

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## Happy Birthday! I'm 100 years old! Bradford Town Clock



Bell tower and two clock faces

The E. Howard Clock was installed in 1915 with money raised by the railroad station agent at that time, L. L. Smith. He wanted people getting off the train in Bradford to see the time of day. It was dedicated to L.L. Smith who unfortunately did not live to see it. Mr. Smith raised \$200 and the town at the 1915 Town Meeting voted another \$200 to buy and install the clock. In 1916, the town voted to accept ownership of the clock. The First Baptist Church allowed its bell tower to become home for the clock.

The cost of winding the clock began in 1916 at an annual fee of \$12.00. The clock was lighted in 1925 at a cost of \$47.78; bulbs and care were an additional \$28.00.

The 1938 hurricane broke the steeple and the town voted to raise \$100.00 to help defray the expense of repairing it. In 1988, Perry Teele replaced one of the timbers in the bell tower. In 2005, MacMillin Corp. of Keene, N.H replaced one of the support timbers for the bell and spire. The town voted to raise \$5,000 to help defray the \$25,000.00 cost.



Part of mechanical works

In 2009 an accident caused the east dial of the clock to break. The dial is approximately four feet in diameter and the numerals are seven inches tall. The clock was dismantled and repaired, using an appropriation of \$15,000.00 at the 2010 Town Meeting. The Town received \$7,270.00 from insurance, which was used as part of the replacement cost. Many volunteer hours were spent in the repair process by Brian Wilcox and George Cilley. Philip D'Avanza, from Manchester, who specializes in professional clock repair and restoration, completed the repair and replacement.



Clockface inside looking out

The winding of the clock has been done by many people including George "Bud" Morse, Michael Bryant, Jim Denoncourt and currently by Chris Way. The annual pay has risen from \$12.00 in 1916 to \$104.00 in 2015.

George A.Cilley

## Dear Fellow Bradford Taxpayers:

The second installment of the 2015 tax bill has been mailed. The tax rate has increased a total of \$3.69 per \$1000 over the 2014 rate, from \$23.27 to \$26.96, or almost 16%. The school portion increased \$1.75, the county portion increased \$0.09 and the Town portion increased \$1.85.

A significant portion of the rate increase is due to this year's property revaluation, conducted every 5 years. The Town valuation decreased 10%, from \$220,000,000 to \$198,000,000. A particular property's assessed valuation may have gone down by more than 10%, possibly less, or possibly even increased. A brief example of the effect of an 'average' revaluation of a \$200,000 property follows:

2014 valuation  
\$200,000. Tax at \$23.27/\$1000  
= \$4,654

2015 valuation  
\$180,000 (down 10%). Tax at  
\$26.96/\$1000 = \$4853.

For this example, the tax increase is \$199, or 4.3%. Still a significant increase, but not as eye-popping as the first look at the rates.

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

## From the Editor

There are still enough leaves on the trees to continue to enjoy a New Hampshire autumn for a few more days. We can carry the especially bright colors this year into the white or grey winter to come.

This issue covers many topics of interest and concern. Two articles address the tax rate. Past and future events are presented to provide information and help you plan the coming months. Read what is going on in Bradford and consider how you can become involved in your community.

The Bridge is very pleased to welcome several new volunteers, including Nola Jordan who distributes The Bridge each month. Camila Devlin prepares the Kids Bridge. Special thanks to Leah Cummings for the new logo for that column. Kathleen Bigford helps with the editing.

The Board recently accepted, with great appreciation and deep regret, the resignation of Marion Hall after many years as Board member and treasurer. Many thanks to Marge Cilley for stepping in temporarily to help.

November brings Thanksgiving, a special holiday when families get together, students return from a first college experience, newly married couples decide where to gather, and, of course, we all enjoy the special food we grew up with or new traditions developed as our tastes have changed. However you celebrate **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

*Marcia Keller*  
November Editor

### Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm  
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Selectmen meet every Monday  
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Special Meetings will be posted  
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938-2288

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

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**Mission Trip to Nicaragua** On November 23, a small contingent of church members are off to Nicaragua for a week-long mission trip. The group will be painting classrooms, moving furniture and helping explore projects for the upcoming school year. They are bringing loads of supplies for this.

November 18th @ 6pm Annual Celebration of Thanks Service. This will be held at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse a week before Thanksgiving. Wondrous music and grateful thoughts will resound under the leadership of Pastor Lynne. This gathering is non-denominational and open to all - casual. Donations to our community food pantry appreciated. The pantry is running low in monetary funds if you would like to donate, send payment to FBC Bradford PO BOX 57 memo: food pantry.

Thursday Night Bible study group 'Book Of James' @ 6:30 4 weeks long starting 10/29.

**Police Department News**

Selectmen have appointed two full time police officers. Police Chief Jim Valiquet is pleased to introduce them to the community.

Officer Neil Flanagan was appointed in November of 2013. He attended the 163rd class of the New Hampshire Police Academy. Neil has a bachelor's degree in the Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. Neil is married with two children.

Recently appointed is Officer Keven Faria. Keven is a three year veteran of the Goffstown Police Department and comes to us fully certified. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Maine in Criminology. He is married and has three children.

*Welcome!*



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## 10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This month we interviewed Marilyn Ziffrin, composer. She lives a quiet life in the area and has been awarded many grants, prizes and commissions. She retired from teaching in 1982 but continues to record, compose music and delight audiences with her production of new compositions, recordings and reviews. Each year she critiques "The Lettvin Concerts" at the Bradford Meeting House." We are fortunate to have this wonderful musician in the area and hope that she will continue her musical career for a long time to come.*

**Q Tell me about your early years?**

I was born in Moline, Illinois and began to study piano at the age of four. I was one of three children with an older and younger brother. We were a very close family. My mother was a piano teacher. I was the only one of three to continue in the tradition of music. I remember growing up that my mother would play music and people would come in and sing. My mother decided that all three of her children would have three years of lessons. My father played the saxophone. He had a company that sold coal and supplies. My two brothers worked at the company. After prohibition ended they added beer to the sales offerings.

