

Letters to the Editor...

P.O. Box 331
Chocorua, NH

Sir:

I have been recently reading your articles about the "Polkadot Pony" of Chocorua, NH. I too, have seen him and got just one photo. Not quite as profound as yours, but equally evidential as you can see. My neighbor and I call him Pukka - check a dictionary for an explanation.

My neighbor's son, Abraham Hughes, a 3rd grade student in the Sandwich (NH) school, has also seen him and agrees with Jason Uptedike that he is a "mutant" relative of the Calico Kid's horse. Abraham explains that the pony - originally white with black spots - at one time had some kind of melanoma condition and that possibly the "Hole in the Ozone" has been a factor in changing the spots to different colors. (What a shame you can't print his picture in color!)

The pony must have a wide range of travel, in as much as he crosses so often into Maine. He was gazing at a mare when I snapped my picture; perhaps he has found new companionship in Vienna!

Hoping to hear more about this fantastic animal -

Sincerely - B.A. Frankfurter

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VIENNA TOWN PARK PROJECT

by Larry Gross and Dodi Thompson

After two years of planning and dedicated effort on the part of many Vienna residents, the Vienna Town Park is now a reality. The park is situated on a three acre lot on Flying Pond, near the Vienna-Mt. Vernon town line on Route 41.

The park entrance features a small pull-off area and a raised, scenic overlook with a park bench. The trail system winds through the entire park and affords visitors several access and viewing points (with two more park benches) all along the park's shoreline. The trail pattern was created to minimize environmental damage. A variety of wildlife has been spotted in or near the park's grassy coves and adjacent water. They included moose, otter, a blue heron, a family of loons and mallard ducks.

The park is open to the public during daylight hours. One reminder - there are no trash receptacles. If you have trash, or see any that some one else left behind, please take it home with you for disposal.

Participants in the park project include the following: Vienna Recreational Land Committee: Dodi Thompson (Chairman), Larry Gross (Basic design and site preparation), Harold Kelley, Marianne Archard, Sue Burns, Charlie Meader. Park Construction/Trail Cutting: Harold Kelley, Hollis Stinson, Rick Campbell. Volunteer Labor: Rebecca Gross, Bill Thompson, Ben Thompson, John Archard, Ed Lawless

Thanks to the Selectmen for their help and for getting an extension on the deadline for completion. Thank you, too, to the Planning Board and the Department of Transportation for their approval of our work. We would also like to thank Al Raedle for his vision and dedication to this project.

The Flu, The Whole Flu, and Nothing But The Flu

by Diane Vandal, Vienna Health Officer

For those who need a few days off from work in the middle of winter, and need to get sick to do it, read no further. This is a discussion about the flu virus, who is at risk, and how you may prevent it.

The flu is like a cold, only worse! The virus infects the nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs. Symptoms include fever, chills, cough and achiness in the back, arms and legs. Most people will experience these symptoms for less than 5 days, though lingering minor symptoms may continue for 2 weeks.

The flu is not life-threatening for most healthy individuals, but for those with certain debilitating conditions, recovery may require major medical intervention. Thousands of people in the U.S. die from the flu or related complications. Thinking about a vaccine? Read on!

A vaccine to prevent the flu is available. It is highly effective, though not guaranteed. Every year a new strain of flu virus is prevalent. This year's vaccine is effective against three strains which are most likely to occur this winter. (The viruses in the vaccine cannot infect anyone because they have been killed.) This vaccine will not protect against other types of viruses or related conditions.



The effectiveness of the vaccine begins one to two weeks after injection and continues for several months. A new vaccination is required every year. Vaccines are usually administered from mid-October to December. The injection may be given in a variety of settings: a doctor's office, a flu-shot clinic, or at home if you are a patient of a home health agency.

There are risks associated in taking any medication. Side effects of the flu vaccine may include fever or achiness for one or two days. Also, as with any medication, there may be an allergic reaction to the vaccine. Certain people should not receive the vaccine. Reasons include: previous allergic reaction to a flu vaccine, an allergy to eggs, pregnancy, or a present fever or illness. If you are taking any other medications, you should check with your doctor before receiving the vaccine.

Persons who should think most seriously about receiving the vaccine include the elderly and people with cardiac or lung problems, asthma, or diabetes. To protect others, persons who work in health care facilities or who take care of the elderly or sick in their homes should consider being vaccinated against the flu. Students in schools or colleges where it may be very contagious, or anyone wishing to reduce their chances of catching the flu, should seriously consider the vaccine.

