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Pink Flamingos Seen in Bradford!

Pink flamingos in Bradford? In January? The Bradford Art Group is happy to announce a Pink Flamingo show for March and April at Brown Memorial Library. The Bradford Art Group wants to invite everyone to participate. What is a pink flamingo? A pink flamingo is a tropical bird. A pink flamingo is also fun art. It could be a different media than you usually use. Are you a weaver? A pink flamingo for you might be sculpture. Do you usually do serious work? Your pink flamingo might be really silly. Does it have to be pink? No, but flamingo pink is such a cheerful color. What does flamingo pink mean to you? It doesn't have to be a flamingo, either.

Now that the holiday season is over and cold, dark January is here, try a new craft or a new art form. Try different colors than you usually do. Enjoy yourself creating something different and new. Have fun with it. Please share it with us in March. For more information please call Laurie Brown at 938-2451 or e-mail her at abrown@conknet.com.



BPD Changes

The Bradford Police Department underwent several changes in December. Bert Spooner was promoted to Chief of Police on December 15. On Friday, December 29, two full-time officers and a part-time officer were sworn in. Pictured left to right: Andrew Turgeon (full time), Chief Spooner, Aaron Sparks (full time) and John Neiderriter (part time).

—photo by Lyn Betz

Public Kindergarten for KRSD in 2001?

The Kearsarge Regional School Board is presenting two Warrant Articles to start kindergarten. Article 5 seeks the funding necessary to construct/renovate, equip and furnish (6) classrooms. Article 6 seeks the funding to staff and support the Kindergarten Program. The School Board and Municipal Budget Committee support both articles for the following reasons: Public kindergarten is essential in establishing a coordinated and consistent educational foundation for the children of the District. Public kindergarten will allow more children to have access to the educational system earlier. This is the best time to start the public kindergarten because of the financial support provided to the District from the State. Seventy-five percent of construction, equipment, and

furniture costs will be paid by the State. In addition, the State will reimburse the District \$1,601 per kindergarten student.

Q: What is the total cost of public kindergarten for the 2001-02 school year?

A: The total cost will be \$276,130. However, the State will reimburse the District \$1,601 per student in 2002-03 for the number of students who attended in 2001-02. If 150 students attended next year, the State reimbursement would be \$240,150.

Q: How many children will be eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2001-02 school year?

A: Approximately 170 children will be eligible to attend kindergarten in

the 2001-02 school year.

Q: Where will kindergarten be located?

A: All children will attend kindergarten in their hometown elementary school, with the exception of Newbury and Wilmot. The Newbury students will be transported to Bradford Elementary and the Wilmot students will be transported to New London Elementary. Springfield students will go the kindergarten program in Springfield.

Q: What will the schedule be?

A: The District proposes a five (5) half-day kindergarten program, with classes either in the morning or afternoon.

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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 Jan. 20.

Selectmen's Update

The highlight of this update is the selection of our new Bradford Chief of Police, Bertrand Spooner. Bert was one of seven applicants, of which three were interviewed. A panel of two Police Chiefs and your Selectmen unanimously chose Bert Spooner as the new Chief. Chief Spooner becomes Bradford's fifth full-time Chief. For many years our town had part-time Chiefs. The four previous full-time Chiefs were Tom Iverson, Marvin Rich, Al Grindle and John Sims. A panel selected two part-time officers, Andrew Turgeon and Aaron Sparks, to fill full-time positions in the Bradford Police Department recently vacated.

Finally, after several delays, the Fairgrounds Road bridge is opened for vehicular traffic. Routine business was conducted during the month. Items included were several intents to cut, the timber tax warrant was signed and budgets were reviewed for 2001. A letter prepared by Don Johnson was signed by the Selectmen and will be forwarded to Ms. Bledsoe of the Brownfields Project. The letter is part of a request for additional state funds to clean up contaminated sites. This request is for the former Naughton property.

Robin Steiner was appointed to the Revolving Loan Committee and approved by your Selectmen at the December 11 meeting. A discussion was held regarding the findings of the energy check lighting study conducted by PSNH last year. The Selectmen will ask PSNH to return and evaluate again the new configuration of the rooms in the Town Hall.

During the month of January please consider being part of your town's government. This is the month to file for various town offices. Please contact the Town Clerk for further information. Happy New Year.

—Marv Rich

Offices Open for Candidacy for March 13 Election

- Selectman (for three years), 1 (\$1.00 filing fee)
- Trustee of the Trust Funds (for three years), 1 (\$1.00 filing fee)
- Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library (for three years), 2
- Scholarship Committee (for three years), 1
- Budget Committee (for three years), 2
- Planning Board (for three years), 2
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (for three years), 2
- Cemetery Commission (for three years), 1

The dates to file for these offices are as follows:

- Friday, January 26, 8:00am-noon
- Monday, January 29, 2:00pm-7:00pm
- Tuesday, January 30, 8:00-11:30am & 12:30-5:00pm
- Friday, February 2, 8:00am-noon & 3:00-5:00pm

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Sun Shines on KRHS

Sundance Solar Products, Inc. of Warner is pleased to announce the approval on December 20 of its \$4,997 "Solar and Wind Energy Educational Project" grant application under New Hampshire's Renewable Energy Technology Grants Program by Governor Jeanne Shaheen and the Executive Council.

