



# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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## Chief Sims Bids Bradford Goodbye

Police Chief John Sims will retire as of December 15, ending three years with the department and 34 years in law enforcement.

"It's time," Sims said. "I've been doing this for 34 years, eight months."

Sims came to Bradford after 10 years at the state police academy, where he was commandant for eight years and assistant commandant for two.

Sims began his law enforcement career in Florida, where he worked for the town of Melbourne and the Brevard County Sheriff's office.

In New Hampshire, he also served as police chief in Franklin for 6 1/2 years and in Winchester for three years before joining the police academy.

Bradford selectmen were somewhat surprised by his retirement, but after 34 years, "he's done his duty," said Chairman Marvin Rich.

"He did an excellent job," Rich said. "He added to the professionalism, updated rules and regulations, updated the computer system, and he set a good standard here."

This past year saw some turmoil in the department, when a sergeant was tried and

acquitted of sexual assault charges, but Rich said he didn't believe that had any bearing on Sims's decision.

"I think he has been thinking about (retirement) for a while," Rich said.

Sims said he has been thinking about New Hampshire's cold and snow, too.

"I hate winter," he said.

Two of his eight children and eight of his 20 grandchildren live in Florida, and he will be moving back there so he can see more of them, he said.

"I have daughters and sons up here that I've spent more time with," Sims said.

He will work, but not in law enforcement, and he will pursue hobbies such as antique cars and boating, he said.

The Bradford selectmen have begun advertising for the chief's position. A panel of three other chiefs will review applications and recommend their top three choices to selectmen, Rich said.

If no one has been hired by Dec. 15, the police department's senior officer, Detective Bert Spooner, probably will take charge in the interim, Rich said.

—Nancie Stone

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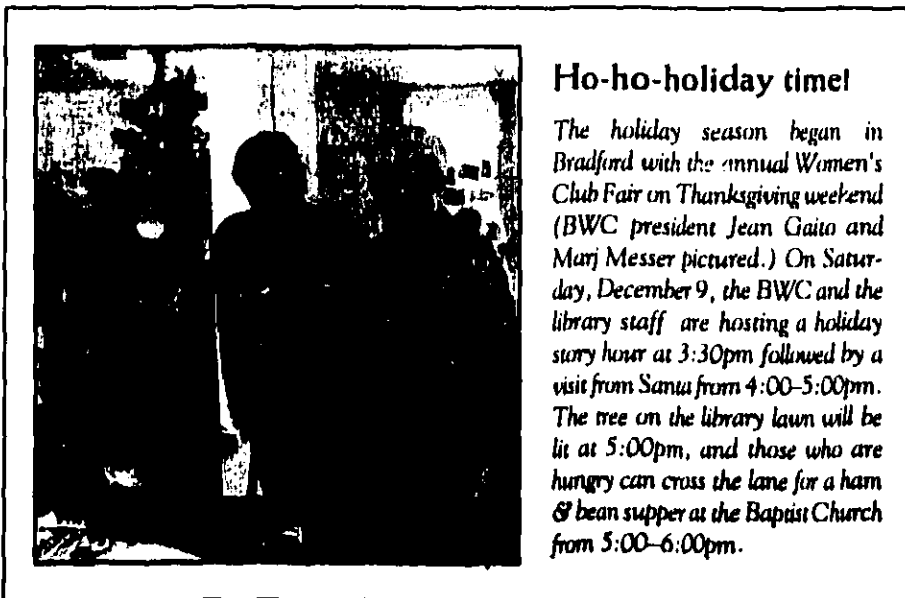
## Bradford Green Forum Dec. 7

The BEOC would like to cordially invite each Bradford resident to a forum introducing the Conceptual Bradford Green Master Plan. This forum will be held on Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm, at the Town Hall and should not be missed. If you attended any of the past forums regarding downtown improvement, you will not want to let this one pass by. The key to this meeting being a success is you, the residents of Bradford, and your input that will ultimately guide the design direction of the Bradford Green project. George Pelletieri, of Pelletieri Associates, has laid out three conceptual versions of the project which will begin the discussion on what the townspeople see as important features.

"There is no right or wrong solution for the property," George Pelletieri announced confidently. "It is important for the final design to respond to the community needs and desires." George Pelletieri has a substantial background in the design area and will be a great asset at the forum and future planning of the Bradford Green Project. "Don't get hung up on the details," George stresses, "appreciate the flexibility." The flexibility is exciting. The three versions that will be presented at the forum show playgrounds, multi-purpose fields, tennis courts, picnic areas, arts and crafts areas, and even possibly a pond. All of these parts tie in neatly with the newly renovated Community Center, creating a very appealing downtown experience for residents and visitors. Much like a miniature railroad set, many of these features can be moved or modified to fit into the existing assets and limitations of the property. Voting on the different features will aid in creating a design for the future Bradford Green.

One of the concerns often noted is the landfill and former business site. Both the EPA and DES are working diligently to help Bradford assess and clean where needed. This assessment falls under the

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### Ho-ho-holiday time!

The holiday season began in Bradford with the annual Women's Club Fair on Thanksgiving weekend (BWC president Jean Gaito and Marj Messer pictured.) On Saturday, December 9, the BWC and the library staff are hosting a holiday story hour at 3:30pm followed by a visit from Santa from 4:00-5:00pm. The tree on the library lawn will be lit at 5:00pm, and those who are hungry can cross the lane for a ham & bean supper at the Baptist Church from 5:00-6:00pm.

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### Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by

## Selectmen's Update

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Jim Bibbo. Dr. Bibbo was very active in our community. Jim was a member of the Planning Board in 1974 and in 1976 Selectman and Health Officer. He was a New Hampshire State Representative for Merrimack County District 3 from 1976 to 1986. Jim was chairman of the Public Works Committee from 1979 to 1986. A gentleman of his stature will be missed. Rest in peace, Jim.

Chief John Sims is retiring from the Bradford Police Department on December 15. We wish John the best of health and happiness in his retirement after serving thirty-four years in the field of law enforcement. The selectmen are now accepting applications for a new Chief of Police. A team of three police chiefs, along with

your selectmen, will evaluate applicants and select our next Chief.