**Q. Describe the years after your early piano lessons?**

I attended Moline Public Schools and graduated as valedictorian of my high school. My under-

graduate years were spent at the University of Wisconsin in Madison where I graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Music in 1948. Next I went to Columbia University Teachers College graduating from there with a Bachelor of Music and wrote my first large scale work, a piano concerto, which won critical acclaim from the faculty. I enjoyed life in New York City. It was an experience that was so different from Moline. I loved the cultural offerings of a large city.



**Q. Describe your years of preparation for the life of music and composition?**

My mother was very involved in the music field. Her idea was to start giving concerts at home. We invited people and those small beginnings led to the next part of my life. At the same time that we were giving our early concerts she translated the entire "Encyclopedia Britannica" for the visually impaired. She was able to do so many things. She was a fantastic role model for me.

**Q. What was your next career decision?**

My first job was in Senatobia, Mississippi, located 40 miles south of Memphis, where I was a school music teacher for one year. Next I moved to Chicago

and found a job working in a Commodity Brokers office. I knew that was not where or what I wanted to spend my life doing. I began to study with Alexander Tcheretnin, a distinguished composer. He was a role model for me. His advice was for me to commit to composing music as well as performing.

**Q. Your next move was to the McDowell Colony. Was your teacher helpful in that change.**

Yes, he wrote a letter of recommendation to the McDowell Colony. He recognized that I had a talent for composition and steered me in that direction. That was a wonderful learning experience and I believed that was what I wanted to do.

**Q. You said that was a wonderful experience and led you to further your career as a musician and composer. Tell me about that?**

I was offered a teaching job at New England College in New Hampshire. I decided to take the offer and found a house to rent in Bradford. I knew that I was following my career and enjoying it. My parents moved to a home in South Sutton, which I bought from them. It made perfect sense. My life was going in the right direction I taught music at NEC and continued to write music.

**Q. You are still in the home that was your parents. What**

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*Fellow Taxpayers (cont from pg 1)*

Comments on the Bradford Town Tax Rate, from the Board of Selectmen:

In addition to the effects of the revaluation, there were a number of issues that impacted the Town's 2015 financial picture: Revenues from outside agencies and Town activities were down approximately \$118,000. The NHCOPS police grant expired, car registrations were down significantly, income from several Town Departments, Current Use Penalties and Timber Tax Revenue were also lower.

At the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the Town approved expenditures that were \$63,000 higher than in 2014.

The Town could not use as much of its overlay as it did in 2014. This was dictated by New Hampshire's Department of Revenue and fell \$40,000 short of last year's overlay.

These are the major factors contributing to the significant increase in the tax rate. For a more detailed explanation, please visit the Town's website, [www.bradfordnh.org](http://www.bradfordnh.org)

Each department within the Town is working hard to control costs and doing a great job. The Highway Department took advantage of reduced oil costs and using our own labor, paved Old Warner Road at half the anticipated expense. The other half (\$80,000) would have been a warrant article at the 2016 Town Meeting. They also repaired and re-opened the Pond Bridge.

The Police Department and Transfer Station will both come in under budget. The Fire Department, Library, Planning & Zoning, Cemeteries, Election & Registrations, Parks & Recreation and the Selectman's Office are also expected to finish the year at, or under, budget.

The Town continues to seek ways to streamline our operations and take advantage of efficiencies gained by joining efforts with other towns. We enjoy your support and welcome your comments.

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## November Turkey Raffle



The Bradford Fish and Game Club is hosting their annual Turkey Raffle on Saturday November 21 at 7 PM. It will be held in the clubhouse at 89 Gillingham Drive. Among the prizes are fifteen food boxes that contain just about everything you need for a Thanksgiving dinner except the turkey! We will also be raffling fifteen 12-15 pound turkeys and a number of miscellaneous donated items and gift certificates. Bring lots of quarters to play the games with the newly balanced wheel! Come have some fun with your friends and neighbors. This is a very popular fundraiser, come early to choose your spot around the table!

All proceeds from this event are used to sponsor community youth fishing and shooting programs as well as our Hunter Safety programs.

## Town Hall Highlights

The Town Hall Committee was informed that the LCHIP Board of Directors approved the revised scope of work presented to them at a meeting held on September 28th. The revision includes a full basement for the building, considered important to ensure a stable structure well into the future.

An RFP will now be prepared to determine the cost of this portion of the project. Heating proposals have been received from several contractors. These will be analyzed and a recommendation made for the preferred fuel source.

The Rural Heritage Connection (RHC), responsible for the fund-raising, reported that, as of October 12th, funds held in the Trustee of Trust Funds Account and the RHC Cornerstone Account totals \$57,992.65.

The RHC is prepared to begin a campaign addressed to area businesses. The Town Hall Res-

toration Oversight Committee approved a request to develop a means to recognize donations through a permanent plaque with donors' names.

The committee will host an informational meeting and Q&A session, scheduled for Saturday, November 14th, 5 - 7 PM at the Bradford Elementary School. All Bradford residents are invited to attend. The committee's goal is to provide up to date information on recent Town Hall expenditures, provide an overview of current plans and proposals, and most importantly to offer townspeople the opportunity to ask questions and offer constructive feedback in an open and respectful atmosphere. Food will be provided and on-site childcare will also be available. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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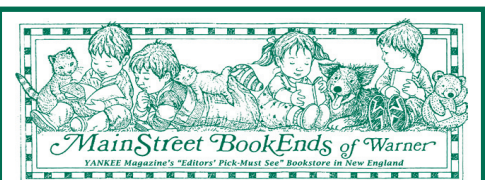
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Celebration of Thanks



Meghan MacLean, daughter of Lisa & Scott MacLean of Bradford and Daniel Hafner, son of Marion & Charlie Hafner of New London were married at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Saturday October 3, 2015. Reception followed in New London and Dan & Meg then enjoyed a Hawaii honeymoon.

