

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

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Truck Repairs The 2007 10 Wheel dump truck that was purchased earlier this year is in need of a new transmission. The anticipated cost is \$10,264, less the cost of the refunded core charge brings the total to approximately \$8,900. To date, the Town has spent \$12,311 on repairs to this truck. The Board approved a motion to authorize the funding for this repair to be withdrawn from the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund.

Road Work The work on West Main Street/ Cochran Hill and Marshall Hill Road has been completed. It's expected to cost \$21,500 for the excavation work and \$5000-6000 for paving. The Board approved a motion to authorize the funding for these repairs to be withdrawn from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund.

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Veteran's Day Assembly

The Veteran's Day Assembly at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School – Bradford displayed the utmost respect and celebration of our servicemen and women. Each grade contributed a special element to the proceedings, including songs, poetry and decorations. The lobby featured an Honor Wall with photos of veterans who have special connections to students and staff. Local veterans in attendance were applauded

and staff member/veteran Bill McKinley (*photo, left*) spoke to the students about what it means to thank a veteran for their service. He concluded the assembly by playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

Laurie Buchar

Kudos for Kearsarge Regional Elementary School – Bradford

An elementary school can be a magical place. A place where children can learn about themselves and others, gain skills and knowledge, and have fun. KRES – Bradford is just such a place.



Annaliese Burke is seen here next to the Veterans Honor Wall and a photo of her mother, Michelle, who is currently serving in the military.

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LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER! SEE PAGE 3 FOR BRADFORD HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES



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From the Bridge

‘In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.’ – William Blake

There’s plenty to enjoy in this brimful December 2022 edition. Here’s a taste:

- Bradford’s general election results.
- The 2022 Holiday Gift Guide of local makers and businesses beautifully and whimsically illustrated by Anne Kratz.
- How to compete in the 2022 Christmas lighting contest (registrations due by the 7th!) and how to ride the Jingle Bus.
- Devin’s summaries of town board and committee business. Remember that complete meeting minutes can be found at *bradfordnh.org* with links to video streams of some meetings.
- Laurie’s “Kudos to Kearsarge Regional Elementary School – Bradford” with pictures of the Veteran’s Day ceremony.
- A business profile of Soul Source by Leah.
- And much more.



This has been a very successful thirty-first year for the Bradford Bridge. I am so proud of this monthly neighborly newspaper. I share this pride with everyone who contributes, especially: The Bradford Bridge Board – Leah Cummings, our talented graphic designer – Don Moss, advertising coordinator – Jeni Lauder our treasurer who keeps us financially on track – Harriet Douglass who coordinates getting the papers on the street – Devin Pendleton whose Monthly Briefings inform us of Bradford board and committee activities.

We cannot measure our pride in and gratitude to the local businesses who support our efforts with their advertising,

Wishing you merry and healthy holiday celebrations and much happiness in 2020.

Warmly, Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And the merry band of volunteers who work hard all year to bring you the Bradford Bridge

Land Acknowledgement Statement – We are on the unceded land of Nd’akinna which has long served as a site of meeting for Abenaki people from Pagôntegok (Contoocook), O’quasskikonaquan (Newbury) and beyond for thousands of years. Nebizonbik (Bradford Springs) provided healing waters and people exchanged goods at the village site behind Lake Massasecum, calling this land home. The town of Bradford honors, recognizes, and respects these Abenaki, as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today. In that spirit, today we will begin by acknowledging that we are guests in this land. We need to respect and help protect the lands within our use and share of the bounty with our Abenaki partners today.

Keep Bradford Safe this Winter

Our Bradford Fire and Rescue is concerned that the high cost of energy this winter could make the risk of house fires even greater as people may depend more on space heaters and fireplaces that may not be properly maintained. Chimneys need annual inspection and cleaning if you depend on wood heat. Softwoods and pine can lead to creosote build-up and chimney fires.

Fire Chief Bryan Nowell stresses the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your homes.

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This message is brought to you jointly by Bradford Fire & Rescue and the Bradford Energy Committee.

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Holiday Light Contest and Jingle Bus

Holiday Lights Contest. Registration is free and open to all Bradford homes and businesses. All participating homes will receive our 2022 Holiday Lights Ornament. Top winner will receive a \$200 cash prize. Prize donated by Bradford Historical Society. Registration deadline is December 7, 2022. All participating homes will be listed on the Bradford Holiday Lights Map which will be posted on the Town website and Facebook.

The Jingle Bus is a festive holiday lights tour through Bradford. Meet at the Bradford Fire Department to board the bus. While you wait there will be light refreshments and a human snow globe for fun holiday pictures. Bradford Fire Department will be collecting non perishable food items to be donated to the Bradford Food Pantry.

Registration forms at the Town website, www.bradfordnh.org, must be completed for the Holiday Lights Contest and Jingle Bus.

Senior Center - Volunteers Needed!!

From Roberta Hixson, Mountain View Senior Center Manager, "We are desperate for volunteers. I want to be able to bring more to the table, but I am on my own out here. It tends to limit me. Volunteers can be from clerical, to serving lunch, to setting up movies, baking, etc. Also starting in November, I will be serving a second meal on Tuesdays at 12:15pm for those interested."

Please contact me at 603.938.2104, rhixson@capbm.org, www.capbm.org



Santa Visit and Tree Lighting

Saturday,
December 10th,
4:00 pm at
Brown Memorial
Library



T'was the night before Christmas...



...and everyone gathered at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse to see the children create a brief holiday tableau and sing traditional carols together. This year's pageant will take place on December 24th at 5pm at 18 Rowe Mountain Road. All are welcome at this non-denominational community event.