The Fairgrounds Road bridge is still waiting completion. Delayed deliveries prevented completion on schedule.

The Budget Committee is in full swing reviewing all department budgets. We are trying to keep our portion of the tax rate at a minimum.

The current tax bills have been mailed out. The office of the Selectmen can answer any questions regarding assessment. Billing amounts and balance can be obtained by contacting the Tax Collector.

With the holiday season upon us, we wish you all Happy Holidays and hope you have a safe holiday season.

—Marv Rich

## News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office

November 4. Stephen Roy and Lillian Greene were married in Warner.

November 10. Taryn Michelle Hubley was born to Fred and Lynne in Concord.

November 11. Joseph N. Battles and Ann Howlett were married in Bradford.

November 18. Delbert Harris III and Ellen Parker were married in Bradford.

**ALL TAX BILLS ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 4, 2000.** Interest will start accruing at 12% beginning on December 5, 2000.

Effective January 1, 2001, any 1988 vehicle or older registered on or after January 1 will require, in addition to the bill of sale, one of the following documents: Previously issued NH registration, valid out-of-state title or verification of VIN (form 19A). RSA 261:2-a.

There is an immediate opening for the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Please send resume to P.O. Box 607, Bradford, NH 03221. Equal opportunity employer.

The office will be closed on Monday, December 25 for the holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy holiday season.

—Sue Pehrson

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# 2001 Adventures for Kids

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# Audubon Preserves 86 Acres in Newbury

The Audubon Society of New Hampshire has purchased 86 acres of forestland on Chalk Pond Road in Newbury. The land is located on the southern side of Chalk Pond Road across from the southerly section of Audubon's 362-acre Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary. An Audubon member who helped with the original Stoney Brook Sanctuary acquisition in the late 1980s generously donated the funds for the purchase. "Given the intense development pressure during these good economic times, we are really pleased to have been given the opportunity to add to the network of conserved land in this area of Newbury" said Richard Moore, Audubon President. Unique features on the newly acquired property include an old farm pond that provides excellent woodland amphibian breeding habitat and a scenic vista of Mt. Kearsarge from a plateau at the property's southwestern end. A loop trail is being planned for the property, with trail clearing beginning in the spring of 2001. As with all Audubon Wildlife Sanctuaries, this property will be open for daytime pedestrian use for wildlife observation and hiking.

The Audubon Society of New Hampshire is a statewide membership organization dedicated to the protection of New Hampshire's wildlife and environment. For further information on Audubon programs, call 224-9909 or e-mail at [asn@nhaudubon.org](mailto:asn@nhaudubon.org).

## Gingerbread House Workshop

The Mountain Lake Inn is hosting a "Children's Gingerbread Christmas" on Sunday, December 17 from 2:00-4:00pm. This gingerbread house workshop is open to children age ten and under (parents are invited to watch). Registration begins December 1. A \$25 fee includes all materials. Ten seats are available. Call 938-2136 to register. Children are required to bring their own base for their house.

## Senior Council Christmas Party

The Bradford Area Community Center Senior Council Christmas Party will take place on Saturday, December 16 from 1:00-3:00pm. Please bring a small exchange gift (suitable for either man or woman) priced between \$3-\$5. All area seniors are encouraged to attend. No membership is required for any senior event.

—P. G. Whall



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# Letters

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the voters who came out to support me on Election Day. It was an interesting process. I came in second in my hometown of Bradford beating out incumbent Barbara French but finishing fourth in Henniker. This did not give me enough votes to win the seat. My first time out, a write-in candidate in the primaries with less than 50 days to campaign, the only reason I did as well as I did was thanks to you, the voters, and help and support I received. Once again, thank you.

I would also like to congratulate my opponents Beth and Barbara, and thank them for a race well run. I can be reached on line through the Bradford Fish & Game Club at [bfgc@iamnow.net](mailto:bfgc@iamnow.net). If you would like information on the club or legislative updates of concern to sportsmen please contact me there.

Lance Rickenberg

To the Editor:

We wish to thank all of the people of Bradford for the support and good wishes extended to all of us during the last election. While Rick Trombly will not be representing us in the Senate this session, look for his continued interest and involvement in dealing with the issues important to all of us. Barbara French and Beth Rodd are grateful to have the opportunity to continue to represent our district as we grapple with the unfinished business of the last session. It is our honor to serve you. We extend an especially warm note of thanks to those of you who worked at the polls, stood with us to greet voters, and campaigned door-to-door with us for the months preceding the election.

We will continue to work with our colleagues in the House in a bipartisan spirit and welcome your comments on issues relevant to our district and our state. Thank you all.

Rep. Beth Rodd, Rep. Barbara French,  
Senator Rick Trombly

Letters to the editor should be no more than 400 words and may be edited for clarity and content. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification.

# OBITUARIES

## JAMES F. BIBBO, JR.

James F. Bibbo Jr., 80, of Deer Valley Road, died Sunday, November 12 at his home. He was born in New York City, the son of James and Josephine (Schini) Bibbo. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and received his doctorate of dental surgery from Columbia University in 1944. He was a Lieutenant Commander in the Dental Corps in World War II from 1944 to 1946 and in Korea from 1953 to 1954.

Mr. Bibbo owned his own practice in Tarrytown, NY from 1946 to 1973 before retiring to New Hampshire. He was chief of dental and oral surgery at Phelps Memorial Hospital in North Tarrytown, NY and was attending oral surgeon at Mary Knoll Infirmary in Ossining, NY. He was the dental advisor for Tarrytown Schools. He was a member of the American Dental Association, the New York and New Hampshire Dental Societies, and the New York Academy of Dentistry. He received the Dental Research award from the William Jarvie Society in 1943. He was a member of the Rotary while in New York.

In Bradford, he was a member of the Planning Board in 1974 and was selectman and health officer in 1976. He was New Hampshire State Representative for Merrimack County District No. 3 from 1976 to 1986. He was chairman of the public works committee from 1979 to 1986.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Ruth (Cain) Bibbo of Bradford; two daughters, Jo Ann Pedrotti of Wellesley Hills, Mass., and Nancy Wilson of Lanoka Harbor, NJ; two sons, James Bibbo III of Agawam, Mass., and G. Edward Bibbo of Toronto; and seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221.

