



# The Inkwell

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The Official Newsletter of the Bradford Landmark Society

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Another year draws to a close, and it's been a good one. 2019 marked the 50th anniversary of the Bradford Landmark Society and we had all sorts of special "doings" during the year. Here are some of the events that marked the celebration:

A musical jam session and workshop called "January Thaw" was held at the Crook Farm, January 11.

The Landmark Society gave Valentines to McKean County nursing home residents, in appreciation for being part of our history.

A spoof, announcing the Crook Farm as the site of an upcoming Woodstock revival concert, was announced on April Fools Day.

A Historic Trivia Contest ran in the Bradford Era, and Old Time Movies about Bradford at the Main Street Movie House were shown with free admission on April 24th. The Landmark was awarded the Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award on April 25.

Crook Farm School Program began May 17<sup>th</sup> and at the end of May, the Landmark Society had a float in the Memorial Day parade.

The Patriotic and Popular Music Program at the Crook Farm was held July 7 with hot dogs, Tubbers and ice cream sold; the sixth annual Best of the Creative Women Workshop was held July 27. Meanwhile, on July 6, Sally Costik represented the Landmark with a display at the History Day event at the Kinzua Bridge.

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Old Time Music and Crook Farm Country fair held was celebrated August 24 & 25. "Landmark Legends" House and Building Tour was held September 28 with 200 participants.

A Seminar Lecture Series was held three consecutive November evenings at the Bradford Public Library, featuring the Bent Brass Band; Behind the Music: Marilyn Horne; Football between St. Bernard and Bradford High School, and Bradford in the Cold War as topics.

Annual Holiday Open House at the Herbig Bakery will be celebrated December 20<sup>th</sup>

# CHRONOLOGY OF THE BUSINESSES AND BUILDINGS, 2019

*Each year, we try to list the businesses and buildings that have moved, closed, opened, or changed names or owners. We don't catch them all, but do our best to keep track during the year,*

## NEW

**Ace Hardware and Lumber**, 200 West Washington Street (the old Parkview store), opened October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bradford Chocolate Factory**, at 72 Main Street, a confectionary and candy business, opened November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Brick Oven Pizza and Catering**, a mobile, wood fired, brick oven food truck which sets up at various locations, opened in April.

**Cummins Country Charm**, a home décor shop and craft workshops, opened August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 24 Main Street.

**Dunkin' Donuts**, donut and coffee shop, opened at 9 Chautauqua Place on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Flavor Café**, at 393 East Main Street, a vape store, opened in November 2019.

**Make and Bake at 58 W Washington Street**, beside Bradford Auto, opened September 17<sup>th</sup>. Offering pre-cooked or microwavable healthy meals for take-out.

**Blue Angel Spiritual Center & Emporium**, 15-17 Kennedy Street. A combination massage center, spiritual consultation, positive energy, and art center, this unique business opened in August 2019.

**Bradford Brew Station** opened March 13<sup>th</sup> at 104 Chestnut Street, a mini-brewery and restaurant.

**Herbology Bradford**, a medical marijuana dispensary, opened May 13<sup>th</sup>. It is located at 109 Main Street.

## CLOSED

**Chestnut Street Laundromat**, 12 Chestnut Street, opened in October 2018, but was badly damaged by fire in April, 2019. To date, it has not reopened.

**Dairy Queen**, 119 West Washington Street. Although the electronic sign outside the business promised that it would reopen last spring, it never did. The building and business is now for sale.

**Leen's American Asian Diner**, 36 Foster Brook, opened May 2018, closed this past summer.

**Pig Island Brewery**. Plans to open a brewery at 96-98 Main Street this past spring were put on hold following the death of Sean Fraiser, owner, on July 3, 2019.

**Sunset Bay Tanning Salon**, located at 22 Main Street, destroyed by fire in April 2019. Building has been razed.

## MOVED

**Evan's Rollerdrome Famous Texas Hots**, formerly at 58 W Washington Street beside Bradford Auto moved to 36 Foster Brook Blvd. (on the road to Walmart) in October, now called **Evan's Texas Grill**.

**Irwin Medical Associates** (Dr. Glenn Irwin) moved to 30 Main Street, Lewis Run. Effective in July.

**Label Shopper**, formerly further down the Bradford Mall building, remodeled and moved the store; now located beside Tractor Supply. Move was effective August 23.

**McKean Insurance**, moved to 10 Derrick Road, Suite B, on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Interstate Studio**, 32 Main Street - In December, moved from their location on Mechanic Street.

