Hal Liberty, the Toymaker of Bradford, has been very busy this season, turning out beautifully designed and manufactured wooden toys for children near and far. Hal is an engineer by training and education but Bradford’s Santa in retirement.

Hal received a commendation from the NH House of Representatives this month for his services for the children of Bradford and other towns. Hal has an interactive relationship with volunteers who he trains to create his works of genius and the folks who are the recipients of his creativity; homeless children, immigrant children, disabled people and many other people he trains to create toys for others. “Many of the people who are involved in my training have no other way of giving back to society and it’s very satisfying for them”, he opined. Hal has kids from NFI in his workshops, students from Parker academy, people in transition from the State Hospital, seniors at our Community Center and others. All who are trained in his shop are also trained in basic woodworking skills and make his work both fulfilling and practical.

Hal’s largess, creativity and joy in his work permeates the workshop with a sort of contagious lightheartedness. His commendation is only the latest in a string of honors bestowed on him for his generosity and talent. Many thanks to Hal for being our own Santa Claus this season.

By Beth Rodd

Progressive Dinner a Success

Forty people enjoyed a tour of four historic homes in Bradford last month at the Bradford Historical Society’s Progressive Dinner fundraiser. Over one thousand dollars was raised to support BHS projects, such as the new foundation and renovation of the Old Post Office currently underway. Thanks to hosts Laurie and Dave Buchar, Sue and Don Moss, Carol and Doug Troy and Tracey and Jeff Quigley for a festive evening.

Note from East Shore Drive,
The eagle drinking from the lake had just finished feeding on a fish. The eagle can be seen almost every morning perched on the tall dead pine at the north end of the small island with the red cottage.

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From the Editor

I think I speak for the majority of the nation in being relieved that the national and local elections are finally over. Never in the memory of anybody we know, has the election process been so nasty, unpleasant and uninspiring.

Back to reality and normalcy, we look forward to the holiday season and hope that kindness and tolerance will lead our path forward.

There are many ways to show our generosity to our neighbors and the world this season. The Community Church offers a number of ways to contribute to our local community. Donations to Heifer will feed and sustain families in a third world country. Check out other organizations on line such as the Red Cross, Feeding America, Project Bread, Kiva, One, Oxfam, The Meals on Wheels Association of America, Jubilee USA, Mercy Corps, The Hunger Site or The Hunger Project. These and other organizations improve the lives of many people at home and abroad. And, it will bring you happiness to contribute a small part of our good fortune and prosperity to help others.

We at the Bridge wish all of our readers a wonderful holiday season whether it be Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joy to the season or any other words that convey the message of hope and good cheer of the season.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Beth Rodd, December Editor
Oh, the Places They’ll Go  By Kathleen Bigford

November 12, 2016, Standing Rock Camp, ND. During the weekend of November 12 my daughter, Trinity, and I and another friend traveled to Standing Rock, North Dakota from Trinity’s home in Fort Collins, Colorado to show solidarity and deliver donations. In April, 2016 tribal citizens of the Standing Rock Lakota Nation and ally Lakota, Nakota, & Dakota citizens founded a Spirit Camp along the proposed route of the Bakken oil pipeline, Dakota Access. The Standing Rock Spirit Camp is dedicated to stopping and raising awareness of the Dakota Access pipeline, the dangers associated with pipeline spills and the necessity to protect the water resources of the Missouri river.

The proposed route crosses the Missouri River at the confluence with the Cannon Ball River, an area that is of utmost cultural, spiritual and environmental significance. It is the location of the tribal origin story as the place where the Lakota came into the world after the great flood. Where the two waters meet once created spherical Sacred Stones (thus the colonizers’ term ‘Cannon Ball’).

After the Army Corp of Engineers dredged and flooded the rivers in the 50s, the flow has changed and Sacred Stones are no longer produced. There are historic burial grounds that would be directly impacted.

The current route of the pipeline will cross over the Ogallala Aquifer (one of the largest aquifers in the world) and under the Missouri River twice (the longest river in the United States). The possible contamination of these water sources makes the Dakota Access pipeline a national threat.

