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Three Alarm Fire Destroys Main Street Home

by Lou Schuller



Yet another loss has to be endured by Robin Sanborn and her family as fire took the second and third floors of their 1870 home on East Main Street in Bradford on November 21st. In record breaking low temperatures, firefighters from Bradford, Hillsboro, Hopkinton, Warner, Newbury and Sutton responded to a fire that started shortly after 9 am. Neither Robin Sanborn nor her 17 year-old son, Logan Bonner were home at the time and no one suffered physical injuries. All of the family pets were released from the house. Thanks to fast-acting friends and neighbors, shelter and warmth were provided for the dog, two cockatoos, and numerous fish and houseplants.

For more than two hours, firefighters battled to put out the last of the blaze, a task that proved to be more difficult due to the age and construction of the house. Fire ravaged through the upper portion of the home, taking tangible memories of recently lost loved ones. Fortunately, some of these items were able to be saved. "The firefighters were fabulous," Robin tells everyone who asks about the fire. "Thank you isn't enough. We're so appreciative of their diligence and conscientious effort to get the fire out as quickly as possible in order to avoid a total loss. They gave us such personal attention, and we're so thankful for all the kindness and compassion they showed us and for their help in retrieving personal items, pictures and heirlooms. There are so many

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10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people in Bradford.

Hal Liberty

Hal Liberty arrived in Bradford a few short years ago in 2005 but he has made quite an impression on the town of Bradford and surrounding communities with his philanthropic approach to life in the form of making wooden toys and donating them to different groups and organizations so that no child will be without a special gift at Christmas; a bus, airplane, doll cradle or even a replica VW Beetle car. He is willing to train any willing helper from ages 12 on and holds workshops several times a week for volunteers; During our interview a couple from Sunapee were happily painting airplanes a bright red and using all kinds of carpentry equipment in the magnificently equipped barn/shop.

Q. I understand that you spent your working life in the corporate world and now you're making wooden toys. Explain please.

I began by making toys for my children and then my grandchildren. It was occupational therapy - a way to get away from the stress of corporate life. I built a workshop and began making toys to give away. I taught the skills to others and made about two thousand wooden toys each year while I was working in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Q. You also teach toy making to adults and children over twelve. What are the skills needed for your workshops?

The volunteers just want to work.

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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

Many thanks to all of the volunteers, advertisers and supporters who have made the Bridge a successful and welcome monthly publication for local neighbors and those who have moved away but want to keep in touch with their hometown. Rather than write an editor's note, we offer these sentiments from Pastor Lynn Hubley, a fitting bit of wisdom and philosophy for the season and the year.

Experiencing Joy during the Holidays Despite Difficulties

There is no doubt that the holidays can be the most difficult time of the year for many people. When I do pastoral care, one of the things I encourage people to do is to sort out the things they can control from the things they have no control over. Clearly, there are circumstances that are out of our control: death, losing a job in some instances, some health issues, natural disasters, events going on in our world, the economy, certain accidents, a spouse leaving. For these kinds of tragedies, I acknowledge the pain, and then encourage people to think about what they can control —what they can do.

Take a look at the list of things we can control, and I am sure you could add to this list: These are things you can control and/or do: You can always control your attitude and your response to your situation; make a list of what you are grateful for; surround yourself with as many positive, encouraging people as possible; plan ahead; simplify your holiday celebrations (do you have to participate in every holiday activity there is and then be exhausted?). Look at your schedule and see where you can cut back; take control of your budget (is maxing out your credit card what the season is all about?); think about and do something for those less fortunate (this is always a spirit-lifter); participate in the traditions of your faith; laugh and laugh often. I hope you will make your own list and have a joyful holiday season despite the many difficulties you may be experiencing this holiday season.

Pastor Lynne Hubley

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Bradford Happenings

Bradford Women's Club

Happy Holidays!

As usual, the Bradford Women's Club Antique and Craft Fair was a wonderful success. The money we raised will enable us to give our annual scholarship to a deserving woman from Bradford, Newbury or Sutton, even with the economy slowdown. Thank you to all who worked and others who supported this fair. A special thank you to Erica Gross for her unending commitment to this event.

Santa will be at the library on Dec 13 at 4:00 and he will be listening carefully to every little one's list. Pictures will be taken with Santa for free, courtesy of the BWC and can be picked up at the library the following week. While waiting for the sleigh to arrive, holiday stories will be read by the librarian to get everyone in the spirit. To end the event, the Christmas Tree in front of the library will be illuminated for all to see. Following this wonderful program, the Bradford Baptist Church will be serving their annual ham and bean supper. Don't miss it!

Members, don't forget our annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 17 at the BCC from 4:00-7:00. This is just a get together to relax and enjoy the friendship of the club. If you are working, come for a visit after work. Please bring a small appetizer, if possible. If you have any questions, call 938-5951.

Jackye Pehrson

Conservation Commission

On October 19th the Conservation Commission and friends held the annual boardwalk repair day at the Bradford Bog on the East Washington Road. Once again the folks at North American Family Institute (NFI) on Route 103 assisted by sending able-bodied people out to help haul timber. Many thanks to them!

There has been increasing coverage of the plight of the bats of the Northeast lately. Interested people gathered at the Bradford Area Community Center to hear Endangered Species Biologist Susi VonOettingen speak of her work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. She showed slides of the nine species of bats we are likely to encounter here and explained what is known so far about the ailment that is killing huge numbers of them. If you should see a bat acting strangely, flying in the winter or during the day, please call USFWS at 223-2541 or NH Fish and Game at 271-2461.

The Conservation Commission is in the process of hiring a GIS (Geographic Information Systems) consultant to assist with the update of the town's Natural Resource Inventory. The digital mapping layers generated will be available to other town boards before making long-term planning decisions for future growth of the town. Input will be sought from town residents in public forums as the project unfolds. Stay tuned.

Bradford Historical Society

Open at the Old Post Office until April by chance or appointment. Call 938-5386. There are Town Histories and Early Family Genealogies in stock. During any holiday cleaning, please be alert for old local newspapers, pictures or other artifacts that would be a valuable addition to the town's history. Thanks.