The project is a collaboration between Sundance Solar, a solar products company located in Warner, Kearsarge Regional High School, and the State of New Hampshire's Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services Renewable Energy Technology Grants Program. Under the \$4,997 grant agreement, Sundance Solar and Kearsarge Regional High School will provide 50% additional matching services or other contributions for a total project cost of \$7,565. Funding for this annual grant program comes from New Hampshire's portion of the Federal Petroleum Violation Escrow Funds and seeks to promote the development of renewable energy technologies in New Hampshire. This project is one of three funded this year with total grants of \$14,997.

The 700 Watt solar and wind power system will not only displace some fossil fuels but will also educate high school students and the community about the benefits and uses of renewable energy. The project will feature a workstation in the science laboratory and a battery charging system for small batteries used by the students for their personal electronics. This concept lets students actually use the solar and wind energy for their own devices (portable audio, games, etc.), replacing disposable batteries, saving the students money and using renewable energy to do it. The system will also power a portable energy cart for school use in various audio/video applications.

"Sundance Solar is very excited about this opportunity to work with Kearsarge Regional High School and the State of New Hampshire to help bring renewable energy education into our schools for the 21st century", said Ed Bender, President of Sundance Solar Products Inc.

It is the goal of the project to integrate the solar and wind power station into the school's curriculum and provide students with hands-on experience and understanding of renewable energy technologies. For more information contact Ed Bender at 456-2020 or e-mail ed@sundancesolar.com.

Interim Principal Appointed to KRHS

Thomas J. Brennan, Jr., Superintendent of the Kearsarge Regional School District, has announced the appointment of Wendie Brock as interim principal of the Kearsarge Regional High School for the remainder of the 2000-01 school year. The School Board and Mr. Brennan both feel the District is most fortunate to have a person of Ms. Brock's experience and ability available to assist us during this transition period. Mr. Brennan is confident that with the assistance of Assistant Principal Kim Diehlmann and the Department Coordinators, Ms. Brock will provide the leadership and commitment to the students, staff and parents of the KRHS community necessary to bridge the gap between Dr. Ezen's departure and the arrival of a permanent principal.

Square Dance

The Bradford CountrySquares will host a "Snow Days" square dance at the Town Hall on Saturday, January 20 from 8:00-10:30pm. Patty Green will call the Class Level dance and Bernie Porter will cue the rounds. Admission is \$5 per person. Please note the the February and March dances have been cancelled due to the winter closure of the hall by the Town of Bradford.

For further information call Norma or Arlo Burns at 927-4454.

—Shirley Trombley

Snow Obstruction Notice

The Town of Bradford will enforce RSA 236:20 which states:

Snow Obstruction --Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Class I, Class II, or Class III highway or state maintained portion of any Class II highway for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, recrossing and traveling upon said highways by sleds, logging or farm equipment, shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person.

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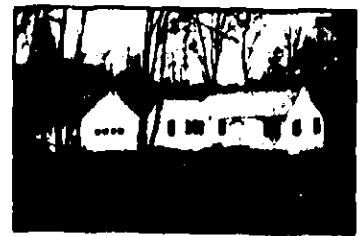
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OBITUARIES

NEIL R. SMITH

Neil R. "Skip" Smith, 67, of Cressy Road, died Saturday, December 2 at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine.

He was born in Concord, the son of Roland and Ethel (Cate) Smith. He lived most of his life in Concord, Warner, and Bradford.

He attended schools in Belmont and Concord, graduating from Concord High School in 1951. He worked for 39 years for the State Department of Transportation, retiring in 1990 as a survey supervisor. He loved gardening and woodworking.

He was predeceased by a son, Gary Smith, who died in 1981. Survivors include his wife, Lynne (Gurney) (Landstrom) Smith of Bradford; three sons, Michael Smith of St. Petersburg, Fla., James Smith of Eliot, Maine, and Erik Landstrom of Concord; three daughters, Cathy Mullen of Henniker, Deborah Trickett of Milton, Mass., and Donna Dibbits of Cameroon, West Africa; a brother, James King of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; a sister, Phyllis Clairmont of Laconia; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Activity Center, Faith Tabernacle, 164 East Side Drive, Concord 03301.

DOUGLAS P. WEBB

Douglas P. Webb, 71, formerly of Sudbury, Mass., died Saturday, December 2 in Tucson, Ariz.

He was born in Detroit, Mich., spent his childhood years in Newmarket and graduated from Newmarket High School. He went to Hebron Academy in Hebron, Maine, and Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., where he graduated in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He entered the U.S. Army after graduation and was a veteran of the Korean War.

He was the former owner of Saxonville Wholesale Lumber Warehouse Co. and worked in the wholesale lumber business for more than 45 years in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He was a member of the Rising Star Lodge of Newmarket and the International Order of Hoo-Hoo, a lumber industry organization.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Mary (Colombosian) Webb; four children, Douglas Jr. of Sunapee, Pamela Webb Gentile of Greenland, Jeffrey Webb of Bozeman, Mont., and Christopher Webb of Hampton; a brother, Walter Webb of Hernando, Fla.; two sisters, Louise Tyler of Richmond, Va., and Alice Kavanagh of Durham; three grandchildren, Wesley and Abigail Webb and Crowley Gentile; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the following organizations: Salvation Army, P.O. Box 311, Framingham, Mass., 01704; CHAD (Children's Hospital at Dartmouth), c/o Sharon Brown, 1 Medical Drive, Lebanon 03756; Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221.

WALTER HESELTON JR.

Walter A. Heselton Jr., 74, of Rowe Mountain Road, died Monday, December 18 at his home.

He was born in Henniker, the son of Walter and Geraldine (Adams) Heselton. He was a lifelong resident of Bradford. He served with the U.S. Army Infantry in the Philippines during World War II. He worked with his father as a lumberman,

operating a portable sawmill in the Bradford area. He also raised hens and produced maple syrup on the family farm, as well as being a real estate agent for a number of years.

