 21st from 5-7pm. The preschool has made special arrangements with Santa who will make a visit to the Bradford Area Community Center. Come enjoy a spaghetti supper, have your picture taken with Santa, 50/50 raffle, and cake walk.

For more information on our full or part -day sessions, please call 938-2442.



### Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center Expresses Appreciation

To Bradford resident Scott MacLean for volunteering to be Bradford's representative on Hazardous Waste Day at the Henniker Highway Department. For the past four years of service, Scott has refused to be paid. The staff in Henniker has appreciated his pleasant attitude and his able helpfulness.

To the Bradford residents for asking Ken and me where things go, asking how to disassemble items for recycling and obtaining our advice on what materials belong in the compost pile. We also appreciate residents cooling their buckets of wood ash for many days before transporting them to the Center. These thoughtful actions help us facilitate the safe and efficient operation of our transfer and recycling center.

Lois Kilnapp,  
Manager



### Classified Ads

**For Rent** Bradford. 3br 21/2 bath home with attached 2car garage. \$1100 per mo. plus utilities and plowing. References/credit check/deposit required. No smoking/no pets. 938-2260.

**From the Historical Society:** Silver-toned ornaments featuring a beautiful image of Bradford Center Meetinghouse; fundraiser, great gift. Call 938-2370.

Multiple copies of the Bradford Town Report will soon be discarded by the Bradford Historical Society. If you want them, call 938-6075.

Missing Town Reports: The Historical Society is looking for copies of the following Bradford Annual Reports: 1889, 1906, 1919, 1935, 1956, 2003-2006, 2009, 2010. If you are willing to donate your copy to complete our archives, please call 938-5372.

2014 Calendars featuring colorized postcards of Bradford, plus fascinating Bradford facts, created by the Bradford Historical Society. Available at Pizza Chef. Great gift idea!



**Oh, Christmas Tree !**

LOCAL, FRESH TREES. The non-profit Friends of the BACC is selling Christmas trees again. **If you are planning on getting a tree, why not support an excellent cause at the same time?** All profits go to the Bradford Area Community Center to fund scholarships and programs for area residents – and our prices are competitive!

Featuring “Ted’s Trees” – Premium Fraser and Balsam trees by Ted Young from Warner.

NEW, THIS YEAR: If you want a certain type or size (eg, very small or very large), you can **pre-order a tree to your specifications**. Contact Martha with special orders: **938-6468** or [martha.barron@tds.net](mailto:martha.barron@tds.net). Also, offering in-town delivery on Saturday (\$5.00).

In addition to trees, we are also selling homemade holiday cookies, bars, and treats. Buy them singly or by the dozen; mix and match. Save yourself some baking.

**9AM – 3:30PM • Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> • Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Front lawn of the Bradford Area Community Center • 134 East Main St, Bradford, NH.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**