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Area Happenings

Manchester:

The Currier Museum of Art presents together for the first time Andy Warhol's paintings, prints, drawings, and photographs of political figures in the exhibition Andy Warhol: Pop Politics, which runs through January 4, 2009. To celebrate this exhibition, the museum presents a wide variety of Warhol-inspired events, along with our regular offerings of child, family, and adult programs and classes. Info? Call 669-6144

Newport:

The Library Arts Center's annual fundraiser, "Gallery of Gifts" an exhibition and sale of fine crafts and art by regional artists, is pleased to feature the work of fine furniture maker Terry Moore and works by the wood workers he mentors through the NH State Prison Project. A portion of sales are donated to charity. The exhibition and sale run through Saturday, December 20th.

Special events round out this year's exhibition: Workshop: (sign-up required), Saturday, Dec 6, from 1-3pm; Visit with Santa, Friday, Dec 12th from 6-8 pm. The Arts Center is at 58 North Main Street, Newport, NH, 863-3040

Newbury:

The South Newbury Union Church is having a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6th from 9-11am at Friendship House (corner of Village and Sutton Roads). Bring the kids and join Santa for breakfast. Photo with Santa \$1.00 each, Adults \$3.00 - kids \$1.00, Under 5 free. Proceeds will benefit the Giving Tree at the Newbury Town Offices. More info? Call Gail at 938-2064

Warner:

Sunday, December 7 ~ Warner's Holiday Celebration!
Events and Caroling all up and down Main Street! We will be reading *The Night Before Christmas* in front of the Fire from noon to 4 pm - Join us Shopping Tour December 13 and 14th at MainStreet Bookends.

Trouble with Snail Mail?

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NFI Bradford Midway Shelter

The NFI Bradford Advisory Board is sponsoring a "Christmas Gift Basket" for the boys at the NFI Midway Shelter (Bradford). Midway is a non-profit, temporary shelter for boys aged 11-17 who, for a variety of reasons, cannot be with their families. This program offers individual and group counseling, education, and residential services in a staff-secure setting on Rt. 103. Many of the boys come from families in crisis and will not be spending Christmas at home. The committee is seeking the following donations which can be dropped off at the Midway Shelter office on Rt. 103 or at the Bradford Community Center.

Donations/gifts should NOT be wrapped and should be appropriate for adolescent boys. The following items are always in need:

- ~ Sweatshirts
- ~ Games
- ~ Books
- ~ Winter accessories (gloves, hats etc.)
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Kearsarge Area Preschool News

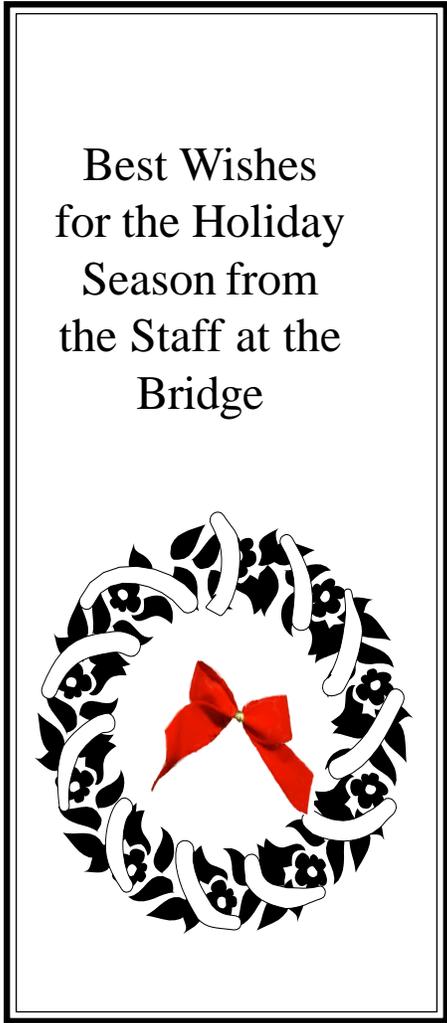
by Karen Hambleton

The celebration of Thanksgiving was our theme for November. We read stories about the Pilgrims and Indians and discussed the importance of their history. The class also discussed the meaning of Thanksgiving and why it is celebrated in America. Turkeys were part of our discussions and art projects this month as well. Children experienced the spirit of giving as they prepared two Thanksgiving baskets for local families. Our celebration of Thanksgiving wrapped up with a fabulous finger-food feast prepared by the children and shared with their families.

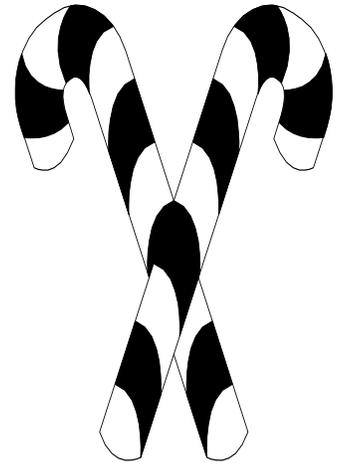
The playground was abuzz as the first flakes of snow fell last month. In December, winter will be our theme. Children will discover how different animals prepare for the long winter. They will also learn about hibernation and talk about which animals hibernate and those that do not. The holidays will be another major theme this month. We will learn how Hanukah, Kwanzaa and Christmas are celebrated. The meaning behind each celebration and their unique traditions will be explored. We will also discuss how celebrations of the same holiday differ from country to country. At the end of the month, we will have our own holiday celebration.

Come enjoy "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday December 13th from 8:30 – 11:00 am. The preschool has made special arrangements with Santa who will make a visit to the Bradford Area Community Center for our second annual "Breakfast with Santa". Come enjoy a pancake breakfast, have your picture taken with Santa and receive a small gift. All who believe are welcome!!

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Selectmen's Highlights

During the very busy budget preparation time, it is not possible to condense the many hours of the Selectmen's meetings into a short Bridge article. Minutes of all Selectmen and Budget Committee meetings are on file at the town hall and available on line at <http://www/bradfordnh.org>.

Highway Department: Road Agent Steve Lucier has had a roof cap put on the Bement covered bridge but found that other repair work will be needed within the next year or two.

Work continues on preparation for the new highway garage. Remedial repair was needed to the footings because the elevations were inaccurate. The concrete work has been approved by the engineer and the building inspector. Change orders and request for second payment at completion of

the concrete work were discussed. Relocation of a utility pole is scheduled before the building can be erected.

Notice to proceed on the West Meadow Bridge was signed.

Lake Massasecum: David Currier presented a budget package for anticipated work next summer. The state is now recommending a treatment of chemical pellets that have the potential to remove the milfoil from the lake. The Association is requesting the same amount as last year, \$5,970.00, to be matched by its funds to cover the estimated cost in excess of \$10,000. The state will administer the permitting and actual application process.

