

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## HAL LIBERTY'S WORKSHOP

*By Camila Devlin*

Walking into his workshop is a fantastic experience; I was immediately met with a warm smile and the faint scent of wood and shellac. There are wood shavings on the floor and toys in various stages of assembly everywhere. This is truly a woodworker's heaven. Things aren't all fun and games here though. By the end of the season

Hal Liberty and his countless volunteers will have pumped out roughly 950 toys! This year recipients of his toys include Toys for Tots, Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHAD), Children with Incarcerated Parents

(CHIPS), VNA, and children in Bradford, Newbury, Sutton, Newport, Hillsborough, Henniker, Jaffrey and Franklin, to name a few. All materials are donated by local companies, all of the toymakers are volunteers and all toys are built with safety in mind. It's brilliant.



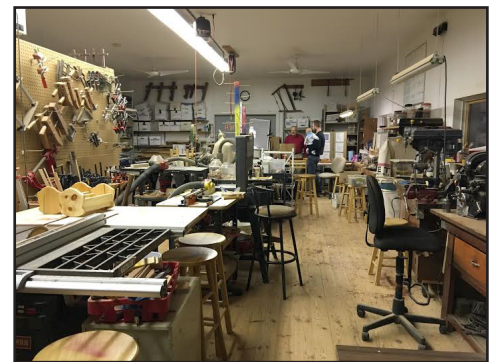
*Toy frames hanging out to dry*

What struck me most, more than the impressive variety of wood and sheer number of toys created, was what a genuine



*Hal Liberty showing Noah Devlin how to trace the toy bus template*

sense of compassion Hal has for these children, most of whom he has never, and will never meet. I reflect on how busy I have been over the past year and then think, boy, this 83 year old man makes me look like a slouch! But that's not the point. The point is to look at this



*The workshop*

amazing community around us and consider those who struggle to put food on their tables and have no means of purchasing toys this holiday season. Well, Mr. Liberty is doing his



*My children swooning over some of his creations!*

part as are so many others in our community. I know I'll be grabbing an extra jar of peanut butter to donate to the food pantry.

I am proud to call Hal Liberty my neighbor and I know he will continue to inspire others to reflect on the true meaning of the season.

**Happy Holidays  
to All!**

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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

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## From the Editor

Happy holidays to all!

This holiday season the world seems more dangerous than ever. Warring ideologies have brought horrific attacks in Paris and Mali, a Russian plane downed by the same Isis organization and violent threats against all countries, including our own, opposed to the extremism and violence of jihad. Refugees seek safe haven from their war torn homelands and the world fears the influx of the poor and downtrodden will bring with each safe harbor, the chance of bringing an enemy into our midst. It is a troubling and difficult time yet we carry on traditions and holidays as best we can.

In supporting the spirit of giving, consider donating to some organizations for whom even a little effort and a small check can have an enormous effect on the lives of people throughout the world.

We like Heifer International, a program that supplies farm animals and a hope of sustainability for poor people all over the world. Or Cure-Blindness.org. Read about Hero rats (they clear mines) at Apopo.org or go to the website of amhf.us and learn about Dr. Tom Catena, a missionary physician who delivers babies, cares for lepers, picks shrapnel and maggots out of wounds in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan. And he seeks shelter from bombs -regularly. All for \$350 a month in salary.

The above noted suggestions for gifts that make the world better have been shamelessly excerpted from a Nicholas Kristof op ed in the NY Times, Sunday, November15, 2015. Look it up. It's a worthy and timely piece for the season.

Here at home we might consider contributing gifts for children through the Toys for Tots program at Lake Sunapee Bank or picking a Christmas wish from the tree at the bank or the Baptist Church. Hunger and poverty exist not only in other countries but in our own as well.

In the new year, the Board of The Bradford Bridge wishes our friends and neighbors health and good fortune and for the world, peace.

*Beth Rodd, December Editor*

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**Christmas Food and Gift Baskets**

The food pantry could use help financially this year as there are now 40 families to provide for. Make your donation payable to the First Baptist Church and label it "Food Pantry". Thank you for your help and generosity. Distribution Day is December 19, 9-11am

**Family Mac & Cheese Dinner Night**

December 12, at 5PM, following the lighting of the tree at the library, children, \$6, adults, \$8. Eat or Take Out. Choice of Mac & Cheese with hot dogs, ham, meatballs or meatless. A Live Nativity will be outside during the tree lighting.

**Pot Luck & Christmas Dinner**

December 18, 6pm at the home of Ken and Deb Nemcovich. This is a fun night of food, fellowship and song. Bring your best dish for the pot-luck (just a family size dish) and a gift for the Teens and Adults White Elephant Swap. Christmas Carols will ring out the evening.

**Christmas Sunday**

December 20 at 10am Youth & Children will put on a Christmas play called "Ready to Receive You" for our worship service..

**Christmas Eve Worship & Candlelight Service,**

Thursday, December 24 at 7PM. Join with our community in celebrating Christ's birth with a beautiful candlelight service.

**Advent Study,**

Thursday, Dec. 10 & 17, 6:30pm in the Church Office Building.