He was a former member of the Bradford Fire Department, a deputy fire warden for the town of Bradford, and a member of the Wilkes-Cloues-Bigelow American Legion Post of Warner.

Survivors include his sister, Clara Digilio of Bradford; a brother, Harry Heselton of Warner; a foster brother, Billy O'Hara of Pearl River, N.Y.; three nieces; two nephews; and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221.

MARIE T. CAYER

Marie T. (Gould) Cayer, 75, of Forest Street, died Monday, December 25 in Salisbury, Mass. after a short illness.

She was born in Somerville, Mass., the daughter of Edward and Marion (Maynard) Gould. She was formerly of Melrose, Mass. and North Cambridge, Mass. She graduated with honors from St. John the Evangelist High School, North Cambridge, Mass., trained at the Cambridge City School of Nursing, and had additional studies at Harvard University.

She was a lover of books and reviewed them for a number of publishers. She was an avid collector of books and a patron of public libraries, donating books and money to support the Brown Memorial Library, Bradford. She was a founding member of the Office for Children in Massachusetts. She was the first vice president of the Friends of Gabler School for Mentally Ill Children in Massachusetts.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Edward Shea in 1947; her husband, Charles Cayer in 1995; and two sons, Charles Cayer in 1952 and Paul Cayer in 1996. Survivors include two sons, Stephen Shea of Salisbury, Mass., and David Cayer of Chelsea, Mass.; three daughters, Pamela Cayer and Valerie Cayer, both of Salisbury, Mass., and Laurel Cayer of Lynn, Mass.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the Brown Memorial Library, P.O. Box 437, Bradford 03221.



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Letters

To the editor:

I moved to Concord to live with my daughter Jeanette Patten and her family on October 2. I enjoyed living in Bradford for 60 years and have dear friends there.

I will never forget all the wonderful things people did for my husband and me after our house burned and how wonderful people were to me after my husband died.

My best wishes to everyone for the years to come.

Ruth W. (Mrs Charles H.) Page

To the editor:

This letter is written to acknowledge one of our neighbors. Recently, representatives from the state office that operates "911" met with this gentleman at the Town Hall. This is just one of many meetings he has had with these people over the last several years. There has been an ongoing project to make a map of Bradford for the use of all emergency services within the town and specifically "911". It has been a long, time consuming, and very labor intensive effort. Dick Whall has spent countless hours pouring over maps, gathering and revising data, and working hand in hand with the office that produces the maps. We are almost there. Thanks to Dick, the data is in and we are waiting for the maps.

Dick, as many of you know, has developed a "Neighborhood Watch Program" that will be implemented during any emergency that occurs in Bradford. The Fire Department and Rescue Squad have the maps that Dick Whall has developed at home on his computer for our daily use. As a driver with Bradford Rescue, I use these maps regularly when called out on an ambulance run.

I want to thank Dick Whall for all his hard work in helping Bradford be a better place to live. All of his efforts are voluntary. With all his effort to be a neighbor, he and I ask one thing. Please, especially now with the weather as it is, we ask that you put your house number somewhere so we can see it. If you have a long driveway, put it on a tree or post. We must see it from the road. Even with the map, when we get to the driveway that we believe is yours, it is a difficult decision to make to drive the ambulance into an unknown area and possibly get stuck, only to find out that this is not the correct house. We can't help you if we can't find you! We wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year.

Dick Vitale

To the editor:

We would like to thank the inns and homes that opened to the public for the "Historic Homes and Inns Tour" on December 10. We are summer residents on Lake Massasecum and came up to attend the tour. We got to see every one except one, and they were all absolutely beautiful. It is such a wonderful idea to have such a tour during the holiday season. It is a nice event for the public and a good way to raise money to support a local community project, i.e. this year the summer flower barrel program. We sincerely hope it will be done again next year.

David & Martha Gaudes

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.

Fuel Assistance

Are you having trouble paying for your heat? The Fuel Assistance Program (FAP) provides benefits, on a funds available basis, to qualified households in New Hampshire to help heat homes or apartments during the heating season. The Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services provides money to six local Community Action Programs throughout the state. The FAP can also help households in a heating emergency by securing an emergency delivery of fuel, delaying a shut-off notice, or referring clients to another source of assistance.

All elderly, disabled, and homebound residents who need assistance are encouraged to apply. Renters, as well as homeowners, are eligible for the Fuel Assistance Program. Eligibility and benefits for these programs are determined by gross household income, number of household members, and annual heating costs. Income is based upon a household's gross monthly or gross annual income before the date of application. Eligibility for FAP usually can be determined during one appointment.

To apply call: Warner Community Action Program at 456-2207. Households that pay their own heating bills will have payments made for them to the vendor they select. Households that have heat included in their rent will have part of their rent paid directly to their landlord. FAP benefits are not counted as income when applying for other assistance programs.

Federal income eligibility guidelines: Family size followed by Gross annual income; 1, \$19,036; 2, \$24,893; 3, \$30,751; 4, \$36,608; 5, \$42,465; 6, \$48,323; 7, \$49,421; 8, \$50,519.



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Library Lantern



We really enjoyed the children who attended our Holiday Story Time and visit from Santa. Come in and see photos of the children with Santa. They are at the circulation desk. December has been another busy month at the library. We are working on updating our magazine collection. We recently received gift subscriptions to Golf Digest and Seventeen. And don't forget our parenting book section near the children's area. We have many books on parenting and magazines as well. Check out the large print book section, we have lots of new titles.