We were unaware that Ryan Sturgis, a classmate and close friend of Trinity’s from KRSD kindergarten through high school, had also traveled with his wife and daughter from their home in Minnesota to Standing Rock. Ryan and his family had come to deliver donations and he was also putting together a photo documentary. We were so pleasantly surprised to literally run into him along the road that passes the camps.

We spent just a few minutes hugging and enjoying finding ourselves in this place and agreed that it was very natural that we did.

I came away from Standing Rock with an acute awareness of this many-layered conflict. On the surface it is an ancient culture fighting to keep a small portion of their heritage in tack vs. a big company trying to keep oil use alive in North America. Underneath is a staggering complexity situation. It is a federal problem with local consequences. Hopefully, a peaceful solution will be found.
BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GINGERBREAD COOKIE DECORATING
with Brenda Poirier
&
COOKIE WALK & SWAP

Saturday, December 10th at 2:00pm

Join us for some holiday fun at the Tin Shop! We will be hosting a Gingerbread Cookie decorating workshop led by Brenda Poirier, followed by a Cookie Walk & Swap. Cookie tins and refreshments will be provided. Bring your favorite holiday cookies for the Walk & Swap! Pre-register by December 5th via email: bradfordhistorical@gmail.com or phone: 603.938.2041 or 917.293.1324.

The Tin Shop
160 E. Main St., Bradford, NH
Suggested Event Donation $5

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Beth Rodd and David Woolperrt won the District 6, Bradford/Henniker race for State Representatives.
L to R: Dave Woolpert, Andru Volinsky, Beth Rodd, Kathy Kalob, Aislin Kalob

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Sundays, 10 am worship services and Kingdom Kidz.

Christmas Bible Study, Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22, comparing the birth story of Christ in the Gospels.

6 pm prayer nights on Wednesdays in the church.

December 10 at 4:15- our 3rd annual Mac N Cheese Night with your choice of hot dogs, ham, meatball or plain and a live Nativity scene outside the church. Come early to the library for a visit with Santa and caroling.

Traveling to Rise Again Warehouse to deliver clothing and to sort clothing for the homeless; rides will be leaving on December 7 at 4:15 pm.

Christmas Sunday: December 18, our children’s program “M is for Manger”

Christmas Eve Worship Service on December 24th at 7 pm

Yes we will have a Christmas service on Christmas Day at 10 am and an informal gathering to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Bradford Community Church

603-938-5313  Your Community Church
PO Box 57, Bradford NH

Christmas food baskets and gifts for the children will be distributed on Dec. 17, 9-11 am. Listed below are several ways to help our Food Pantry. Do you have someone on your list who is hard to buy for? Below are 2 ways to honor them with a gift given in their name...

Donate Christmas gifts for Children of our Food Pantry Families or sponsor a Holiday Food Basket. A donation of $30.00 will buy the items needed for one family’s holiday food basket OR a donation of $50.00 will buy all the gifts for one of our Food Pantry children this Christmas. A special Christmas card will be sent to the person you designate letting them know of the gift you gave in their name. When making your donation, please write the name and address of the person receiving the card on a separate piece of paper and make your checks payable to Bradford Community Church and memo “Christmas Gift” or “Holiday Basket”.

For those who love to shop for toys…Angel cards with the children’s requests will be available at the church or at Lake Sunapee Bank in Bradford. Please bring the Angel card back with the unwrapped gift by December 4th.