No Smoking: The selectmen will send letters to all departments reiterating the town's policy on "no smoking" in town buildings or town vehicles.

Fireworks: A contract was signed with a new fireworks company for the next July 4th celebration.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Advisory Committee suggested that the selectmen defer making a final decision regarding joining the single stream recycling program offered by the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative until the town is assured that entry to the program will be available at a later date with no penalty.

Marcia Keller suggested that enforcement of the current regulations would improve the operation of the facility and increase the amount of material recycled. Selectmen approved a motion for the Advisory Committee to continue its work and to further look at providing the selectmen with recommendations for enforcement for the implementation of policies at the transfer station.

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I-JOIST FLOOR SYSTEM PLANNING

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Several Transfer Station personnel complaints were discussed based on irate phone calls from people using the landfill. A letter was read into the record outlining treatment they had received. Chairman Peter Fenton said that all letters of complaint should be put into the personnel file.

Rescue Squad: Squad Captain Rich Branch discussed wages for rescue squad members. The squad numbers between 15 and 18 members at this time. Branch stated that to date there have been 164 calls, an increase of 81% over the previous year. Last year's town meeting approved \$50,000 for nine months and the amount to be requested needs to be increased to cover the full year. There was discussion about instituting a billing system as is done in many towns to offset the cost.

Conservation Commission: Brooks McCandlish requested that the selectmen place an article on the town warrant that would allow the Conservation Commission to expend funds to pay another organization for a conservation easement, as allowed by RSA 36-A:4-a. Selectmen requested a review by the Local Government Center or town counsel before making a decision.

Parks & Recreation: Kate Dubrowski presented the proposed budget, which was amended and approved by the Board. Dubrowski requested a warrant article for town meeting for a skating rink.

Community Center: Program budgets were discussed including the Farmers' Market and Nature's Circle Camp. Dubrowski said the Friends of the BACC would sponsor the Farmers' Market for 19 weeks next summer but it would be

better if it were actually run by the town. Selectmen approved the amended budget for the Community Center, but requested additional information about Nature's Circle Camp for presentation at the December 2nd meeting.

Many other budget lines were discussed with most of them forwarded to the Budget Committee.

Motion was made by Andrew Pinard that the selectmen meet on a weekly basis. No second. No vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

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There are no particular skills. They can sand, varnish, paint and assemble. I find out what the people have for skills and work with that. I speak to different groups to find volunteers - churches, schools - anyone who is willing to listen.

Q. Bob Selig is involved with "Toys for Tots." Do the two programs overlap or cooperate?

I make toys to donate to "Toys for Tots." They get the toys that don't go to "Children Having Incarcerated Parents" (CHIPS).

Q. Bradford is a small town with few amenities and a cold, snowy climate. Why did you choose to live here? Didn't the idea of a more cosmopolitan place with restaurants, theater and art galleries beckon?

We lived in the Carolinas during my working life. My parents lived in New Hampshire on Lake Massassecum. We used to visit here often. Originally, my wife wanted a summer place here and another home elsewhere but it was too expensive to own two homes so we decided to come here. Another lure was that my sister lives here on the lake.

Q. What do you like and dislike about our town? You have been a resident since 2005. Was it a culture shock for you when you arrived here?

I like it because it is a small town. I think it needs more industry. There are no amenities but we have a good rescue squad, fire department and excellent medical facilities nearby. I do miss restaurants but one quickly adapts to travelling for those things.

Q. You have an interesting and comprehensive collection of machinery for your toy making. Was this acquired over a period of time?

My grandfather and father gave me tools in the beginning. Then

whenever I received an award from IBM, I would use the money to buy a large piece of equipment. Eventually, I had to rent a warehouse to store everything. When I arrived in Bradford, I decided to build a barn for my work. One of the problems with living here is that I have to mail order everything. It's not easy to find a place that sells the tools that I need for my toys.

Q. Do you descend from a long line of toy makers or are you a maverick in your genealogical family?

I'm a maverick. My son has a workshop in Texas but there is no history in my family as far as I know.



Q. Are you a social being or do you enjoy working on your own? Obviously, you do not have much spare time but what do you enjoy doing when you have some free moments? Do you enjoy teaching your skills to others?

During my working life with IBM, I taught a lot in spite of the fact that my weakest subject is English. I wrote 22 books while I was with the company on network management and the network of communication. My job was to trouble shoot and set up systems. I became a specialist in how to design. I've never really been alone. My wife passed away one year ago. We were married for 51 years. We took over the guardianship of our granddaughter so I am not alone. I have help with

my granddaughter but she is only two years old and that's a responsibility. I certainly am never bored. In my spare time I am active with my church.

Q. Your home is situated on a hill with a view. Wouldn't you have preferred a cabin in the woods where you could live quietly and peacefully and pursue your hobby without interruption?

We liked the location. The real selling point was that I had room to build a barn and I own four acres with room to expand.

Q. What other things are you involved with and have you had an opportunity to become active in the town's organizations?

I am quite interested in Bradford and how it works. I'm considering running for selectman. We need business in town to promote tourism. I think the building of the blacksmith shop is a step in the right direction. Antique shops are a good way to bring some activity in and promote business. I like having a town hall on Main Street. I think that my business background and conservative attitude would be good for a selectman to have. I see a need for good management at the town level.



Some of the toys made by Hal

A Culinarian's Column

by Caryl Walker

What a great corn and tomato summer we have had! I am already missing it, but here is a way to capture that rich, earthy flavor of garden-grown summer tomatoes any time of year. With the temperature falling, you will welcome heating up the oven to prepare a soup that warms you twice.

Roasted Tomato and Garlic Soup with Pesto - yield about 3 quarts

3 pounds ripe plum tomatoes	28 ounces canned plum tomatoes
8 garlic cloves, unpeeled	¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
10 ounce jar of prepared pesto	1 teaspoon fresh thyme
2 tablespoons olive oil	1 quart vegetable or chicken stock, or water
2 teaspoons Kosher salt	8 dashes Tabasco sauce, or more to taste
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper	1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, or more to taste
2 tablespoons unsalted butter	Salt and pepper, to taste
2 cups chopped yellow onion	Garnish with grated Parmesan cheese and a chiffonade of basil

Preheat oven to 300 F.