The annual Celebration of Thanks at Bradford Center Meetinghouse will be held on Wed. Nov. 18th at 6:00 pm, a week before Thanksgiving. Wondrous music and grateful thoughts will resound under the leadership of Pastor Lynne Hubley. The gathering is non-denominational and open to all. Donations to a local food pantry will be greatly appreciated.



Some town meetings are more fun than others. L-R Jim Bibbo, Will Kranz and Ellie Richardson.



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## Bradford Town Boards

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

James W. Wall's application to build an addition to the garage at 10 High Street received a variance.

### Planning Board

Following a public hearing, the Planning Board approved the Capital Improvements Program for 2016-2021, which will be provided to the Selectmen and Budget Committee for guidance as the 2016 Town Budget is prepared.

### Selectmen

After a public hearing, road layout plans for Breezy Hill Road were approved as part of the Route 103 bridge replacement project. A temporary bridge will be in place prior to beginning construction. The new bridge will span 88 feet versus the current 30feet, however no dredging is planned. The low bid of \$1,047,395.00 to accomplish 100% of the work from Cold River Bridges, LLC was accepted by a vote of 3 - 0. (The Town's obligation on the 20/80% match has been met.)

Tax Rate Set: The Town portion of the 2015 tax rate is set at \$8.52/\$1000, an increase of \$1.85; with a combined increase of \$1.83 for the county, state, and school portions. The overall tax rate is \$26.96/\$1,000. Town revenues are off almost \$100,000 from last year.

Chair John Pfeifle discussed the importance of regionalization as a way to lower the tax burden in the long term.

Joint Board of Selectmen Representatives from Warner and Sutton (Newbury did not attend) met with the Bradford Selectmen to discuss potential for shared services including building inspector, insurance, transfer station and police department. A followup meeting will be scheduled. The Town Administrator will inquire of Newbury if there is any interest.

CIP: Planning Board member Claire James presented the 2016-2021 Capital Improvements Program report to the Board.

Resignation:  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector effective December 31, 2015.  
Appointed:  
Camila Devlin acting TC/TC until March election.

Forest Street: Based on cost estimates from the Road Agent to turn Forest St. into a 1-way street, a decision was made to hold off for one year in an effort to study it more thoroughly.

Tilly Wheeler Trail: Request from Jim Bibbo was approved for the town to donate gravel to upgrade the Trail. The labor will be covered by volunteers.

Wreaths: Sandra Wright was given approval to hang wreaths on utility poles along Main Street pending receipt of a required permit from the electric company.

Town Hall: Selectmen agreed to leave Town Hall at 45° F for the winter to maintain the integrity of the fire alarm system.

Ice Rink: Board gave permission to dig around test-well pipes on the old Naughton Property where the ice rink will be built, as long as it doesn't infringe on any state obligations.

Rescue Squad: The first bill has been received from Henniker and is \$4k lower than anticipated. The Chair praised great partnership with Henniker.

2016 Town Meeting: Wednesday March 9, 2016, 7:00 PM at the Bradford Elementary School.

### Budget Committee

CIP: Planning Board Chair Jim Bibbo gave a synopsis of the CIP. The tax rate from the CIP proposals for 2016 is estimated at \$1.59. Jim advised that the CIP is used as a guide.

Tax Rate: Chair George Cilly's inquired why revenues are down. John Pfeifle advised the police grant funds that the Town received for three years ceased this year, however we still need to employ the 3rd fulltime policeman. This totals \$42,000.00. Auto registrations are down \$20,000.00 and receipts from Timber Tax and Current Use Change Tax are also down.

Budget Committee Time Line: The Committee will meet on Nov. 11 to discuss the Budget. Meetings with individual Department Heads to review their requests will begin November 18 and continue weekly until completed.

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



## TOWN HALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING and Q/A



**WHEN:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM

**WHERE:** BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**AIM:** TO PRESENT AN UPDATE OF CURRENT TOWN HALL DEVELOPMENTS AND OFFER THE COMMUNITY AN OPEN, RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO ASK QUESTIONS AND SHARE FEEDBACK. ALL POINTS OF VIEW ARE WELCOME AND WILL BE EQUITABLY CONSIDERED.

### **TO BE COVERED:**

- ❖ A DETAILED REVIEW OF TOWN HALL EXPENDITURES SINCE 2014 WARRANT ARTICLE APPROVAL
- ❖ PRESENTATION OF CURRENT TOWN HALL PLANS AND PROPOSALS
- ❖ Q&A and SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES
- ❖ BRIEF TOWN HALL SURVEY

- ONSITE CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 5-7PM.
- FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED
- PLEASE CONTACT CLAIRE JAMES at 938.2041 IF ADDITIONAL INFO IS NEEDED.

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

### Mon. November 2nd

8:45am MVSC Fitness  
 1pm Bridge Group  
 4pm Water Coloring  
 5:30pm Selectmen

### Tues. November 3rd

10am Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon Sr. Dining  
 1pm Watercolor Class  
 7pm KRSD Budget Comm., KRHS

### Wed. November 4th

6pm Yoga  
 6:30pm Budget Committee  
 7pm ZBA

### Thurs. November 5th

12 Noon Senior Dining  
 1pm Mahjong Group  
 6:30pm School Board Mtg., KLC

### Fri. November 6th

8am-11am PB Office  
 8:45am MVSC Fitness  
 11:30am First Friday Brunch  
 Call for reservations please.  
 1pm Mahjong Group

### Mon. November 9th

8:45am MVSC Fitness  
 1pm Bridge Group  
 4pm Water Coloring  
 5:30pm Selectmen  
 7pm Rural Heritage Conn.