AREA EVENTS: DECEMBER 2016

NH TELEPHONE MUSEUM
December 8 (Every 2nd Thursday of the month) - Alzheimer's Café - 9-11 a.m.
More information can be found on our website and Facebook Page!
The New Hampshire Telephone Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, 12/23 - Tuesday, Monday - Fridays - 3pm - 6pm
- Boys & Girls Club - MPR
- Tuesdays & Thursdays - 3pm - 4pm - Homework Club - Library
Mondays - Old School PE - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - MPR
Tuesdays & Wednesdays - Adult Volleyball - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - MPR

Warner’s Winter Wonderland - Saturday, December 3 - Join us and all of Warner in our annual holiday celebration here at MainStreet BookEnds. We will have the Gallery overflowing with activity. The Gear-Up Homeschoolers will by caroling at 11:30 am followed by Efner Tudor Holmes reading her children’s classic “The Christmas Cat at noon” and readings of “The Night Before Christmas” Artist Nan McCarthy will be here with her paintings and fine art prints as well as Gary Young with his hand-hewn wooden bowls.
**Doris Williams:** One photo is of Doris Williams with some of her students circa 1935. The student on far right is Don Douglass. The other photo is of the roller shed that once sat next to the current Center Meetinghouse, with Doris Williams in the right. This second photo might go well with the following excerpt from her history:

Chapter VI
A Description of Bradford’s Best Playground

“The playground was the very best in town. “Old Bear” was the game most played. On the playground was the old Meetinghouse. Just beyond was the old Churchyard. Near the Churchyard was the cannon house where was kept an old Revolutionary War relic. Near by was the Vestry which was used for Church. Between the Schoolhouse and Vestry was the pound built of huge cobble stones and great timbers. Here stray animals were kept until the owner came after them. “

Reminiscences by former student Richard Stevens about Doris Williams: Doris Williams lived next door in the Craig’s house. She grew up on a farm in Cornish and returned there every summer to help her parents with haying. She was a large strong woman and could discipline even the most unruly boy. Once she picked up Don Douglass because he wouldn’t sit still. She plunked him down in his chair so hard that it broke, causing everyone to laugh.

Another time, she picked up a boy and shook him so hard his boots fell off. Walt Heselton claimed that the reason his baby teeth came out early was because she shook him so often. And yet, she was beloved, respected by parents and students alike. She often provided meals for hungry students and made sure they had warm clothing. She was paid $12/year for doing the janitorial work at school and her annual teaching salary was $900.00.
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232 Cressy Road
Sold for $70,000

11 Greenhouse Lane
Sold for $198,100

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Sold for $220,000

34 Oakdale Road
Sold for $280,000

192 Rowe Mountain Road
Sold for $187,500

20 Woodview Heights
Sold for $190,000

2 Old Warner Road
Sold for $200,000

120 Sunset Hill Road
Sold for $237,500

82 East Shore Drive
Sold for $340,000

888 West Road
Sold for $145,000

Lot 11 West Meadow Road
Sold for $27,000

113 Johnson Hill Road
Sold for $31,000

Loon Island – Lake Massasecum
Sold for $60,000

Thank You For Your Business & Support!
Local kids enjoy Story Time fun at Brown Memorial Library. Join us any Monday or Wednesday at 10 AM. And don’t miss our Visit with Santa on December 10 at 4 PM.

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New Books

for adults:

*The Wrong Side of Goodbye* / Michael Connelly  
*Two by Two* / Nicholas Sparks  
*Night School* / Lee Child  
*Thrice the Brinded Cat Hath Mew’d* / Alan Bradley  
*Escape Clause* / John Sandford  
*Lovers and Newcomers* / Rosie Thomas  
*The Sellout* / Paul Beatty  
*Faithful* / Alice Hoffman  
*The Hidden Life of Trees* / Peter Wohlleben

for children & teens:

*Nanette’s Baguette* / words and pictures by Mo Willems  
*The Big Dark* / Rodman Philbrick  
*Almost a Winner* / Molly B. Burnham  
*Seven Dead Pirates* / Linda Bailey  
*El Deafo* / Cece Bell ; color by David Lasky  
*Some Writer!* : the story of E. B. White / Melissa Sweet

SANTA. Head to Main Street Bradford for holiday activities on Saturday, December 10. Start off with a Gingerbread Icing project at the Bradford Historical Society Tin Shop at 2 pm, followed by a Visit with Santa, Tree Lighting and Carols at Brown Memorial Library at 4 pm, then top off the fun with a Macaroni Supper at Bradford Community Church from 4 pm on. Thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their busy schedule to stop by the library. Thanks also to the Bradford Women’s Club for sponsoring this event and to Laura Hallahan at Tall Pines Realty for providing refreshments.