If you would like your child to participate, contact leah603@gmail.com by December 10th. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, December 14th at 4pm.

DECEMBER HAIKU

*imagine the stars
are holes where light
comes through
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another
cosmos*



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Bradford Fire & Rescue – Chief Bryan Nowell



Chief Nowell seen here with young visitors from the Children’s Center for Creative Learning during a fire prevention visit. When the children were picked up that day they were excited to tell their parents all about the fire trucks.

Within minutes of sitting down in the Bradford Fire & Rescue training room with Chief Nowell it was obvious that he is committed to the safety of this community and to nurturing a caring culture within the fire department.

Bryan came out of retirement earlier this year to take the job as Bradford’s part-time Fire Chief. Before retiring in 2020 he served in the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for 33 years as a Forest Ranger and Forest Ranger Captain. During that time his patrol of the southern eight NH counties included Bradford where he helped with wildland fire suppression and assisted with trainings and meetings at the station. In addition to full-time work as a Forest Ranger Chief Nowell was a member of fire stations where he lived. He served as Call Lieutenant in the Goffstown Fire Department until he took over as Bradford Fire Chief. Chief Nowell brings a wealth of national and international experience in fighting wildland fires as well as instructing federal

wildland fire trainings. He is an instructor at the NH Fire Academy for both wildland and structural fire classes and teaches high school students firefighter certification at the Manchester School of Technology.

An important part of Bryan’s strategy to keep Bradford safe is making sure the community has access to information about the department and all the equipment. On the afternoon I visited the bays were open and Bryan emphasized that anyone is welcome to tour the department to see our fire trucks and gear.

Since taking over as Chief earlier this year, Bryan has been busy updating firefighter gear and rescue equipment using a \$50,000 grant he secured. He has attended select board and budget committee meetings to keep members informed about fire department needs.

As a result of Bryan’s encouragement some members of the department are becoming trained in emergency medical technology with the goal of having as many members as possible trained for any call. Over the years the department has evolved from one that has in-town responders to one where many members live and/or work away from Bradford. The goal is having each member secure as many certifications as possible to cover the range of calls received.

And, somehow, this man finds time to hike NH’s 4000 footers for the second time, stay actively involved in the Boy Scouts, and serve as treasurer of the local snow machine club and the Central NH Forest Fire Warden Association.

With his vast experience in firefighting, fire department management, and community involvement Bradford is very fortunate that Chief Nowell is leading Bradford Fire & Rescue during the current complicated equipment supply and staffing challenges. He has already reached out to several community organizations, and he is happy to show his pride in our department. To get to know Bryan and members of the department he invites residents to call 603-938-2231, write firechief@bradforenh.org, or stop by the station across West Main Street from the Community Church.

Kathleen Bigford



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KMB Quilt Winner



In July at Old Home Day in Newbury I bought a raffle ticket for this gorgeous quilt in support of the Friends of the Olive G. Pettis Library in Goshen, and, as always, never expecting to win. Well, here I am, with the Chairs of the Friends and Trustees, accepting “Blue and White Challenge” pieced and quilted by GEMS of NH. Raffle funds are supporting the building of nature education spaces around this charming library. Check it out when your travels take you near Goshen.

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Town Hall Update

If you’ve driven by the Town Hall in the past couple of weeks, you have probably seen activity there. Furniture, town records and other items that needed to be emptied from the building were identified, boxed up and moved to storage in the Masonic building. Equipment has begun to arrive on-site as well. Unfortunately, the Town’s LCHIP application for the rehabilitation of the windows was not selected for funding.

Michael Bruss, of Bruss Project Management, has been hired to serve as the Town’s Clerk of the Works for this project. Michael has long-standing ties to Bradford and is very familiar with much of the history of the Town Hall project from the time Bruss Construction was involved. In addition to more than 35 years’ experience in project development and management, he has experience with the rehabilitation of historic structures and New England Town Halls, LCHIP and energy efficient solutions for older buildings. He is a perfect fit for this project.

Calculations for the capacity of the sprinkler system cisterns have been completed and the number of gallons requiring storage is approximately 25% less than first thought. This is good news as the space available under the parking lot to house the cisterns, septic system and propane tank is limited. Once the sprinkler system plans are completed, the final site plan can be drawn.

Mobilization of the renovation effort will continue over the next couple of weeks to prepare for the revised start date of December 12. This is a month later than hoped, however, it has allowed the project team to continue to hammer out many final details of the project. If you have any questions about the project, please reach out to the Selectmen’s Office.



TRANSFER STATION NEWS



Recycling Holiday Wraps

Holiday wraps, greenery, decorations, and unique foods definitely enhance our seasonal celebrations. But what can we do with all those things that we do not want to reuse or that we must discard? At the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center we have some helpful solutions.

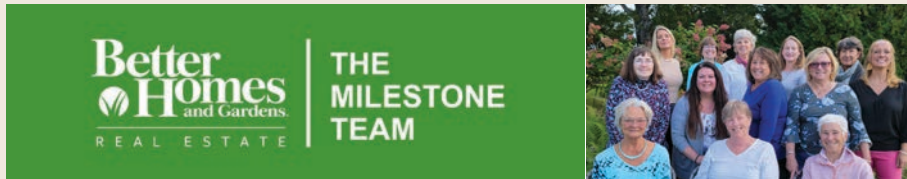
- Our mixed paper vendor accepts any paper that rips, except those papers that are shiny or contain foil. Please discard all shiny and metallic gift wrap and all ribbons and bows along with your household trash into the municipal waste compactor container.
- Remove any and all decorations from your unwanted holiday wreaths and Christmas trees, and, instead of taking the greenery to the burn pile, place the greenery beside the compost container for recycling. Some residents feed it to their goats and sheep!
- Holiday decorations that are still in good condition and usable may be placed in the swap shop for others to enjoy next year.
- If you have leftover food items, please compost them or place them on the compactor for farm critters.

