Bridge Repairs The culvert project on Pleasant View Road exceeded planned cost by approximately $5,000 due to the unanticipated installation of guard rails. Cold River Bridges, the Contractor for the Pleasant View culvert project, has provided the Town a proposal for $68,550 for work on the West Meadow Road bridge. If awarded the bridge project, Cold River has offered to waive the installation fee for the Pleasant View guard rails. The Select Board agreed to waive purchasing policy requirements and approved a motion to move forward with Cold River Bridges proposal, provided an engineered drawing for the desired weight rating is provided.

Cochran Hill The Board approved a motion to move forward with the Cochran Hill project based upon the numbers Steve Hall, Road Agent, provided. An estimate was received from Valley Excavating for repair work proposed on the Cochran Hill and Water Street intersection to address water runoff issues. With the Town providing all materials, and Hoyle & Tanner conducting the permitting process, the project is estimated at $43,500.

Lease payment The Board approved a motion to waive the May lease payment for Freyler’s Driving School as the business cannot operate due to the State of Emergency. Marlene Freyler abstained from the vote.

Rail Trail The Board approved a motion to move forward with the proposal for the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail expansion project.

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Precious days with long overdue warmth and brightness flow by quickly. These days have been welcomed like never before.

We have entered a new phase. To echo Beth Rodd’s words from her June Legislative Report, “States are slowly reopening, each using safety guidelines based on the presence of the virus in the community and the specific needs of individual states. Sadly this public health crisis has devolved into political infighting, pitting citizens against each other, and filling the internet with wild conspiracy theories and misinformation.” Assessing the risks of venturing away from home has become fearsome.

Many thanks to everyone involved in making the complicated and difficult decisions to cancel summer events in Bradford and define the seasonal use of town facilities. This leadership is needed while “guidelines” from state and federal sources shift endlessly.

The pandemic has turned the world of culture, along with so much else, on its head. Movie theaters are largely shut down. Concerts are on hiatus. Live theaters have gone dark. At the same time, the capacities of art to soothe, to diagnose, to help us make sense of these times have never been more apparent.

On that spark of positivity, we’ve put together a great edition for you. Along with the Monthly Briefing, Library Lantern, an update about summer events from the Select Board, and a report about life at the Transfer Station during COVID-19, find:

- Kindness Rocks!! Go find ‘em!
- My article on the dandelion; the good, the bad, and the beautiful.
- An update from the Sweet Beets.
- An article from Regina MacArthur, the new EMS Captain at the Bradford Fire Department.
- Pictures of birds captured by Don Clark. Enjoy the color versions in the online version at bradfordbridge.org.

We offer immense gratitude to our advertisers who continue to sponsor the printing of the Bradford Bridge. Please support these local wizards! Always, we greatly appreciate the creative and informative contributions from neighbors.

Dear readers, please protect each other from COVID-19 as you welcome spring weather.

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And the faithful volunteers who bring you news of Bradford
From the Selectmen’s Office

Changes to Bradford’s Summer Activities

The Coronavirus has affected our lives in ways we could never have expected and that, unfortunately, is going to spill over into summer. As such, there are some changes to Bradford’s Summer Activities. First of all, our Independence Day Celebration, originally scheduled for June 27th, has been cancelled. This includes the parade, the events at Brown Shattuck Field and the Fireworks. After several discussions and much brainstorming, there does not appear to be an effective way to follow the Governor’s and CDC’s guidelines while holding our Town-wide celebration. The Select Board hopes that restrictions will be eased, if not lifted, and we will be able to celebrate our community in a new manner this fall or winter. The Road Race scheduled for July 4th has also been cancelled.

French’s Park, the Boat Launch and Brown Shattuck Field will be available for use, however, there will be no portable toilet facilities provided. At French’s Park, the Playground will be closed and the Police Department will be strictly enforcing the “residents only” rule. Town of Bradford stickers may be obtained at the Transfer Station during regular business hours and must be affixed to your vehicle in the designated location when using French’s Park.