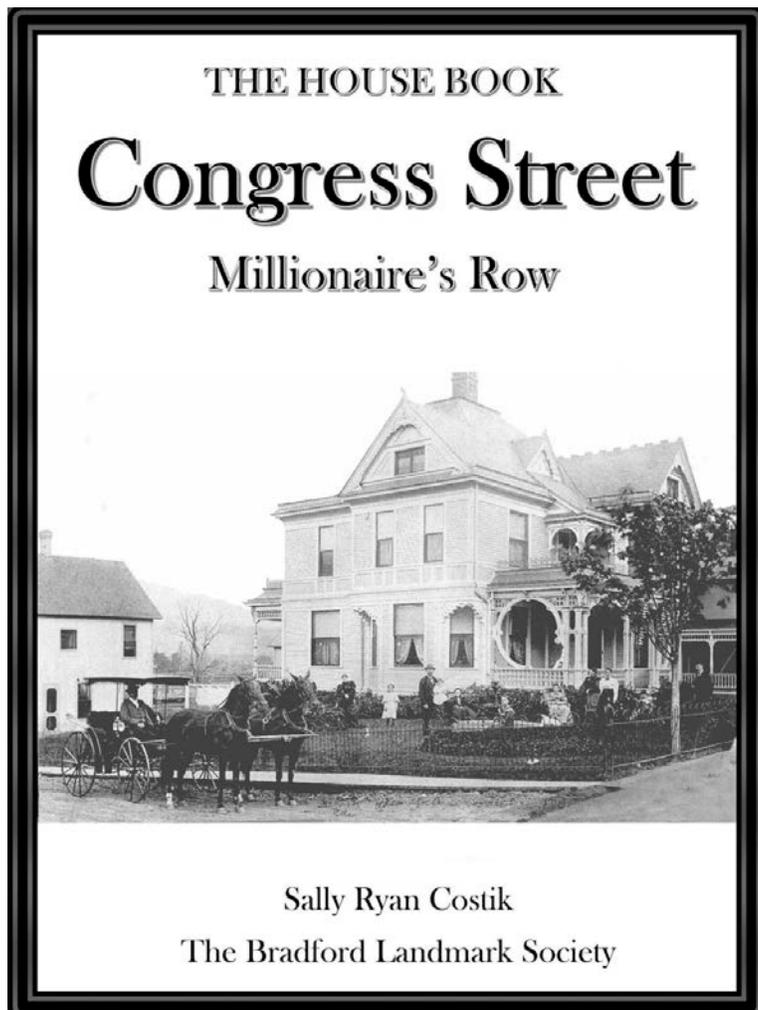
**The American Legion** moved from Pine Street to 210 West Washington Street in March.

**UPMC Medical Offices** moved from Boylston Street to 24 West Washington Street, effective June 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## ANNOUNCING OUR LATEST BOOK

Available this Christmas!



It has been said that during the peak of the oil boom, dozens of millionaires lived on Congress Street, one of the oldest residential streets in Bradford, thus earning it the name "Millionaire's Row."

This book examines the fascinating stories behind the men and women who lived in these beautiful homes, each a wonderful example of Bradford's unique history.

The book contains 62 pages and covers the history of 41 homes on Congress Street.

Cost is \$20 each.



# Here are some highlights from the past year:



*We kicked off our yearlong celebration with an article in the newspaper about the founding of the Landmark, the Herbig Bakery & the Crook farm.*

THE BRADFORD LANDMARK SOCIETY  
IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, 1969-2019,  
IS PROUD TO PRESENT

## HISTORIC FILMS OF BRADFORD

"The Story of Bradford"

"Bradford in Reel Life"

"Old Home Week Celebration"

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

At Bradford's Main Street Movie House



*Movie night, showing historic 1920s & 1930s films of Bradford were shown at the Main Street Movie house. Admission was free and it was a packed theater!*

The Bradford Landmark Society

Welcomes you to the

## CROOK FARM

476 Seaward Avenue, Bradford, PA

814-362-3906

Welcome to the Crook Farm, the home of the Crook family, early pioneers. A historic landmark that illustrates 19<sup>th</sup> century life through a one-room schoolhouse, farmhouse, bank building, weavers' shed, blacksmith shop, candle shop, carpenter shop and barn.

**Please feel free to walk around the farm**



The Crook farmhouse dates back to 1840, when Erastus Crook settled his family here along the banks of the Tunungwant Creek. The farmhouse was authentically restored and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. It is believed to be the oldest house in the Bradford area.



The Bank building is a replica of the first bank in Bradford, the Whitney-Wheeler Bank on Mechanic Street. This building is used for community meetings and musical events.

*Rack cards were designed and placed in special mailbox receptacles at the Crook Farm, for visitors who might be walking the grounds and wish to know more about the buildings and the farm history.*

# More highlights from last year!



The Crook Farm School program celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> year as well, and Judy Yorks, Dean Fox, and assorted children rode the Landmark's float in the annual Memorial Day parade.

## Bradford Landmark Society Presents "3 Nights in November" Speaker Series

November 6, November 13, and November 20  
5:30PM each night, Bradford Library Community Room

Admission \$5.00

November 6 - 5:30 PM

### The Bent Brass Classical Ensemble



Join us for a delightful and spirited night of brass band music as this talented ensemble presents well known music from the World War I era. Founded by Bob Fairbanks over thirty years ago, it's an evening you won't want to miss!

November 13 - at 5:30 PM

### Marilyn Horne: Behind the Music



Learn about Marilyn Horne's rise from small-town girl to celebrated star. Marilyn Horne Museum's Manager Matthew Hileman will tell the story of this Bradford native's career, which spanned five decades and the world's greatest stages.