## GORDON W. ROWELL

Gordon W. Rowell, 30, died Tuesday, November 28 at his home.

He was born in Concord, the son of Harold and Alison (Currier) Rowell Jr.

He was a 1988 graduate of Hillsboro-Deering High School.

He worked for Gentle Giant Moving Co. in Somerville, Mass.

He enjoyed snowboarding, surfing, traveling, music and flying Cessna planes.

Survivors include his mother, Alison Currier-Rowell of Weare; his father, Harold Rowell Jr. of San Diego; his fiancée, Karin Ashton of Bradford; a brother, Harold Rowell III of Portland, Ore.; a sister, Courtney Rowell of San Diego; his maternal grandmother, Olga Currier of Weare; and many aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 2 at 3:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 274 Pleasant St., Concord.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy Support and Education, P.O. Box 849, Vancouver, Wash. 98666.

The Bennett Funeral Home in Concord is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Parks and Recreation Update

Parks and Recreation members are all very happy to have Marty Bunis on board. We know that Marty will be a great asset to the department. With his experience, we are hoping to have bigger and better things happening in the future. Welcome, Marty.

Our first Carved Pumpkin Contest was well attended. We had 18 entries. The Saturday preceding we handed out a lot more than 18 pumpkins which were generously donated by Andy Anderson. We know they were enjoyed by all. Thanks Andy. Winners were: Noah Sweet Brown, Deirdre Allen, Sue-Anne Siarto, and Caitlin McNeil.

Our Kids' Dance in November was a great success with DJ Brad Cote and his assistant DAD. They kept the kids moving. Fun was had by all. We are looking forward to more fun with Brad.

Another "Paint a Picture in a Day" workshop will be held on Friday, December 8. This program has really been so popular. Instructor Shirley McMurray is off to Florida for the winter, but we look forward to her return in the spring.

Baton Twirling with Donna Acker will run for four Thursdays, starting November 30. Donna is a dance instructor with Jenkins School of Dance and belongs to NBTA. This session she will start with introduction to Baton and Baton Dance. In the spring she will do Baton Marching to ready us for the Independence Day Parade. For information please call Jane at 938-2570.

—Jane Lucas

## Full House at "Youth Night Out" Benefit

Thank you to the 35 kids who demonstrated their awesome talent at the first Youth Night Out. The house was packed and the performers were very gracious to move to downstairs to use it as a "backstage" so we could allow more people in the upstairs hall.

Thank you to all the parents for your support. A special thanks goes out to the Jenkins School of Dance whose dancers showed us what great showmanship is all about and for going beyond the call of duty and helping out backstage. Thank you to Kathy Carruthers and her Rainbow Team who showed us a unique "drill team" that was fun to watch, and to the You Should be Dancin' dance troupe from Weare, as well as all the individual solo talents who used their imagination and skills to entertain us. Everyone had a great time at the Karaoke dance party after the show. There was lots of singing, dancing, and a fun contest.

Members of the Bradford Area Community Center (BACC) Governance Board sold refreshments and helped to chaperone. Clark's Talent Productions directed by Molly Clark hosted the Youth Night Out to benefit the BACC. At last count we had raised over \$600 and had a great time in the process.

Clark's Talent Productions is presently planning benefit Karaoke/dance parties and welcomes non-profit, civic, or church groups who are interested in this, or other fun events to raise funds for their organization, to contact us at 938-5978 or molly@conknet.com.

—Molly Clark

## Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 367 calls for service (three arrests were made) between October 17 and November 15. The breakdown is as follows: One abandoned vehicle, two acts prohibited, three ambulance calls, five animal complaints, one assist to the Fire Department, seven assists to other agencies, 271 business checks, two citizen assists, one criminal arrest warrant, four cases of criminal mischief, one criminal trespass, three cases of domestic violence, eight incident/services, one case of intoxication, two juvenile complaints, two motor vehicle complaints, two open doors, one paper service, one parking violation, four pistol permits issued, two suspicious persons/vehicles, one theft, six traffic citations, 35 traffic warnings and one welfare check.

—Pennie M. Spooner

## South Newbury Union Church News

Activities for December include a SCONES potluck meeting on December 15 and the "Greening of the Church" on December 16 at 4:00pm followed by a potluck dinner.

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### TIPSY PUDDING

This is an elegant Bavarian cream dessert for your holiday buffet table. Make it up a day or two in advance and unmold at the last minute. This recipe is not as difficult as it may seem. You'll need an 8-cup ring mold or, if you have them, two smaller fancy molds.

Scald 2 cups milk

Cream together until fluffy:

4 egg yolks

½ cup sugar

Pour the scalded milk into the egg mixture in the top of a double boiler and cook until thick.

Stir in:

1 tsp. vanilla

1 Tbsp. gelatin, (dissolved in ¼ cup cold water)

3 Tbsp. whiskey

Let the mixture cool and fold in 4 egg whites, beaten stiff.

Fold in:

1 cup chopped walnuts

1 cup golden seedless raisins

1 cup chopped dates

Pour into a greased (I use Pam) ring mold and chill until set. Unmold onto a pretty plate with a bowl of freshly whipped cream on the side.

Happy Holidays!

## Historic Homes and Inn Tour

The Bradford Business Association is sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Homes and Inn Tour on Sunday, December 10 from 3:00 until 6:00pm. Don't miss this opportunity to see these properties decked out in all their holiday finery. The owners of three charming country inns and a select group of historic homes have graciously agreed to be your hosts for this event. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available at any of the participating homes and inns. All proceeds to support the Bradford Summer Flower Barrel Program.