To be fair, I feel compelled to say something about prevention. If you aren't moving your body around for at least one half hour three times a week, you're living in the Dark Ages! Get your blood pumping and lungs expanding as often as you can. Winter can mean confinement and isolation if you let it, so get into the habit of visiting your friends and laughing as often as possible. Drink 8 glasses of water and eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables every day (and I **don't** mean the fruit in fruitcake!) Relax, build lots of snowmen, go skating—be careful, Jim and Brownie!—and you'll thank me come spring.

EXTENSION NEWS

by Pam Bean

Vienna Village Extension Homemakers meet on the second Monday of each month, except July and August, in the Vienna Grange Hall at 7:00 p.m. New or prospective members are always welcome.

Future meetings tentatively scheduled are as follows:

OCTOBER 11th - Dried flowers

NOVEMBER 8th - Doorstop mouse or Santa

DECEMBER 13th - Christmas party at LeeAnn Neal's home

JANUARY 10th - Pound of dough

FEBRUARY 14th - Baxter State Park

MARCH 15th - Gumdrop flowers

APRIL 11th - Perennials

MAY 9th - Baskets

JUNE 13th - Pot luck supper, silent auction and plant exchange

November 13th will be the Franklin County Homemakers Craftsmen Fair at the Mt. Blue High School, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information on Homemaker activities, call Pam Bean (293-2613), JoAnn Pillsbury (293-2334), Helen Wilkey (293-2351) or LeeAnn Neal (293-2951).

VIENNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Ellen Miller

The hard-working members of the Vienna Historical Society are not able to relax much, even after the successful July production of three new plays by Beverly Wight Smith. Now the Society has been asked to repeat one of the plays for the October meeting of the local branch of the University of Maine Alumni Association.

On October 28th, at the Grange Hall in Vienna, the Society has planned a community get-together to watch video tapes of the plays.

The Society's members shared responsibility for their annual booth in the Exhibition Hall, at the Farmington Fair. At the back of the booth is a

beautiful queen-size quilt made by Gloria Kelley. There are also scrapbooks and local photographs for fair visitors to look at. This material and much more is always available at the VHS center in the village. Meetings are the second and fourth Friday's at 7:00 p.m.

UNION HALL

by Marti Gross

This year, thanks to the hard work of the Union Hall volunteers and to the generosity of both year-round and seasonal residents, the Vienna Union Hall held its most successful auction yet. Once again we would like to say a special "thank you" to our auctioneer, Fred Bauer.

We are very close to achieving our goal of insulating and sheet rocking both the walls and ceiling of the hall. Once this phase of the restoration is completed, the hall can function as a year round community center, which is our ultimate goal.

We are now planning both the Children's Halloween Party and a pie sale. We welcome any and all help. At this time, our meetings are still being held on the first Wednesday of the month at the hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

BULKY TRASH PICKUP DAY

There will be a bulky trash pickup day on October 23rd. **NOT INCLUDED** are construction or demolition debris, wood waste, and leaf/yard waste.

The following is a list of items that **MUST BE PREPAID** to Selectman Jim Gajarski before pickup day:

Brown goods: \$5.00 each (TVs, stereos, mattresses, couches, box springs, chairs, etc.)

White goods: \$5.00 each (Washers, dryers, stoves, etc.)

Refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners: \$10.00 each

Tires: Up to 15" - \$1.00 each, 15" to 19" = \$2.00 each, 20" - \$5.00 each. No tires over 20" will be accepted.

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Dear Libby -

We enjoy *Vienna Voices*, thanks. The article on the dam reminded me that I did a watercolor of the stream and dam from the bridge next to the Post Office. If you want the enclosed copy to use with another story on the problem, feel free to use it.... Your pie ad is very tempting. The vitality of today's Vienna comes through loud and clear... We have been summer people since 1948.... Thanks for all you are contributing to your community.

Sincerely,

Dee Herbrandson

(Editor's note: The *Voices'* "scanner," which is essential to the introduction of photographs into the newsletter, is currently visiting in Massachusetts. Upon its return, we will see if we can reproduce the photo of Ms. Herbrandson's painting.)