The Brown Memorial Library staff and trustees are deeply saddened by the passing of Marie Cayer. Mrs. Cayer was a loyal and generous library supporter for many years. We shall miss her.

Some of the new books added this month are:

Swampwalker's Journal by David M. Carroll

Lord Brocktree, a tale from Redwall by Brian Jacques

Boone's Lick by Larry McMurtry

The Beatles Anthology by the Beatles

L.A. Dead by Stuart Woods

Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver

Library hours: Monday 9:30am-8:00pm, Wednesday 9:30am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:30am-1:30pm. Telephone 938-5562



Carl Betz, 23 months, above, and Mason Noury, 11 months, right, met Santa at the Brown Memorial Library on December 9.

—photos by Jane Lucas

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Village Green Forum Begins Dialogue

The first public forum on the Bradford Green Conceptual Master Plan was a great success. We cannot thank folks enough for coming out during the busy holiday season, examining the options, partaking in discussion, and voting on the various choices. With the input of the fifty plus residents, the BEOC has a preliminary direction to guide us in gathering additional information, work options, and refining some of the groundwork details. If you were not able to attend this last meeting, you can rest easy that the BEOC is bound to have additional forums as the conceptual portion of this project begins to take form.

Before I review some of the forum's highlights, I do want to take a moment to correct a local article in the Argus Champion, by Michael Martinelli. Michael mentioned that the residents "voted overwhelmingly for a plan that includes a football field, baseball diamond, and senior citizens facility." This is not true. Mr. Martinelli certainly did not have any malintent in his statement, but simply got ahead of the purpose of the forum.

December's forum was simply to bring forth four conceptual, or possible, schemes for the land being considered in the Bradford Green Project, not to vote on the details. The details (i.e., multi-purpose fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, recreational center, etc.) are much in the future, and will be limited by potential restrictions on the property, and by the desires of the community. The Conceptual Scheme Michael referred to simply showed the fields and senior facility as one possibility. All the choices are subject to change and substitution as the final details evolve over time.

Those attending did vote overwhelmingly for Conceptual Scheme #3, which featured the removal of the landfill resulting in unrestricted usage of the acreage. This was the most all encompassing plan proposed by Pellettieri Associates, and will be examined by the BEOC as additional information is available from the DES regarding the past uses of the property. Conceptual Scheme #3 also gives the town the largest number of options when discussing the above "details", which certainly is what would be most desirable.

The top three picks for future features/activities on the property were: First: *install multi-purpose, leveled grass fields*. These could be used for sports, antique/art/auto/horse shows, family reunions, school outings, flea markets, and more, with general recreation plus picnic areas. Second: *Retain/refurbish existing building as a recreation/Green Admin/storage center*. The future purpose is quite flexible. The desire is to retain the structure for use. Third: (I combined the next three choices since they were almost a tie in popularity) *Ice Skating/sled run area, Bandstand/stage, and a Pavilion involving a possible overlook, restrooms, drinking water, power, etc.*

Next, the attendees of the forum were asked to suggest which of the features/activities they would like to see done, in what order of importance (or timing). The First and Second picks for features/activities were ordered as first and second in importance. The third choice was to develop the four-acre section of the parcel that abuts Main Street, just up from the Community Center. A multi-purpose field, playground, small-scale community events area, parking, or other may fit this area, with the access road to the rear parking at the community center weaving through the parcel.

To quote George Pellettieri, "Your options are wide open." Most folks realized this after the forum. The BEOC will now assess the direction the community has given to the project, and return with more information from which the community can make a decision.

If you would like to be involved, the next BEOC meeting is Thursday, January 11, at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

—Stephen Manley

News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office

November 27. Jocelyn Young was born to Shannon and Andy in Bradford.

November 28. Gordon Rowell died in Bradford.

December 17. Albert Hardy died in Bradford.

December 18. Walter Alfred Heselton, Jr. died in Bradford.

December 27. Guy Babin & Aline Greer were married in Bradford.

2000 Taxes are now being assessed at 12% interest. The tax lien is scheduled to be put in effect on March 31, 2001.

I was able to have Bradford selected as a future on-site location for the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This will enable my office to do many more of the functions now being transacted in Concord. Hopefully, we will all find this a convenience. The training will take place in Concord January 16, 17 and 18. This will mean that I will have to close the office on January 16. Please schedule your business requirements to allow for this small change. Thank you.

—Sue Pehrson

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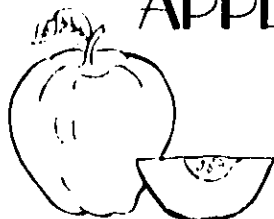
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BACC News

Over the past several months the Bradford Area Community Center has been the fortunate recipient of many donations in the form of equipment, furniture, money, and time. Some of these donors have already received hand written thank you notes but we wish to publicly thank a number of the more recent donors listed below. If you have been kind enough to present us with any form of gift and have not yet been thanked, we regret that and ask that you call the office with a reminder so that we may give you the credit due you in the near future.