Folks who choose to use any Town property are expected to follow the CDC’s guidelines for stopping the spread of germs, including staying home when sick, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, gathering in groups of less than 10 and social distancing. Updates and changes to the Governor’s orders can happen daily.

Please visit https://www.governor.nh.gov/ for the most current information. Let’s help keep each other healthy while we enjoy summertime in Bradford.

All Town Buildings remain closed to the public until further notice. The Town Offices continue to conduct business by email and phone. Town Boards and Committees are meeting via ZOOM. We are closely monitoring the information released by the Governor’s Office and will keep you updated via www.bradfordnh.org.

If you have any questions, please call the Selectmen’s Office at 938-5900 or email administrator@bradfordnh.org. Thank you!

First Responder Salute to Students and Staff

As the school year comes to an end, we celebrate our students and school staff. On June 6th beginning at 10am, there will be a parade of first responder vehicles traveling through portions of the Kearsarge School District to shine a light on our students– those who are graduating, those moving up to new schools and those returning to the same school in the fall. Visit www.bradfordnh.org for details on the parade route. Our children and educators rose mightily to the challenges facing them this spring and have made us very proud! Congratulations to all our students and thank you to our school staff!

Until further notice, the print edition of the Bradford Bridge will be available only at the

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the Bridge is always available online at: bradfordbridge.org
MONTHLY BRIEFING:
Town Board Reports
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Rules and Procedures Following a
public hearing on May 5, 2020, the
Board approved a motion to adopt the
Select Board Rules and Procedures.

Independence Day Celebration The
Board approved a motion to postpone
the Independence Day Celebration to
the fall or a First Night event.

Stipends The Board approved a motion
to accept up to $30,000 in federal fund-
ning for first responder stipends.

FEMA Funds The Board approved a
motion to accept $39,756 in Municipal
Relief Funding from FEMA.

Intent to Cut The Board signed re-
quests for Map 13 Lots 20 and 30, Map
3 Lot 45, Map 4 Lots 15 and 32, and
Map 10 Lots 33 & 42.

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Election of Officers The Committee
elected Laurie Colburn as Chair, and
Mark Fournier as Vice Chair.

Vacancy The Budget Committee has a
vacancy and is seeking volunteers to fill
the position. Email recorder@bradford-
nh.org if you are interested in joining
the committee.

Budget Review The Committee
reviewed 1st quarter expenditures and
found no areas of concern. The Com-
mittee asked Karen Hambleton, Town
Administrator, about 2020 revenue.
Registrations are down approximately
$30,000, however, the office believes
this will be resolved as emergency
orders are rolled back.

PLANNING BOARD
Site Plan Compliance The Board
approved a motion to have Pam Bruss,
Planning Board Chair, draft a letter for
review at the next Planning Board meet-
ing stating that the Naughton Recycling
Center site plan is out of compliance.

CIP The Planning Board approved a
motion that Carol Troy take the role of
Chair for the CIP committee.

Junkyards Sandy Hodskins asked the
Board what can be done about changing
or enforcing RSA236-114A. The Board
informed her that a change to RSA 236-
114A would be conducted by the State
of NH. A letter can be sent to the Board
of Selectmen regarding enforcement.

ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT

Variance The Board approved a motion
to accept the variance application as
complete for Map 18 Lot 13 located on
244 Breezy Hill Road.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Unpermitted Junkyards The Commiss-
ion has followed up on unpermitted
junkyards. The Department of Environ-
mental Services has been notified.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Wish List Ellen Barselle, Library
Director, is working with Main Street
Bookends in Warner to create a wish
list of books that people could buy, read
first, and then donate to the library. This
would help both the local bookstore and
benefit the library.

BACC GOVERNANCE BOARD
Lease The Board recommends a $25
increase to the lease renewal for the
Community Action Program.

Building Repairs The pillars at the
front and rear entrances of the Bradford
Area Community Center have been
identified as priority projects and the
Board is obtaining quotes for repairs.