Ken and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Lois Kilnapp, Manager

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“Gratitude helps us to see what is there, rather than what is not.”

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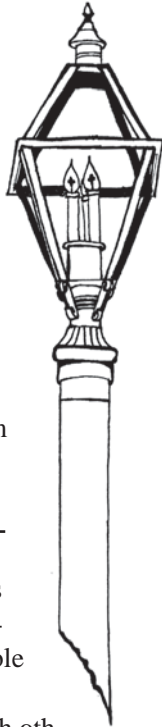
Library Hours:

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Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



And just like that, the holidays are here. I know for some people this is a happy and enjoyable time of year that brings family together to enjoy food and each other. But for others, it may feel lonely, obligatory, and difficult. And for those of you who feel this way, I understand, these months must feel like something to endure. If I have one word of advice to new parents who live apart from their families, it is to either create a new tradition or just forget the typical.

For several years, when my children were very young, I felt compelled to continue holiday traditions, but why? Cooking does not bring me comfort or joy; it feels laborious and brings tons of clean-up. Brett and I had a few depressing holidays where we were knee deep with little kids and we tried to hold up tradition, but the attempt fell flat. We bought prepared meals from Market Basket for Thanksgiving and Christ-

mas. We put up a tree with just the first third decorated due to having a puppy and crawling baby on the ground and promptly took it down the day after Christmas.

Some of my fondest memories have come when we have no plans and do something spontaneously. One year we found ourselves at the Red Apple in Concord, as most everything else was closed. We ate garlic bread, and Chinese food, the kids were happy, and we had no clean up. A few years ago, we decided to head to NYC for Thanksgiving, and we ate a good old-fashioned diner off the highway. No fuss. Whatever it is you find yourself doing this holiday, try and do it with a sense of humor and a touch of patience, that doesn't cost anything, and it can help in the most trying of situations.

Library News:

Fridays, December 2, 9, and 16,

4-5pm. December Art Series for Elementary Students with Anne Kratz. Registration is encouraged, and you can sign up on our website.

- December 2: Celebrating the Natural World. Our art will be both inspired by and made from the natural world around us!
- December 9: Community, Traditions, and Festivities. As we gear up for the annual tree lighting at Brown Memorial Library, young artists will collaborate on something special for the tree's décor and have a chance to make their own holiday decorations and more.
- December 16: Light and Joy! Young artists will be making innovative deco-

rations to bring light and joy during the season's shortened daylight hours.

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30-7:30pm, Winter Backyard Birds, presented by Dr. Stephen Hale, Open World Explorers. Join us as Dr. Hale encourages the audience to test their New England bird knowledge. ID tips are offered and advice on attracting and feeding birds will be provided. Introduction to the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count and how to participate is also included.



Saturday, December 10, 4pm, Storytime with Santa and Annual Tree Lighting. Falalalalahhhhhh! Come visit with Santa, enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, story-time, carols, and our annual tree lighting. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, December 14, 7pm, Book Group: *Mecca* by Susan Straight. Book group was moved from November 23rd to this date.

December Holiday Hours – CLOSED

- Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
- Monday, December 26, Christmas
- Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve

Ellen Barselle, Director

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 They burned beseeching fires all night long
 To keep the year alive.
 And when the new year's sunshine blazed awake
 They shouted, reveling.
 Through all the frosty ages you can hear them
 Echoing behind us – listen!
 All the long echoes, sing the same delight,
 This Shortest Day,
 As promise wakens in the sleeping land:
 They carol, feast, give thanks,
 And dearly love their friends,
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General Election

It comes without surprise that once again the Town of Bradford had an incredible General Election Day and night. This, of course, is due to our amazing teams! With Eileen Kelly (Democratic Party Head) and Steve Pierce (Republican Party Head) heading up our well-balanced crew of ballot clerks and counters, we are left with confidence for a secure process.

Even with an all-day observer and the Attorney General's office making a visit, we still managed to have a 100% success rate.

Thank you to: Moderator – Bruce Storm; Assistant Moderator – Jarna Perkins; Selectboard – Marlene Freyler, Mel Pfeifle, Beth Downs; Supervisors of the Checklist – Judy Marshall, Tom Marshall, Kris Foss; and Inspectors of the Election – Mary Derry, Mary Keegan Dayton, Jay Martin, Garry Kalajian, Maria Storm, Carey Rodd, Melanie Leathers, Tandy Hartford, Denise Renk, Jason Grey, Julie Lutter, Algrid Leonas, Annette Leonas, Julie Leonard, Marie Barrett, Eileen Kelly, Steve Pierce.

A special thanks to the Highway Department for setting up/taking apart the metal voting booths and Stephen Foss, Ian Foss, Sterling Gross and Gary Perkins for helping setup the night before.

Another special Thanks to Bradford's finest – our Police Department for keeping a presence all day and delivering our results at the end of night.

Most importantly, my new Deputy, Anne Kratz, who came in right before the election and ran it as if she had been doing it for years.

None of this could happen without any of you. I appreciate all your hard work and dedication!

Erica Gross, Town Clerk

And many thanks to Erica Gross, Town Clerk, for her excellent organization and management during the election. It was eye opening to witness the level of detail, preparation, and labor that goes into an election. Erica's stellar, often behind the scenes, efforts and leadership were paramount to Election Day success.