**First Baptist Church of Bradford Annual Meeting**

will be held on January 10 at 11am following our worship service.

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## 10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This month we met with Marion Hall. She has been involved in many volunteer activities in Bradford and reluctantly we are saying farewell to her as a key member of the Bradford Bridge Board. She will continue to deposit the Bridge at the post office for us and we will continue to consult with her as needed. She has done a fabulous job done on the Bridge for many years. Marion has a long history of volunteer work in Bradford and continues in many of her volunteer activities.*

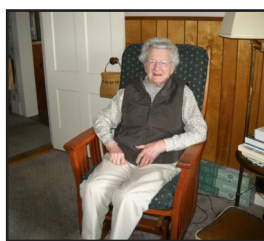
**Q. You were born and went to school in Warner, New Hampshire, prior to coming to Bradford. Tell me about those early years.**

I went to the grammar school in Warner. It was not a one room schoolhouse. We had four classrooms. The school had two floors with the first four grades on the first floor and the second level housed the fifth and sixth grades. We also had a basement where we could play when the weather was nasty outside. The basement went out to the playground and our teachers were all female.

The entire school went on to the high school in Warner, the Simonds Street High School. We were living in Warner at the time and I played sports field hockey and basketball. We traveled on a school bus to Henniker and Contoocook. I had many good friends and they were good years.

**Q. Do you have significant memories of those days?**

I had two sisters and two brothers. We had a cottage on Diamond Lake which is located on the road to Contoocook. That was where I learned to swim. The lake was about the same size as Lake Todd. We used to swim across the lake. Those were good days.



**You were married to Vernon Hall who served for many years as postmaster in Bradford. Tell me about that period of time.**

We met in high school in Warner. He attended grammar school in Bradford and we were the same age. We met in 1941. We shared birthdays in May. We were high school sweethearts and graduated together. After graduation I went to Milford to work at the Milford Merrimack Farm Store where my father was the manager. I studied book-keeping in high school and that became my job. I lived in a rooming house with meals and was able to walk to work. It was a half mile walk which was not unusual at that period of time. Vernon and I shared many memories of school and continued to see one another.

**Q. You worked at the Farm Store for three plus years. Was that a good experience?**

Jobs were hard to find in those days. During the fall months I picked apples in Webster prior to the job in Milford. I continued to see Vernon and we became engaged in 1946. In 1949 we married and in 1949 my daughter was born and then my son was born two years later. I have four grandchildren.

**Q. Your next job was at Sugar River Bank in Warner as a teller. You spent the next 13 years in that position. What kind of experience was that?**

I enjoyed those years. I grew up in Warner and knew many people that came into the bank. At that time Vernon was a farmer with his father. He was a part time Mail carrier (RFD). After a period of time working for Holt Funeral Home in Henniker he began work in the Bradford Post Office which was then located on Main Street prior to the move to Route 114. We bought our home across from the present post office in 1964 and that was sixty years ago. It was very nice for Vernon to live so close to his job.

**Q. You continue to be an active volunteer in Bradford. You have been involved with the Bradford Bridge for many years. What memories stand out most from over the years?**

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10 Questions (cont. from pg 4)

I enjoy working at the Community Center for Phil Stockwell. I've been taking care of the table cloths for the meals at the center. I help to serve the meals and then bring the cloths home to wash and iron. We had Thanksgiving dinner there and forty five people came. People come from other towns as well as Bradford residents. The meals are very good and Phil makes them special and delicious for us.

**Q. You will be missed on the Bridge board since you are retiring. But you will continue to put Bridge copies out at the Post Office and serve as a consultant. We are glad that you are planning to continue your involvement. What other town activities will you continue?**

In a way I do miss being on the board. I would pick up the copies at Brayshaws and Harriet Douglass and I would put the copies in envelopes and mail it to our many subscribers. At the present time we have 85 copies going out every month for people who lived here and want to know what continues to happen here. Harriet will have to continue on her own. I've always been active in Eastern Star and will continue to do that. I retired from the Bridge because I felt it was time.

**Q. If you were able to change anything in your life, what would it be?**

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# Ho Ho Ho!

Don't miss the merry offerings on West Main Street on Saturday, Dec. 12th !

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10 Questions (cont. from pg 5)

We were talking about that recently at our exercise class at the Community Center. I would have gone to college, probably to Concord to study business. My sister went to college and then worked for the State of New Hampshire. I studied bookkeeping in high school but I do regret the fact that I didn't stay in school. Other than that I probably wouldn't change anything.



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Church News (continued from pg. 3)

Joining a small group will help you form a closer relationship with your fellow Christians. There are several different small groups to choose from.

**Men's Breakfast-** will meet Saturday, December 5 at 8 am in the church office building. Hearty breakfast with a short devotion.

**Women's Breakfast** on December 12 at 8 am in the Church office building. Delicious hot breakfast, fellowship and prayer. All women invited.

**Men's Fellowship-** Wed, December 2 at 6:30 pm at the home of Fred Hubley. Open to all men. Come and enjoy pool and Christian fellowship.