## SPNHF Sponsors "Oh, Christmas Tree" Weekends

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will host its annual Oh, Christmas Tree weekends on Saturday and Sunday December 9, 10, 16 and 17 at the Conservation Center in East Concord. The holiday weekends include Christmas tree and wreath sales, a horse drawn sleigh or wagon ride along the Merrimack River, storytelling and hot cocoa. The Seasonal Singers will perform on Sunday, December 10 and the Joyful Noise Bell Ringers on Saturday, December 16. Hugh Fifield from Loudon and his horses Babe and Pride will take visitors on the Merrimack River floodplain wagon ride. The free wagon rides and storytelling, sponsored by Uniril, Inc., begin at 10:00am and run on the hour through 4:00pm. The rides fill up quickly so people are encouraged to register early.

The award-winning evergreens are grown on SPNHF's north country Rocks Estate in the town of Bethlehem. Proceeds from the tree sales go toward protecting New Hampshire's quality environment and SPNHF programs.

For more information or to make a reservation contact Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail [signup@spnhf.org](mailto:signup@spnhf.org).

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## Current Use—Small Taxes, Big Benefits

Being in a rural town, we often hear the phrase "current use" bandied about, particularly as we face our tax deadline. In a rural community such as ours, the concept may well be applied to either our property or that of our neighbors. Ever wonder what current use is and what it means to Bradford? Simply put, it means that if you don't develop large tracts of land, you get taxed at a reduced rate.

The concept began in New Hampshire in 1968 as a strategy to encourage landowners to keep their lands undeveloped. Mostly, it applies to tracts of land that are 10 acres or more, which is pretty common around here. The benefit to landowners is that they can then have their land taxes based upon income-producing capabilities, and not the real estate value. Lots of good comes from this practice. Here in Bradford, we've recognized the value of open spaces as we've developed trail systems, provided for forest management, and preserved many of our wild habitats.

But doesn't land that "sits there" become a drain to our tax base? Actually, it can be quite the opposite. If you compare the type of development that has occurred

in many New Hampshire communities with their tax revenues, there are town services and needs which often exceed any tax income received. Services devoted to long-term schooling, waste management, and roads are necessary to all developments, but most particularly to the residential structures. On the other hand, undeveloped land requires very little, typically well less than each dollar of revenue collected in taxes. Many of you attended a seminar on "The Dollars and Sense of Open Space" presented by the Office of State Planning (OSP) earlier this year where several case studies of open space benefits were discussed. Indeed, OSP has found that property tax rates are often lower in those communities with more open space per resident.

Thus, the concept of keeping land undeveloped can be both an environmental boon for a town as well as a stabilizing influence on the tax rate. The secret is finding the right balance of open space and residential/commercial development to best fit the needs and character of the town. Tune in next month when I'll discuss the impact to our town in more detail.

—Chris Way, Bradford Conservation Commission



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## Real Estate Hints:

### Appraisals

by Laura Hallahan

With the help of a recently published article in the GMAC Mortgage Corporation newsletter, here are some facts for home sellers and homebuyers regarding appraisals: An appraiser's goal is to arrive at an opinion of value for your house. He or she takes into consideration the unique features of a given property as well as other factors such as location, size of lot, size and condition of the home, and recent sales prices of comparable properties. Don't forget that the appraiser's main objective is to protect the lender. Thus, the appraisal takes place before final loan approval is granted. No bank or mortgage company wants to commit to an overpriced property.

Do not confuse an appraisal with a home inspection. This column has discussed home inspections at length, but to reiterate, a home inspection is a chance for the buyer to be educated about the major components of the home. The appraisal provides an opinion of the property's value for the lender.

When it comes time for the appraisal to take place, do not worry

about doing dishes or cleaning the house. The appraiser will survey the physical condition of the home, paying attention to signs of neglect, inoperable appliances, etc. If a buyer is going for a FHA (Federal Housing Administration) loan, the appraiser must disclose any potential problems.

So what happens if an appraisal comes in low? Some options include the seller reducing the purchase price, the buyer putting more money down or funds being placed in an escrow account for repairs that are needed to increase the value of the home.

Each state has minimum standards and licensing practices for all appraisers as mandated by federal law. In New Hampshire, a trainee must take several courses, pass an examination, and complete a minimum number of hours of supervised experience before he or she can become licensed or certified. A certified appraiser has more hours of class time and supervised experience than a licensed appraiser, and would be called on to appraise the most expensive and unique properties.

## Soo Nipi Audubon Chapter News

On Friday, December 8 at 7:30pm, photographer Lucy Wendall-Thorpe returns to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting with her new pictorial journey, the Galapagos Islands. Her slides bring to life this unique laboratory of evolution with many species found nowhere else. Please join us at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London for this fascinating program. A silent auction will follow the program. You are invited to donate a nature-related item for this fund-raising event, which will help support future programming. Refreshments will be served. Contact Ruth White at 763-4893 if more information is needed.

On Saturday, December 16, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will again participate in the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. The results of the count are printed in its publication "American Birds" and in the winter issues of "New Hampshire Bird Records." This data gives scientists long-term insight into the health of our bird populations and the environment. For the eleventh consecutive year we are asking for volunteers. If you have an interest in birding, please consider joining one of several teams canvassing a fifteen mile wide count circle which includes Sunapee, New London, Newbury, Sutton, and parts of Springfield, Newport, Croydon and Goshen. Volunteers may participate by observing their feeder birds and taking a numerical count of species seen. At day's end, participants meet over supper to compile results of birds observed in fields, roadsides, waterways and feeders.

In 1999, a high of 48 species was noted for a total of 2574 individuals. New species included a ring-necked duck, two horned grebes, a ring-necked pheasant, northern flicker, and 53 bohemian waxwings.

For details or to volunteer please call Bird Count Coordinator Gary Stansfield at 863-8737.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss



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## BACC December Calendar

**Senior Computer Classes:** Saturdays, December 2, 9 and 16 from 9:00am-noon.

**Senior Gatherings:** spend Sunday afternoons socializing with other seniors, December 3, 10 and 17.

**Literacy Tutoring:** December 4 from 7:00-9:00pm, led by Susan Jenkins, Merrimack County Adult Tutorial Program. We are looking for volunteers to tutor people in reading, math and GED preparation. This is part of the grant that Pillsbury Library received called "New Skills for Modern Living."