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Mr. & Mrs. John Signorino, piano for the Senior Room

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Vannata, sofa for the Senior Room

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nowell, computer desk, answering machine & magazine collections

Melinda's Windows Plus (Melinda Kazach), 30% discount on labor for easy chair slip cover in Senior Room

Mrs. Nancy Hibbard, 1 large oak cabinet for seniors; 1 large oak cabinet for youth group; donation of & decoration of 2 Christmas trees

Mr. & Mrs. Vern Hall, 72 place settings of dinnerware and flatware through the courtesy of the Eastern Star & a Holiday Inn

Mr. & Mrs. George Cilley, a beautiful print of a nature scene depicting wolves, one of a limited edition by a well-known artist

Dr. Malcolm McIntis, 1 regulation size slate base pool table for Youth Room

Lake Sunapee Bank, furniture & computer desks for the Youth Room

Pizza Chef & Video Pursuit, donation of pizzas and video rentals for the After-school Youth Program

Larry Hall, many hours of carpentry work in the Community Room

Bruce Edwards & Sons, additional rug cleaning

John Mock, laying brick pathway in front of the building

We realize this is only a partial list of donations but we want the community to know that we truly appreciate the many fine gifts and numerous kindnesses.

With great sadness at his passing, we salute Neil (Skip) Smith who contributed greatly to the BACC through his many talents—carpentry, handy-man expertise and landscaping. His quiet affable manner endeared him to all of us.

—P. G. Whall

BACC January Calendar

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

CAP Fuel Assistance, 9:00am to noon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Creating Lasting Family Connections, 5:45-8:30pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Bridge Group, 2:00-4:00pm
GED Pre-testing, 4:30-8:00pm
Rainbow Girls, 6:15-8:15pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Creating Lasting Family Connections, 5:45-8:30pm
BACC Governance Board, 5:30-7:00pm
Senior Council, 1:00-3:00pm, Speakers: NH State Representative Beth Roud and Merrimack County Commissioner Bernie Lamach

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

CAP Fuel Assistance, 9:00am-noon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Creating Lasting Family Connections, 5:45-8:30pm
Adult Tutorial, 7:00-9:00pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Complementary Health Practitioners time, to be announced

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Bridge Group, 2:00-4:00pm
Rainbow Girls, 6:15-8:15pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24


Congregate Senior Luncheon provided by CAP, 11:30am-12:30pm
Personal Touch Homecare, Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinic, 12:30pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

BACC Governance Board Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm
Creating Lasting Family Connections, 5:45-8:30pm

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Real Estate Hints:

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by Laura Hallahan

As we begin a new year and a new century, my advice this month is to encourage the people of Bradford to shop locally. I believe that, whenever possible, you should frequent the businesses in town and only if they cannot provide what you need, go elsewhere. I am working hard to do just that, and I try to spread the business around if there is more than one business serving the same need.

If I can't find exactly what I want in town, I will try surrounding towns and then venture to Concord if all else fails. My point is that I don't start in Concord or Manchester. Has anyone added up the mileage and wear and tear that one incurs in this hunt for bargains? People say they want to save money and have more variety, yet they forget that their neighbors are trying to make a living as well.

The same thing applies to real estate. There are several offices and many realtors in the area competing for your business, but only two have offices in Bradford and pay taxes here. Both our office and Stewart Agency Realtors are fully computerized and can offer you anything any other office brings to the table. Perhaps a bigger office sounds like a better deal. Not true.

Both offices in Bradford are family-run businesses and that means more attention to you and your needs. We answer our own phones. We know how to sell the town and the area. Besides, we are going to run into you in town, so we better do a good job!

You may ask, what brought all of this on? As many of you know, my unique and wonderful uncle, Doug Webb, passed away in early December. The service and reception were a tribute to him and his generosity and our entire family was overwhelmed with the number of people who attended. My Aunt Mary, herself a business owner in Newbury, called on an array of local businesses to pull the whole thing together and they responded beautifully. My Uncle would have wanted it that way, as he thought the so-called "Mom and Pop" businesses deserved the patronage and that preserving our way of life was more important than getting a bargain.

So, the next time you think about ordering something online or going to a business miles away, think first about your community and consider patronizing the businesses that are contributing to it. At least give them first crack. We'll all be better off for it.

Soo Nipi Audubon Chapter News

Fred Sladen, while on a birdwatching trip in Southeast Arizona, devised a technique for using a digital camera in conjunction with a telescope to simulate a telephoto lens in capturing those hard-to-get shots of birds and scenery. He will bring this equipment and demonstrate its use at our Chapter slide program on Friday, January 12, 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London.

The program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information call Fred Sladen at 526-4321. Our annual field trip to Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island in Newburyport, MA will be held Saturday, January 13, leaving from the Warner Park & Ride, Exit 9, I-89, with leader Gary Stansfield at 8:00am. This is a chance to spot overwintering shore and water birds before they begin their spring migration. Participants need to bring lunch, beverage, binoculars and warm clothing. Call Gary Stansfield at 863-8737 for details.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

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BBA News

The Bradford Business Association held their Christmas Dinner at the Applesseed Inn on December 11. Peter and Mary Beth Fenton were gracious hosts and served an excellent meal. On December 10, we had the Historic Homes and Inn tours. We had a good turnout for the limited amount of advertising. There is now an additional \$200 plus for our flower barrels this summer. Just before our dinner, the Sutton Business Council judged our Holiday decorating contest.

The residential winners, with awards of \$100, \$50, and \$25, were: First: Mark Cashin, 28 Newell Rd. "Very impressive!" Second: Gary and Pam Wall, 48 High Street "Nice use of lights and clever floating tree." Third: Holly Von Svoboda, 455 South Rd. "Lovely gradations of colored lights." The commercial winner, awarded a plaque, was the Candlelite Inn: "Festive, inviting and in the spirit of the Holiday Season!"

Congratulations to our winners as well as the other residents and businesses that entered. As the judges said: "The SBC thanks you for this opportunity. We felt that all the contestants had lovely displays and did the town of Bradford proud! Happy Holidays to everyone." From all of us members of the BBA, we hope you had a Merry Christmas and that you enjoy a prosperous New Year. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 22 at 7:00pm at the Church Vestry.



Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News

The Annual Banquet will be held Monday January 29 at 6:00pm at the Applesseed Restaurant in Bradford. Contact Bob Stewart at 938-2255 for reservations and details. Final details will be reviewed at the January 2 meeting.

Don't forget dues are due as of January 1. It is only \$12.00 per year. This includes membership in the NH Wildlife Federation. Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. Monthly meetings are at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month at our Gillingham Drive Clubhouse.

Deer season could be the second highest harvest in the past decade according to Fish & Game's December 2 news release. By the end of firearms season, 10,609 deer had been harvested using all methods. Last year's total harvest number was 10,703. By the end of archery season it is possible for the numbers to surpass 11,000.

Now that big game season is over, do not forget other great hunting experiences. Cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare continue until March 15, fox (red and gray) season runs until March 31. For a really exciting hunt, one that will test your skills, tactics, and patience, there is the coyote, also known as the coy-dog, red wolf and a whole bunch of other names I know they won't print here. Coyote season runs all year and, from January 1 through March 31, you can hunt them at night with written landowner permission. Remember it is illegal to take a coyote using a light from a motor vehicle or OHRV.

NH Fish and Game is proposing a license fee increase. The rising costs of managing New Hampshire's fish and wildlife are catching up with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The Department is proposing its first license fee increases in more than 10 years. If the Legislature approves the proposal, fees would go up 30 to 32% in 2002 (depending on the license type) and 10 to 13% in 2003. The Department's proposal covers all the licenses on the so-called multi-form license form.

If this passes the legislature, as it is expected to, it may be the time to consider that lifetime license for yourself or a loved one. A lifetime license will save you a lot of money over the years if you act before prices rise. They make a great gift. Lifetime licenses are available only at Fish & Game Headquarters or through the mail. The price depends on your age at the time. For full details come to the Bradford Fish & Game Club meetings, contact me at bfge@iamnow.net or contact NH Fish & Game Department.

The New Hampshire Wildlife Federation is pleased to announce the availability of *Open Space for New Hampshire—a Toolbook of Techniques for the New Millennium*. Designed for citizen activists in New Hampshire who care about open space, the manual's hundred pages are packed with techniques for conserving open space. There are sections addressing why it is important to protect open space (including a thumbnail sketch of why retaining land in open space saves towns money), how to make residents aware of the value of open space in a town, sources of money for open space projects, and detailed descriptions of ways to conserve open space through voluntary techniques, planning and zoning techniques, and incentive programs. The manual is available for \$15.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Checks should be made payable to New Hampshire Wildlife Trust and sent to 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301. Further information can be obtained at 224-5953 or at www.nhwf.com where portions of the manual can be seen and an order form can be downloaded. I will make my copy available for preview at our meetings.

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Planning Board Notes

At a Public Hearing on December 26, the Planning Board presented amendments to the Bradford Subdivision Regulations dealing with Street Plats. Following discussion and public comments, the Board approved the changes. This puts in place a mechanism allowing a property owner to apply for a "street plat" to provide access to land that does not have frontage on a Class V or better town road. The amendments establish three separate categories of property that can be addressed through this process: rear lots that meet the requirements of Article III, 9. B of the Bradford Zoning Ordinance, roadways currently in use as access to existing dwellings, and parcels without existing structures where the only access is by some form of easement or private road. This is applicable for no more than three lots. More than three lots require full compliance with standards in the Bradford Subdivision Regulations.

A warrant article to be voted on at Town Meeting will request authorization for the Planning Board to exempt island lots and those lots on the east shore of Lake Massasecum accessible only by boat from the requirements of RSA 674:41, I & II dealing with road frontage.

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 9 to present amendments to the Bradford Zoning Ordinance. These will be voted on, by ballot, at the first session of the Town Meeting. The Board has recommended five minor amendments to date, dealing with front yard setback, clarifications to the rear lot provisions, and site plan requirements when certain changes are made to business units. Also to be presented at the

Public Hearing is a Wireless Telecommunication Ordinance that would establish guidelines and standards for erection of any towers that might be proposed in Bradford and amendments to the sign ordinance prepared by a BEOC subcommittee.

In other action, the Board approved a five-lot subdivision on West Road for Cersosimo Industries and a three-lot subdivision on Fairgrounds Road for Perry Teele. Two subdivision applications were received that will be presented on January 9. One is a two-lot subdivision for Hill Pond Farm on Center Road and the second is a Boundary Adjustment requested by Mark and Joel Goldberg.

The Planning Board continues to seek the services of a part-time secretary to attend meetings, prepare minutes, and handle necessary notices and correspondence. Contact Tom Riley if you would like more information.

At the close of the meeting on December 26, Chairman Tom Riley submitted his letter of resignation from the Board to be effective on January 9. Riley, who has served on the Board for fourteen years, eight of them as chairman, said that he will remember, with pride, the many accomplishments of the Planning Board during that time period. He urged the Board to continue to strive for the best interests of the Town of Bradford. Board members expressed their regret at his decision to resign and assured Tom that he will continue to be called upon for his many years of experience with the Planning Board.

---Marcia Keller


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Parks and Recreation Update

Our Baton classes with Donna Acker went very well. Donna did a fine job with the girls. Everyone is looking forward to classes resuming in the spring. Soon we will begin getting ready for the Fourth of July Parade. With the upstairs at the Town Hall closed for the winter things will be quiet for the next month or so, but we have plans in the making. We are planning more work at French's Park. We plan to put in a barbecue grill and swings for the children. We all feel it's been a good year and next year will be even better. Thank you to everyone for their help and support and I wish all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

—Jane Lucas



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Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd

My family and I extend our best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to all of our friends and neighbors. As I look over the 900-plus pieces of new legislation to be considered this year, it becomes apparent that life in the State House will be quite busy and diverse.