**Prayer Group-** Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm in our sanctuary to pray for our church

**Youth Group-**For Grades 6-12 meetings are held in the downstairs of the church every Sunday 11:30-1 pm. The theme "Finding Your Spiritual Gift".

**Mom's Group-** meetings held every Tuesday morning at 9:30-10:30 am in the church office building. Childcare can be provided. "The Power of a Praying Parent" by Stomie O'Matian will be used as a reference.

**Outreach Mission-Rise Again-** Every 2nd Wednesday Pastor Lynn and other volunteers travel to the Rise Again warehouse to sort clothing for the homeless. If you are interested, a carpool leaves the church at 4:15 pm and returns at 7:15pm. For more information contact Pastor Lynn. We also collect clothing, towels and bedding

**DVD Ministry-** our Sunday worship services are now recorded. If you miss a Sunday and would like a recording, please let Fred or Cheryl know.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry-** We will make shawls to give out to those who could use the comfort of a shawl and the prayers that went into making them. If you would like to make a shawl, a booklet of directions is available in the office or entryway of the church for anyone who is interested in making more.

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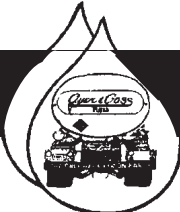
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### Selectmen's Highlights

**Elections:** The Town Clerk advised Selectmen of state election changes. Selectmen must be present at polls for duration of Election Day. If a voter does not have a photo ID a Polaroid photo must be taken of them. Cost of new election machine is \$3,500. Purchased was approved and will be used starting in January.

**Town Hall:** A letter was received from the Historical Society endorsing the restoration of the Town Hall.

**Employee Health Insurance:** The rate is increasing 3.4%. Employee contribution will increase from 8% to 9%.

**Highway Department** Resident Chet Mitchell advised the selectmen of a beaver problem at Fairgrounds Rd. culvert. The Road Agent will clean the culvert and Mr. Mitchell will contact a local trapper to address the beaver situation.

A culvert on the Bradford portion of Southbrook Circle will be replaced and a request was made to put in a culvert on

Pierce Road to access the Pierce Cemetery.

In response to residents' interest in keeping Forest Street open year round, selectmen discussed hiring contractors to do the plowing.

**Bement Bridge RFQ's:** were received from Eckman Engineering, Hoyle Tanner & Assoc., HEB Engineering, Kleinfelder, Dubois & King to do the work under grant from the New Hampshire Bridge Program and the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program. Once a bidder has been selected, price negotiations will begin.

**Library Trustee:** Selectmen approved appointment of Peter Blank to fill the remainder of Erica Gross's term.

**Lawsuit:** The Town Attorney reported that the town will not have to go to trial or summary judgment as the defendant, Joe Wilcox did not appear at the last court required meeting.

**Budget Committee Actions:** Review of submitted budgets is underway. Department heads will come in as requested, to discuss their budgets.

George Cilley stepped down as chair of the Committee. Beth Downs was appointed as chair. Camilla Devlin will serve as secretary.

Anyone interested in serving on the Budget Committee should contact Beth Downs at 938-5247.

### Planning Board Notes

**Public Hearing:** for Map 3-89 Site Plan Application and sign permit were submitted by Lynn Gross for a firewood and landscape/hardscape business on property located on Route 103. The Board reviewed the plan and requested additional information prior to taking action. The public hearing was continued to December 8, 2015 at 7 PM.

**Resignations:** Secretary Camila Devlin submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2015 due to her appointment as Town Clerk effective January 1, 2016. The job opening will be posted on the town website.

Marcia Keller submitted her resignation as an alternate member of the Board. She was thanked for her years of service.

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*Dress warmly  
and  
be of  
good cheer!*



### Bement Bridge Citizen's Committee

The Town of Bradford has begun the process of rehabilitating the Bement Covered Bridge through the New Hampshire Bridge Program and the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program. The town recently received five responses to its request for Statements of Qualifications. The statements are being reviewed and an engineering firm will be selected by the end of the year. Engineering work is slated to start in January and take place throughout 2016. Bridge work is expected to start in the fall of 2017.

The selectboard is seeking to pull together a group of town residents and community members interested in participating in various aspects of the project. This includes meeting with the historic preservation specialists assigned to the project, reviewing plans and monitoring the rehabilitation progress.

If you would like to participate, please call the selectman's Office at 938-5900.



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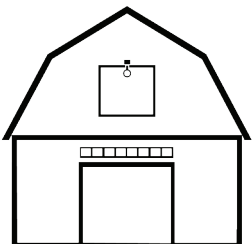
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### Tues. December 1<sup>st</sup>

10am Quilting Group  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Watercolor class  
7pm MBC Budget Hearing,  
KRHS

### Wed. December 2<sup>nd</sup>

4pm Special Group 5  
6pm Yoga  
7pm ZBA

### Thurs. December 3<sup>rd</sup>

12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong Group  
6:30pm School Board Meeting

### Fri. December 4<sup>th</sup>

11:30am First Friday Brunch  
w/ 50/50 raffle, Harpist DeLuna  
and door prizes! Please Reserve!  
1pm Mahjong Group  
8-10am Planning Board Office