**CAP Fuel Assistance:** December 5 and 19, 9:00am-noon.

**CAP Food Distribution:** December 14, 12:00-1:00pm.

**Tough Love International:** Wednesdays, December 6, 13 and 20, 7:00-9:00pm.

**Acrylic/Oil Painting Class:** December 8, 10:00am-3:00pm, pre-register with Jane Lucas at 938-2570.

**Holiday Ornament Crafts** with parents and grade school children. Drop by and visit the Community Center, Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00pm, or Saturday, December 9 at 9:30am.

**Women's Issues Group** a comfortable social group for women over 55 to discuss life's changing issues, Mondays December 4, 11 and 18 at 10:00am.

**Adoptive/Foster Parent Support Group:** December 13, 7:00pm.

**Senior Council:** Saturday, December 16, 1:00-3:00pm.

**Congregate Senior Luncheon** provided by CAP, December 27 at 11:00am. Please make reservations by calling Betty at 938-2640. Personal Touch will also be available for seniors after the luncheon.

**Bridge Anyone?** A small group of people wishes to organize two afternoons of bridge per month in January. If you are interested in joining the group, please call 938-5352 or 938-2650.

**Flu Shot Clinic:** although cancelled in November, it will occur in December. We will inform you of the new date.



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## Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News

The Annual Turkey Party was held November 18 at the Lumber Barn. The Raffle, one of our annual fund-raisers, was a huge success. Thirty-six turkeys and thirty of the best food baskets anywhere were some of the prizes. Our thanks to Ann Largy, Ed Largy, Bob Stewart, Greg McGee, the Market Basket, Country Kitchen Bakery, Harvester Market, Bowie's Market, Emily Stewart, The Lumber Barn, and the Appleseed Restaurant. If I have neglected to mention anyone please accept my apologies. We also held the drawing for our Raffle that has been on going since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Congratulations to all the winners and our thanks to those who donated the prizes; Mike Donahue, John Wardwell, Lance Rickenberg, MCT Telecom, PAT-TRAP Inc., Daniel's Restaurant, Cobble Pond Farm, The Sled Shop, Morse Sporting Goods, Appleseed Restaurant, Lake Sunapee Savings Bank, Autocraft, Barry Wheeler, Accommodating Beauty, Dickie's Outdoor Sports, Rosewood Country Inn, MBC Timber, Tookey Mills, The Henniker Junction and Southworth Milton.

**Legislative Issues: What is an LSR?** LSR is an acronym for Legislative Service Request. A Legislative Service Request is when a Legislator makes a request for the drafting of a bill. Basically all we have now are the titles of the bills without any text. There are several LSRs that may bear watching by sportsman. 2001-H-0049-R is relative to lifetime fishing licenses; prime sponsor, David L. Babson. 2001-S-0143-R establishes a minimum age for issuing a license to carry a concealed pistol or revolver; prime sponsor, Burton J. Cohen. 2001-H-0155-R limits an adult's right to carry a concealed weapon; prime sponsor, Thomas I. Arnold. 2001-H-0164-R relates to fish and game licenses issued to nonresident minors under 16 years of age; prime sponsor, Robert J. L'Heureux. 2001-H-

0176-R is relative to the length of deer hunting seasons; prime sponsor, Robert J. L'Heureux (the word is that this is intended to cut 45 days from the hunting season). 2001-H-0177-R is relative to expanding the legal methods of taking game animals; sponsors, Mary J. Gorman and Robert J. L'Heureux (the word is that this is to include cross-bows).

Thanks to Howard A. Brooks of iamNow.Net the Bradford Fish & Game Club now has Internet access. You can now reach the club through our e-mail address, [bfgc@iamnow.net](mailto:bfgc@iamnow.net). We are putting together an e-mail list to inform members and friends of upcoming events and legislative alerts and issues. If you would like to be on the list, please send us an e-mail at that address.

All memberships expire December 31. It is now time to renew. Membership is only \$12 per year and includes your membership to the NH Wildlife Federation. You can sign up at Dickie's Bait & Tackle, the Lumber Barn, or see Bob Stewart. If you are not a member, please join us. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. You are encouraged to come and get involved. If you are not able to make meetings or volunteer for activities, do not let that discourage you from joining. Your 12 bucks goes a long way to supporting our educational and habitat restoration programs. With your help and support, we can get more done.

At the November meeting, it was voted to shut down the plumbing for the cold winter months due to high energy costs. The plumbing will only be turned on for Club-sanctioned events such as the fishing derby. If you are a member with key privileges please take note. Do not use the bathroom. If you have an event and you want to use the Clubhouse and its facilities, please let the officers and directors know well ahead of time so arrangements can be made. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30pm.

—Lance Rickenberg

## Bradford Business Association News

At the October meeting, the BBA decided to renew as much of the Christmas in the Country theme as possible. For this holiday period the Decorating Contest is back, with cash awards for the best three homes. A plaque will be awarded for the business with the exterior that is best decorated. All contestants need to sign up for the contest, including address and directions, if necessary. Members of the Sutton Business Council will do the judging the week of December 4-8 so don't delay if you are interested.

The Historic Homes and Inn tours will be conducted on December 10 from 3:00-6:00pm. A \$5 entrance fee will go towards the flower barrels we maintain throughout the spring and summer. The time should allow for a nice afternoon visit, as well as show what exterior decorations each home or inn has. As of this writing we have three inns, five homes and Foxchase planning to participate.

The BBA's membership drive is in full swing. To be included in the brochure the application and dues must be in by the end of January. Call Bob Foor (938-2136), Bob Stewart (938-2255), Marlene Freyler (938-2530) or Dick Wright to get your application.

Our annual Christmas party will be held at the Appleseed on December 11. The social hour will begin at 6:00pm, with dinner at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by December 9 to Bob Stewart (938-2255). This will constitute our December meeting, with the next meeting on January 22.

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# Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

**Women's Christian Guild:** Ladies will meet at the Church on Friday, December 1 at 10:45am and travel to the home of Judi Mott for a Christmas luncheon. After lunch they will wrap Christmas gifts for a special family in our community, share Christmas stories from childhood and sing Christmas carols.