### Tues. November 10th

10am Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon Sr. Dining w/ ServiceLink Rep. to answer your Medicare questions  
 1pm Mahjong Group  
 7pm Planning Board

### Wed. Nov. 11th Veterans Day

No School KRES  
 No Meals on Wheels/ Bus Service  
 Town Offices Closed, BML Closed  
 6pm Yoga  
 6:30pm Budget Committee

### Thurs. November 12th

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

### Fri. November 13th

8am-11am PB Office  
 8:45 MVSC Fitness

### Sat. November 14th

5am-7pm Town Hall  
 Informational Meeting  
 Q & A KRES

### Mon. November 16th

8:45am MVSC Fitness  
 1pm Bridge Group  
 4pm Water Coloring  
 5:30pm Selectmen  
 6:30-8pm Chess, BML

### Tues. November 17th

10am Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon Senior Dining  
 1pm Watercolor Class  
 7pm KRSD Budget Comm., KRHS

### Wed. November 18th

4pm Special Group 5  
 6pm Yoga  
 6pm Celebration of Thanks, Center Meetinghouse  
 6:30pm Budget Committee  
 7pm Book Discussion, BML

### Thurs. November 19th

10am- Noon Blood Pressure Clinic at MVSC  
 12 Noon Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner  
 1:30pm Mahjong Group  
 5pm Friends of BACC  
 5:30pm Cub Scouts  
 5:30pm Town Hall Oversight-Committee  
 6:30pm School Board Mtg., KLC

### Fri. November 20th

8am-11am PB Office  
 8:45am MVSC Fitness  
 9:30-11:30am LSVNA Foot Care, North Ridge Senior Housing  
 10am Movie: Cinderella  
 12:30ish Senior Dining  
 Crazy Blue Day at KRES

### Sat. November 21st

11am- 2pm International Games Day at BML!  
 1pm Speaker at Tin Shop, BHS  
 7pm Turkey Raffle at Fish & Game

### Mon. November 23rd

8:45am MVSC Fitness  
 1pm Bridge Group  
 5:30pm Selectmen

### Tues. November 24th

9:30-11:30am LSVNA Foot Care, Warner Pharmacy  
 10am Stitches from the Heart  
 12 Noon Senior Dining  
 7pm Planning Board  
 7pm KRSD Budget Comm., KRHS

### Wednesday November 25th

No School KRES  
 10:30am -12pm Blood Pressure Clinic at Warner Senior Room  
 Library closes at 2:00 PM  
 6pm Yoga

### Th. Nov. 26th & Fri. Nov. 27th

Thanksgiving Holiday  
 Senior Center Closed  
 No Meals on Wheels  
 No School KRES

### Mon. November 30th

1pm Bridge  
 4pm Water Coloring  
 5:30pm Selectmen

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.

*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

## Reminder from Cemetery Trustees

The closing of the cemeteries is coming up fast and furiously. Before we know it November 30 will be here. A hard frost has already happened, so it is time to remove any dead plants and faded decorations from the grave sites. Whatever displays are in disarray will be removed by the authority of the Cemetery Trustees. Winter permitting, cemeteries will reopen April 1, 2016,

## Area Events

### Warner

#### Main Street Bookends

Sunday November 8 at 2 pm. Edie Clark with her newest collection of writings from Yankee Magazine

Sunday, November 15 at 2 pm The incomparable team of historian Larry Sullivan and artist Mimi Wiggin combined forces to publish the definitive history of Mt. Kearsarge, Mount Kearsarge History, Stories, Legends and Folktales with Mimi's beautiful paintings throughout.

Tuesday November 24 from 11 am - 3 pm Support Simonds PTO at their Annual, Best, Pie sale

Monday, November 30 at 11 am Annual Hospice Lights of Life Remembrance Ceremony, Concord Regional VNA

## Thank You Bradford!

On October 4th Sweet Beet Farm Stand said goodbye to a very fun and successful season! From the beginning we have had the support of the Bradford community and everything we have accomplished is representative of a truly collaborative effort. As we reflect on our first season, we feel grateful for the new friends and partnerships we have made, all that we have learned about growing and selling wholesome food, and what we have been able to give back to the community. Over the past few months we were able to donate about 300 pounds of food to the Bradford Food Pantry and the Warner CAP office.

THANK YOU! We are very much looking forward to next season and the promise of growing more accessible local food options!

In the meantime, we are opening a winter market at 20 West Main Street in Bradford where we will be filling weekly fresh bread and milk orders and providing meat, dry goods and winter vegetables. This new market is still in the works with more details soon to come, so keep an eye on us on Facebook and check us out online at [www.kearsargefoodhub.com](http://www.kearsargefoodhub.com).

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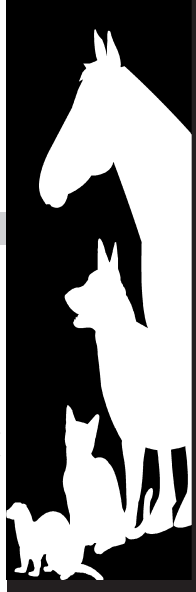


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## Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

As the cold wind blows and we turn to indoor activities, remember we have free passes to the Currier Museum of Art and discount passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Just ask at the desk for more information .

The library is closed on Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans Day and we will close at 2pm on Wednesday, November 25.

Chess at the library continues on the third Monday of each month with Gene and Andrew from 6:30 until 8pm. All abilities are welcome!

Join us on Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm for our next Book Discussion. This month we are reading *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker. Kirkus describes the book: "In Walker's stunning debut, a young California girl coming-of-age in a dystopian near future confronts the inevitability of change on the most personal level as life on earth withers."

Brown Memorial Library will join over a thousand libraries around the world on November 21 from 11am until 2pm, for the eighth annual celebration of gaming in libraries – International Games Day. Like so many other libraries across the country and around the world, we will offer board games suitable for the whole family. Play one of our games, or bring your favorite to share. International Games Day is an international initiative supported by the American Library Association, the Australian Library and Information Association, and Nordic Game Day. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for organizing this program and providing snacks!