November 20 - 5:30 PM

### St. Bernard - Bradford High School Football

These two schools only played each other twice in history in the 1930s. Find out the reasons as explained by John Place, local high school football enthusiast.

November 20 - 6 PM

### Bradford in the Cold War

Could Bradford really have been attacked by the Russians? Many local businesses thought so, with Dresser and Kendall Refinery the main targets.

Sally Costik will examine those fearful days, of "Duck and Cover," Civil Defense Drills, and numerous bomb shelters in the city.

Light Refreshments Will Be Available. All proceeds benefit the Bradford Landmark Society.

The seminar series in November was held at the Bradford Public Library Community Room and was very informative and interesting!

The Board of the Bradford Landmark Society also welcomed three new board members in 2019: Patty Stromberg, Joel Meyers, and Sheryl Silvis. Welcome to the Board!

The Landmark Legends House & Building Tour was very well received with 200 people touring local properties. We hope to make this an annual event!

In Celebration of the Bradford Landmark Society's 50th Anniversary

## Landmark Legends

...tour the iconic architecture of Bradford, PA



Saturday, September 28th, 2019

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**\$20**  
per person

Price Includes Guided  
Tours of Each Property

Children 6 & Under Free

### Tickets Available at Multiple Locations:

- Bella Capelli Salon
- Bradford Landmark Society
- Chamber of Commerce
- Country Charm
- Graham Florist
- Graham's Greenhouse
- Heartstrings Giftshop (BRMC)
- Leo's Sub Shop
- Main Street Mercantile
- Man's World
- Marshall Insurance
- Northwest Bank
- On the Side Book Store
- Tin Ceiling Gift Shoppe

Tickets are also available on-line.

Go to [www.facebook.com/BradfordLandmarkSociety](https://www.facebook.com/BradfordLandmarkSociety) and click on "Events" for further instructions.

Celebrating in conjunction with Bradford's Pumpkin Fest & UPB's Alumni & Family Weekend



In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of  
The Bradford Landmark Society  
We Invite You to  
**"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"**

**A Musical Review of the Past 50 Years**

Friday, October 11th at 7:00 pm and

Saturday, October 12th at 7:00 pm

In the Community Room of the First Presbyterian Church



\$5.00  
donation

*The "Good Old Days" was a good old time as this musical review of the past 50 years honored the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bradford Landmark Society!*



Peggy Leonard, Woodburning class, 2019

*The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Creative Women Workshop was held July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Crook Farm, and offered classes in blacksmithing, woodburning, drawing, growing mushrooms, pysanky, wine making, pound the plant, yoga, making a book safe, knitting a beaded necklace, creative napkin folding, rustic folk art Santas, and glass etching. Lots of fun, as usual!*

*The Bradford Landmark Society was awarded the Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce's Legacy Award 2019 on April 25<sup>th</sup> which honors a business, organization or individual that has a longstanding tradition of making extraordinary contributions to the local community. The Landmark was honored to receive this outstanding award.*



*The 30<sup>th</sup> Crook Farm Country Fair and Old Time Music Festival was held on August 24 and August 25. Once again, the weather was perfect, the food delicious, the music wonderful, and the crafts creative. Another Crook Farm Fair goes down in history!*



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



The Bradford Landmark  
Society invites you to a

HOLIDAY

OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 20TH



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at the Herbig Bakery, 45 East Corydon Street

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Cookies, Punch, and More!

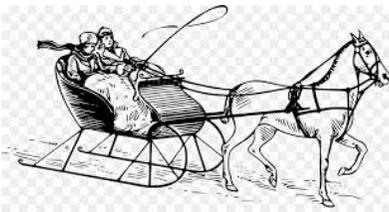
Meet Molly, Tom, Mike, Patty and Sally!

All are welcome, all are invited

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## *The Yankee Doodler*

Next year will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II, and to mark that historic occasion, the Landmark Society plans to publish a very special book called “The Yankee Doodler.” It should be released by August 14, VJ Day, in tribute to the end of the war in 1945.

We didn’t make up that title - it has historic precedence in Bradford’s history. During World War II, every Thursday, from August 1942 till August 1945, the Bradford Era published a special page in the Era and called it “The Yankee Doodler.” It was suggested that the person at home tear out that page and send it to their soldier or sailor family member overseas, so that they could stay informed on the news of the city and McKean County as well as others fighting in the war. By the end of the war, there were 159 Yankee Doodler pages published in the Era.

Each page was filled with news of local men and women who were fighting overseas, enlistments, promotions, a synopsis of the past week’s local news, photographs, overseas locations of servicemen and women, transfers, leaves, those in training, short excerpts of letters written home, reports of those captured and in prison camp, weddings and engagements, a short column titled “Our Women in Service”, and a transcript of a letter written by ‘Joe and the Gang at Dressers’ which gave the highlights of what Dresser Industry was doing in Bradford. At the peak of the war, Dressers had 900 men in the war.

Its fascinating reading and we are already at work enlisting the help of several volunteer typists as each week’s ‘Doodler’ is transcribed into today’s computer database. It should be a great book.