### Sat. Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

1pm Cookie Swap & Wreath  
Workshop, BHS

### Mon. December 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Policy Committee Meet-  
ing, KRMS  
1pm Bridge Group  
4pm Water Coloring  
5:30pm Selectmen

### Tues. December 8<sup>th</sup>

10am Quilting Group  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong Group  
7pm Planning Board  
7pm MBC Budget Hearing snow  
date

### Wed. December 9<sup>th</sup>

6pm Yoga

### Thurs. December 10<sup>th</sup>

12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong Group  
4:30pm BACC/P&R Committees  
5:30pm THROC

### Fri. December 11<sup>th</sup>

8-10am Planning Board Office

### Mon. December 14<sup>th</sup>

1pm Bridge Group  
5:30pm Selectmen

### Sat. Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

4pm Holiday stories, a visit from  
Santa, caroling and refreshments  
followed by dinner at First Baptist  
Church

### Mon. December 14<sup>th</sup>

1pm Bridge  
4pm Water Coloring  
5:30pm Selectmen  
7pm Rural Heritage Connection

### Tues. December 15<sup>th</sup>

10am Quilting Group  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Watercolor class

### Wed. December 16<sup>th</sup>

4pm Special Group 5  
6pm Yoga

### Thurs. December 17<sup>th</sup>

10- 11:30am BP Clinic at  
MVSC provided by LSVNA  
11:30am Holiday Dinner Recep-  
tion for  
Meals on Wheels clients with the  
KHS  
Select Chorus- Reservations a  
must!  
1:30pm Mahjong Group  
6:30pm School Board Meeting

### Fri. December 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30-11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic  
by LSVNA at North Ridge  
10am 3rd Friday Movie: The  
Shop Around the Corner  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong Group  
8-10am Planning Board

### Mon. December 21<sup>st</sup>

1pm Bridge Group  
5:30pm Selectmen

### Tues. December 22<sup>nd</sup>

10am Quilting Group  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong Group  
7pm Planning Board

### Wed. December 23<sup>rd</sup>

6pm Yoga  
KRES December Recess begin

### Thurs. December 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Eve

5pm Quaint Christmas Eve fol-  
lowed by cookies and cocoa at  
Bradford Center Meetinghouse

### Fri. December 25<sup>th</sup>

Closed Christmas Day  
No Meals on Wheels

### Mon. December 29<sup>th</sup>

1PM Bridge Group  
5:30pm Selectmen

### Tues. December 30<sup>th</sup>

10am Quilting Group  
12 Noon Senior Dining  
1pm Mahjong  
6pm Yoga

### Thurs. December 31<sup>st</sup>

New Years Eve



Merry Christmas!

All events take place at the Brad-  
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there has been a change to the  
submitted information.

*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*

#### 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  
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.  
KLC- Kearsarge Learning Center

### Ongoing Events

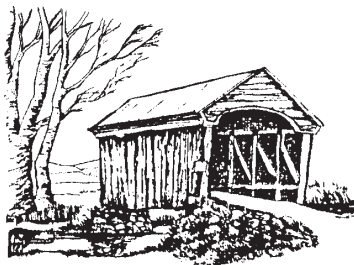
Children's Storytime - Mondays 10am Pre-school, Wednesdays 10am Toddlers at BML  
 Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM Call 938-2119 for info  
 Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML  
 Fish and Game Club - 1st Tuesday 7PM at Fish and Game Club  
 First Friday Bunch - 11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated call 938-2104 for info  
 Historical Society - Tin Shop, East Main Street, open Saturdays from 10am-noon May-October or by appointment. Please call 938-2078.  
 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

### COOKIE WALK & WREATH WORKSHOP



Join us for some old-fashioned fun at the Bradford Historical Society Tin Shop, 160 East Main Street, on Saturday Dec. 5th at 1:00 pm. Bring some cookies to swap or pick up a tin of fresh-baked goods. Many great local gift ideas will also be on sale.

If you want to make a fresh wreath and bow, with help from the experts at Stone Ledge Farm, please pre-register by emailing [bradfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) by November 28th. Donation: \$20.00



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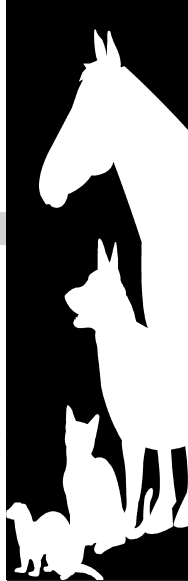


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## Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

In collaboration with the Kearsarge Food Hub and Sweet Beet Farm Stand we are hosting a seed exchange. Anyone who currently saves seeds, has leftover seeds, would like to start saving, or is new to gardening is welcome to participate. We have empty packets available. We'll be keeping the seeds for swapping at the library, and you can stop by anytime to bring seeds or take seeds home! Help us preserve our local gardening history. Thanks to library assistant Michelle Makowiecki for initiating this program.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 12 at 4pm. We are expecting a Very Special Visitor that day. The children's librarian will read holiday stories, then Santa will arrive ready to meet with each child. We will go outside to sing carols and light the library tree. Families can then go across the street to the First Baptist Church for their Macaroni and Cheese Supper (takeout available!). Let's hope for good weather, maybe some lightly falling snow on this festive evening?