Anne Kratz, Deputy Town Clerk

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NOVEMBER 8, 2022



Offices	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Undervotes/Overvotes	
For Governor <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>	<i>Other</i> Kelly Halldorson 9 <i>Other</i> Karyn Boyensky 2	Tom Sherman 388	Chris Sosasa 499	Undervotes 4 Overvotes 1	BALLOTS CAST Regular Ballots Cast <u>817</u> Absentee Ballots Cast <u>91</u> Total Number of Ballots Cast <u>908</u> Number of Overvoted Ballots Cast <u>5</u>
For United States Senator <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>	<i>Other</i> Jeremy Kaufman 14	Maggie Hassan 493	Donald C. Bolduc 396	Undervotes 4 Overvotes	
For Representative in Congress <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>		Alex McClane Kuster 509	Robert Burns 385	Undervotes 15 Overvotes	
For Executive Council <small>Vote for not more than 2</small>		Claire Warrington 440	Harold F. French 441	Undervotes 25 Overvotes	
For State Senator <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>		Richard A. Lobbins, Jr. 434	Daniel E. Inoué 445	Undervotes 34 Overvotes	
For State Representatives <small>Vote for not more than 3</small>		Tony Caplan 430 Sherry L. Gould 450 Stephanie R. Poyser 429	Margaret A. Kennedy 418 Walter F. Kinch 374 James Bass Parker 362	Undervotes 351 Overvotes	
For Sheriff <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>	<i>Other</i> Ben Weir 37	David A. Croft 428	Keith Mitchell 399	Undervotes 45 Overvotes	
For County Attorney <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>		Paul Halvorsen 432	Paul Halvorsen 414	Undervotes 62 Overvotes	
For County Treasurer <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>		Susan Craig 418	Mary R. Heath 427	Undervotes 64 Overvotes	
For Register of Deeds <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>		Erica Davis 428	Peter J. Spaulding 433	Undervotes 49 Overvotes	
For Register of Probate <small>Vote for not more than 1</small>		Jane Bradstreet 461	Scott Wathe 390	Undervotes 58 Overvotes	
For County Commissioner <small>Vote for not more than 3</small>		David B. Karrick, Jr. 434	Stuart D. Trachy 417	Undervotes 58 Overvotes	

2022 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTIONS
Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2022 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: (A.) 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing these officers, but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

(A.) 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." (Passed by the N.H. House 204 Ye 42 No; Passed by Senate 21 Ye 3 No.) CACR 21

Yes 460 No 324

2. "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

Yes 836 No ~~550~~ 551



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Undercoating The Board approved a motion to authorize Steve Hall, Road Agent, to undercoat four dump trucks at a cost of \$1,400.

Emergency Plan Fire Department Chief Bryan Nowell has received three bids to update the Town's LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) which expired in 2008. The grant to update the LEOP is funded 50/50 through Homeland Security. They pay \$4000 and the Town is responsible for the remaining \$4000. The Board approved a motion to authorize Bryan to reach out to Hubbard Consulting to put the LEOP update in motion.

Budget Concerns The budget remains very tight. The Board approved a motion to instruct department heads to be cognizant of their use of overtime and other expenses.

Unanticipated Revenue The Board accepted \$25 additional revenue for the 2019 Town Hall Trust Fund and \$500 for the 1964 Scholarship Fund per RSA 31:95-b.

Town Hall Update Two resumes have been received from parties interested in serving as Clerk of the Works for the Town Hall Project. The Board felt that Bruss Construction Management best fit the Town's needs. Michael Bruss has experience with large municipal construction projects, historic buildings,

LCHIP and is familiar with the project.

Tax Rate The Board set the tax rate at \$24.69. Municipal \$9.35/ County \$2.46/ Local Education \$11.63/ State Education \$1.25.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Membership The Committee signed an appointment to have Kimberly Firth join the Budget Committee. Erica Gross swore Kim in and the appointment was official.

Budget Review The Committee did an initial review of the 2023 budget. Discussion ensued regarding employee and benefit related costs and what options were being reviewed. Also discussed was the 2022 invoice from Henniker Rescue and the increases to gasoline prices. Beth Downs provided some feedback on some of the key areas of concern given increasing economic pressures. Welfare, continuing accessibility to services such as senior programs and Library services, fuel, and heating costs. The Committee discussed what possibilities could be explored to maintain key services while offsetting increasing costs.

PLANNING BOARD

Permit Application Ms. Lindsey White from GZA GeoEnvironmental and Mr. Sam Reiss from Eversource presented the Conditional Use Permit Application for an upcoming distribution line retirement project. Eversource would like to retire their 3410 Distribution Line and remove the poles and infrastructure from the existing right of way. The line is about 6.5 miles in length crossing through portions of Bradford, Sutton, and Warner. They will be removing 145 existing poles, 34 of which are located in Bradford. The project requires temporary wetland impact to access each pole and have a work area for safety equipment and vehicles. The poles will be cut in smaller pieces and removed offsite. The line will be removed from the right of way. The Planning Board approved a motion to approve the 3410 Distribution Line Structure Removal Project presented by Eversource.