Here are some of the new books added to your library in October:

For Adults:

- The Secret Chord* / Geraldine Brooks
- Saturn Run* / John Sandford, Ctein
- Wicked Charms* / Janet Evanovich and Phoef Sutton
- House of Thieves* / Charles Belfoure
- The Company She Kept* / Archer Mayor
- Between the World and Me* / Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Big Magic : Creative Living Beyond Fear* / Elizabeth Gilbert

For Children & Teens:

- Little Poems for Tiny Ears* poems by Lin Oliver
- Llama Llama Hoppity-Hop*/Anna Dewdney
- Waiting* / Kevin Henkes
- The Hired Girl* / Laura Amy Schlitz

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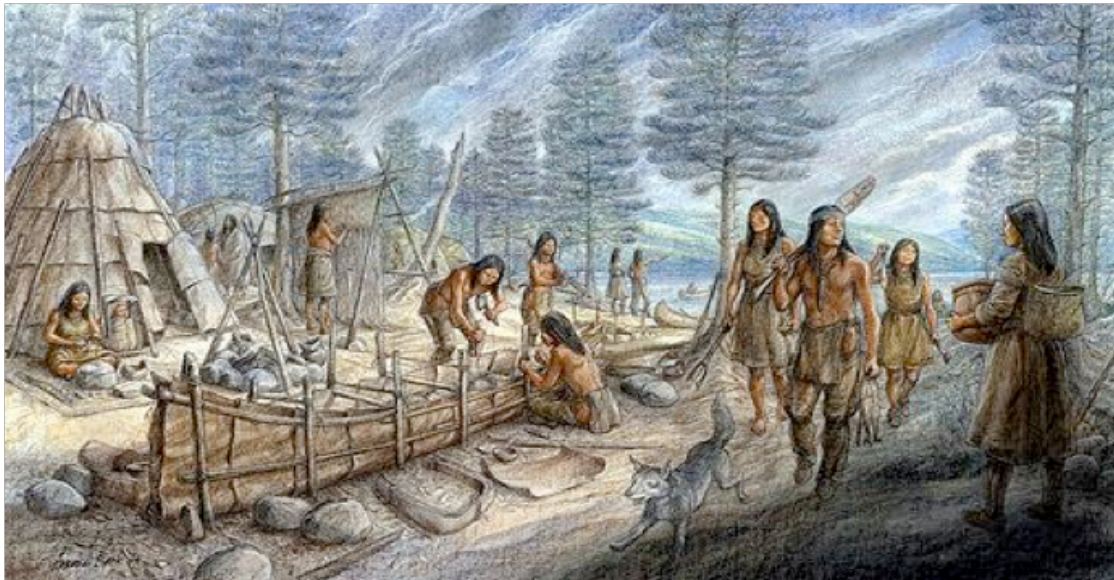


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The native Abenaki people played a central role in the history of the Monadnock region. Despite this, little is known about the Abenaki, and conventional histories often depict the first Europeans entering an untamed, uninhabited wilderness, rather than the homeland of people who had been there for hundreds of generations.

Robert Goodby discusses how the real depth of Native history was revealed when an archaeological study prior to construction of Keene Middle School discovered traces of four structures dating to the end of the Ice Age. Undisturbed for 12,000 years, the site revealed information about the economy, gender roles, and household organization of the Granite State's very first inhabitants, as well as evidence of social networks that extended for hundreds of miles across northern New England.



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## Fundraising for Bradford Town Hall

Generosity marked the late August launch of the Bradford Town Hall restoration fundraising campaign with an inaugural donation of \$7,000 by Selectman and Town Hall Restoration Oversight Chair Harry and Mrs. Sandra Wright. At the invitation of the Board of Selectmen, Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. (RHC), a registered 501 (C) 3 is leading the fundraising drive, based on a commitment by the Board of Selectmen to return Town Hall to use in 2016 with available funds. In four weeks, individual donors gave \$24,125 in gifts; as of October 12, RHC's dedicated Town Hall Cornerstone Account held \$41,782.62 in gifts. RHC recently hosted a first event in the Town Hall to introduce those who had never stepped foot in the building and those who have expressed interest in the project to review the architectural plans.



*Violin Virtuoso Lily Thomson hugs a fan*

As violin virtuoso Lily Thomson entertained the guests, Selectman Wright led small groups through the building, highlighting the design of elegant restraint that brought Bradford Town Hall to National Historic Register distinction and, in 2014, nomination as one of seven endangered landmarks in New Hampshire worth saving. Lily's performance worked magic, with the auditorium of Town Hall boasting acoustics no less inspiring than Symphony Hall; most who attended the event became donors.

The campaign for contributions continues; donations of all sizes are welcome. To date, Florida and Massachusetts are well represented, and gifts have come from five counties in NH. Donors also hail from North Carolina, Michigan, and New York. Who are the eighty-two donors? Think of the imagination of the lumberjacks who stood before tall pines and determined to hew them into the first Town Hall in 1797. The donors are similarly guided by generosity and optimism about Bradford's future, confident of the possibilities for

Town Hall to serve and entertain us through the ages and determined to make a difference.

First, a salute to five anonymous donors who will stay that way. The seventy-seven others range in age from an eight year old science buff to a nonagenarian. One donor was inspired to give recalling the unexpected cheer that she experienced at a Christmas

Assembly in Town Hall's auditorium during bleakest days of the Great Depression. A generous citizen surprised the pupils by distributing oranges, orbs of enchantment for the children, brightening expectations for the season. The donor never forgot this kindness. One gift honors the memory of Henry and Grace Sherman. Another donor contributed days after suffering a grievous calamity, the five dollar gift a courageous and defiant gesture to better times for Bradford. Two donors fell in love

while twirling on the Town Hall dance floor. A special salute goes to the many donors who have given generously while also, without fanfare, dedicating themselves to volunteer service to make things better for all of us.