**Advent Craft Day:** Our Board of Christian Education will do their "Make and Take Craft Day" for children of all ages on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00-11:30am. There is no charge and children have a chance to make all kinds of Christmas decorations, cookies, candies, swags and candles and take them home. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.

**Youth Groups:** Both youth groups (grades 4-12) are invited to come to the Church on Saturday, December 9 from 1:00-3:00pm and enjoy some Christmas Caroling down Main Street--hayride style. Afterwards, they will enjoy a Christmas party in the Church vestry.

**Ham & Bean Supper:** Our House Committee is sponsoring their annual

Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, December 9 from 5:00-6:00pm (immediately following the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony). The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. The menu will be: ham, beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls, corn bread, apple cider and a home made dessert. There will be a Christmas sing-a-long after dinner.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries:** Ladies will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00pm. The program is entitled "Are you a peacekeeper or a peacemaker?" Each person is asked to bring a gift for an old-fashioned Yankee swap. Christmas refreshments will be served.

**Christmas Sunday Worship Services:** Christmas Sunday is on December 24. Worship will begin at 10:00am. Our Sunday School children will present a special Christmas program. We will be lighting the fourth Advent Candle on that Sunday called "Joy."

**Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** is Sunday, December 24 at 7:00pm.

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# Legislative Report

By Representative Barbara Conner French



I want to thank you all for your continued support. We have some very important issues to deal with in these next two years and I can assure you that I will keep your concerns in mind. I regret that the tone of the election was so negative from the national—to the state—to the local level. This is not an approach I'm comfortable with and it often distorts records. The flyer that was sent out about my voting record is a good example of distortion that I thought you might be wondering about. In 1999, there were 1500-2000 bills to be voted on. This is done by voice vote, division or roll call. There were 27 session days for voting and a total of 161 roll call votes. I was at 26 sessions with an attendance record of 96.3%. I voted for a total of 143 bills, an 88.8 % record. In 2000, we had between 1000-1500 bills to be voted on. There were 19 session days and I had a 100% attendance record. Of the 110 roll call votes, I voted for 104, which is 94.5%. The impeachment vote was held on July 12 and I was out of the country. Please feel free to ask me for further clarification if you would like. That flyer was just one example of some of the negative campaigning that I hope we don't see again.

There are some real opportunities and responsibilities facing the legislature. I see providing an excellent education for our children as an investment for them and us. Technology education is vital for our students and businesses. Presently, we do not have enough qualified workers. We will not be able to compete in a global marketplace if this continues.

We are committed to welfare reform and achievement—"welfare to work". In order to remain off welfare, people need

jobs that pay a livable wage in order to meet their family's needs such as, housing, food, health care, transportation, heat, etc. Moving people off of welfare and into low paying jobs is not a good long-term solution for these families or our society. According to the Center for Law and Social Policy, three years into implementation of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant, several facts have become clear. There has been a 40% decline nationally in the number of families receiving assistance since 1996. There are now many more low income, single parent families working, both within and outside of state TANF programs. While employment rates have increased, much of the employment is in jobs providing earnings below the poverty level that do not provide benefits such as health insurance. The success of welfare reform depends on helping welfare recipients work steadily and to obtain better jobs. This can be achieved through programs using TANF funds, which now have a surplus. The TANF statute provides a great deal of flexibility to states, and funds can be used for post-secondary education, job training and other related activities. Preparing people to meet the requirements for jobs that pay a decent wage should be one of our goals.

Childcare is another major concern. If we want our welfare moms to stay employed there must be adequate day care available. All mothers deserve to know that their children are loved and properly taken care of. Of course, it isn't just our welfare moms who need this service. Many women are now in the workforce and need the same reliable, adequate day care.

We still have many adults and children

who don't have health care. We need to step up to the plate and do better than we're doing. Obviously, we need a healthy workforce.

I am strongly committed to fully funding our education commitment and solving how we're going to do this. As I have said before, I believe we need a fair, equitable, long term, reliable funding force. I don't support expanded gambling or doubling the property tax. The sales tax isn't adequate as we have so many taxes and fees now that the sales tax would have to be 12-16% to meet the need and that is not a responsible thing to do. I support the Hager-Below-Fernald proposal of 1999. This is a small income tax, 3.5 or 4%, with a low property tax on second homes and commercial property. It also has a constitutional amendment to lock it in for education. Fully funding our education commitment will free up the general fund for other budgetary needs. We have an education deficit not a budget deficit. A responsible budget came out of our 1999 session and we need to do that again. Our university lags behind in state support compared to other states. Certainly those students and families need a reasonable tuition. I hope we can all work together to solve these major commitments and responsibilities for the good of all of us. Certainly our taxpayers need relief.

Thank you again for all of your support. This election year has certainly taught us all how important each person's vote really is to our political process. Please feel free to contact me at 428-3366 or Beth Rold at 938-2692 any time you have any concerns. I hope that everyone has a delightful Holiday Season.

  
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## Selectmen's Minutes

October 30. Dick Keller, representing the Lake Massasecum Association, presented the budget request for milfoil control for 2001. The Association is requesting the town contribute \$3500 to the project. The money is to be used for payroll on the project. Mr. Keller reported on the successes and trials the project had this past summer and the cooperation and support they have received from the state. The organization anticipates an 80% match from the state on the cost of the remediation. Mr. Keller asked if the Selectmen would support the milfoil again. Chris Frey questioned using Adult Diversion workers and boat ownership. Barbara French, also of the Association, indicated these matters would need discussion at a meeting of the Association and for this next year would be handled as planned. Ms. French also informed the Selectmen that there would be a meeting December 1 at the Legislative Office Building to discuss progress with milfoil control.

Marcia Keller submitted her resignation from the Road Committee to the Selectmen. Selectmen accepted the resignation and thanked her for her work with the committee.

Selectmen voted to adopt the inventory valuation reporting forms beginning 2001. The forms will be mailed in March of each year and will be due April 15. More on the specifics of this will be coming. The use of the inventory form will help the town keep its assessments current and postpone the need for total revaluations in the future.

Selectmen were given copies of completed budgets. CAP and the Library will be attending the Budget Committee meeting of Nov 14.