Sign Chair Bruss opened the discussion on the Bradford Historical Society signage. She stated as long as it fits within the sign regulations, they can update the



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file. Ms. Tracy Quigley from the Historical Society will move forward with ordering the sign.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Variance The Board approved the application for a variance to Article V Section B2, and to Article III, Sections D1 and D4 of the Bradford Zoning Ordinance, on the property identified as Map 2 Lot 108, located at 80 Gillingham Drive.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Research Jenny Howley gave an update of the research into the steps necessary for Bradford to join the Community Power Coalition. Kathleen Bigford gave an update of research into the possibility of a municipal solar installation. Research on each of these projects is ongoing as well as information Sandra Bravo is gathering relevant to solar installations on town buildings. The committee agreed that all town buildings need to be weatherized and energy efficiency accomplished before renewable energy projects can be undertaken. Capital Improvement Plans currently have weatherization scheduled for 2024-2026.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Hoyt Brook Monitoring George Beaton, Ann Eldridge, Carol Meise and Becca Herman recently met with Ben Nugent of NH Fish and Game and George Embley of Trout Unlimited to do a training session for collecting data in a long-term stream study of Hoyt Brook. Monitoring will begin in the spring of 2023 and will be performed four times per year. Additional volunteers welcome!

Tire Shredder Commission member Ann Eldridge attended the Ausbon Sargent Conservation Commission Chair Semiannual Meeting. One of the topics of discussion was the possible group purchase by several towns of a tire shredder to market used tires. Ann has contacted the Bradford Energy Committee, and Lois from the transfer station to gauge interest and plausibility.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

Septic Pumping The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for septic pumping at the High School in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Stearns Septic.

Enrollment The October 1, 2022, data from the New England School Development Council (NESDC) shows that over the next 10 years, the District's enrollment is projected to fluctuate around 100 students up or down. It was noted that this is a very stable situation. The projections show that in 10 years, the 2032-33 school year will increase from 1,687 students to 1,859 students.

STEAM Renovation The Board approved a motion to postpone the STEAM Renovation project for a period of one year out of concern for the interest and inflation rates.

Preschool South The new preschool in Bradford will be a modular building with three classroom-style spaces. Behind the building will be a new playground for the preschool. Mrs. Robertson, Program Director, announced that the district's two preschools will be named Kearsarge Regional Preschool New London and Kearsarge Regional Preschool Bradford.



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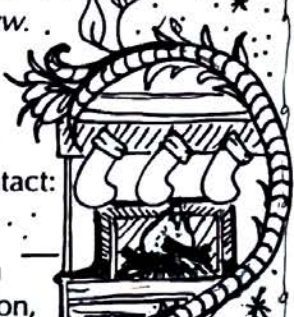
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Grilling For Scholarship – Thank You



L-R, Judges Thorsten and Chris rate the grilling entries accompanied by Bradford Scholarship Committee members Mary Keegan-Dayton, Devin Pendleton, and Kathleen Bigford

Get ready, set, GRILL! Twelve extraordinary chefs braved a beautiful sunny day and donated to participate in Grilling for Scholarship at the Bradford Celebration Day. A big thank you goes out to the Bradford community for participating in this event which raised \$2500 for the Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund. The event was a success and we have many people and organizations to thank:

Our sponsors – Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, Evergreen Healing Arts, Nourish and the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce.

Our grilling teams – Emily Roy and James Stewart, Josh Buckley and Kristy

Winczar, David Pendleton and Ben Foss, Cailin and Joel Banaszak, Fran and Joe Kelly, and Ted Kupper and Bliss Dayton.

Our two awesome judges – Thorsten Maly and Chris Kirsch.

And, special thanks go to the Appleseed Restaurant and Pete Fenton for the wonderful pantry and to the Woodward and

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And lastly, to our individual donors: Audrey Sylvester, Susan Smith, Sue and Don Moss, Buddy and Sue Allen and Maggie Dayton Golden and to those in the audience who made a donation at the event, or bought an apron, we thank you.

For almost 60 years, Bradford has been awarding annual scholarships to Bradford students to pay for furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing, technical institute or pre-professional program. With your help this legacy can continue. The Bradford Scholarship Committee will be pleased to accept applications again this year in the spring for 2 scholarships to be awarded in June 2023. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Bradford Scholarship Fund can send a check to: Bradford Scholarship Fund, PO Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221.



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Kudos for Kearsarge Regional Elementary School – Bradford

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This fall was especially busy at KRES – Bradford, offering opportunities for the community to witness this culture of creative learning. Haunted Happenings was a masterpiece of organization and a lot of spooky fun to boot. Record numbers of people turned out on a starlit night to see the staff and volunteers decked out for trunk-or-treat and a scary hayride. Thanks to the PTO for all the hard work and for including the Police and Fire Department staffs, as well.

The annual Halloween Parade resumed

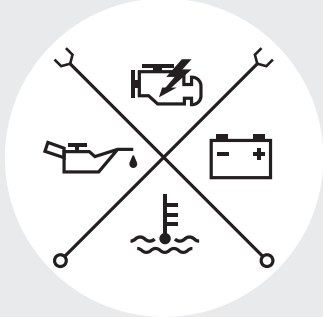
this year, led by the Office Witches around the school grounds. Kindergarten through fifth grade classes displayed their creativity and budding self-confidence by showcasing their costumes for the throngs of parents and grandparents snapping photos. For those of us old enough to reminisce, it was a splendid afternoon of appreciation for small town charm. Thanks to the school for inviting the public to glimpse our most valuable community members... the children.

The Veteran's Day assembly demonstrated respect for our country and our veterans, as well as providing an important model for crowd etiquette. Teacher conferences were held during Thanksgiving week so parents could celebrate their child's academic and social progress.

This month we anticipate the return of the school concert scene... another cherished tradition that was put on hiatus during the pandemic. On December 8th at 6:00 pm all of the KRES – Bradford students will perform for the public on the classy stage at Kearsarge Regional High School.

This column will share the goings on at KRES – Bradford so you can learn about your local school. Learning... we do it every day!

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Bradford Historical Society News



And just like that snow is back in Bradford! Do you recognize this junction in Bradford in a time before automobiles and giant snow plows!