NEW GENEALOGY DROP-IN HELP. Have you wanted to search for your roots but didn’t know where to start? Try our drop-in assistance to help with your genealogical search using our Ancestry Library Edition research tools every Monday evening from 5:30-7:30pm. Bring your own laptop or use ours!

BOOK DISCUSSION. We take a break this month. Join us on Wednesday, January 18 at 7pm as we discuss *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. Copies of the book will be available in mid-December.

DISPLAY CASES. Come into the library to see a unique display of Andrew Pinard’s comprehensive Three Shell Game collection. You’ll find more than the usual nuts in the library.

CHESS. No chess this month. Study your strategy and moves for next month!

The library is closed on December 24, 25 and January 1.
## DEC. CALENDAR

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.

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Ongoing Events

Children’s Storytime - Mondays and Wednesdays 10am at BML
Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM  Call 938-2119 for info
Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML
Fish and Game Club -1st Tuesday 7PM at Fish and Game Club
First Friday Bunch -11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated
Historical Society - Tin Shop, East Main Street, open by appointment. Please call 938-2078.
Library Trustees -1st Wednesday at 6:00PM BML
Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC
Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC
Selectmen’s Meeting - Every Monday 5:30PM, BACC
Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

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The Bradford Bridge
Maintaining a boardwalk, even in a dry year like we had in 2016, is constant. It’s been interesting to watch this rare Atlantic Cedar Swamp and quaking bog mature over the years. Thanks go out to all the folks who turned out to help with the annual Bradford Bog repairs: a troupe from the NFI school and their fearless leader; members of the Conservation Commission, (Nathanial Bruss, Brooks McCandlish, Patty Furness, Seth Benowitz, George Beaton, Ann Eldridge); Bill Duffy; Pete Blank; Laurie Farrell; Ethan Vassar; Pam, Emily, and Anna Bruss; and especially John MacDonald who milled the hemlock for us.
As the holiday season is upon us I think it is safe to say we are all pleased, even if the results were not to our liking, that the election is behind us and a new year is ahead of us. The National Association of REALTORS® has a keen interest on behalf of its more than 1.2 Million members to assess how the new administration may impact the housing market and much has been written on this subject as the year ends, summarized below.

The financial markets don’t like surprises and while this election certainly qualified and the day after was indeed volatile, by the end of the week the Dow was in record territory. Financial gurus are trying to guess what comes next. Some things don’t change, for example another employment report is due to be released this month and the Federal Reserve Board’s Open Market Committee will meet afterwards with the possibility of a 0.25% benchmark interest rate increase which should have little impact if the recent rise in long-term rates holds. As I write this you can still get a 30-year fixed rate under 4% though it is expected it will likely be over 4% in 2017 with very little impact on the buying process. President-elect Trump is a real estate guy who knows the economy needs low rates and that too much stimulus spending or too severe tax cuts could affect long-term rates.

Regarding housing inventory, we closed 2016 short of the for-sale inventory in all markets and this is not expected to change. The new President will not be able to increase the available supply of buildable land or houses on the market so the accumulated unsatisfied demand is expect to continue in 2017. As a side note, I have reported for months now that inventory is down in Bradford and many other towns and this shortage has resulted in a slight uptick in prices, multiple bids on properties and a swing over to a seller’s market from what was a balanced market.

With much discussion about the 100-day frenzy ahead and the possible rescission of previous executive orders, a review of the CFPB (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) and its disliked TRID mortgage procedures that were put in place just over a year ago may occur and may reduce some consumer costs but should not have a significant impact on the economy, though it may increase the power of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. On that subject much has been said about the choices for HUD Secretary and the impact that person will have on homeownership, low-income housing assistance, fair housing laws, homelessness, aid for distressed neighborhoods and housing development. At this time former candidate Ben Carson is the front runner with Robert Woodson, Sr. and Joseph Forgione also serious contenders. Any change in Obamacare, too, will not have a substantial impact unless it brings deep reductions in the cost of health care. Tax reform, particularly corporate taxes, a review of unaffordable entitlements, raising funds by closing loopholes, etc., may all be achievable with a President and Congress of the same party. Targeted spending on infrastructure is another area to look at as projects that are cost-productive versus those cited for pork-barrel waste will be reviewed.

