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Another year has come and gone. It's been a great year for the Landmark Society. Thanks to some very generous donors, we had enough money to have the Crook Farm farmhouse painted a nice cream color. It had been awhile since the house had been painted and it is now a much more 'historically accurate' color.

And before the painting took place, the siding on the summer kitchen was replaced with a more appropriate material (see photo below).

The boards on the front of the barn were replaced, and a new drainage ditch in front of the barn was dug, PVC drain pipe laid, and refilled. Now the ground in front of the barn is nice and dry and well drained.

The Tuna Valley "Ya Gotta Regatta" was held in May and will once again be held in 2017 on May

The school program was very successful – we hosted 538 fourth and fifth grade students from nine local schools. Registration for the 2017 school program (our 38th year!) has already begun!

The July 3rd saw our first Patriotic Music Festival at the Crook Farm featuring great patriotic and popular music by the Twin Tiers Community Band. We provided chairs under the tent and many brought their own blankets and chairs, sitting under the big tree and enjoying the music and the ice cream! Best of all, admission was free! We will definitely hold this popular event again next July.

The Creative Women's Workshop was held again on July 30th as nearly 100 women congregated at the Crook Farm to learn calligraphy, quilting, tatting, knitting, cross stitch, tie dying, woodburning, horseshoes, juggling, sushi, terrariums, pencil drawing, birdhouses, candle making, blacksmithing, and basket making. This year's class will be held on July 29th. Mark your calendar!

The Crook Farm Country Fair and Old Time Music Festival was a success as well, with great weather, great food, and great crafts. This was our 38th annual fair.

And finally, our annual Crook Farm Volunteer dinner was held November 2 at the First Presbyterian Church, gathering together all our volunteers (counting every one, its nearly 100!) for a delicious meal, courtesy of our Board of Directors.

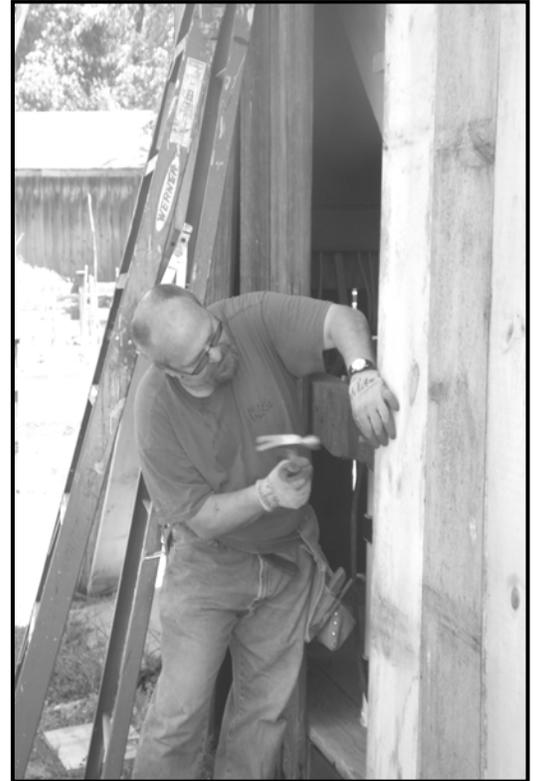
2016 at the Crook Farm



New siding on the barn at the Crook Farm and new big sliding barn doors which had actually been in storage for several years, were installed in the summer.



Bruce Osgood, the blacksmith at the Crook Farm Country Fair.



John Costik, working on replacing the boards on the side of the barn at the Crook Farm.



New siding on the farmhouse summer kitchen being repaired, summer of 2016.

Opened, Closed, Moved, or Demolished in 2016

Every year, the Landmark keeps track of businesses and stores that have opened for business, were torn down, moved to a new location, or sadly closed in the past year. Some have been in Bradford for years; some were only in business for a few months. No matter what the reason, they all made history. Here are the names of those that we noted in the past year and the month associated with the event. If there are any that we missed (or got the date wrong), we apologize..

2016

- January **Mattress City** closed the end of January. **Sofa City** opened in this location.
- January **Cabintree Woodshop**, which made custom cabinets at 177 Main Street, closed after 20 years in Bradford.
- February **You've Been Framed** at 111 Main Street, a custom framing shop, is opened by Renee Phillips, who took over framing business from her father, Steve Cavalarro.
- February **American Red Cross** moved from 302 Congress St. on the corner of Sherman and Congress to a new office in the Hooker Fulton building. The house at 302 Congress is sold.
- February **940 Self Storage** at 940 Chestnut Street extended has opened with climate controlled storage.
- March The South Bradford Fruit Market at 557 South Avenue opened a beer distributorship called **Boser Beer**.
- May Demolition of the **Terminal Building** and adjoining buildings begins and continues throughout early summer.
- May **J & S Pets** announced that the owners are retiring and closing the pet store at 196 Main Street.
- April **Coffee Hut food truck** opened at the corner of West Washington and Mechanic Streets, managed by Jay Parisella and his daughter Madeline (age 10).
- April The oldest **Evergreen Elm** group home at 8 Elm Street is destroyed by fire on Apr. 19. It will be rebuilt.
- June **Pure Tech** opened a new facility at the Lafferty Hollow Industrial Park.
- June **The Elks building** on the square was demolished. Built in 1913, it was originally the home of the Benevolent Order of the Elks.
- July **Graves Barber Shop** opened at 6 Pine Street.
- July **Vagabond's End Games & Hobbies** opened in the Bradford Mall.
- August **Used to Be New Furniture & Antiques** opened at 24 Pine Street.