Wash tomatoes. Trim off stem and blossom ends. Cut tomatoes in half lengthwise; gently squeeze out seeds and discard. (Don't worry if all the seeds don't come out.) Place the tomatoes, cut-side down in a single layer in a large baking dish.

In a measuring cup, stir together 1/3 cup pesto, 2 tablespoons olive oil, and the salt and pepper. Spread the pesto mixture over the tomatoes. Tuck the unpeeled garlic cloves among the tomatoes.

Roast the tomatoes for 45 minutes, then turn oven to 400 F. Roast for another 30 minutes or until the tomatoes are very tender.

Meanwhile, in a very large, deep sauté pan or 5-quart stockpot, melt butter on medium-low. Saute the onions with the red pepper flakes for 10 minutes. Add the canned tomatoes with their juices, the thyme, the remainder of the pesto, and the stock or water.

Remove the garlic cloves from the tomatoes and squeeze gently to remove the pulp. Add the garlic pulp and the tomatoes and juices to the sauté pan. Bring to a boil and simmer 45 minutes, uncovered.

In batches, put through a blender or food mill and return to the pan. Add the Tabasco and Worcestershire sauces, taste and correct seasonings, and heat to piping hot. Serve with some grated Parmesan cheese and a chiffonade of basil.

Notes:

Roasting vegetables deepens their flavor and mellows the harshness of raw garlic. To remove the pulp from roasted garlic, place on cutting board and using the back of a knife, press out the pulp starting at the root end. Roasted garlic makes a wonderful spread for crusty bread and adds flavor to a plain piece of meat or poultry.

This soup freezes well.

This recipe is based on Ina Garten's "Roasted-Tomato Basil Soup". The Barefoot Contessa Cookbook. Clarkson Potter/ Publishers, New York. 1999. 84. Her recipe calls for 4 cups of fresh basil, packed. All that fresh basil made the soup rather costly, and in the middle of winter even more costly. Then I tried it with some dried basil, but it changed the texture and flavor.

Sooooo... Roasting the garlic and replacing the fresh basil with the pesto (which is always available), lowered the cost and added a new dimension in flavor which got an added boost from the Tabasco and Worcestershire. Enjoy!

December Calendar

Mon. Dec. 1

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:00AM Ceramics with Doris
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
1:00 – 4:00 PM -Bridge Group

Tues. Dec. 2

9:00 AM – noon - Fuel Assistance – call 456-2207
for appointment
10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:00 – 7:30 PM - Yoga Class - call Fran at 456-3099 for information

Wed. Dec. 3

3:00 – 4:30 PM - Brownies
6:00–8:00 PM – Bradford Library Stitchers, drop-in
fiber art group, BML

Thurs. Dec. 4

10:00AM Computer Class
10:00 AM – 12 Noon – Foot Massage – call 938-2104 for appointment
12 Noon Senior Community Dining

Fri. Dec. 5

8:45AM Mt View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
11:30AM First Friday Brunch
12:30PM “Holiday Music” by KRHS Chorus
7 PM – Book-to-Movie, Everything is Illuminated,
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Mon. Dec. 8

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM Children’s Summit Call 225-2264 for information
8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00AM Ceramics with Doris
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
12 Noon Sudoku and Bag Lunch
1:00 – 4:00 PM - Bridge Group
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. Dec. 9

10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
December birthday celebration
6:00-7:30 PM –Yoga Class –call Fran at 456-3099

Wed. Dec. 10

4:30 PM – Bradford Area Community Center -
board meeting
6:00 PM – Parks & Recreation - Meeting
6:00 PM - Girl Scouts

Thurs. Dec. 11

10:00AM Computer Class
12 Noon Senior Community Dining Holiday Dinner
and Party

Fri. Dec. 12

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sat. Dec. 13

7:00 AM – 12 noon Breakfast with Santa – open to
all children
9:00 AM - Writing Group
4 PM – Visit with Santa, BML

Mon. Dec. 15

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00AM Ceramics with Doris
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
1:00 – 4:00 PM Bridge Group

Tues. Dec. 16

9:00 AM to noon – Fuel Assistance - call 456-2207
for appointment
10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:00 – 7:30 PM Yoga Class

Wed. Dec. 17

3:00 PM - Brownies
4:00 – 7:00 PM – Bradford Women’s Club
6:00 PM - Girl Scouts
6:00–8:00 PM – Bradford Library Stitchers, drop-in
fiber art group, BML

Thurs. Dec. 18

10:00AM Computer Class
11:00AM – 12:30PM Blood Pressure Clinic
provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA.
12 Noon Senior Community Dining

December Calendar

Fri. Dec. 19

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
7 PM – International Movie, BML
7:00-11:00 PM Barn Dance –at Bradford Elementary School

Mon. Dec. 22

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00AM Ceramics with Doris
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. Dec. 23

10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:00 – 7:30 PM Yoga Class

Wed. Dec. 24

Library Closed
Holiday Dinner for Meals on Wheels
10:30AM – 12:00PM Blood Pressure Clinic
provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA at North Road Senior Housing in Warner.

Thurs. Dec. 25

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Fri. Dec. 26

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sat. Dec. 27

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. Dec. 29

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00AM Ceramics with Doris
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
1:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. Dec. 30

10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:00 PM – Yoga Class

Wed. Dec. 31

New Year's Holiday Dinner for congregate dining and
Meals on Wheels

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.

BML- Brown Memorial Library
FGC- Fish & Game Clubhouse -Gillingham Drive
KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
KRES-Bradford Elementary School
MVSC -Mountain View Senior Center
TH - Bradford Town Hall
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustment

Ongoing Events

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 PM. BML
CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2ND THURSDAY AT 6 PM - CALL 938-5539 FOR INFORMATION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 3RD TUESDAY 7:00 PM - TOWN HALL OR BML
FISH & GAME CLUB - 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7 PM FGC
FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH - 11:30 AM MVSC - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, CALL 938-2104
HISTORICAL SOCIETY-OLD P.O BUILDING, OPEN MOST SATS. 1:30-3 PM OR CALL 938-5386
LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING - 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM - BML
PLANNING BOARD - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM - TOWN HALL
RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION - 2ND MONDAY 7 PM - BACC
SELECTMEN'S MEETING - 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY 6 PM - TOWN HALL
ZONING BOARD - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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SUTTON - In home business setting for this immaculate 1840's gambrel with new kitchen, granite counters, maple cabinets, large LR, family room, 2.9 acres, many new updates. Existing successful gift shop is also available for additional price. Lots of traffic & parking. Call for details. **\$295,000**



NEWBURY-South Newbury Mountainside location for this well built three BR plus, three bath, 28' X 42' cape w/lower level family room. Lots of nice detail, ash floors, large open concept kitchen to dining, 4.1 acres, corner lot, long road frontage and privacy. **\$372,500.00**

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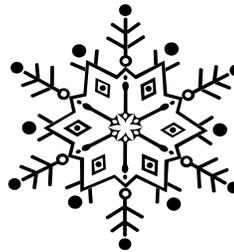
Coming in January . . .Community Cornerstones revisited

“Close your eyes for a minute. Imagine returning to Bradford after a twenty year absence.