There is no book discussion in December. Join us on Wednesday, January 20 at 7pm for a discussion of Kent Haruf's Plainsong. Copies will be available at the circulation desk by late December.

Play chess at the library on Monday, December 21 from 6:30-8:00pm. Can anyone beat Andrew? All ages and abilities are welcome.

The library is open all regular hours in December. Be sure to visit us for good books, music, videos, puzzles and audiobooks. Tell your visitors about our always-on wireless internet!

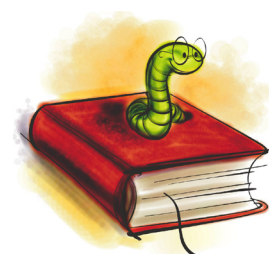
New books added in November:

### Adults

- Career of Evil* / Robert Galbraith
- See Me* / Nicholas Sparks
- Front Runner* / Felix Francis
- The Clasp* / Sloane Crosley
- Rogue Lawyer* / John Grisham
- City on Fire* / Garth Risk Hallberg
- Come Rain or Come Shine* / Jan Karon
- God's Kingdom* / Howard Frank Moshier
- Parchment and Old Lace* / Laura Childs
- Paul and the Dispersion : the student's edition* / Richard J. Willoughby, Sr.
- Atmosphere of Hope : searching for solutions to the climate crisis* / Tim Flannery
- The Witches: Salem, 1692* / Stacy Schiff

### Children & Teens

- Orbiting Jupiter* / Gary D. Schmidt
- Firefly Hollow* / Alison McGhee
- Illuminae* / Amie Kaufman ; Jay Kristoff
- The Taken* / Inbali Iserles
- The Sword of Summer* / Rick Riordan



**Library Hours**  
 Monday, 10-8  
 Wednesday, 10-7  
 Saturday, 10-3  
 Sunday, 11-3

**Join the reading craze at Brown Memorial Library and earn a free book!**



"NH 1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program is encouraging young families to track their reading progress to promote early literacy. Sound daunting? It's easy and fun! Breanna Caron, seen here with sons Bruce and George, has already read 388 books since Labor Day. Stop by the library for story-time at 10:00 on Monday and Wednesday mornings (or anytime) for a fresh supply of books and reading packets.



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**Town of Bradford**

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 Wednesdays - 12pm to 6pm  
 Thursdays - 8am to 4pm (closed 12-1pm)  
 Fridays - 8am to 4pm (closed 12-1pm)  
 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month - 9am to Noon

*Town Meeting*

Wednesday  
 March 9, 2016  
 At 7:00 PM  
 Bradford Elementary School

**Selectmen's Meeting Schedule**

The selectmen will be meeting every Monday evening at 5:30 from now on.



**Cuts for a Cure**

Dockside Hair Design would like to thank everyone who participated and donated at the "Cuts for a Cure" fundraiser on October 24th. Together we were able to raise \$400 for breast cancer awareness!

Donation was given to the Breast Care Center & Payson Cancer Center in Concord.

*Every bit helps!*

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# Look Whats New!

## Out and About

A new feature of the Bradford Bridge, Out and About, will post a picture of a place in the Bradford area with a hint of where it can be found. The places will be public and found near a town road. Your job is to get out and explore Bradford to find the place. When you think you know where it is, send a postcard with your name and contact info to the Bradford Bridge, PO Box 463, Bradford, NH telling the location of the picture. Each month cards will be drawn at random. The sender of the first card drawn with the correct location will receive a framed photograph of that place and their name will appear in Out and About in the next Bradford Bridge. Anyone may enter. Happy hunting!!



**Here is this month's hint:**

Though the sign is "new," This place held four-legged stragglers, a few.



## Manchester City Marathon

Morgan Kennedy, grandson of Dick & Jean Kennedy of Bradford, won this year's Manchester City Marathon in a time of 2 hours, 38 minutes and 24 seconds. Morgan grew up in New Hampshire and was the first place winner of the Bradford 5-K race last July. For the first 20 miles, he ran along with the second place finisher, but was in front by himself for the final six miles. Kennedy has competed in other marathons, including the Boston Marathon, but this is the first marathon win for him.

## Town Clerk Update

As most of you have already heard I will be resigning from my position as of December 31, 2015. It has been a pleasure and an honor serving the town as Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the last 3+ years. This has been a wonderful experience working with all our townspeople and wanted to make sure that in leaving the office would not be left out in the cold.

The position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector (when in between elections) is an appointed one. My Deputy Melissa Cloutier has chosen not to step up and become the Town Clerk but stay on as Deputy. With that in mind, I brought the recommendation of Camila Devlin to the selectmen. Their approval of Camila was unanimous. Camila is a bright, responsible, hard worker who will work well in this position. I have already begun training her to step in as of January 1st, 2016 and the State departments have her scheduled for all her other training classes this month.

Camila will sit in this position until the next election in March of 2016 at which point she will run for my remaining two year term.