One thing is for sure. It is easy to prepare an agenda for day one and then, as life events occur, those goals change and adapt accordingly no matter who is in charge. We simply have to roll with the tide and hope for success for all our leaders and our country. To that end, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year and Peace to one and all!

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 105 Howlett Road, 1969 A-Frame on .66 acres for $64,044 (foreclosure)
- 20 Woodview Heights, 2002 Colonial on 5.70 acres for $190,000
- 36 Oakdale Road, 1902 Cottage w/ROW to water on .04 acres for $220,000
- 120 Sunset Hill Road, 1940 Contemp. w/Cottage on 22.50 acres for $237,500
- Lot 11 West Meadow Road, 5 acres of vacant land for $27,000

There are 17 active and 0 pending residential listings ranging in price from $101,200 to $595,000, 19 active and 2 pending land listings ranging in price from $26,900 to $125,000, 3 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging in price from $275,000 to $595,000 and 1 active and 0 pending multi-family listing priced at $45,000 in Bradford. 1 active residential listing, 1 active commercial listing and 1 active multi-family listing is a foreclosure.
Obituaries

Staff Sgt. David J. Whitcher Sr., 30, died Nov. 2, 2016 during a dive training exercise off the coast of Key West, FL.

He was born on July 4, 1986 in New London, the son of Horace “Bud” and Kathleen (Morrison) Whitcher. David grew up in Bradford. He knew from the age of six that he wanted to serve in the military. He joined the Army after high school and gained the Honor Grad Award in basic training 2004. He served two combat tours in Afghanistan and achieved his dream of becoming a Special Forces soldier-Green Beret. David enlisted in the NH National Guard in 2008 as a carpentry and masonry specialist. His many awards are: the Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal (4th award), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

David was a student in the Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC), at the U.S. Army’s John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. He earned an associates degree in criminal justice from NHTI in Concord in 2012.

In 2013 David came on active duty and was assigned to the 6th Engineer Battalion, Fort Richardson, Alaska. During this time in Alaska, he volunteered for an humanitarian mission to Palau to rebuild roads, schools and hospitals. In 2014 David volunteered for Special Forces training. He graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Courses in 2016.

David was known best by those who were close to him as a free spirit. He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his friends and family. He was amazing at everything he did. Survivors include: his mother Kathleen Whitcher of Bristol; his wife, Victoria (Stewart) Whitcher and David J. Whitcher Jr. of Bristol; three brothers: Matthew Whitcher of Andover, Danny Whitcher of Chesapeake, VA, and Michael Robbins of North Andover, MA; three sisters: April Messer of Newbury, Rebecca Whitcher and Ruth Koloski of Claremont, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Horace “Bud” Whitcher in 2015 and a sister, Laurel Coronis.

Burial with full military honors was held at the NH State Veterans Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Victoria Whitcher, 325 Morrison Road, Bristol 03222.

Lisa Kelley-Smith, 55, of Chalk Pond Road, died October 10, 2016 at home. She was born in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia on December 3, 1960, the daughter of Warren R. and Barbara A. (Hallett) Kelley.

Lisa graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. She had lived in Sutton since July of 2014 previously residing in Bradford and Andover.

Lisa enjoyed spending time outdoors, walking with friends and her faithful dog, Oliver, and camping. She also enjoyed knitting, practicing yoga and going on cruises to visit different places in the world.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond E. Smith and her parents. Members of her family surviving include a daughter, Lorna Smith of Plymouth; two sons Raymond Smith of Andover and Robert Smith of Davie, FL as well as a brother Andrew Kelley of Fort Lauderdale, FL.