What would you want to see unchanged in town after all those years? These are the cornerstones that make our community what it is, that are essential to our quality of life, and those that your children and grandchildren should have the opportunity to enjoy.”

This was the first paragraph of a survey conducted in Bradford in 1991, part of a program developed by the Governor’s Commission on New Hampshire in the 21st Century to identify and protect important features of the town as the new century approached. Bradford residents were asked to suggest 21 “cornerstones” for inclusion on the list. The responses were tallied and the top choices photographed, documented and displayed. The next step, which is still in progress or at least has not yet been completed, is for the community to evaluate the cornerstones and make recommendations about ways to ensure their preservation.

With the first decade of the 21st Century almost past, it is time to re-visit these features. The Bridge will cover one or more of these Cornerstones in each issue – a description and a status report. Some are still very much a part of our community, some are gone, and others may require action to ensure their protection. Stay tuned. . . .



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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

The library is expecting a visitor from the North Pole on Saturday, December 13. Anyone wishing to have a picture taken with Santa should be at the library by 4pm. We will begin with a special holiday story time. Thanks once again to the Bradford Women's Club for organizing this fun annual event!

The **Bradford Library Stitches** continue to meet the first and third Wednesday every month from 6–8pm. Learn to knit or share your knowledge and projects with this friendly and helpful group.

Join us on Friday, December 5 at 7pm for this month's book-to-movie discussion of *Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer.

Remember, you don't have to read the book to come and enjoy the movie. January's book-to-movie discussion (on Friday, January 2 at 7pm) will compare the book *Emma* by Jane Austen with the movie *Clueless*. Do the 1980s and the 18th century have anything in common? Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

The **International Movie Series** continues on Friday, December 19 at 7pm with a selection from China.

The library is closed on Wednesday, December 24 and will be open as usual on the 27th so come in and stock up on books, videos, audio books and music CDs to get you through the holiday.

Thank you to Oona Tropeano for helping the library look its festive best while our new tree grows.

Some of the new books added to your library

For adults

Cross Country by James Patterson

A Cedar Cove Christmas by Debbie Macomber

Wordy Shipmates by Sarah Vowell

Testimony by Anita Shreve

The Necklace by Cheryl Jarvis

For children

Ivy + Bean Bound to be Bad by Annie Barrows

Doomwyte by Brian Jacques

Me Hungry by Jeremy Tankard

My One Hundred Adventures by Polly Horvath

The Porcupine Year by Louise Erdrich

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other people to thank for all they have done to help out."

Moving forward again will necessarily entail rebuilding the Bradford home, while Robin and Logan share space with Robin's two daughters and their children in Concord.

People are simply stunned and heartbroken to watch this family go through one more tragedy. Everyone associated with Robin would be quick to describe her as a generous, compassionate soul who has spent a lifetime reaching out to others. She touches the hearts of family, friends and strangers alike.

Lake Sunapee Bank on Main Street has stepped forward to support the family. Stop at the bank and buy a raffle ticket for a Tiffany style lamp donated by the Captain's Choice or make a financial donation to the fund set up for the family.

Contributions may be sent to The Lake Sunapee Bank, PO 326, Bradford NH, 03221 for the Robin Sanborn Fund. The Bradford Bridge joins neighbors and friends in wishing the Sanborns well and offering any support needed during this difficult time.

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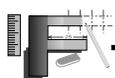


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Obituaries

Frances Ward

Frances L. (Barstow) Ward, 85, died Nov. 18, 2008, at the home of her daughter in Newbury.

Born June 23, 1923 in Bradford where she lived almost all of her life, she was the daughter of Gideon G. and Ella (Cleveland) Barstow. She graduated from Simonds Free High School in Warner. Mrs. Ward helped her husband run Richie's Service Station and Hillsboro Gulf and also their sawmill. She drove the school bus for the Kearsarge Regional School District for 50 years. She was a member of the East Washington Baptist Church, Sunapee Lake Grange and Sullivan County Subordinate Pomona Granges. She was a sixth degree grange member with the state of New Hampshire and seventh degree member with the National Grange. Her kitty was a source of joy. She enjoyed maple sugaring, arts and crafts, her gardens, and her chain saw.

Mrs. Ward was predeceased by her husband, John E. Ward Jr. in 1991. Her siblings, Alice Swanson, Eleanor Bragdon, Hollis, John, Graydon and Kathryn Barstow, also predeceased her.

She is survived by a son and his wife, the Rev. John "Jack" Ward III and Diane of Bradford; two daughters, Pamela Szacik of Concord and Laurel Hansen of Newbury; four grandchildren, Tracie Gallagher, Kelly French, Jessica Szacik and Blake Hansen; four great-grandchildren, Derek, Andrea, Austin and Renee; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.

William Naughton

William J. Naughton, 60, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, at his home. He was born in Somerville, MA., on Sept. 9, 1948, the son of John W. and Catherine (Cushman) Naughton Sr.

For the past 12 years he lived in Bradford. Before moving to Bradford, he lived in Tewksbury, MA, for 12 years and Atlanta for many years. He worked for Charles River Laboratories in Lowell, MA, before a series of automobile accidents left him unable to continue working. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1971.

Bill enjoyed going to Cape Cod, visiting his sister and going to fairs. Movies and TV were favorite pastimes, and he really liked to go camping. He loved animals, especially his dogs. He also liked to talk on the phone.

Members of his family surviving include his son, Robert Naughton of Bradford; two grandchildren, Bradley and Kaleb; a sister, Catherine M. Stetson of Milford; two brothers, John W. Naughton Jr. of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and George Naughton of Davisville; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to Meals on Wheels, 37 Pleasant St., New London 03257.