It probably comes as no surprise that there are copious bills related to the reformation of the judicial system. The Senate impeachment trial that resulted, in part, in the close examination of the State Supreme Court policies and procedures uncovered some very troubling trends in the judiciary. We will be addressing and recommending remedial action to ensure the public's faith and confidence in the Supreme Court while being mindful of the importance of maintaining separation of powers among the three branches of government.

As a member of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, I have been involved with several study committees that met throughout the spring, summer and fall to examine issues related to the prison system. Since 1980, the State prison system population has risen from 287 to 2,233. This is a 678% increase in a state where the general population has only increased by 30%. Even as crime rates have declined, public policy has changed to favor incarceration over rehabilitation. Increase in the "crime-prone years" population (18-34 year olds), mandatory sentencing, recidivism rates, and lack of rehabilitative services are among some of the reasons for this stunning increase in population. The cost in taxpayer dollars is high, about \$19,000 per year per inmate. Alternately, supervision of someone on parole or probation is \$825.00 per year with the eligible parolee working and contributing to society in a productive capacity. Counseling and treatment programs are scarce in New Hampshire's prisons and, for the few that exist, long waiting lists preclude

participation by those who would benefit most from treatment options that would help them avoid recidivism once returned home. The County is considering a \$35,000 grant to the Merrimack County jail to counsel inmates about domestic violence with follow-up services to be extended in the community (the Bradford Area Community Center may serve as such a satellite). It is estimated that such programming will decrease recidivism by 30% annually. Judges who testified before the committee spoke to the unavailability of community services as a substantial consideration in their sentencing decisions.

Other issues under committee consideration are the allegations of sexual harassment within the prison system, some shocking details of which are publicized regularly in the state newspapers. We have been astonished by the number of lawsuits settled to the tune of many thousands of dollars and the complaints of a well-entrenched system of deviant public workplace policies that have been before us. The new Commissioner of Corrections, William Stanley, has been quite cooperative in helping the committee research our areas of concern. More on this later.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or issues that relate to my service to you. As legislators, we have access to information and research services that we are happy to share with you on a variety of topics. Legislative issues of interest come up daily in local papers and news reports. Call or e-mail me with your input, questions and positions. Voting for constituents requires knowledge that can only be communicated between us, so do your part and I'll do my best to do mine.

Happy New Year and many thanks to all for your continued support. I feel blessed!

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Selectmen's Minutes

December 4. Bradford Country Squares members Dave Dunlop and Mr. and Mrs. Burns met with Selectmen to discuss the closing of the Town Hall for the winter. The Selectmen have decided to close the hall to conserve fuel during the winter months and will allow functions again in April. The Country Squares requested the Selectmen reconsider as they have advertised and made contracts a year in advance of the function. After discussion, the Selectmen have agreed to allow the January dance but to cancel the February and March functions. The group cannot cancel the advertising for January at this short notice. The group also questioned booking for next year. The Selectmen will review the matter in the spring to see what the outcome of the energy efforts has been. Selectmen suggested the group return in early June to discuss booking dates for June 2001-May 2002. Selectmen will increase the rental for January to \$50 to help defer the costs.

Mr. MacLeod met with Selectmen to discuss possible changes to the French's Park entrance when the State begins work on the Rte 114 improvements next spring. Selectmen informed Mr. MacLeod of a meeting on January 10 to be held at the Town Hall, with State and other interested parties. The meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the Town Hall and the public is invited to attend. Mr. MacLeod mentioned a large rock on the corner of Forest Street that should be examined for removal. Selectmen will investigate.

Dick Keller questioned Selectmen as to their support for the millfoil project in the 2001 budget. Selectmen agreed to support the request. Mr. Keller also questioned the plans to reinstate the inventory forms as the town had voted them out in 1992. Cheryl has checked with the Department of Revenue and has been told the Selectmen do not need the vote of town meeting to reinstate the forms. She will check again.

John Mock will inspect the town highway garage and advise on the ability to adjust the overhead doors for energy conservation.

December 11. Selectmen met with Bert Spooner to discuss his appointment as Chief of the Bradford Police Department effective December 15, 2000. Plans for hiring two new full-time officers, and scheduling of schooling and part-time officers were discussed. Selectmen will present a contract to Bert Spooner prior to December 15 for his review and signature.

School Board study for the Public Kindergarten was reviewed and discussed. Se-

lectmen requested the superintendent be contacted to arrange a meeting to discuss the ramifications to the town.

Letter from Chip Meany to Paul Semple, attorney for Jennifer Sayre, was read to Selectmen. Selectmen agreed with its content and suggested Tom Riley, Chairman of the Planning Board be alerted of the correspondence. The building inspector has refused the permit based on no frontage on a Class V road.

Letter prepared by Don Johnsen and signed by the Selectmen will be mailed to Ms. Bledsoe of the Brownfields project. This letter is part of a request for additional state funds to clean up contaminated sites.

Complaint from Dick Moore on the damage to the second floor meeting room floors was read to the record. Groups using the second floor for meetings should be made aware of the damage done by dragging the chairs during the setting up and clean up after meetings.

The Selectmen signed the Timber tax warrant.

Selectmen signed appointment of Robin Steiner to the Revolving Loan committee.