Again thank you and hope you all have the happiest of Holiday Seasons!

Erica Gross,  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



## To the Editor

You might be interested in posting this fairly local event several miles north of you.

A BLIZZARD OF ART is the new show at the Hole in the Fence Café, 420 Main St. in New London, NH featuring 22 works of art including that of Bradford resident and photographer, Audrey V. Sylvester. Come enjoy the art and the great food.

Thanks.  
Alan Shulman,  
New London



I have volunteered to work at the Bradford Food Pantry for the past 8 years, and about 4 years ago took over organizing it.

Every year we receive many monetary donations from people in town as well as non-

perishable food donations that allow us to provide boxes for 25 - 30 families during Thanksgiving and Christmas and also help us provide food for the rest of the year for approximately 15 families every month. This year those donations were very low we only had about half of what we needed just for Thanksgiving.

Many times the Appleseed has told the pantry if there was anything we needed all we need to do was call. Before Thanksgiving, I called and left a message hoping that the Appleseed would donate some rolls, turkeys whatever they could do. I was shocked when I spoke with Re Pete and he and the whole Appleseed family offered to do a fundraiser donating 50% of all sales done on Thursday, November 19th to the food pantry. They are also collecting non-perishable food donations and monetary donations thorough the rest of the weekend. The Fentons have always been there for the pantry. When we flooded two days before delivery earlier this year, they stepped up and provided everything we had lost in order to make sure deliveries could happen as usual. When we store turkeys in their freezer at Thanksgiving they always seem

to multiply in their freezer but this generous offer was above and beyond anything we could have asked for and a true blessing to the Bradford Food Pantry and to those who sometimes need a helping hand.

The Appleseed was able to raise \$1,200.00 in donations for the food pantry. Many thanks to kids from the KRES school that do a food drive in November and to all the other business and individuals who donate to the pantry as well.

The volunteers who join me on Saturday mornings at 8:30 to make up boxes, drive to houses to deliver and greet the many families who come to the pantry to pick them up are amazing. Without them, the church members, the people of Bradford and the Appleseed family none of this would be possible.

The food pantry is here for those Bradford families and individuals who occasionally need a helping hand. Thanks to all the people who make this possible. We can all use a little help from time to time.

Laura Marshall  
Director, Food Pantry

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## Obituaries

### Russell Steven Friese

(known by all as "Rusty"), 59, died unexpectedly on the afternoon of Nov. 12, 2015, in South Newbury Village while working on a job after a full day's work. He was born Sept. 26, 1956, in Norwood, MA to parents Heinz and Lucy Friese. At age 17, Rusty moved to Newbury and built the home that his family still lives in today.

Rusty married the love of his life, Nancy Hodges Friese, in 1995. They had a deep and lasting love, and had just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Patrick Connor of Warner and Caleb Connor of Bradford. Rusty was the very foundation of his family providing a steadiness and gentleness that will never be replaced. Never will you meet a man who more faithfully lived his values, and he passed this on to his sons.

Rusty loved spending time with his family, pattering around the house, mowing the lawn and camping with friends. He had a lifelong partnership with chocolate cake, Bailey's Irish Creme, Ford trucks and any home-cooked meal. He was a talented carpenter, had a tool for every job and could fix anything. He was dependable, hardworking and a true gentleman. He lived a simple and fulfilling life, surrounded by the people who loved him and doing the things he loved.

He leaves behind his wife, Nancy, son Patrick and his wife, Kathryn, son Caleb and his wife,

Courtney, two granddaughters and two more on the way. He also leaves behind his brother, Richard Friese, of Kingston, along with many lifelong friends. The family asks that any donations be made to the Newbury Fire Department, P.O. Box 373, Newbury 03255 who tried heroically to save him.



**Grete C. (Meienborn) Rule** died at Concord Hospital on October 3, 2015. She was born to Ewald and Hedwig (Grube) Meienborn in Barmen, Germany on November 11, 1922 and moved with her family to the United States in 1926. Grete graduated from Keene High School and Keene Teachers College (now Keene State) then taught home economics in Alstead. In 1946, she married Louis Rule, remaining happily married to him until his death in December 2011.

After her children were born, she returned to the classroom; earned a master's degree from Keene State College in 1979 and became a registered dietician in the NH Department of Education as a nutrition education coordinator. The family moved to South Newbury where they developed 13 acres of organic vegetables, small livestock, fishpond, maple syrup operation, and Christmas tree plantation. Grete and Lou were involved with many activities in Bradford, including the Bradford Country Squares

and Bradford Women's Club. Grete as a member and Lou playing guitar for Club Events sing-alongs at the Clough Center. They sold the "farm" and became active members in the Havenwood Heritage Heights community in Concord.

Grete is survived by three daughters, Hetty Thomae and her husband Irv, Norwich, VT; Ellen Rule, Northfield, NH; and Gretchen Rule Hamel, Concord, NH; four grandchildren: Louisa Vandenberg, White River Junction, VT; Josiah Proietti, Hanover, NH; Cherry Viirand, Darien, CT; and Randy Thomae, Boulder, CO; five great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A private internment is planned for the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery. Donations can be made in Grete's memory to Heifer International at [heifer.org](http://heifer.org).