Virginia Newell

NEWBURY - Virginia (Craigie) Newell, 73, of Newell Road, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen. She was born in Newport on July 20, 1935, the daughter of Forrest D. and Effie (Merrill) Craigie. She graduated from Simonds Free High School in Warner and lived in Bradford before moving to Newbury 54 years ago.

Mrs. Newell kept the books for her husband's electrical contracting business and later for her son. She worked in data entry for Blue Cross Blue Shield in Concord and also worked for Lake Sunapee Bank in Bradford. Mrs. Newell enjoyed watching birds, sewing and her flowers.

She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, James I. Newell, in 2005. She was also predeceased by a granddaughter, Melissa Allen; a sister, Arlene; and a brother and sister-in-law, Gordon and Joan Craigie. She is survived by two sons, Barry Newell and Martin Newell and his wife, Linda J. Woodbury, all of Newbury; a daughter, Lori Newell of Henniker; five grandchildren, Corey J., Amy L. and Taylor M. Newell, Matthew A. and his wife, Stephanie Newell, and Alex Kimball; one great-grandson, Kaleb C. Kimball; a brother and sister-in-law, Forrest M. and Betty Craigie of Newbury; a sister, Mildred Moran of Pennsylvania; and nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221; or the Newbury FAST Squad, P.O. Box 373, Newbury 03255.



Planning Board Notes

Gravel Pits: For many years, the Planning Board has worked to determine if any of the listed gravel pits in town are no longer active. Those not should be declared “abandoned” under criteria in state law, which says that a pit shall be deemed abandoned if sufficient material to be commercially useful has not been removed in a two year period. Letters were sent to property owners and the code enforcement officer visited the sites and provided recommendations for the Board.

After notifying the owners with an opportunity to respond, the Board voted abandonment for the following locations: Map 6 Lot 104, Route 114; Map 4, Lot 12, Fortune Road; Map 5, Lot 114, Fairgrounds Road; Map 13, Lot 2, East Washington Road; Map 4, Lot 5, West Road; Map 6, Lot 103, Route 114; Map 4, Lot 13, Fortune Road.

Some property owners will be advised that reclamation is needed with deadlines set for completion of the work. In the future, any commercial excavation on these sites will require an excavation permit from the Board as is the case for any property in town.

Site Plans: George Naughton reviewed the conditions set for approval of his site plan to construct a recycling facility on Jones Road. Environmental Consultant Patrick Spooner is doing the state permitting for the project which is taking longer than anticipated. NHDES requires that a public hearing be held in Bradford before final approval. A tentative date for this is in June of 2009. Mr. Naughton will give a status update periodically.

Richard Deschenes, new owner of the storage facility on Breezy Hill Road, now called Gateway Rentals, was advised that the site plan for the property should be updated to show any off-premise signs.

OE Trucking on Breezy Hill Road was given conditional approval of a site plan modification to allow a chiropractic office to operate in the dwelling on the property and to conduct a school bus dispatch business on the site. The conditions for approval include: 1) Application to strike reference to home business and show correct lot size. 2) Show the location of the Street Plat for the adjoining subdivision. 3) Comments regarding bus access to be revised to indicate a right-to-pass over adjoining lot. 4) Size and type of above ground storage tanks shown. 5) Off-premise signs added to plan.

Subdivision: New plans showing bounds set and deeds with a required easement were presented for the subdivision of property owned by OE Trucking on Breezy Hill Road. Waivers were approved for details of the Street Plat required to provide access to the newly created rear lot. Final approval can be granted when the remaining conditions for approval have been submitted.



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Bradford Election Results

Bradford residents have every reason to be proud of the 2008 election in our town. The voting ran smoothly, residents exercised their right to vote in unprecedented numbers, and the votes were tallied quickly. Over the past few years, the State has changed the voting process and placed many additional demands on local officials. In Bradford, the Supervisors of the Checklist – Ann Lucier, Ruth Marden, and Judith Marshall computerized the checklist and worked diligently to keep it accurate and up-to-date. On November 4, they registered 91 new voters who were then able to exercise their rights. These new voters included some who had just reached the age of 18, some who have lived here many years but had not chosen to register and vote in the past, and new arrivals in town.

Much credit goes to Town Clerk Susan Pehrson who designed and presented training sessions the day before the election to cover training for volunteers as mandated by the state. Her admonition to all poll workers was to **STAY FOCUSED**. The goal was to protect the accuracy of the checklist in order to prevent fraud. She stressed that helping the voter have a pleasant experience was secondary. While some voters may have found the process too structured for a small town, the lines moved smoothly throughout the day.

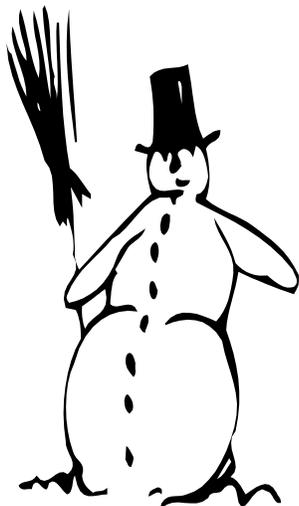
When the polls closed at 7 PM, the tally sheets, also designed by the Town Clerk and printed for either right or left handed workers, simplified the counting. By 9 PM, Moderator Jon Steiner and Deputy Moderator Milly Kittredge had the final count of 1027 ballots – 904 in person, 123 absentee.

The statewide percentage of registered voters who voted on November 4th will not be calculated until early December, but the turnout in Bradford was 84%!!! The results for State Representative were:

	<u>Bradford</u>	<u>Henniker</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Beth Rodd	532	1192	1724
Barbara Connor French	500	1402	1902
John J. “Jack” Meaney	499	851	1350
Eleanor Glynn Kjellman (write-in)	12	198	210

State Senator:

	<u>Bradford</u>	<u>Henniker</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Harold Janeway	452	1364	1816
“Andy” Sanborn	406	1325	1731



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Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

Many thanks are due to the volunteers who manned the Spooky Room at the Bradford Area Community Center and served up refreshments at this years Halloween Party.

It was also gratifying to see so many of Bradford's children and parents take part in this celebration. It is impossible to name all who helped with the program without missing someone. We do have a list of those who took the time to carve pumpkins and bring them in for judging. Officer Chris Boucher of the Bradford Police Department judged the carving talents of our citizens. Those winning were: First prize, Andrew Flinkstrom; Second prize, Owen Hearn; Third prize, Gunnar Benedict. Others bringing their handiwork were: Morganne Flinkstrom, Garrett Flinkstrom, Jeff Stewart, Mason Benedict, Gabe Benedict, Jack Hearn, Shelby Hearn, MaryMargaret Pickman, Matthew Pickman, and Marissa Pickman.