PARKS AND RECREATION

French’s Park Due to Covid-19 there
will be no restroom facilities at French’s
park. Cleanup Day is scheduled for

5K Road Race The Bradford 5K Road
Race scheduled for July 4, 2020 has
been cancelled.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the
Town Office and online at bradfordnh.
.org. For an audio file (mp3) of the re-
cordings of meetings, please visit http://
bradfordnh.org/mp3/. Some meetings
are now streamed live - check website!

KEARSARGE REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Virtual Graduation The Board ap-
proved a purchase order of $12,500
to Winward Productions for the high
schools virtual graduation production.

Internet The Board approved a request
from Superintendent Feneberg to extend
a payment of $100 as a token of appreci-
ation to all staff members for use of their
internet over the past several months.

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G&A Auto - May 2020 - 5" x 3"
Introducing Regina MacArthur, Captain, Emergency Medical Services for the Bradford Fire Department. Regina has 20 years in the EMS profession. She holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Organizational Change and a Masters Degree in Public Safety Administration.

Regina writes about EMS goals 2020.

I look forward to working with the Bradford Fire Department, not only in responding to 911 calls, but also in educating the public about medical and trauma emergencies, the importance of early communications, and in methods of home prevention or monitoring of problems. I have established strategic goals of the fire department’s EMS role in the community, and have already begun updating equipment, coordinating logistics, and offering educational programs to support them.

What Does this mean for You?

1. We’re going to look different to keep you safe.

When EMS personnel respond to calls, you will see them in the blue jump-suits, surgical or N95 masks, and either glasses or goggles. This is to protect against possible spread of COVID-19 in the community, both to and from you, and to and from us. All our PPE will be either new or appropriately disinfected using proven tools before responding to your emergency.

2. We want you to get healthcare, so you don’t need 911.

Across the country, and in New Hampshire, 911 calls are down, even for serious things like heart attacks and strokes. That can be dangerous for people who live alone. Check on those you know regularly and make sure they have an emergency alert pendant. Make sure you discuss the importance of family members’ overall health and make sure they are going to visit the doctor for things like COPD, asthma, cardiac rhythm issues, or heart failure. Outpatient doctor’s offices are often in separate buildings and with different staff members than those who staff areas who may have COVID patients such as the emergency room or the ICU. Many offices are seeing patients remotely or by phone to adjust medications. Call your doctor early and start making changes so you don’t get too bad, too fast, which will, of course, without luck, happen on an evening or weekend.

3. But if you do need 911…. Don’t be afraid to call.

We will work with you to find the best solution. You don’t have to go to the hospital if you call 911. We will respond, evaluate you for significant problems, treat if needed, and help you navigate your personal situation. We will help you make the best decision for your health on whether transport is right or can be held off based on your condition and concerns. It’s tough to make these decisions, and with social distancing in place, it’s hard to have a friend over to help you. We can do that before the situation becomes dire.

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The store is currently closed to foot traffic but we are here during normal business hours (above) to fulfill all pharmacy needs. Please call us ahead of time and we will let you know when your order is ready for pick up. When you arrive here, give us a call or step up to the Ipad out front and we will bring out your items. Thanks!
The Bradford Bridge – June 2020

The Transfer Station during COVID-19

The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center has been conducting business at a brisk pace throughout the COVID-19 isolation period. Transfer stations have been declared an essential operation yet some facilities have closed their gates because they considered it too dangerous for the attendants to handle the discarded household wastes.

Bradford has set up a unique system in which each household handles its own waste as they distribute the recyclables. This has been the key factor in why Bradford's transfer station has been able to stay open for business. In an effort to facilitate social distancing and to discourage lingering, I simply answer questions that residents ask, and keep the balers and compactor ready to receive discards. For the most part the residents have honored the guidelines set by the State of New Hampshire and the Department of Environmental Services.

One surprising statistic has come to light. With the Bradford Town Library being closed, the bookshelf at the transfer station has drawn unusually high interest. About 50 books a day are brought for discard, and about 50 books a day are finding new homes. Apparently, people still enjoy reading actual books!

With many residents working from or self-isolating at home, it is evident that spring cleaning is under way with a vengeance! Residents have been bringing things that they no longer need or want. At the same time others have spied the very thing they have long been looking for. This has revealed how much residents appreciate having a place to swap things for repurposing.