**Carol A. Howe (McLellan),** 71, passed peacefully Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015, at Merrimack County Nursing Home in Bosca-wen.

Carol was born July 26, 1944, to George F. and Florence M. (Decota) McLellan, and was predeceased by her husband, Forrest K. Howe.

Carol worked as an LNA at several nursing homes throughout the years. She enjoyed long scenic motorcycle rides around New Hampshire. She especially



## Bradford Business Association

loved the foliage season. Carol had been sober for many years and enjoyed being a participating member of the AA community. She loved to play dice with family at Sunday dinners. She loved the beach and sun worshipping but didn't much enjoy the winter as she spent many winters in Florida.

Carol was the mother of three children, one daughter, Carla Griffin of Bradford, and two sons, David Howe and his wife, Aimee of Bradford; Jason Howe and his wife, Elise of Barnstead. She is survived by seven grandchildren, Jesse Griffin and his wife, Shanna of Bradford; Michael Griffin of Wilmington, MA; Sean Griffin of Manchester; Kendra Howe of Warner; Jason, Ethan and Kirsten of Barnstead, two great-grandchildren, Sabian, 10 and Lyrica, 5. She was predeceased by her brothers, Bruce McLellan and Richard McLellan and sister, Linda McLellan.

Memorial donations can be made to Alzheimer's and Dementia Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. A memorial service will be held in the spring/summer according to Carol's wishes.



The Bradford Business Association kicked off a new season of Business After Hours events in October at Jeff and Denise Renk's farm, Elier Acres (former Mountain Lake Inn) with a wonderful pig roast buffet cooked by our hosts. We learned about their business and how challenging it is to provide the best of fresh meats, eggs, etc. for a much more knowledgeable consumer. Members mingled and talked about their businesses and a quick meeting was held.

Applications for renewals and new members will be going out shortly with a due date of the end of the year so we can update our Member Guide for 2016.

Our next event is a Business After Hours and Holiday Party combined at our newest member's business, HollyHock Flowers, 196 Bradford Road (State Route 114) in Henniker, just before the Henniker Farm and Country Store and Harvester Market. It will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30PM and all are welcome to come see this new business and enjoy some holiday cheer. We will also vote on next year's Officers and Directors.

With that in mind, a heartfelt thanks to our beloved Dawn Rich for being Secretary for more years than we can count and for always supporting our local businesses.

Happy Holidays,  
Laura Hallahan, President

## NH Preservation Alliance Visits Town Hall

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (NHPA) is a statewide non-profit historic preservation organization. Each year they award "Seven to Save" recognition to seven historically significant sites in need of preservation. In 2012, the Bradford Town Hall was placed on the list. That recognition was an important component in Bradford being awarded a \$105,000 grant from LCHIP for Town Hall Restoration.

The Alliance Board of Directors and members visited Town Hall on November 6 as part of a two day tour of historic properties in the region. About 20 people from the Alliance were in attendance and an almost equal number from town.

While the group viewed the town hall from outside, Harry Wright provided a brief history of the building and Michele Halsted outlined ongoing fund raising efforts. Small groups then toured the building; many guests had interesting stories and questions.

Subsequent to the visit, Maggie Stier from the NHPA wrote "Our schedule was jam-packed with places to see and projects to learn about, and I think the Bradford Town Hall was one of the most informative stops along the route". Those who participated from Bradford were equally pleased.

*Harry H. Wright*

## Field Trip



This past summer, educators Wendy Corbin and Beth Fenton and the Sweet Beet Farm Stand decided to collaborate for the Bradford first grader's upcoming plants and seeds science unit. In September, 30 kids bounced down to check out the farm stand and the fields. The kids worked

in small groups to observe the life of a vegetable: How it cycles from a seed, to a plant, to the farm stand and finally to the mouth! We picked peppers, tomatoes and onions and drew pictures of the plants growing in the fields. It was the kids' first chance to experience plants and seeds first-hand and, most importantly, get a little dirty!



They popped down for a second visit the day before Halloween, after the farm stand closed when fields were being put to bed for winter.

We talked about compost and how plants transform into soil so they can help new plants grow next season. The kids helped us sow our cover crop, winter rye, as we all munched on carrots.



Over the winter, the Sweet Beets will order seeds for the first graders that they will then seed and eventually plant in a special garden plot by the farm

stand. By the end of the school year, the kids will open their very own Bradford Elementary farm stand where they can share their wonderful vegetables and newfound knowledge of plants and seeds!

### Alert to Advertisers

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Your understanding and help in this matter is appreciated.

## Winnie was a real bear?

by Kathleen Bigford

I recently read the delightful Winnie, "The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh" by Sally M. Walker. Here's a short version of the story taken from the book jacket.

"When Henry Colbourn saw a baby bear for sale at a Canadian train station, he knew he could care for it. Harry was a veterinarian. But he was also a soldier in training for World War I.