December 18. Chief Bert Spooner met with the Selectmen to discuss filling the two full-time positions within the police department. Selectmen discussed setting up a hiring board to interview the three candidates. Chris Frey will contact those who have agreed to participate in the interview process.

Town offices will be closed the week of December 25 to allow for year-end work.

December 27. Superintendent of Schools Tom Brennan met with Selectmen to answer questions regarding the Kindergarten Study. Mr. Brennan explained to the Selectmen the review of past studies, and the direction he had received from the School Board with regards to the pursuit of grant money for building additional kindergarten rooms to several schools in the district. The selectmen and audience posed questions to Mr. Brennan regarding source of the population figures, the cost of maintaining additional classrooms for kindergarten in future years, and the deadlines for spending available grant money. The study conducted by the superintendent's office indicated the local providers would not have the space to service 14% of the children identified as eligible for service. Discussion questioned the validity of the live birth figures vs. enrollment at various area schools. Transportation will not be

provided for kindergarten children, and the audience felt this would reduce the number of children attending the program significantly. Selectmen requested the District consider using the Bradford Community Center in lieu of building an addition in Bradford. Townspeople in the audience requested the School Board not leap into the building project, but take additional time to consider the local alternatives. Mr. Brennan indicated he would check into the issues presented by the town, especially the time requirements on spending the grant money. The warrants have been posted and will be voted at town meeting in March 2001.


Planning Board resignation of Thomas Riley was read to the record.

Warrant items were discussed by selectmen. Warrants for road work on East Washington Road, Fairgrounds Road, and High Street are planned as are warrants for energy conservation at the town hall, a new police cruiser, a new sander for the highway department, and revaluation project. The selectmen will try to fund the capital reserves from the surplus.

Selectmen approved the appointment of two full time police officers, Andrew Turgeon and Aaron Sparks. Both men have served the town as part-time officers this past year.

—excerpted from public minutes prepared by Cheryl Behr

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Police Report

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—Pennie M. Spooner

Bradford Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Committee would like to thank all organizations and individuals that donated both food and money for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. We delivered 27 abundant baskets for each holiday and in cooperation with Toys for Tots, we also were able to give many toys to the children of the families at Christmas time.

Community Workshop

The Community Workshop will be hosting Tracey Bishop, the International Four-H Youth Exchange Student who spent six months in Greece as an exchange student, at their January 11 meeting. Tracey will show slides and share her experiences in Greece with us and the group will be preparing a Greek meal to share with members and guests. Because the December 12 Christmas luncheon had to be canceled due to inclement weather, we were not able to distribute Greek recipes; therefore, members are on their own to find a recipe for a Greek appetizer, casserole, salad or dessert. Also, due to the cancellation we'll have a delayed Christmas exchange, so bring the gifts that were to be shared in December. Set up for the luncheon will begin at 11:00am, to be followed by the cuisine and program at noon. As always, the meeting will be held at the Friendship House in South Newbury.

—Clare Bensley

BWC Update

Many thanks to all that worked on the Fair and Raffle, and to all that came. We are always delighted that the community is so supportive of the Bradford Women's Club. Special thanks to Margaret Raymond and her committee for the story hour and Santa photos. The children were delighted. The Santa photos are available at the Library. Thank you also to the Masons for the use of their hall.

Raffle prizes went to: J. Denoncourt, Rosie Robertson, Martain Bohim and Art Lovett.

Our next members meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16 at 1:00pm at the Community Center. Bring a box lunch for yourself and a wrapped gift for a Yankee Swap. Plans for upcoming events will be discussed.

—Jean Gaito, President



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Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Library Trustees Meeting, BML, 7:00pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

BWC Board Meeting, 9:00am, BACC
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm (at 7:30pm, Hearing on Zoning Amendments)
Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm
BEOC, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

KRSD Annual Meeting Deliberative Session, KRHS, 9:00am

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
BBA Meeting, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

BWC Membership Meeting, BACC, 1:00pm, Yankee Swap and Box Lunch
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for details
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Bradford Fish & Game Club, annual banquet, Appleseed Restaurant, 6:00pm, 938-2255 for details

Kindergarten

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Q: How will children be transported?
A: Parents will be responsible for transporting their children.

Q: What will the class sizes be?

A: The District goal is to have classes average between 12-15 students per class, with an absolute maximum of 18 per class.

Q: What percentage of eligible children are currently attending private kindergartens?

A: Approximately 88%.

Q: Is public kindergarten mandatory?

A: No, parents decide whether to send their child to public kindergarten, to private kindergarten or no kindergarten at all.

—Mark Fairbank

KRSD Annual Meeting

The deliberative session of the Kearsarge Regional School District's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, January 13 at 9:00am at the Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton. This is your opportunity to listen to and participate in discussion and debate of the KRSD warrant articles, to propose amendments and to vote on non-monetary articles.

Thistle Spinners, every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn
Bradford Historical Society, open by appointment, call 938-5386

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



Don't wait until it's too late!

Bradford Bridge February deadlines

Display ads	January 20
Classified ads	January 26
Articles	January 20*

*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after the deadline, please contact Lyn Betz at 938-5029.

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FOR SALE. Columbia ski jacket, young ladies' size 18/20, reversible turquoise/deep purple. Beautiful, never worn! Original price \$200, asking \$80. Call 938-2056 days/eves.

FOR SALE. Reasonable, '95 Sunnybrook 10' 5" wheel with slide-out, extra cabinets, computer space, queen bed, ceiling fan, large shower. All set up in adult RV park in Florida. Lot rent paid till April 1. (352) 523-3693. Stay or travel.

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-2692.