November 6. Chief of Police John Sims submitted his notice of retirement to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen accepted his resignation with regrets and wished him well in his retirement. Chief Sims' last day of employment will be December 15. The Selectmen will begin advertising for his replacement immediately with hope of appointing a new chief before January 1, 2001.

November 13. Marty Bunis, Jane Lucas and Bill Lucas, representing Parks and Recreation, met with Selectmen to discuss their interest in revitalizing the old Naughton garage for use as a recreational facility for indoor sports, dances, and possibly town meetings. The completed building would include a kitchen and

address the needs of all age groups. The group intends to raise the money for the renovations through fundraisers and has had a preliminary review of the structural integrity of the building. They were asking the Selectmen to support their plans for the building. Selectmen are withholding their endorsement on the matter pending the completion of the Brownfields study. Selectmen suggested the group participate in the BEOC forum scheduled for December 7 at the Town Hall. At that time, three plans will be presented for the townspeople to consider, and Selectmen encouraged Parks and Recreation to present their opinions and ideas to promote their plans at that meeting. Selectman Frey stated the decisions would be made a town meeting in March and would incorporate the findings of the Brownfields study.

Ken Anderson met with Selectmen to discuss next year's transfer station budget. The increasing amount of the construction and demolition budget and problems with collecting money at the transfer facility were discussed. The Selectmen intend to present an ordinance at Town Meeting to place fines and penalties on those not abiding by the transfer station rules. The rate for disposal will be set at the next Regional Disposal meeting. Ken Anderson will attend the meeting as our representative.

Selectmen accepted the resignation of Robert Varley from the Bradford Police Department.

Selectmen discussed the progress on the Fairgrounds Road Bridge. The large beams were set today, November 13, and completion is expected by month's end.

The town Highway Department is resolving septic system problems at the Community Center.

November 20. Joe April, Gloria Andrews and Joe Patusky of SEA consultants met with Selectmen to discuss the project on the Fairgrounds Road Bridge. Joe Patusky was introduced as the new engineer on the project. Selectmen questioned SEA regarding the completion date. Due to an exceptionally wet spring, the work was started later than anticipated, but is in the final stages now. Selectmen were advised to pave only the binder pavement this fall, and wait until next spring to have the final paving completed. The paving will require temperatures over 40 degrees. The new schedule calls for the work to be completed by December 8. Should the work

not be completed at that time, the Selectmen will impose the liquidated damages specified in the contract. The contractor has indicated they wish to loam and seed the area this fall, but the engineer will not release payment until next spring shows whether the work was effective or not. Chris Frey also questioned where and when the fire hydrant would be installed. Gloria Andrews indicated she had discussed the matter with the contractor and will have a date soon.

Library Trustees Sue Bunis, Brooks McCandlish and Meg Fearnley met with Selectmen regarding staffing and wages at the library. After discussion with the other trustees they have decided to reduce the requested hours for the Substitute Librarian which will remove \$1,364 from the original budget request.

Selectmen signed the appointment of Bert Spooner to Lieutenant of the Bradford Police Department. Intent to cut signed for Hasey and Fortuna.

Groundwater management permit signed by Selectmen.

Selectmen signed an application for construction aid on the next Fairgrounds Road Bridge.

—excerpted from public minutes prepared by Cheryl Behr

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recent grant awarded to the town, to "turn brownfields into ball fields." Information concerning this ongoing apprehension, by some, will be presented so that the current situation can be more clearly understood. I must stress to those who have concerns about the site, this meeting is set to clarify the possibilities and accept the limitations. The fact that both the EPA and DES have chosen this project to demonstrate taking a property of questionable usage, and making a common "green area" for public use is evidence enough of their confidence in the plan. Bradford is in a very good position as a result.

"Your options are wide open," George Pelletieri commented in conclusion, and I tend to agree. The BEOC hopes that as the busy holiday season descends upon us, you will make the time to attend this forum. Your input and understanding of the Bradford Green Project is not to be underestimated; it is what gives the project direction. You may see flyers or even get a phone call regarding attendance at this meeting. We hope you will come with many questions and ideas, and even bring a friend.

The next BEOC meeting is Thursday, December 14, 7:00pm, at the Community Center, the forum is Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm, at the Town Hall.

—Stephen Manley

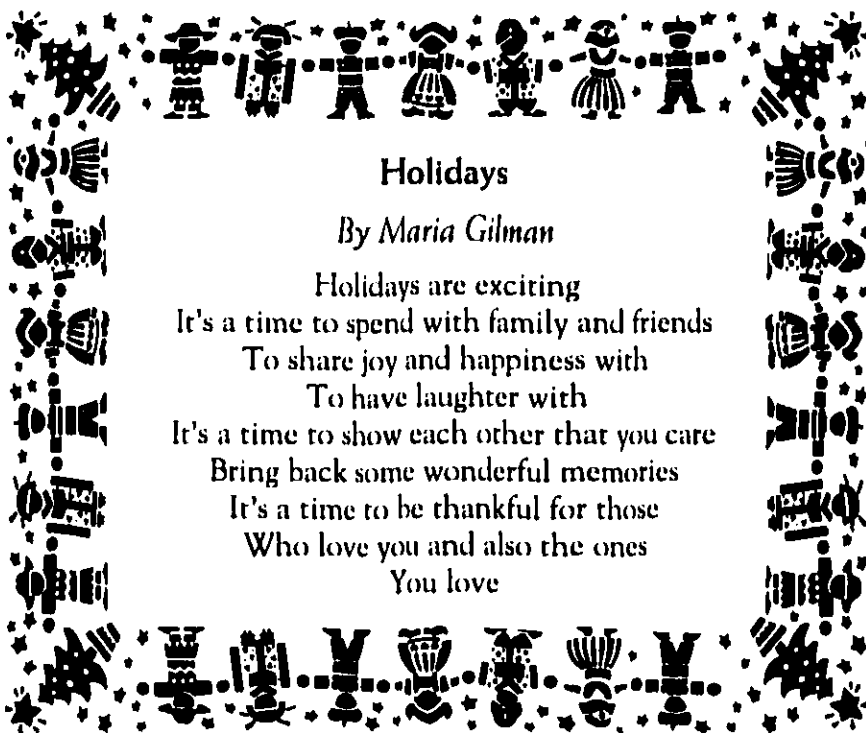
## Library Lantern

Just a year ago, December 18 to be exact, Brown Memorial Library reopened after being closed for four months. During this time, the original building was renovated and the added space we needed for so long was finally ours. We began to realize that, indeed, our dreams had come true. For the first time we were able to enjoy every aspect of our many years of planning. Now the patrons, staff and trustees thrive in our new environment. Join us again this year on December 18 for a First Anniversary Tea from 2:00pm on.