Harry named the bear Winnie, short for Winnipeg, his company's hometown, and he took her along to the training camp in England. Winnie followed Harry everywhere and slept under his cot every night. Before long, she became the regiment's much-loved mascot.

But who could care for the bear when Harry had to go to the battleground in France? Harry found just the right place for Winnie while he was away: the London Zoo. There, a boy named Christopher Robin came along and played with Winnie – he could care for the bear too!"

Christopher Robin's father, a famous author (A. A. Milne), watched him playing with Winnie and would tell him bedtime stories about the adventures of a bear named Winnie-the-Pooh who lived in a forest. These stories grew into the books loved by children of all ages.

Many of the details of this true story can be found in "Winnie, The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh" by Sally M. Walker, illustrated by Jonathan D. Voss, Henry Holt and Company, LLC, publishers, 2015.

## Town Hall Highlights

The month of November was a busy one for the Town Hall Restoration Committee. On November 6th, the NH Preservation Alliance visited the Town Hall as part of a tour of several of the locations on the "7 to Save" list. This is a highly sought after designation by the NHPA that helps places in neglect or crisis to receive broader attention, a boost from investors, and an opportunity to engage more people in creative solutions for important historic places.

An information session was also hosted by the committee on November 14, at Kearsarge Elementary School in Bradford. All residents were invited to attend. The key topics covered were a line item review of all town hall related expenses for the years 2014 and 2015, as well as a presentation of the current plans for the building by architect Kelly Gale. Time was allotted for questions following both of these topics and some very salient points were put forth by attendees. A list of all questions asked was drafted including those that were not

answered due to lack of time during the meeting. This list will be posted as an FAQ document, both on the town website and on a page that is being created on Facebook for all things town hall restoration related. Notification when the FAQ is published will go out via local media and also via a group email list of currently over 200 residents and counting. The email list was conceived and created as a way of getting town hall related information out to town residents in a timely and direct manner. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Claire James at [cerinjames@gmail.com](mailto:cerinjames@gmail.com).

In other important town hall news, the committee recently received a letter from Bradford Historical Society President, Tim Rodd, fully endorsing the restoration project. Michele Halsted (RHC), who is spearheading all fundraising efforts, has just launched a campaign appealing to Bradford business owners for donations. Michele has been an advocate, working hard to alleviate as much as the

taxpayer burden for the project as possible. To date, RHC has contributed the funds they've raised to asbestos studies, preparing and distributing printed materials and have also committed to funding an archeological study of the town hall property. Additionally, they will provide half of the cost (\$4200) of the specification plans needed to get bid prices on the fire suppression system. The Town Trust fund will pay for the remaining half of the cost. Other items currently being worked on include the placement of the cistern in the basement plan, installation of the new septic system (for which plans have already been approved), posting of an RFP for all site work and an RFP for the sprinkler to be completed and returned by December 30th. Still under discussion are the types of heating systems and the location of the cistern. Pellet boilers, oil and propane are all being considered as heating options.

*The next THROC meeting will be held on December 10th at 5:30pm at the BACC. All are welcome to attend.*

## Thank You

Thank you for your support and friendship with Ausbon Sargent as you help us to share the good news of our non-profit land trust. Please join us in welcoming our three newest board members.



*Ausbon Sargent welcomes (L-R) Frances Harris, Peter Fichter and Kathy Carroll to a 3-year term on its Board of Trustees.*



# Children enjoying the adorable new rug at the library



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x 3" high	\$48.00
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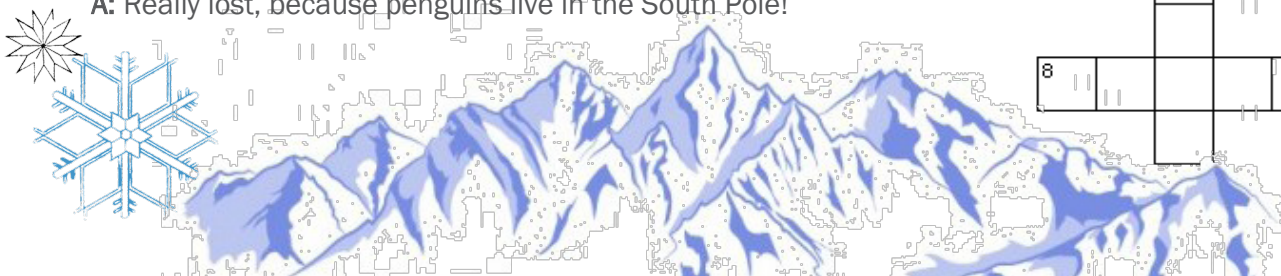
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5. A December celebration of African heritage, unity and culture
7. The most famous reindeer of all
8. A popular children's game during Hanukah

Down

2. another word for crystalline water ice that falls from clouds
3. the coldest season of the year
4. what the bad kids get for Christmas!
6. this sport is played with sticks and a puck

**Q: What do you call fifty penguins at the North Pole?**

**A: Really lost, because penguins live in the South Pole!**



Check back next month for the answers!

We want to display artwork from local kids and teens! Please e-mail us at [TheKidsBridge@gmail.com](mailto:TheKidsBridge@gmail.com)