This pandemic has been challenging in many ways. Ken and I thank every customer who has helped make business at the transfer station run smoothly and pleasantly.

Lois Kilnapp, Manager
The Maligned Dandelion

Many Americans are familiar with thousands of logos for commercial products, yet they recall the names of fewer than five plants. Dandelions are most likely one of those familiar plants. One of the first signs of spring, the bright yellow heads pop up on lawns and in garden beds with abandon. Whatever your disposition about the dandelion, know that it has much to offer besides the challenge of removal.

Consider its various forms which imitate celestial bodies. It is the only flower that represents the sun, moon, and stars. The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball resembles the moon, and the dispersing seeds resemble the stars.

The name dandelion is taken from the French word “dent de lion” meaning lion’s tooth, referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves. The dandelion flower opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening. Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant. Seeds are often carried as far as 5 miles from their origin! A single dandelion head consists of up to 300 ray flowers that look like tiny petals at first glance. Dandelion flowers reach heights of 6 to 24 inches, and roots go as deep as 10 to 15 feet. Up until the 1800s people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful “weeds”.

From blossom to root, 100 percent of this plant is edible for most people. A cup of chopped raw dandelion greens provides 112 percent of the daily requirement for vitamin A (at only 25 calories). The leaves can be eaten raw in salads, blitzed into a simple pesto sauce that can be tossed with a pot of pasta, as a topper for Buddha bowls, or sandwich spread. When using them raw, their peppery bite can be tamed by combining them with more tender and mild leafy greens, such as spinach or lettuce. The greens can be added to soup just as kale, chard or any other tough greens are used, and they work well in a bean-based soup such as lentil or pasta fagioli.

The flowers are treasured for their mild pain-relieving properties, making them an excellent addition to products designed for sore muscles or other external aches and pains. They’re also traditionally used in preparations to heal rough chapped skin.

And then there is dandelion wine. Sweet tasting when made with just the flower rays, slightly tangy when the whole head is used to balance out the sweetness. Sometimes compared to white wine, dandelion wine generally has a warm, earthy taste. In less than one second Google listed over 14 million recipes.

Maligned for its profusion as a weed in lawns, every year Americans spend millions on pesticides to have uniform lawns of non-native grasses and use 30% of the country’s water supply to keep them green.

From enjoying the cheerful yellow heads as a harbinger of spring to adding it to a soup or salad to sipping dandelion wine on a hot summer evening, this ancient herb has incredible potential. Explore and enjoy!!

Kathleen Bigford
Letter from the Sweet Beets

Dear Community,

Record unemployment numbers. Schools closed for the rest of the year. Farmers and producers losing key markets. This is the new reality we face during this unprecedented COVID-19 crisis. And people everywhere are feeling the repercussions.

We are here in Bradford thinking about one central question.

How are people going to access the healthy foods they need to make it through this?

Here is what we’ve done to address this question so far:

• We have completely reorganized Sweet Beet Market to provide safe groceries to our community through an online ordering and contact-free pick up system.
• We are growing food on Sweet Beet Farm and redirecting much of our yield to neighbors in need.
• We are making weekly donations to food pantries and school nutrition programs that collectively serve 100+ households in the Kearsarge area.

We are doing all of this, and we want to do more.

Here is what we are developing to build capacity for equitable food security in the long term:

• We are developing more infrastructure to help support our food access partners like schools and pantries.
• We are embarking on a Victory Garden Revival project to help people grow more of their own food, including 3 new garden sites right here in Bradford.
• We’ve co-founded the FEED Kearsarge initiative – Food, Expansion, Education, and Distribution – a passionate group of community partners working to pool resources and skill sets to advance food security in our region.

There are solutions out there. And we are committed to finding them. Grow with us by becoming a monthly donor to the Kearsarge Food Hub today! We need your support to be able to serve the community to the best of our ability. Learn more and donate: kearsargefoodhub.org

Love, The Sweet Beets
Legislative Report

On Friday March 13, the New Hampshire legislature had a marathon session that ended at 4am. This was crossover day when all Senate bills pass to the House and House bills are sent to the Senate. Unfortunately, the Covid crisis was declared and legislative activity came to a screaming halt.