Edythe Craig

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Lucas, Sr., founder of Lucasville-
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To The Editor:

Barbara French and I wish to extend our warm thanks to all of you for your support in our recent successful election to the NH House of Representatives. We congratulate the hard work of our worthy opponents as we look forward to serving you, our friends and neighbors, in the 2009-2010 session. Please feel free to contact us on any matter that concerns you and let us know your views on topics of importance to you. Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy, prosperous new year.

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To The Editor:

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We would also like to thank all those who generously donated to the Bradford Women's Club Scholarship in his name.

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The Bailout & More

by Laura Hallahan

So, just how will the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act help real estate professionals and homeowners? Will it restore consumer confidence, keep people in their homes, free up credit so buyers can borrow? All of this remains to be seen, but one thing is for sure. Though this historic bill was signed into law on October 3, 2008, it will take time to effect change. The Chief Economist for the National Association of REALTORS® says that 75 million homeowners and 100 million taxpayers have now become the key stakeholders on the side of the housing market recovery. While the bailout is the first step, the liquidity crunch will take six months to even two years plus to fully shake out. Though government involvement is not always welcome in most industries, real estate professionals do want to see a plan to mitigate foreclosures and to force mortgage companies to modify the loans of borrowers in danger of foreclosure. After all, having a house in foreclosure on your street brings down the value of all of the homes in the neighborhood.

The same week of the bailout the Bush Administration launched the “Hope for Homeowners” Program which will refinance mortgages for borrowers who are having difficulty making their payments but who can afford a new loan insured by HUD’s Federal Housing Administration (FHA). The program is available only to owner occupants and will offer 30-year fixed rate mortgages. To avoid what would be an even costlier foreclosure banks will have to write down the existing mortgage to 90% of the new appraised value of the home. Borrowers are encouraged to contact their lender to determine eligibility and this program ends on September 30, 2001.

Zillow Real Estate Market Reports published third quarter results nationwide and showed a seventh consecutive quarterly decline in home values and some other sobering statistics. In the past year, 30.2% of homes sold were sold for a loss and in 17 markets – 14 of which are in California – more than half of homes sold were for a loss. The percentage of homeowners with negative equity remained fairly steady, with 1 in 7 of all homeowners across the country having negative equity and 1/3rd of homeowners who purchased in the last five years are upside down. Foreclosures made up almost 1 in 5 of all transactions in the past 12 months. An interesting statistic notes that despite findings that 74% of all homes in the study area lost value, nearly half of homeowners believe their home’s value either increased or stayed the same over the past year. The news is not all bad as 12 of the 163 markets experienced year-over-year change in value of more than 1%. These bright spots included the Carolinas and upstate New York. As for our local area, while some homeowners are upside down or having to sell for a loss, the overall market remains strong and inventory is being sold as witnessed below with 11 sales since my last article in October.

- 24 Greenhouse Lane, 1800 New Englander on .74 acres for \$50,000
- 2611 Route 103, 1966 Ranch on 1.40 acres for \$141,500
- 36 Oakdale Road, 1900 water access cottage on .04 acres for \$188,500
- 105 Sunset Hill Road, 1970 Chalet on 3.40 acres for \$215,000
- 34 Greenhouse Lane, 1790 Farmhouse on 1.10 acres for \$230,000
- 75 West Road, 2002 Cape on 6.0 acres for \$225,000
- 15 Center Road, 1930 Colonial on 1.0 acres for \$255,000
- 76 Oakdale Road, 1928 waterfront cottage on .12 acres for \$310,000
- 3 Old Fairgrounds Road, 1999 Cape on 41.90 acres for \$515,000
- 37 High Street, 1840 waterfront Victorian on 1.20 acres for \$485,000
- 2097 Route 103, 1997 Manufactured Home on 2.90 acres for \$175,000

There are 27 active and 4 pending residential listings, 22 active and 0 pending land listings, 3 active and 0 pending commercial listings and 2 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.



Recent Sales in Bradford

KRES School News

Students in grades four and five participated in a national math competition called Continental Math League. All Continental Math League experiences are designed to maximize student opportunities to participate and to improve their problem solving capabilities. Bradford students will be participating with other students on the same grade level from schools all over the United States.

Each student who chooses to participate will work independently for thirty minutes solving six math problems. Our top scorers per grade level will receive a certificate, recognition at an assembly, and their scores will be reported to the national headquarters.

The top six scores will be added together to give us a school team score. This team score will be compared with other schools' scores in the United States. National and Regional awards will be distributed to recognize individual and team achievements.

Bradford's top scorers for fourth grade were:

Kayla Edmunds and Gunnar Anderson. And our top scorer for fourth grade was Kelsea Davis.

Bradford's top scorers for fifth grade were:

Devon Fortier, Dawson Curry, Ian Bready, Devin Taves

Our top scorer for fifth grade was Nick Brady.

Sue Nadeau, Math Coach

KRES at Bradford Students Share their Writing

KRES at Bradford held its first quarter "Writers' Spotlight Assembly" on November 13, 2008. In September, all students were asked to write a story about a place that is special to them. Teams of teachers spent time reading students' writing, and then they selected one student from each grade level to be featured at a school wide assembly celebrating quality writing. The following students stood beneath the spotlight and read their stories: Ellie Bruss, kindergarten; Eddie Leonard, grade 1; Ben Corbyn, grade 2; Logan Montminy, grade 3; Molly Morris, grade 4; and Samantha Dow, grade 5. Kathy McKenna, Reading Specialist

KRES December Calendar:

Wednesday, December 3rd — Holiday Sing @ 9:00 a.m.

Monday, December 8th through December 19th — ChiPS Annual Bookfair during school hours. ("Come check out the fabulous books that will be available, and start your Christmas Shopping here!!")

Wednesday, December 17th - Winter Concert @ 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23rd - Whole-school Dress Up Day ("Look Snazzy! Have Fun! Get Ready for Vacation!!")