This is our Town Hall. Town Hall is ours to save. It is our hope that by raising funds we help bring Town Hall back to use and help ease the burden on those having a hard time with taxes. Our job is not easy. We cannot do it alone. Our goal is to raise \$105,000 as a cash match for the LCHIP Grant. Please consider a gift, confident that you will make a difference to this project and the life of this town. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. Checks are payable to Cornerstone Account, Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc., P.O. Box 296, Bradford, NH 03221-0296.



*Mary Derry, Harriet Douglass, Louise Clark & Laurie Buchar enjoyed the Town Hall tour.*



## A Big Thank You to the Bog Boardwalk Repairers

Sunday provided great weather for the annual Bog Boardwalk repair day. John MacDonald of Up on the Farm LLC on Fortune's Road in Bradford not only donated his time milling the hemlock at great savings to the town, but delivered and helped install it.



Assisting in hauling the boards out, cutting, and nailing them in place was a long cast of characters including: a team from the

NFI School, and Peter Martin, Beth, Travis, and Ruby Downs, Will Kranz, Pete Blank, Michelle Makowiecki, Ethan Vassar, Bill Duffy, and Conservation Commission members: George Beaton, Brooks McCandlish, Seth Benowitz, Scott McLean, Ann Eldridge, and Nathaniel and Emily Bruss. Thanks to all of you for a job well and quickly done!

## Statement of Qualifications

The Board of Selectmen has issued a request for a Statement of Qualifications from qualified engineering firms for professional engineering and related services associated with the rehabilitation and repair of the Historic Bement Bridge, in Bradford (NHDOT Bridge Inventory #140/144). The engineering responsibilities may include but are not limited to bridge feasibility study, preliminary design, final design, environmental classification and permitting, bidding, and construction administration.

This project is funded by the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program (Federal Aid), the State of New Hampshire Municipal Managed Bridge Program (State Aid) and general taxation. The project will follow the Local Public Agency (LPA) process as administered by the NHDOT.

The deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on Friday, November 13th, 2015. See the full Statement of Qualifications at the Public Notices section of the Town web site BradfordNH.org or contact the Selectmen's Office at 603-938-5900 for more information.



## TDS® Expands Fiber Network in New Hampshire

TDS Telecom (TDS®) is expanding TDS TV®, an Internet Protocol (IP)-based TV service, and new, faster Internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit to customers in Warner and Bradford, New Hampshire, and surrounding communities. Residents may have already noticed TDS construction in the area as TDS lays miles of fiber and installs new fiber distribution hubs to upgrade the local network to fiber optics. Once the fiber-optic network is complete, speeds up to 1 gigabit will be available with TDS TV service.

"With the success of TDS TV in other New Hampshire communities like Hillsborough and Henniker, we couldn't be more excited to bring it to Warner and its neighboring communities," says Julie Maiers, director of Marketing at TDS. "It means faster speeds, a new choice for TV service, and the opportunity for exclusive discounts."

TDS is also bringing Fiberville™ to the communities. It's a concept that rewards residents and neighborhoods with special offers and discounts once 15 percent of the neighborhood

pre-registers for TDS TV service. When this happens, "Fiberville" status is achieved and each pre-registered household receives free HD for life.

Residents can go to TDSfiber.com to get updates on when TDS TV and 1Gig will be available, as well as track their neighborhood's progress toward Fiberville status. Fiberville will begin launching in nearby Webster, Sutton and Newbury later in 2015. For more information, visit TDSfiber.com or call 1-866-44-TDS-TV.

## Obituaries

**Marcella Elizabeth Conkey** passed peacefully at TideWell Hospice House in Englewood, FL. Marcy was born on December 29, 1936 in Providence RI to Dennis and Mary (nee Lavin) Healey of Roscommon, Ireland.

Ever the "tough Irish gal", Marcy used her boundless energy to raise five children with the love of her life, Guy Conkey of Napoleon, OH. She loved to travel and cherished her time spent exploring during her 60 years of marriage to Guy.

Marcy is survived by her sister, Catherine and brother John, both of RI, and her children, Raymond of Purcell, OK; G. Joseph "Joe" of Weymouth, MA; Christopher of West Newton, MA; Kathleen of Bradford, NH and Stephen of Raleigh, NC; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. "Miss Marcy" will be forever cherished by her husband Guy. "We love you more."

In memory of Marcy, her family requests that a donation be made to TideWell Hospice House, 12034 N. Access Rd., Port Charlotte, FL 33981.

**Barbara (Marsh) Jones**, 82, of New London, died Oct. 14, 2015 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. She was born in Beverly, MA, March 14, 1933, the daughter of Dwight and Marion (Powers) Marsh. Barbara and her late husband Arthur, were owners of HVK Bell Flaire, a world champion Morgan for 23 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur W. Jones in May, 2015, and her son, Jeffrey E. Yates. Members of her family surviving include her granddaughter, Jennifer Richardson of Bradford; her great granddaughter, Elizabeth Paige Richardson; her niece, Marsha Garone and her grandniece, Devon Garone, both of Richmond. Private graveside services were held in Lakeside Cemetery, Newbury.



*10 Questions (cont. from pg 4)*

### made you decide to remain in New Hampshire?

My parents both died and I decided that this was the area that suited me. After my teaching job at NEC I taught at St. Paul's School in Concord. During my tenure at the school I wrote a book about Charles Ruggles who was a composer, artist and story teller. That was in 1970.

### Q. Did you ever fall in love and get married?

I married a fraternity brother of my older brother. We lived in Chicago, but the marriage only lasted for one year. He became jealous of my musical success. He worked in the garment industry but was also an aspiring pianist. It was a very short marriage. I never tried again.

### Q. If you had your life to live over would you change anything?

No. I have been very happy. I miss my brothers who have both passed away. I enjoy my nieces and my cat, Sophie. My cat is the fourth Sophie. The only thing I regret is my short marriage but I am happy since I am still composing and performing.