We hope you will get out and about in Bradford to see all the light displays in the Bradford Parks and Rec second annual holiday lighting contest. This year Bradford Historical Society is delighted to sponsor the grand prize!

BHS held its annual meeting in October and voted in new trustees and officers. A big thank you to all those who have served on the board! The new board for 2023-2024 is as follows:

President, Harry Wright – Vice President, Steve Hansen – Treasurer, Susan Allen – Secretary, Linda Cansler – Trustees: Buddy Allen, George Cilley, Marge Cilley, Mary Derry, Harriet Douglass, Link Heffner, Patty Heffner, Sandy Paul, Jeff Quigley, Sandra Wright – Archivist, Tracey Quigley.

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- 1/2 tsp. **salt**
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup finely chopped **dried cranberries**

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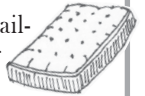
PROCEDURE

- In a large bowl, beat butter, confectioners' sugar and salt until blended. Beat in vanilla. Gradually beat in flour. Stir in cranberries.
- Shape dough into a disk. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes or until firm enough to roll.
- Preheat oven to 325°. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/4-in. thickness. Cut into shape of your liking. Place 1 in. apart on greased baking sheets.
- Bake 12-15 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool.

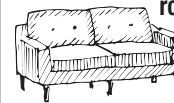


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Soul Source – Local Business Profile

As the holiday season rolls into town and I begin to consider items to place under our tree, I'm doing my best to shop local.



The convenience of online shopping and the appeal of that Amazon catalog certainly tempts me (and the kiddos) otherwise! So, this year, I'm taking a new approach. Rather than madly searching for specific items on anyone's wish lists, I'm going out with an open mind and simply seeing what I find. First stop – Soul Source. I finally got to meet the owner, Christine Frost and was delighted with this special business that she brought to Bradford – so many textures and colors and well-made products. A feast for the senses! I encourage you to go in to see, feel and ease your way into the season of giving.

Name of Business?

Soul Source, LLC.

What do you do?

This is a retail store that strives to carry "Made in USA" products for the home, including organic linens, stainless steel and cast-iron cookware, bedding, pillows and mattresses, as well as sectional sofas. The store features local wood crafters and pottery as well as other gift and unique kitchen accessories.

When did you start the business?

The store opened on the 4th of July weekend of this year.

Why did you start the business?

I felt that there was a gap in the market. We can all purchase products that are made overseas that are loaded with chemicals that are not beneficial to our health all day for reasonable prices. I was seeking a place where I could purchase goods that were made in the USA using materials that are beneficial to our health. For example, the mattresses and sofas that Soul Source sells are made with wool, coco fiber and organic latex. Most mattresses are treated with fire retardant chemicals. Because wool meets all the federal requirements as a fire retardant, chemicals are not necessary. Similarly, most of our cookware is not particularly healthy to cook in. Soul Source carries two of the healthy cooking options. 360 is the only stainless steel cookware produced in the US that does not use chemicals, they instead use a sanding process that produces one of the best mediums to cook in. For these and other reasons I started Soul Source. Not that it is the perfect solution, but it is a choice. The hope is that people will feel confident that we're doing all that

we can to source products in the healthiest way for their families.

What is your background?

Quite diverse. I worked in the retail sector many, many years ago. I also worked in a university setting for a number of years. For the past 25 years I have worked in the public sector in the Economic Development world, providing leadership in implementing road, water, sewer and telecommunications upgrades as well as strategic planning necessary to lay the groundwork for economic development from West Virginia to Maine.

What is your favorite part of being a business owner?

That I can meet other super interesting people pursuing their dreams and can learn from them. That I can test things without too much liability, that I can seek out people's interests and mold the inventory in the store to the needs of people within the region.

Who helps you run the business?

My husband is a constant pillar of support and my daughter and son have helped get the store ready for the opening.

Who are your customers?

Anyone that walks in the door.

What is your most popular service/product?

I'd say that the most popular "service" here is the in-person shopping experience. There isn't really one specific item that sells more than any other. More so, what I see is people enjoying being able to touch and feel the items and the natural fibers of the products in the store.

What are your plans for the future?

Be a steady presence in the community. I am very interested in knowing what the needs of people are in the region and will shift inventory to accommodate that.

Thank you, Christine, for taking the time to share your interests with us!

Leah Cummings

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Obituaries

Dolores A. (Clark) Hansen

Dolores A. (Clark) Hansen, 89, of Newbury, NH, passed away on October 28, 2022, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.



Dolores was born in Oradell, NJ, on October 9, 1933, daughter of the late Richard and Beatrice (Back) Clark. She was the oldest of five children, two who survive her, Joyce Gates and Judith Hogan. Dolores is predeceased by her husband, James F. Hansen, Sr., son James F. Hansen, Jr., brothers Richard Clark and Donald Clark, sister-in-law Elaine Clark and brother-in-law Herbert Gates.

Dolores grew up in Park Ridge, NJ, graduating from Park Ridge High School in 1951. After graduation, she worked in New York City at Guardian Life Insurance. Dolores rode the bus into the city, and it was on one of these bus rides that she met her future husband, James.

Dolores and James were married on January 18, 1953, they resided in Waldwick, NJ, and started a family. In 1961 they moved to Bradford, NH, to raise their family. Dolores attended Keene State College and received her associate degree in Library Science; she was the Librarian at the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford for thirteen years. She also enjoyed her time at The Candlelight Inn as a waitress.

In 1982, upon her husband's job promotion, Dolores and Jim moved to Marshfield, Vermont. With her love of sewing,

Dolores worked as an assistant manager at So-Fro Fabrics in Barre, VT, from 1983-1993. Upon her and James's retirement in 1993, they moved to Newbury, NH.