Wednesday, December 24th through Monday, January 5th - Christmas Vacation



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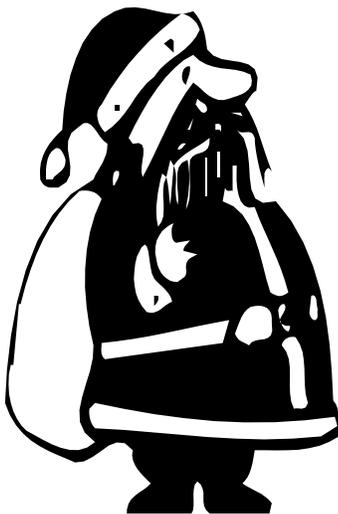




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First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

Moms Group: Our Moms Group will meet the following Thursdays during December: 12/4, 12/11 and 12/18 from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. They will continue their discussions on the book "The Power of a Praying Parent" by Stormie O'Martian. Childcare is provided.

Youth Group: Youth who are in grades 5-8 are welcome to come to youth group. During December, they will meet on Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the church and travel to "Hal's Workshop" on Route 114 in Bradford to help make toys for Toys for Tots. They will return to the church at 7:30 p.m.

The youth will meet at the church on Saturday, December 20 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. to help fill the Christmas Baskets for needy families.

Advent Craft Day: Children of all ages are welcome to come to the church on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and make and take crafts. There will be swags, cookies, candles, decorated bags, stained glass and many other crafts. This year, we will have a special table wherein each child can help make something to donate to the Toys for Tots program, as well. There is no charge for this activity.

Ham & Bean Supper: Saturday, December 13, 5PM to 7PM

Mens Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, refreshments and pool.

Christmas Baskets and Toys for Tots: Our Christmas Baskets and gifts for children will be distributed from the Food Pantry on Saturday, December 20 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. If you would like to receive a basket, please call 938-5313.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service: Our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held on Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Leckerli (Traditional Christmas Cookie)

Another recipe from the Bradford Historical Society Cookbook, 1981, is this cookie recipe submitted by Frances Winch. Since they should be stored for awhile before eaten, a good recipe to make ahead of time.

½ cup sugar	1 ½ oz. candied lemon peel
½ cup honey	1 tsp. soda
1 ½ tsp. cloves	2 Tbsp. cold water
1 ½ tsp nutmeg	grated rind of half lemon
1 ½ tsp. cinnamon	1 cup almonds, sliced thin
1 ½ oz. candied orange peel	3 cups flour

Combine sugar and honey in saucepan; bring to boiling point over low heat. Remove.

Add spices and peels cut into small pieces. Dissolve soda in cold water and add to spice mixture.

Add grated lemon rind, almonds, and flour; knead until well blended.

Roll dough on floured board into 1/2" thick rectangle.

Place on cookie sheet lined with waxed paper.

Bake at 325 about 30 minutes.

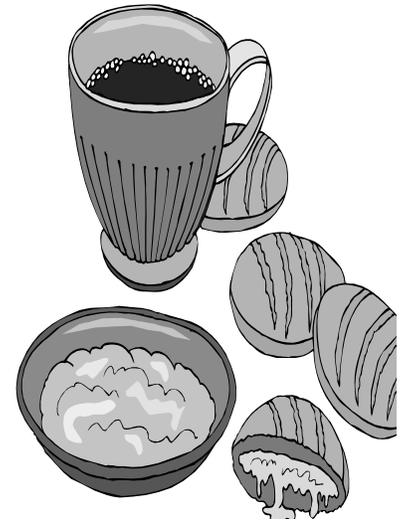
Syrup: 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup water, cooled until it spins a thread

While sheet of leckerli is still warm, spread quickly with syrup.

Before entirely cool, cut into diamonds. Store in tin for at least one week or until soft.

They cannot be eaten directly out of the oven, they will be hard as bricks!

Ed. Note: They are very good when dunked.



Christmas Trees in Warner at Warner Farmers' Market Site in front of the Town Hall. Fresh cut, N.H. Grown Fraser and Balsam Fir.

Open December weekends 9 am - 4 pm

Trees available during the week at Ted Young's at

954 Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner. Call for info: 456-2439



May the holidays bring joy to you and your pets!!

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Have you met the Uh-Ohs yet?

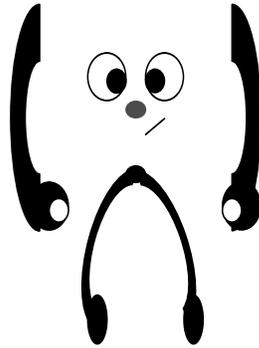
These characters are the stars of a website sponsored by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA). Kids and parents can log on to www.nfpa4kids.org, meet the Uh-ohs and learn some easy ways to keep safe.

This site is child safe and a lot of fun. Members of Bradford Fire & Rescue and the Police officers spent a couple hours previewing the site.

Some backpacks have been spotted around town with an Uh-oh hanging off. The little clip-on Uh-ohs have a code that unlocks more games and activities for children ages 4 and up on the NFPA website.

Santa knows that these are a lot of fun. If you would like to give one to a child, please email Bradford Fire & Rescue at bradfordfire@iamnow.net and tell us how many you need and make arrangements to pick them up on Monday nights at the Firehouse.

Uh-oh! We forgot to tell you one very important thing! Bradford Fire & Rescue is giving them to the townspeople to help keep our children safe.



Have a very happy and **safe** holiday season.

Bradford Fire & Rescue

Classifieds

Free: MacKissic model 9-P (Mighty Mac) Shredder/Grinder. Recently refurbished by Lumber Barn, this machine is too loud for our comfort. Free to good home. Great Briggs & Stratton engine for go-cart or other creative project. Call 938-2681.

Holiday Help

Need extra help cleaning and preparing for the holiday season? I can help. Call 938-2841

FREE: a quantity of legal size hanging files is available at no charge. If they are of use to you, call 938-2877.

Winter Rules Reminder.

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT. No parking on any street is allowed from 12:00pm through 6:00am November 15th through April 15th. No plowing is allowed across any road from your driveway.

ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING ON PUBLIC WAYS DURING SNOW STORMS:

Pursuant to the authority invested in the Selectmen of the Town of Bradford under New Hampshire revised statutes annotated, Chapter 47:17, the following ordinance shall be in effect from November 15 through April 1, unless otherwise rescinded.

No vehicle shall be parked upon a public way in the Town of Bradford during and after a snowstorm until the said public way has been plowed and is suitable for proper vehicle traffic. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to remove said vehicle should said snowstorm occur during the midnight hours. This shall include all public ways throughout the town.

Anyone violating the above ordinance shall be fined not less than twenty- five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than fifty dollars(\$50.00). The removal of any motor vehicle shall be done at the expense of the owner.