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## Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

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## KRSD Auditorium

*Article and photos by Andrew Pinard*

On October 14th, 2015, a ribbon-cutting and grand reopening ceremony was held in the newly renovated Kearsarge Regional High School Auditorium. This district resource is heavily used by all of our schools as well as community functions. The multi-year project required many years of planning and thousands of hours of execution. Some of the auditorium renovation work at the high school included:

- Erected a permanent thrust in front of the existing stage.
- Removed one of the ceilings and installed a new catwalk with twelve additional theatrical lighting positions/circuits; adjusted HVAC.
- Installed twelve new lighting circuits.
- Replaced existing house lighting with energy efficient, individually-controllable LED lighting.
- Installed four new switched "blue lights" backstage for safety during theatrical blackouts.
- Installed new electrical/DMX/communication receptacles in numerous locations.
- Built new accessible ramps house left and right (so stage is ADA accessible from house).
- Installed new proscenium wall and access doors.
- Created two 10' by 12' high openings in existing masonry wall for additional backstage access.
- Replaced house access doors with quieter doors.
- Reconfigured theatrical seating configuration, replaced old seating with 564 new theatre seats.
- Installed new stage decking over stage floor.
- All new carpeting/painting throughout the house
- Evaluated, restored, improved the pipe/track grid over the stage.
- Reconfigured/replaced all theatrical soft goods (curtains, etc.)
- Relocated existing electric projection screen downstage.
- Installed new digital projector for video/presentations.
- Replaced aging choral risers with new tourmaster risers.
- Installed 24 new lighting instruments.
- Installed new theatrical lighting controller.
- Installed new 24-channel digital sound board.
- Installed audio/video circuits on each side of the thrust, backstage, and in control booth.
- Installed lockable AV racks backstage and in control booth.
- Installed video switchers for AV distribution through space.
- Installed power sequencer system to simplify power up and protect equipment.
- Installed wired communications system with access points as needed.
- Installed monitor camera and feeds into cafeteria, backstage, and music room.
- Addressed existing and additional safety concerns (EBUs, fire alarm systems, etc.).

Construction was executed by North Branch Construction with electrical support by Longchamps Electric, flooring by Floorcraft, theatrical seating by Hussey (R.H. Lord), AV/Sound by DeGange Sound, with theatrical fixtures from Production Advantage and Academic Production Services

Tasks still in progress include:

- Audio acoustic architectural panels are to be installed.
- Electric winches to be added to the theatrical electric battens.
- Permanent choral mics for additional audio reinforcement/recording.



*Stage and seating ready for any event*



*Old seats being removed*



*New blue seats in place*



## Outside

by Ann Eldridge

A committee of vultures hulked in trees at the intersection of Routes 114 and 103. For days they puzzled over a mound of white feathers – the discarded plumage of processed holiday turkeys. Murmuring quietly, they reached consensus and finally soared away – looking for the missing naked birds or some other vulture cuisine.

By November turkey vultures are leaving for southern states. New Hampshire is relatively new territory for them. The expanding highway system and its expanding wildlife destruction was likely a factor drawing them north. Bird guides of the late 19th and early 20th century only incidentally mentioned vultures and placed them erroneously in the opening chapters with raptors/birds of prey. Vultures only rarely kill anything. Mislabeled by Europeans due to a superficial resemblance to the 'Old World' vultures or 'buzzards', these 'New World' birds are more closely related to European storks.

In our increasingly antiseptic lives, it has become increasingly difficult to empathize with creatures with such divergent lifestyles - but try. Imagine yourself as a vulture. You are a bird, a last relic of the dinosaurs that were so successful for more than 160 million years. The environment has an opening in the day-old meat department and you naturally apply for the position. In order to make use of carrion, stomach acids strong enough to kill botulism and cholera are required. In order to

find your protein source, extraordinary vision is essential. In addition, and highly unusual for a bird, a turkey vulture has an acute sense of smell.

You will quickly discover that with a six foot wingspan, flapping is energy-expensive. So you soar on thermals, those wavy lines weak-eyed humans perceive on a hot highway. You glide to work late in the mornings as heat rises off the earth.



As a vulture, you can actually see thermals in the upper atmosphere where you roam. 'Repose in motion' is how one writer described it.

Because your food sources are few and far between, you've developed an ability to chow down enormous amounts when it's available and do without when it's not. You are a large bird, too heavy to leap into the air if startled. The solution - vomit and lighten the load. This alone will effectively deter most attackers. Regurgitation of semi-digested food is also the best way to feed your two youngsters whom you've left in some isolated cave or ledge. Spooky, fuzzy, gray goblins, they hiss hysterically but are quite defenseless.

As a vulture, it would be a good idea to give up a fancy feathered head as too messy for your din-

ing habits. A bald pate will also help to cool you off in the summer. Although your glossy dark plumage is designed to warm up and kill accumulated pathogens, you will also overheat easily. Vultures and some other species have solved this problem by an odd practice known as urohydrolysis. This means defecating on your feet causing evaporative cooling. It will also color your legs a nice contrasting silver gray.

In the evening, you will roost like crows, surrounded by your friends and family to discuss the events of the day, grooming each other the while. Those who were unsuccessful at foraging will take notes and follow the luckier hunters in the morning. Monogamy is the rule and you will live a relatively long life for a bird, twenty or thirty years.

As a vulture you will be secure in the knowledge that you are purifying the landscape. There is purpose to your life. Author Lisa Couturier describes descending vultures this way: "Attired in their black plumage, it was as though little nuns and priests of the wild, missionaries preaching the miracles of their regenerative powers to turn rotten flesh into food, were landing around us." As a turkey vulture, your Latin name is *Cathartes aura*, meaning 'a cleansing breeze of light'.