Dolores was involved with the PTO during her children's school years. She was a member of The First Baptist Church of Bradford and former Clerk; she taught Sunday School and was the Superintendent of Sunday School for many years. She and her husband oversaw the Food Bank at the church for fourteen years. Dolores was an accomplished seamstress; she made her children's clothing, and upon becoming a grandmother, she enjoyed making clothes for her grandchildren. Dolores was a knitter, knitting many blankets, sweaters, scarves and hats. In her later years, you could find her knitting hats for veterans. She helped do recounts for the Secretary of State Office for many elections.

Dolores enjoyed spending time with her family, being active in the Church, gardening, sewing, reading and traveling. She could be found at the sidelines cheering her grandchildren on in their sporting events. Dolores enjoyed feeding and watching birds; of all the birds, she loved chickadees the most and had an extensive chickadee themed collection.

Dolores is survived by five children, Jo Ann Labelle of Myrtle Beach, SC, Karen (Daniel) Ladd of Loudon, NH, Steven (Deborah) Hansen of Bradford, NH, Barbara (Tim) Dauphinais of Springfield, NH, and Thomas (Marci) Hansen of Marston Mills, MA; 12 grandchildren, Jeremy, Kristy, Jocelyn, Katherine, Jared, Joshua, Matthew, Nathaniel, Natalie, Michael, Jacqueline and Lauren; 18 great grandchildren; sisters Joyce Gates and Judith (Frank) Hogan, and a large extended family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Newbury Fire Rescue, P.O. Box 373, Newbury, NH 03255 or to Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main Street, Bradford, NH 03221 in memory of Dolores. Chadwick Funeral Service of New London is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert Bagley

Robert Bagley, 90, of Bradford, NH, died Nov. 12, 2022. He was the son of the late Horace and Lena (Heselton) Bagley of Bradford. He was born in Bradford on June 25, 1932, lived in Bradford most of his life, except for a few years in New London.



He attended Bradford Schools and graduated from Lifetime Career Schools in California and was a certified floral designer. He was a member of the Bradford Fish and Game Club.

Mr. Bagley had been employed by Wallace Woodward Greenhouses, Seth Thomas Clock Factory, Ray Caldwell Greenhouses, Kearsarge Reel Corporation, the Bradford Cemetery Commission, and Box Corner Services, all of Bradford. He worked at Henniker Crutch Company in Warner, Clayton Miller Plumbing and Heating of Elkins and Dana Aldrich of Wilmot. He was also the owner-operator of Do-It-Rite Landscaping of Bradford before his retirement.

He enjoyed traveling abroad, gardening, his family, cribbage, reading, woodworking, even building his own home, and was an avid fisherman and hunter having hunted in NC with his wife and eldest son, Rodney, and in NH with both sons, Rodney and David.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ethel Bagley; daughter, Sherry Hinkson of Bradford; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Nikki Bagley of Glen Burnie, MD, and David and Rinea Bagley of Bradford; a sister, Hel-

en Lynam of Bradford; grandchildren, Tyler, Jacob, Olivia and Quinn; cousins; nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He is predeceased by his parents, brothers, Elwin and Howard Bagley and sister, Annie Whipple.

A graveside service was held in Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford. To sign an online guestbook please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.



Joan Lettvin

Joan Lettvin, born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1923, and passed away on October 27th at 2:52am. She attended Bennington College in VT where she studied theater, dance, music, and political science. She raised 3 children with her husband Theodore Lettvin, a renowned concert pianist. Joan and Ted always spent summers in Bradford NH, and Joan moved back to NH full time at the onset of the pandemic.

In 1977 she created Performing Artists Associates (PAA) of New England. Her endeavor spawned other offices that provided both understanding of the 'Arts Management' process for young artists, and an affordable resource for audiences throughout the United States.

Joan also learned how to put on a concert series. In 1992 the Lettvin Concert Series started in Bradford, NH when her husband Theodore Lettvin played a concert to raise money for the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. The concerts have continued since 1992 with only the pandemic causing a cancellation in the series.

Joan has continued to support the people, institutions, and the arts in Bradford NH to this day.

She was very proud of her children Rory (and Colleen) Lettvin, Ellen Lettvin (deceased) and David (and Daya) Lettvin, her grandchildren: Alexander Ivanoff, Yael Lettvin, Naama Lettvin, Dekel Lettvin, Kessem Lettvin, Madison Lettvin, and Theodore (aka Teddy)

Lettvin. Joan was very proud of her husband Theodore Lettvin's career, and of her work both as an artist, an arts manager, and as a consumer of art, music, and literature.

Joan loved nature, great music, opera, dance, art, food, drink, and company. She was a talented sculptor, painter, potter and a voracious reader. For many years she was found causing mischief with Amy Blizer, Alley Gray, Thea Braiterman, and others.

The last few years of her life were for the most part superb as she was able to stay in her home with visiting family through the team work of Jim & Gina Bruss, Rhylan Bruss, Meredith, Corey and many who assisted her. A formidable mention goes out to J. Anne Eldridge whose kindness, wisdom, and non-invasive care has enhanced the quality of Joan Lettvin's life for decades. When asked where she felt happiest; Joan Lettvin's last cognizant words were "Bradford... My HOME."

She requests that in lieu of flowers that you take your family out to a lovely dinner, an entertaining performance, and you hug and kiss the ones you love, and remember to think fondly of those who cannot be with you. A memorial service will be held for Joan Lettvin in Bradford, NH at the Bradford Meetinghouse in late June or early July, 2023.



