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Beaver Day

Our 5th annual fix up and cleanup day at the Crook Farm held September 26th, saw almost 50 people volunteer their time to rake, weed, prune, shovel, chip, dig, paint, and roof to make the Crook Farm property better! Thanks everyone!

Crook Farm School Program

We welcomed 425 students from five different area schools this spring, during our 36th School Program. Schools included St. Bernard's Elementary School, School Street, Ellicottville, Portville, Allegany-Limestone, home schooled children from Warren and one cyber student. The school program is run by local community volunteers, many of them retired teachers, who happily donate their time each spring to ensure its continued success.



The 2nd annual Creative Women's Workshop was held August 1 at the Crook Farm, and was very successful. We had 63 women enjoy a day of learning various crafts, such as blacksmithing, basketmaking, cards, quilting, candle making, Tai Chi, Archery, and more. Next year will be even better!

To all Bradford Landmark Society Members

Our 2016 Membership Drive in Underway!

We invite all those who are interested in Bradford history to become a member of the Society or, if already a member, to join once again in support of our efforts. All funds received will be put to good use, preserving and interpreting the history of Bradford and the Tuna Valley.

Founded in 1969, The Bradford Landmark Society is the city's only historical society. We maintain a research facility at our headquarters at 45 East Corydon Street, and operate the Crook Farm, a National Historic Register farmstead at 476 Seaward Avenue.

The continued growth and development of the Landmark Society depends on the support of people like you who share an interest in the rich heritage of our city. The Bradford Landmark Society is a private, non-profit organization which derives its support from the community it serves.

Dues are only:

- \$15.00 (Basic)
- \$25.00 (Family)
- \$50.00 + (Business)
- \$500.00 + (Patron)

Every dollar counts!

Here are some of the great benefits to joining the Bradford Landmark Society:

- The opportunity to preserve the history of the Bradford area
- Advance notice of programs, events, workshops, and special events.
- A quarterly newsletter, The Inkwell, outlining the news of the society and offering entertaining and educational articles on local history.
- Members are entitled to vote at our annual meeting, and are eligible to serve on the board of directors.
- Volunteer opportunities at the Herbig Bakery, or at the Crook Farm.

Name _____

Renewal

Address _____

New Member

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Gift Membership

If a gift membership, please include your name, and to whom you wish to have us send a membership card.

Please mail this application form to The Bradford Landmark Society using the enclosed envelope.
We accept cash, check, money order, or Paypal, payable to The Bradford Landmark Society.

Send payment to: 45 E. Corydon Street, Bradford, PA 16701 www.bradfordlandmark.org

Long Time Volunteers Trudie and Lynn Ostrander Retire from the Crook Farm



Trudie and Lynn Ostrander

The Crook Farm just won't be the same without Trudie Ostrander. By the time you read this, Trudie Ostrander and her husband, Lynn, long time volunteers at the farm down on Seaward Avenue will have moved to live with their son in Syracuse, NY. The Bradford Landmark Society is sure going to miss them.

In many ways, Trudie was the ultimate historian of the Crook Farm. To say that she was an expert on late 19th century farm life is an understatement. She knew the history of the Crook family better than anyone else. She and Lynn volunteered thousands of hours to the Farm. She ran the school program, weaving, candle dipping, leading tours, and explaining the life on the Crook Farm to all those who stopped by. Lynn led a popular "Breakfast with the Bird" bird watching tours early in the morning along the Tuna Valley Trail, which winds through the Crook Farm and along the Tuna Creek. Lynn helped with carpentry displays during the Landmark's annual Crook Farm fair each August.

Together, they devoted nearly 30 years to the Landmark Society through their work at the Crook Farm. Thank you, Trudie and Lynn. In no small part, the Crook Farm became what it is today because of your efforts.

Just 24 Years Ago in 1991

I found an article, recently, that listed the “3 P’s – positive, productive, and progress” of Bradford. It was so interesting that I am including it in this edition of the newsletter. Just look how many things have changed in just 24 years!

January

- The Guidance Center announces plans for a \$1 million construction project on Campus Drive
- Ask Design Jewelers, owned by Martin and Mary Maynard, opens in the Bradford Mall.
- The Camera Shoppe and Picture Pretty move to 1006 E. Main Street
- The Diet Center/Nature Works opens at 22 Main Street.

February

- Vince Gaeto, Jr., becomes the new owner of Koch-Chatley-Gaeto Memorial Chapel at 75 Kennedy Street.
- Eye Care Professional Associates opens at 20 Main Street.
- Jerry Reese acquires Kinzua Vending.
- Control Chief acquires the 20,000 square foot Dresser Manufacturing building on Williams Street for relocation.
- Morgan Optical, a 25-year area firm, relocates to 24 South Avenue.
- Breaking a 100-year, all-male tradition, the Bradford Club opens its doors to women.