The NH Legislature has met for more than two hundred years and, except for the Civil War, has met in the chambers consistently. Our rules for public access and input have remained unchanged until now. Suddenly, the legislature is required to do business as usual but remotely. Keep in mind, too, that the average age of a state rep is 63 years.

NH legislative staff members have been working to develop and use electronic communication and readying committee meetings while refraining from violating right to know laws. On June 11, the body will meet for the first time at the Whittemore Hockey Center at UNH in a space that can accommodate 400 members while practicing social distancing recommendations and good hygiene (masks).

Many of the bills that were on the agenda have been relegated via a triage system: those that are essential, those that are of secondary importance and others, like study committees, that will be revisited in the next session. Some bills will be combined prior to Senate consideration for ease of voting. We are holding hearings remotely with the public able to participate.

The world has changed so much and two hundred years of tradition is being turned on its head as we find ways to adapt and carry on. To date, New Hampshire has had a total virus outbreak of 3,721 cases. 1275 people have recovered (34%) and 182 (5%) have died. As of this writing, 105 people are hospitalized and 1.5 million Americans have been affected.

The social and economic trauma of what has become a world wide pandemic is staggering, but also allows for creative solutions. States are slowly reopening, each using safety guidelines based on the presence of the virus in the community and the specific needs of individual states. Sadly this public health crisis has devolved into political infighting, pitting citizens against each other and filling the internet with wild conspiracy theories and misinformation. What is needed is a vaccine and a spirit of unity, not false cures and division.

Stay healthy, take care of yourselves and family, wash your hands before touching your face. Unified, we will get through this together. We always do.

Rep. Beth Rodd 496-0307
Rep. Rod Pimentel 748-0937

The Board of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse has sadly made the decision to cancel the summer season of music. Summer at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse has always been a time to gather as a community and share in the pleasures of music played by a wide range of performers. From the internationally known classical musicians who come to perform in our acclaimed Lettvin Concerts, to the rousing historic songs played by our beloved Kearsarge Community Band, to the folk, traditional, and bluegrass music of many favorite performers with New Hampshire roots, the Meetinghouse sanctuary has delighted performers and concert goers alike with its rich acoustics, and beautiful rural setting. The hills of Bradford are truly alive with music!

Being closed for the summer impacts the finances of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, which has always counted on the events of the summer season to raise the funds to keep our 1838 Meetinghouse in good working order and adequately insured. Donations are welcome and offers of assistance of any amount can be sent via Pay Pal to 603BCM@gmail.com.

The Meetinghouse will remain closed through August, when the Board will review updated state recommendations for gatherings before making any decisions about fall events and the annual children’s Christmas Eve pageant. Until then, come visit this historic site from the outside, and enjoy the peace and beauty of the expansive lawn, the adjacent historic schoolhouse, and the old cemetery. Be well, and we hope to see you all as soon as it is possible.
From the Director’s Desk:

Well, I am officially over staying at home. But, I understand the need to remain safe and social distance and all the other terms we hear regularly. My children are almost done with on-line learning, a bizarre social/education experiment. The teachers had their work cut out for them and they rose to the challenge! I’ve been impressed by how much the Bradford Elementary community has responded to the change in environment. I am yearning for time alone, to return to work, and to some form of normalcy out in the community. Wearing a mask is hot and feels strange, but then I think of the people who have to wear them all the time, and I deal with the momentary discomfort. I like the idea of protecting my fellow citizens. So, I adhere based on decency. I am looking forward to a soft opening of the library in June. I meet with the board on Wednesday, June 3rd, to hash out the details of how we can provide services while keeping the public safe.

I would like to reopen the library with possible reduced hours and days, following both the CDC and New Hampshire Public Library Association taskforce reopening guidelines. I will keep you updated via our website and Facebook. You are also welcome to call me anytime with questions, concerns, etc. I will have a plan based once our board meets to discuss the finer details.