At the age of 73, George Rowell—better known as “Dicky”—passed away on November 16, 2016 at New London Hospital after a long battle with cancer. Dicky was surrounded by family and friends.

Dicky was born to Martha and Edmund G. Rowell, Sr. in Bradford, NH on October 14, 1943. He is pre-deceased by his parents, three brothers, Sonny, Edmund (Buster) and John (Boz); two sisters, Elizabeth and Jeanette. He is survived by his nephew Edmund J. Rowell, Sr., who has been Dicky’s guardian and caregiver for many years. Dicky also leaves behind many more nieces and nephews who loved him deeply.

Dicky enjoyed farming, animals and haying. His greatest love was going into the woods and cutting wood for winter, always a smile on his face and proud of his woodpiles.

Donations can be made for George Rowell: Phaneuf Funeral Home, 172 King St, Boscawen, NH 03303. Services will be held at a later date.
PLANNING BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Master Plan: After consulting with the NH Central Regional Planning Commission, the cost estimate for a total Master Plan update will be approximately $10K. This was roughly the cost of the 2006 Master Plan update (no price increase) and will cover guidance to the Planning Board from the NHCRPC in completing each chapter of the Master Plan, town residents visioning sessions and other administrative expenses such as the cost of printing copies of the plan. Now that the Master Plan survey responses are in, work on the plan will commence with the Transportation portion of the plan. A transportation specialist from the NHCRPC will be in attendance at the 11/29/16 Planning Board meeting to advise how best to proceed with this chapter.

Sweet Beet Farm Stand: A new proposal for the Old Bradford Inn was presented by Garrett Bauer of Sweet Beet Farm Stand. No additional buildings will be added to the site. A motion was made to accept the application as complete and was approved 4-0, with one abstention. Public hearing to be held on November 29th.

Bradford Business Association

Members and residents alike may have noticed a lull in activities when it comes to the Bradford Business Association and it has been a challenging year with few active businesses, fewer with storefronts to host a Business After Hours and diminished attendance as well as a lack of interest in future leadership.

Because of the difficulty of being a singular town-based association and the increase in activity, outreach and attendance by the larger area chambers, a meeting for BBA members will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 5:30PM at Tall Pines Realty to discuss the future of the BBA.

The Kearsarge Area Chamber has been very gracious in offering us a reduced membership rate and our own sub-group within the Chamber and several of our BBA businesses are already members of the KACC. Our members who wish to host a Business After Hours can still do so through the Chamber and with their extensive email contact, newsletter outreach, advertising and promotion of area-wide events it would be a boon to our businesses as well. They, too, offer a reduced rate for artists and other home-based businesses and we will ask a KACC board member to be on hand for this meeting so we can take a vote and be ready to move forward with a new vision for 2017!

Happy Holidays, Laura Hallahan and Marlene Freyler, co-Presidents
Looking Back, December 1991

Apportionment testimony completed

Volume 1 Number 6 Front Page headlines include Apportionment and Commemorative plaque. Superior Court Judge Kathleen McGuire heard arguments presented by attorneys representing the towns of Warner and Bradford and the Kearsarge Regional School District regarding the apportionment formula which determines the fees paid by the towns in the district. Written material is to be submitted by December 2 after which she will issue her ruling. (Stay tuned).

A plaque commemorating the placement of the Bradford Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places was presented to the Selectmen by Dick Whall on behalf of the Bradford Bicentennial Committee and Dick Keller for the Bradford Historical Society. This culminated the effort begun by Evelyn Lammert, Carroll Butman, Gene Schmidt and Bill Curless in 1980 to recognize the importance of this building.

Inside - the promotion of Ruth (Perron) Marden to be Postmaster of the Washington, NH post office. She had been a Postal Clerk in Bradford for seven years and was, subsequently, Postmaster in Bradford.

Two recipes are included, one for Bradford Inn’s Apple Pie, which won the “Best Apple Pie in NH” contest for NH Inns. The second is Mildred Schmidt’s Best Christmas Cheesecake.