This past year we have had many donations of books, tapes, videos, checks and many useful hours from our wonderful volunteers. We are most grateful.

On behalf of everyone at Brown Memorial Library we wish you a healthy, happy holiday season.

Library hours: Monday 9:30am-8:00pm, Wednesday 9:30am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:30am-1:30pm. NOTE: The Library will be closed on Friday, December 23.



### Holidays

By Maria Gilman

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# Outside

by Ann Eldridge

December. The time of year for remembering friends and relatives just outside the circle of our immediate routines. And it's also the time of year when we reacquaint with the boulders and ledges that went unnoticed for much of the year. The hills are demonstrating their igneous characters more clearly. The stone walls are showing through the unleafed trees.

Rocks are not easy to work with, though some of us can't control our impulse to lay one stone on another. Past use of the land can sometimes be guessed by its rocks. Anyone who has bared the soil for crops knows that the cycles of freeze and thaw cause rocks to breed and come to the surface. A vegetated cover such as that in pasture or woodland holds things in place to a greater extent. Heaps of smallish size stone in a rocky terrain are a good indication that the land was once used for row crops or possibly for mowing as both uses would precipitate the tiller or scyther to heave or haul manageable size rock from his or her acreage. But what of the stone walls though? By some estimates, there are about 100,000 miles of stone fencing in central New England alone. A mason can put up about 20 feet of good standing dry-wall in a day depending, of course, on how close at hand the rocks are. It's much easier to pile up brush or to zigzag a split rail fence if you need to keep an animal in or out. Much easier to blaze a tree line if the intent is to mark your boundaries.

One could begin the story of these walls around us by telling about the aristocracy of Portugal that bred a sheep they called the merino, which was much prized for the



quality and quantity of its wool. Seeing the advantage of a monopoly they prevented the merino sheep from being sold outside the country. 1809, however, saw the defeat of the Portuguese at the hands of the French emperor and conqueror familiarly known as Napoleon. This event may have subjugated the Portuguese but, in a sense, it liberated the merino. The enterprising William Jarvis, then U.S. consul to Portugal, promptly imported 4,000 merino to his farm in Vermont in 1810.

The event of this Atlantic crossing collided a couple of years later with an embargo of imported British woolsens by the U.S. who were engaged in the War of 1812. This, in turn, sparked a fanaticism in the Northeast for sheep, wool, and textile mills. Jarvis' 4,000 sheep became, in Vermont, 1.7 million within 24 years with a similar multiplication in New Hampshire.

As the frenetic fleece race gained in fury, the trees fell at an accelerated pace until, in New England, 75% of the land was converted to pasturage and hay fields. Thus appeared the stone wall in the first half of the 1800s. There was not much wood left for fencing. Though labor intensive, the ubiquitous rock was used often topped by brush or stumps to obtain the four to five feet of height needed to deter sheep from escaping. Barbed wire and metal fencing were not much in use until after 1870. Fence wardens were hired to walk the boundaries and settle disputes. Fences by law had to be maintained and fines were frequently levied.

Like any boom, it was not sustainable. Greed, ignorance and shortsightedness combined to cause overstocking of pastures. Inedible weeds swarmed in, such as juniper, which had been quietly living in smaller amounts towards the coast. The ground compacted and water ran off rapidly rather than settling down. Weather patterns changed and massive erosion silted the streams taking away vast amounts of topsoil. Previously unseen flooding occurred in waterways choked to overflowing with silt and debris. Books were written lamenting human degradation of the environment. Bedrock was exposed, hilltops balded. (Climb Haystack Mountain in the southwest part of Bradford for excellent views from rock ledges. High stonewalls still scale the ascent.)

The boom had busted by 1840. Nearly half the population of the sheep towns moved west to still-fertile ground. Trees grew up in the untended pastures.



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# December Calendar

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am  
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm (first Tuesday of the month in December and January only if there is a previous agenda) call 938-5386 for information  
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

PTC Meeting, guest speakers Superintendent Tom Brennan & Director of Transportation Cheryl Hardy, KRES at Bradford, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Friends of the Library, BML, 5:45pm  
Bradford Green Forum, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

PTC Holiday Fair with famous cookie walk, crafts & vendors, KRES at Bradford, 9:00am-2:00pm  
Library Holiday Story Hour, BML, 3:30pm  
BWC "Visit from Santa," BML, 4:00-5:00pm  
Tree Lighting, BML lawn, 5:00pm  
Ham & Bean Supper, Baptist Church, \$6/adults/\$3 children, 5:00-6:00pm

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

BBA Historic Homes and Inn Tours, tickets \$5, 3:00-6:00pm

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm  
BBA Christmas Party, Applesced Restaurant, 6:00pm

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, Candlelite Inn, 7:00pm  
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

BNKP Christmas Program, Baptist Church Vestry, 6:30pm  
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm  
BEOC, BACC, 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Senior Council Christmas Party, BACC, 1:00-3:00pm

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Children's Gingerbread Workshop, Mountain Lake Inn, 2:00-4:00pm

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Library Anniversary Open House, BML, 2:00-8:00pm  
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for details  
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open by appointment, call 938-5386

Thistle Spinners, every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn

To list events for the January Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722 before December 20.

## Classifieds

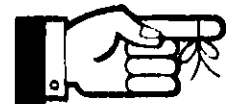
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FOR SALE. Warner woodstove 35x20x24. Accepts 2ft. + logs. Good condition, \$100 or b/o. Call 938-5249.

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