I have started buying new books for the library in hopes we can loan them out in June. There aren’t any programs in the works as of this date.

Laurie Buchar, Children’s Librarian, will continue to do a virtual storytime, held the first Monday of each month at 10am.

Please let me know if there are any specific books, audio books, or movies you are looking to read.

I am also planning on partnering with Main Street Bookends in Warner to fulfill a library wish list. This would allow you the patron, to buy the book and read it first, and then donate the book to the library. It benefits both our local bookstore and your local library.

I miss everything about working at the library. Being with my fellow employees and talking and connecting with each and everyone of you when you come in the door!

Take care of yourselves. Hope to see you soon.

Ellen Barselle, Director
Spreading Kindness Throughout Bradford

Cassidy Waterman and Aubrey Brown joined their family and friends in spreading cheer throughout Bradford this month. They painted dozens of rocks and added upbeat messages as part of their Kindness Rocks project. The idea is to find the rocks, enjoy the sentiment, and then hide them again for others to find. Join the fun and let these creative kids brighten your day.

And, separately, the folks at Transitional Housing Service, Bradford also painted some “kindness” rocks. They all enjoyed painting and decorating the rocks as well as putting them around town. I’m sure we will continue to add more to brighten people’s days. Some were placed at Sweet Beet, Tranquility Park off Main Street, Dunkin’s, Sugar River ATM, and sled trail by Lake Todd.

KINDNESS ROCKS!!
Obituaries

John G. Signorino

John G. Signorino of Venice, FL, died April 24, 2020, at the age of 93. He was born January 5, 1927, in Jeannette, PA, and raised in Lock Haven, PA. He served in WWII in the Air Force. He graduated in 1951 with a BS in Chemistry from the University of Scranton.

John and Louise retired and moved to Venice, FL in 1998 after 25 years in Bradford, NH.

John served as a Bradford Selectman from 1994-1997. Both John and his wife, Louise, supported cultural events in town. John acted in and Lu organized Moon Mountain Arts theatrical productions held in Bradford’s historic Town Hall. The couple hosted after-concert gatherings for Lettvin Concert musicians and audience members.

John is survived by his wife, Louise, and five surviving children. He was pre-deceased by his son Michael in 2008. He is survived by daughters Marianne and Alison of Montpelier, VT, Nancy of Venice, FL, and sons Christopher of Belfast, ME and John of Hartland, VT; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Internment will be in Sarasota National Cemetery and in Bradford, NH at a future date to be announced. Donations can be made in his name to: The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Ave., Suite 1100 N, Bethesda, MD 20814 or ALSAC/St., Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Lawrence J. Hause


In 2000, after suffering for many years with liver disease, Hossa became only the second patient to undergo a split liver transplant at Massachusetts General Hospital, sharing the donated liver with a toddler because he didn’t want to see her suffer like he had. The successful surgery gave Hossa 20 years to continue to enjoy the beauty of the Lake Sunapee area and spend his time enjoying the lake, fishing and golfing. He will be remembered for his kindness and great sense of humor. A celebration of Hossa’s life will take place in the next few months.

Donations in his memory may be made to The MGH Fund online at www.giving.massgeneral.org/donate/ or sent to MGH Development Office, 125 Nashua St., Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114. Visit: www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/englewood-fl/lawrence-hause-9110267

Sousa Hoyt

Sousa (Roberts) Hoyt, 79, of Jewell Rd, Wilmot, died April 22, 2020, at home. She was born in Franklin, NH on December 6, 1940, the daughter of Raymond Roberts and Esther Langley. She graduated from Andover High School in 1958. She was a lifelong resident of Wilmot and had been wintering in Wildwood, FL since 1998. She worked at the New London Inn and Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen. She ran a home for developmentally disabled ladies for eight years and was the assistant director of food service for Proctor Academy in Andover from 1980 until retiring 2003.

Sue was a member of The First Congregational Church of Wilmot, UCC, many animal rights organizations and humane societies. She loved her springer spaniels. Sue enjoyed cooking, reading, live theatre, playing Bingo and was an avid Red Sox fan.