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## Real Estate News

by Laura Hallahan

### Revaluation Impact

We all knew it was coming but it certainly did arrive with a bang...not the 4th of July festivities, rather the town-wide revaluation and the resulting emotions of confusion, concern, happiness and anger, especially for sellers. In fact, I can't think of a time in my almost 17 years of selling real estate where I have been "fired" more often because home values dropped significantly from where the house was listed and somehow it became time to "shoot the messenger" rather than lower the price accordingly. What sellers should know – and usually learn by the time they are on their second or third Realtor® - is buyers set the market – always have and always will – whether it is an up or down market. They determine value based on what they are willing to pay for a property, not the seller, Realtor®, Selectmen or Uncle Ed, and sometimes they will pay more if they really want it.


I do certainly feel for sellers who have been paying taxes all these years at the elevated rate and now that it is their time to sell the value on their biggest investment has gone down an average of 11 to 14% town-wide. How did this happen? Most of the loss in value is in the land portion of the assessment as the assessment includes building, land and other features. Land sales have been slow for years now and a building lot is not worth what it used to be so keeping that portion elevated was not sustainable. If you look at reported sales of vacant land you know that a building lot that may have been worth \$45,000 to \$60,000 is now worth \$25,000 to \$40,000. Buyers who are working with a Realtor® will be told that assessing is not an exact science and I can point to properties that have sold for less, close to and above assessed value. But with a recent revaluation will come pushback from buyers who will argue they do not want to pay more than what the town thinks it is worth. After all, what town would leave money on the table if the true value was higher?

So, we are at a crossroads with the reality of being a lower value, higher tax town. In order to make up the difference for the reduced values the tax rate has just been set at \$26.99, up from \$23.27. The town passes a budget each year that must be met, so at town meeting this year residents need to be even more involved to keep that budget in line. This also applies to the Kearsarge Regional School District budget, which needs to be kept in line as well. If the tax rate increases again next year it will indeed have a dramatic impact on the real estate market in Bradford. Some buyers were bypassing Bradford already as they compare the rate to services and amenities that are offered. While our downtown area has improved significantly, vacant buildings remain and businesses are not coming to town or are running into difficulties getting opened. The Master Plan is going to be updated this year and this will help solidify what residents want for Bradford. Speak up and often!

Bradford is a great place to live with a scenic landscape, an historic town center, two lakes, tall pines, a covered bridge, a bog, farms, a vast network of recreational trails, a thriving elementary school, library and church, a cherished town hall and many dedicated and talented people and local businesses. We need buyers to see and appreciate those values, too. Recent Sales in Bradford (June 1st to Present):

63 Old Warner Road, 1940 Raised Ranch on .34 acres for \$60,000  
 16 Deer Valley Road, 1960 Log Home on 2.61 acres for \$64,550 (foreclosure)  
 323 Fairgrounds Road, 1970 Chalet on 1 acre for \$93,000  
 23 Oakdale Road, 1950 Cottage on .40 acres for \$96,000  
 125 Breezy Hill Road, 1970 Ranch on 1 acre for \$137,000  
 319 Fairgrounds Road, 1973 Gambrel on 1.95 acres for \$172,000  
 251 Breezy Hill Road, 1940 Ranch on 15.30 acres for \$195,000  
 93 Johnson Hill Road, 2003 Colonial on 2.59 acres for \$221,000  
 433 Center Road, 1797 Cape on 46.30 acres for \$260,000  
 25 Massasecum Lake Road, 1975 Cottage on .20 acres for \$45,000  
 0 Route 103, 2.80 acres of vacant land for \$24,000  
 169A West Road, 6.67 acres of vacant land for \$35,000  
 33 Oakdale Road, .80 acres of vacant land for \$35,000  
 0 East Washington Road, 30.70 acres of vacant land for \$33,000  
 Lot 1, Route 114, 2.03 acres w/foundation, well & electric for \$56,000

There are 29 active and 3 pending residential listings ranging in price from \$89,000 to \$519,000, 32 active and 1 pending land listings ranging in price from \$24,900 to \$390,000, 3 active and 2 pending commercial listings ranging in price from \$319,900 to \$595,000 and 1 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. 2 active residential listings and 1 active commercial listing are foreclosures or short sales.



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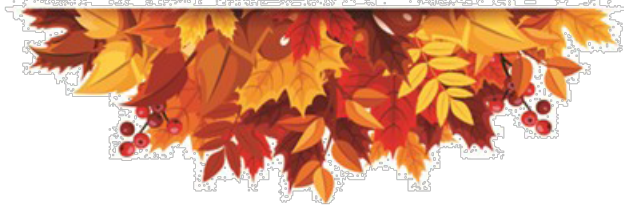
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APPLE PIE	T U K R I I S X H O C K E Y B
AUTUMN	F H L E F W E J K H X N G X H
BONFIRE	O T A T O P T E E W S Y A G J
CARROTS	O F T N O I T A N R E B I H P
CIDER	T J S I K E M V N G A T L R P
CORNSTALK	B B N W R S C A R E C R O W Y
EGGNOG	A V R G O N G G E M J D F N T
FOLIAGE	L Q O H R I V I H A L X S D L
FOOTBALL	L O C S R K I U V O K R T B K
HAYRIDE	Z A H A P P L E P I E D O V O
HIBERNATION	M M N Q D M M C B T N N R Y U
HOCKEY	U G W N M U T U A T F G R A S
MUMS	J S W G M P Y E D I R Y A H V
PUMPKINS	E J V S Y Y W C R E D I C P V
SCARECROW	Y F X D R S Y E K R U T K M E
SNOW	
SWEATERS	
SWEET POTATO	
THANKSGIVING	
TURKEYS	
WINTER	

**Answers to the October Crossword**

Down: 1. Abracadabra; 2. Apples; 3. Bears;  
4. Primary; 5. Eleven; 6. Winter  
Across: 1. LiveFreeOrDie; 2. Yarn

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