March

- Joel Gravitz, of Gravitz and Associates goes online with Bradford’s Information Line
- Kay’s Klassic hair salon opens at 37 Bolivar Drive under the direction of Kay Wheaton.
- The Bradford area remains virtually without water in the aftermath of two main water line breaks which Kim Benjamin, water utility manager, calls the "single largest system-wide break" in the city's history.

April

- Vic Kelley renovates the former Star Garage where he plans to provide mini-storage, vehicle storage and office space.
- Bradford Sales and Service, which specializes in chain saws, opens at 40 Rutherford Run, under the ownership of Curly Walters.

May

- Gregory Gee opens Tuna Valley Printing & Graphics at 693 S. Kendall Avenue.
- Movie Magic, owned by Marsha Nelson, relocates to 20 Congress Street.
- The Subway, owned by Tom and Patti Arrowsmith, opens at 88 Main Street.
- The Bradford Mall welcomes the All for a Dollar store.
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June

- Pools N More opens at 219 Main Street, owned by J.L. Lucarelli.
- Mom & Pop’s Place in Derrick City changes name to Freddy’s. Owners are Fred and Gracie Kemick.
- Custom Woodcrafts begins operations at 693 S. Kendall Avenue under the direction of Larry Yeager.
- The Great Wall, a Chinese restaurant. Opens at 54 Main Street.
- Balloon Bix makes its colorful mark at 5 Mechanic Street

- D & K Drapery opens at 6 Boylston Street.

July

- Celebrations BVBQ Shop opens at 20 South Avenue under the ownership of Janet Grassi.
- Grove and Yeager, an electrical automotive repair shop, opens next to Stateline Pipe Supply on East Main Street.
- The Bovaird Company buys Zeltwanger Radiator Shop and moves operations to 181 Main Street.
- S.M.Gleason & Co. begins to tear part of the old facing off of the Zippo Manufacturing Co building on Barbour Street, preparing to replace the black glass with marble and granite.

August

- Bradford Boarding Kennels opens at 969 W. Corydon Street.

September

- A Bit of Heaven, a Christian book store at 101 Main Street, is purchased by Phil and Merry Parker.
- McKean County salutes all its veterans with a four hour celebration featuring a mammoth parade followed by ceremonies at Bradford's Parkway Field.
- Bradford Area High School Marching Owls prepare for the 12th annual Autumn Classic competition.

October

- Powell's Pharmacy, 200 Main Street, is purchased by Greenwood Pharmacy, Inc.
- A Crosby Mini-Mart opens in Lewis Run.

November

- McKean County officials begin a plan to set up a county-wide 911 system.

December

- Zippo Manufacturing Co. hopes to mark its 60th year in Bradford with an expansion, possibly housing a new line of merchandise, as well as a 5,500 foot access road to its Congress Street facility.

What else was happening in the United States in 1991?

- The cost of a US Postage stamp rose from 25 cents to 29 cents.
- Baseball's Hall of Fame's board of directors vote 12-0 to bar Pete Rose.
- Exxon pays \$1-billion dollars in fines & cleanup of Valdez oil spill
 - Microsoft releases MS DOS 5.0
- The body of Zachary Taylor, 12th President of the USA, is exhumed to test how he died; rumors had persisted since his death in 1850 of arsenic poisoning - no evidence of this was found.
 - 750,000 attend Paul Simon's free concert in Central Park
 - "Star Trek VI-Undiscovered Country" premieres

It was quite a year!

Bradford Blueprints Donated

A few weeks ago, the Bradford Landmark Society was thrilled to receive nearly 350 original blueprints drawn by Thomas K. Hendryx and his son, Robert Hendryx. Both architects, it is a wonderful collection of blueprints, drawings, and sketches of many of Bradford's buildings, homes, and businesses.

Thomas's daughter in law, Lois Hendryx, kindly donated these blueprints – some dating back to the late 1920s - which had been stored in her late husband's drafting office. All of them are in excellent condition, helped no doubt, by the manner in which they were stored –rolled up and placed inside World War II 105 mm howitzer shell canisters. We received 97 of these canisters.

Thomas Hendryx, in particular, was an incredibly prolific architect and the majority of our new collection are his work. During the 1930s, as the only registered architect in Bradford, he was chosen by the WPA to design many of the local elementary schools in Bradford and the surrounding area. He designed the courthouse, School Street Junior High School, West Branch School, Lincoln School, M J Ryan School, Hobson Place School, Custer City Schools, Rew School, Cyclone School, Lee Driver School, the aluminum Bradford High School, the Seneca Building, the Miles Bradford building, E.W. Bissett & Son office building, the Kubiak building, and many others. Thomas Hendryx died in 1970.



Robert Hendryx also graduated from Cornell University and had a career as an architect. He designed GGB School, the SPCA, and many local houses here and in surrounding communities.

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