Another article of note is one in the series At Work -- At Home by Audrey V. Sylvester highlighting townspeople whose businesses are in their homes. This article dealing with Amy Blitzer’s craft and how Bradford came to be her home began:

From her studio overlooking pasture and woods, sculptress Amy Blitzer talks softly about her passions for wood: ‘When carving, I prefer to use native New England woods, because they give me a feeling of mystical connection to the land. I like the warmth of wood and the surprises which come from the grain.’ The surprises when carving wood are challenging. She remarks, ‘When you start with a log, you never know what’s going to turn out.’

Compiled by Marcia Keller

Mildred Schmidt’s Best Christmas Cheesecake

1 ½ C graham crumbs
16 oz cream cheese, room temp
1 tsp vanilla
1 pint sour cream, room temp
3 ½ Tbsp melted butter
1 C sugar
3 eggs, room temp

For filling, it’s important that ingredients be at room temp. Combine crumbs and melted butter until crumbs are ‘wet’. Press into bottom & 1” up sides of 9” springform pan. Set aside. In a large bowl, beat sugar and cream cheese until creamy. Add vanilla. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each egg. Add sour cream, beat until blended. Mixture will be thin.

Pour mixture into pan containing crumbs. Place in COLD OVEN. Turn oven on to 375 and bake for half an hour. Turn oven off. KEEP IN OVEN FOR ONE HOUR OR MORE. DON’T PEEK! This is very important. Trust me!

When cake is cold, remove from oven and refrigerate. There are many varieties of topping, but we like Comstock cherry pie filling. (1lb 5 oz size) the best. When ready to serve, spread fruit topping over top.

Bradford Inn’s Apple Pie

Crust:
2 ½ C sifted flour
¾ tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
¾ C shortening
1/3 C cold water

Filling:
4 C cut & peeled apples
1 ½ C sugar
2 Tbsp cornstarch
¼ tsp salt
1 Tbsp butter
½ tsp cinnamon

Mix & sift flour, salt, baking powder. Cut in shortening with pastry blender or knife until like coarse sand. Add water in small amounts, stirring lightly with a fork; use only enough water to hold together. Shape lightly in ball. Roll dough 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured board or pastry cloth.

Slice and peel apples and place in large bowl. Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt in small bowl, adjusting sugar according to sweetness and juiciness of fruit. Mix dry ingredients with apples. Pour mixture into pan containing crumbs. Place in COLD OVEN. Turn oven on to 375 and bake for half an hour. Turn oven off. KEEP IN OVEN FOR 1 HOUR OR MORE. DON’T PEEK! This is very important. Trust me!

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Many Thanks,

Beth Rodd and Dave Woolpert
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We have all heard of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa... but have you ever heard of *Milad un Nabi*? Just as Christmas is a Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, *Milad un Nabi* is the Muslim festival celebrating the birth of the Holy Prophet Mohammad.

Most Muslim families celebrate the prophet’s birth each year by gathering with their communities and listening to stories of the Prophet’s life and virtues. Giving charity and food to the poor and sick is encouraged and families often sing songs and decorate their homes and mosques with lights. This year in the US the prophet’s birthday will be observed on December 12th.

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**Out and About**

A regular feature of the Bradford Bridge, Out and About, will post a picture of a place in the Bradford area with a hint about where it can be found. The places will be public and may be found on or near a town road.

In November Jane Johnson and John Warren wrote in and correctly identified the placement of this bench in Bicentennial Park at the intersection of NH Route 103 and Main Street in Bradford.

As winter sets in and attention turns to indoor activities, don’t forget that we live in a stunning place. Get out and about and enjoy the sights and sounds of a snowy evening or a crystal clear morning.

Here are pictures of the bench and commemorative plaque. Thank you Jane and John!!

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**How Far Do We Go?**

We are wondering how far afield the Bridge is read, in print and online. Send us a picture of some far away place the Bridge has reached so we can prove that we are just as good as the New York Times. *Send photos to bradfordbridge345@gmail.com.*

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**Q: What’s a good holiday tip?**

A: Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have flown south for the winter!

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**Millennium Crossword Answers**


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Best wishes for a Bright, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!