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Friday, December 2

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
4:00 pm Young Artists Series, BML

Monday, December 5

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, December 7

1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:30 pm Winter Backyard Birds, BML
7:00 pm Zoning Board

Thursday, December 8

5:30 pm Parks and Rec
6:30 pm Budget Committee

Friday, December 9

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
4:00 pm Young Artists Series, BML

Saturday, December 10

4:00 pm Storytime with Santa, and
Tree Lighting, BML

Monday, December 12

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Conservation Committee, BML

Wednesday, December 14

1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Book Group, "Mecca" by
Susan Straight, BML

Friday, December 16

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
4:00 pm Young Artists Series, BML

Monday, December 19

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Eco. Development Committee

Tuesday, December 20

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:00 pm Energy Committee
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 am LSVNA Wellness/Footcare
Clinic, MVSC, until 3pm
1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Saturday, December 24

Library Closed for Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25

CHRISTMAS - Library Closed

Monday, December 26

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, December 27

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, December 28

1:00 pm Yoga
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Saturday, December 31

Library Closed for New Years Eve

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case any changes have been made.

Calendar Abbreviations

BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BCMh	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
BHS	Bradford Historical Society
BML	Brown Memorial Library
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
SR	Senior Room
YR	Youth Room
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment



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NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Thursday, December 1, 6:30 pm, Easy Sew & Take Gift Wrap at the Pillsbury Free Library. The event is free, and sign-up is required. Register at <https://forms.gle/RyavPm5TDpH55zf67> or call 603-456-2289.

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 am, Warner Hometown Holiday Celebration. More information is at www.mainstreet-bookends.com.

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 pm, Newbury Tree Lighting and Festivities. More information is available by emailing Syd at recreation@newburynh.org.

Friday, December 16, 7:00 pm and December 17, 2:00 pm, The Wizard of Oz at Kearsarge Regional High School. More information is at www.nhperformingarts.org.

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Bradford Community Church December Events

Our Sunday Services start at 10 am. Communion Service is held on the First Sunday of the month.

Office hours are Wednesdays 9am to Noon.

Rev. Lynne Hubley will be preaching during the Advent Season.

Please join us for worship during this special season of Advent. (Preparation and Celebration of the coming of Christ into the world the first time and anticipating His Second Coming) Each Sunday at 10 am during December, we

will sing familiar Christmas hymns and light a candle each week reminding us of Jesus, the Light of the World. One of our members will give a brief testimony about how the past year has helped him/her love Jesus more. A light Christmas luncheon will be served after each service. The following are the sermon titles and scripture readings for December:

December 4: "A Family Tree of Grace". Matthew 1:1-6 and 17. Communion will be observed

December 11: "How Quickly Plans Change" Luke 1:26-38

December 18: "An Interesting Cast of Characters" Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Eve 7 pm. "Ready or Not" Matthew 25:1-13 The reading of the Birth of Christ. We will light the Christ candle and have a candle lighting ceremony singing Silent Night.

Christmas Day. "The First Christmas was Far From Perfect". Matthew 2:13-23

Christmas Potluck December 16 at 6 pm. Bring your favorite Christmas dish. Christmas devotion will be shared. Yankee Swap (everyone will be given a canning jar to fill with something) to swap and sing Christmas carols.

Advent Bible Study has begun and continues Tuesdays at 6:30 pm through December 20 "Because of Bethlehe" by Max Lucado. Meet in the church vestry.

The Food Pantry will be distributing Christmas Food Boxes on Saturday, December 16, 9:30 -11am. (We will not be open on the 3rd Wednesday.) If you need help before that date, please call (603-938-5313) and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Donations of: Juice, cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned pumpkin would be appreciated. You can leave them in the container outside the office or checks can be sent to Bradford Food Pantry, PO Box 57, Bradford NH

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 pm, High School Winter Band Concert at Kearsarge Regional High School. Snow date Wednesday, December 7. More information is available by calling (603) 927-4261.

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 pm, Winter Backyard Birds with Dr. Stephen Hale at the Brown Memorial Library. More information is at www.brownmemoriallibrary.org.

Thursday, December 8, 6:30 pm, Bradford Elementary Winter Concert at Kearsarge Regional High School. Snow date Friday, December 9. More information is available by calling (603) 927-4261.

Friday, December 9, 5:00 pm, Holiday Festivities at Bradford Village. Take advantage of all the events, including the Snow Globe Photo Booth and Jingle Bus tours of the townwide Holiday Lights Contest. More information is at www.bradfordnh.org.

Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm, Brown Memorial Library, Storytime with Santa and Annual Tree Lighting. Come visit with Santa, enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, story-time, carols, and our annual tree lighting. More information is at www.brownmemoriallibrary.org.

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm, Middle School Winter Concert at Kearsarge Regional Middle School. Snow date Wednesday, December 14. More information is available by calling (603) 927-2100.

Sunday, December 11, 12:30 pm, Intro to Mindfulness in Nature at the Bradford Area Community Trails. More information is at www.forestflow.com.

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve Pageant at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. More information is available by emailing Leah at 603leah@gmail.com.

Out & About: Bradford's Own Traditional TP Tree

First off, we have two November geography geniuses! John Warren was the first to correctly identify the picture of the Rosewood Inn grounds taken from Pleasant View Road. Sandy Wadlington had both locations right and was first to know the East Washington Road location. Thanks to John and Sandy for being Out and About!

Secondly, here's what has become the traditional TP tree at the corner of East Main and NH RT 114. Call of Information!! We would like to hear from anyone (anonymously is okay) about when and how this tradition began, how it is accomplished, and/or any other details.



Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I'd like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. An accompanying caption would be nice. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

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