She was predeceased by a sister, Samantha Fish and her longtime friend and companion Russell Jewell, Sr. She is survived by four children and their spouses, John and Wendy Keyser of Springfield, Kim and Billy Lucas of Bradford, Pamela and Lee Melanson of Orange, MA, Wendy Johnson and companion Ray Eastman of George’s Mills; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, cousin, and a very special cat, Mr. Biggs.

A graveside service will be held at Pine Hill Cemetery, Wilmot Flat, NH at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Upper Valley Humane Society, PO Box 789, Lebanon, NH 03766.
Jean Kennedy

Jean Frances (Nelson) Kennedy, formerly of Bradford, died May 10, 2020. She was born on November 29, 1927 the daughter of Victor and Olive (Sears) Nelson. Jean grew up in Wakefield, MA, graduating from Wakefield High School in 1945 and Dean Junior College where she received a culinary arts degree. She used and shared her talents in this field for her lifetime.

She married Richard “Dick” Kennedy who predeceased her in 2019 after more than 70 years of marriage. Their early years were spent in Melrose, MA where their four children were born and raised.

Early retirement in 1982 brought them to Bradford where Jean had spent her summers since the early 1930’s. They winterized their summer home on Lake Massasecum where Jean’s ‘green thumb’ flourished. She grew an abundance of vegetables, kept a few chickens, and the yard was full of lovely flowers. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, making many items for nursing homes over the years.

Jean was on the staff of Brown Memorial Library for over fifteen years, manning the front desk with a smile and keeping the puzzles in the entryway organized.

She is succeeded by her children, Michael and wife Elaine, Karl and wife Edith, Daniel, and Ann, six grandchildren Jennifer, Sarah, Emily, Morgan, Michelle, and Marshall, two great grandchildren Tziporah and Levi, and her sisters, Marcia Keller and Phyllis Wadsworth. Jean was always ready to help family, friends, and neighbors whatever the need. Her gifts of food and plants were always welcome and her hugs were special treats.

Services will be held later with burial in the Nelson Family Cemetery in Bradford. Memorial contributions may be made to Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Street, Bradford 03221.

The Bradford Bridge – June 2020

Poetry

RUNNING HOME
by Ellen Hersh

On the gray velvet ribbon
that curls along the lake shore,
in the fast fading glow
of ring around the moon,
in the first caress of morning fog
soft on my forehead,
in the dankness all around me,
I follow on the pathway
of the gray velvet ribbon,
round the lake shore
running home.
**Carrot Salad**  
*From Kathleen Bigford*

Only called carrot salad because carrots are the main ingredient. Vary ingredients and amounts as desired. Use organic ingredients whenever possible.

**Ingredients:**
- 1 lb. carrots
- 1 large beet (fist sized) or 2 smaller ones
- 2 grannie smith apples
- 2 navel oranges
- ¼ - 1 cup golden raisins
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped fresh ginger
- Juice of 3 limes
- ½ - 1 tsp. ground cardamom
- ½ tsp. ground coriander

**Method:**
Peel and grate carrots and beet. (Food processor makes grating easy)

Peel oranges and cut bite-sized.
Cut apples bite-sized.

Place all this and remaining ingredients in a bowl. Squeeze lime juice over all. Mix thoroughly. Can be eaten immediately. Better left in refrigerator for a few hours or overnight.

Makes about 8 cups.
MAKING FRIENDS WITH MASKS

We know it’s not fun to wear a mask and have to hide your smile! But let’s play with it anyway! The first one to correctly name all five of these familiar faces from our community will WIN a family sized pizza, complete with delivery! Send your best guesses to us at bradfordbridge345@gmail.com.

Mystery Faces:

1. [Image of a person with a white mask]
2. [Image of a person with a red mask]
3. [Image of a person with a red bandana]
4. [Image of a person with a plaid mask]
5. [Image of a person with a green mask]

Laura Hallahan
REALTOR
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Out & About: Feed the Birds

Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I’d like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. Of course proper credit will be given. The most interesting photographs will be from Bradford and close-by places. An accompanying caption would be nice. One last request is to submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

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What's your favorite bird song?