- August **Radio Shack**, located in the “Shops at Foster Brook” announced its closing. It had been at that location since 2003.
- August **Ravyn & Robyn Coffee shop** opened on Pine Street in the old Moose building.
- September **The Closet**, a resale shop operated by Destinations Bradford opened at 28 Main Street.
- September **The Street Dreams Car Club Autumn Daze Classic Car** show, slated to honor fire and police responders, is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.
- September **The Little Beauty Shop**, located in the new Foster Brook Plaza.
- September **Hull Electric** is now located on North Kendall Avenue. The former building and warehouses of Hull Electric are donated to the city.
- September **Eclipse Hair Salon**, is now at 65 Davis Street, former location of Coppersmith Barbershop.
- October **The Fluffy Baby Boutique** opened at 17 Kennedy Street.
- October **Lucky Cats Rescue**, located at 218 Main Street, is closed, and remaining cats taken to SPCA.
- November **Carolina Furniture**, which opened in February beside Tractor Supply in the mall, closed in November.
- November **Eternal Art Tattoo** parlor opened at the old Subway Shop at 88 Main Street.
- November **Michelle's Flair for Hair** moved to 104 Main Street, replacing the former Lisa's Hairport.
- November **Sheetz** opened at 9 Bolivar Drive at Foster Brook Mall, corner of East Main and Bolivar Drive.
- November A new bar and restaurant, **The Shack at Corydon** (the old Corydon Hotel) opened at 3307 West Washington Street.
- December The new "**Downbeat**" restaurant opened at 27 Main Street, site of former Kelley's Restaurant.
- December **US Army Career Center** will open in the former Bradford Little Theater location on Main Street.
- December **Ross's Barber Shop**, located in the Seneca Building, has suspended operations for the foreseeable future due to illness in the family.
- December **Twelve houses** are demolished in the Osborne Place and West Washington Street area (between Pizza Napoli and Dairy Queen) to make way for a proposed new mini-mart gas station.

The Bradford Landmark Society

It's that time again. Time to renew your membership.

As a member of our society, you...

- Help support the preservation of the history of the Bradford area.
- Get advance notice of programs, events, workshops, and special events.
- Receive a free subscription to our quarterly newsletter, *The Inkwell*, outlining the news of the society and offering entertaining and educational articles on local history.
- Are entitled to vote at our annual meeting, and are eligible to serve on the board of directors.
- Can choose volunteer opportunities at the Herbig Bakery, or at the Crook Farm.

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Toys of the Year, 2016.

Each year, the Landmark reports on the newly elected “Toys of the Year.” Chose by The National Toy Hall of Fame in 1998, the organization recognizes toys that have inspired creative play and enjoyed popularity over a sustained period. Final selections are made on the advice of historians, educators, and other individuals who exemplify learning, creativity, and discovery through their lives and careers. Toys are celebrated year-round in a state-of-the-art exhibit at The Strong museum in Rochester, New York.

The Swing, Dungeons & Dragons, and Fisher Price Little People

One toy takes its riders to new heights, and the other two let the imagination soar. The simple, ancient **swing**; game-changing **Dungeons & Dragons**; and the colorful, creative **Fisher-Price Little People** today became the 2016 inductees to The Strong’s National Toy Hall of Fame. The honorees were selected from a field of 12 finalists that also included: bubble wrap, Care Bears, Clue, coloring book, Nerf, pinball, Rock ‘Em Sock ‘Em Robots, Transformers, and Uno.

The Swing. Ancient cave drawings in Europe, carved figures from Crete, and ceramic vases from early Greece document instances of humans on swings. In the 1700s, artists of French nobility depicted swinging as an amusement of high-born adults. By the 19th century, industrial processes made ropes and metal chains cheaply and in abundance. And almost anyone with a tree could fashion a swing for children playing in the yards of growing towns and cities. The playground movement of the early 1900s put swings in public spaces for children of nearby apartment buildings and tenements. The parks and playgrounds gave youngsters healthy places to grow and socialize in cities that were becoming increasingly hostile to play. In the mid-20th century, many Americans put freestanding, family-sized swing sets on their own sunny suburban lots.

“Swinging requires physical exertion, muscle coordination, and a rudimentary instinct for, if not understanding of, kinetic energy, inertia, and gravity. It’s the perfect vehicle for outdoor play.”

Dungeons & Dragons. In Dungeons & Dragons, players assume the roles of characters that inhabit a world moderated and narrated by a Dungeon Master, a player who explains the action to others and solicits their reactions to the unfolding story. The Dungeon Master’s storytelling skills and the players’ abilities to imagine add enjoyment to the game. Some aspects of the play are familiar, such as dice, but the special dice for Dungeons & Dragons hold up to 20 sides. Rolling them determines each character’s individual strengths, plots their complex interactions, and decides the outcome of their encounters.

Fisher Price Little People. Fisher-Price first offered its Little People in a 1959 Safety School Bus pull toy. These stylized figures populated a variety of play sets that encouraged youngsters to explore the world beyond their homes and to imagine themselves at school or the airport, at the service station or the amusement park, and at the zoo or a faraway farm. Fisher-Price made the first Little People of wood and lithographed paper; solid, single-colored wooden bodies followed. Later figures were made of hard plastic.

More than two billion Little People have been sold since 1959, and they have helped generations of small children imagine big adventures in play sets representing farms, schools, airports, and other fascinating places in their worlds.



Another Historic Building Gone



The Terminal Building at the corner of Chautauqua Place and South Avenue was demolished during the spring and summer months. Adjoining buildings on each side were razed as well.

The buildings were deemed to be in very poor condition and not fiscally renovation able.

This photo shows the Terminal building at its peak, in 1934. The future of this now large empty lot is unknown at the present time.

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