TOWN NOTES

by Debbie Byrnes

The new bulletin board is now installed at the Townhouse. Be sure to stop by and check out what is happening in Town. If your Town organization has an event it would like to publicize on the board, please submit the notice to one of the Selectmen for posting.

In recent months there have been some new appointments made. The Board would like to thank the new appointees for volunteering their time and energy.

Fire Chief - Jim Meader

Board of Assessment Review - Stuart Rogers

There are still positions open for Alternate Plumbing Inspector, Alternate Planning Board Member, and Civil Emergency Preparedness Officer. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact any of the Selectmen.

Creston Gaither has agreed to take Joe Pongonis' job of updating our town maps. We thank Joe for the many years that he has done the town mapping. We gratefully appreciate Creston's willingness to try this position for a year.

A hearty "Thank you" to the Vienna Historical Society for their generous donation of a new photocopy machine to the Town Office. It was sorely needed by all departments, as the old copier was deemed too expensive to repair and there were no funds in the budget to replace it.

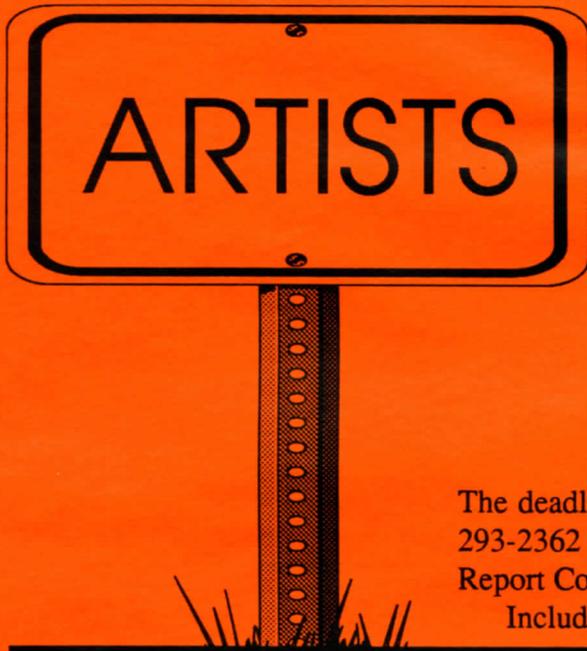
The U.S. Postal Department is on the lookout for land near the village center on which to erect a new Post Office. Stay tuned for further developments.

On October 1, the 1993 taxes were committed to the tax collector. The new mil rate of \$20.90 per thousand dollars of assessed value was arrived at due to a decrease in State Revenue Sharing and increases in both the Municipal Budget voted on at Town Meeting, and School Taxes. Taxpayers with excess acreage (over 1 acre) will also notice a slight increase in assessment due to rising land sales.

(Bulky Trash...continued)

MONEY MUST BE IN JIM GAJARSKI'S HANDS BEFORE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND. Jim is available at the Town House every Monday morning from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., or by appointment (293-2910). If your name is not on the paid list or an item is not correctly listed, it will not be picked up by James Greenough. The costs are those charged by the Jay Recycling Center to everyone.

Those who would like to dispose of bulky waste at Jay themselves may obtain a free access sticker from Jo-Ann Pillsbury (293-2334). You will then be responsible for the costs charged by Jay. The cost for bulky waste other than the items listed above is \$10.00 per cubic yard.



The Town Report Committee is looking for some ideas for the 1993 Town Report cover. If you are interested in submitting artwork to be considered for the cover, these are the specifications.

- Size: 6"x9" after trimming.
- Must be black and white.
- Line drawing or photo
- There must be space for the following type: "Annual Report 1992 Town of Vienna" . We can set this or you can include it in the artwork.
- Must be "camera ready."

The deadline for submissions is February 1st. Call Libby Harville at 293-2362 if you have any questions. Mail your submission to "Town Report Cover," P.O. Box 35, Vienna, ME 04360.

Include your name and address so all art work can be returned.

RECYCLING—WHAT ONE FAMILY CAN DO

by Jim Floyd

After reading the report in *Vienna Voices* last fall that only 11% of Vienna's trash was being recycled, I decided to do an experiment, since I was sure that in my own household—of two adults—we were recycling a lot more than 11%. For three months (2/24/93 - 5/31/93) I weighed all the disposable material that we generated, and the results were amazing! Only 12% was not recyclable! Below is a breakdown of my findings.

RECYCLABLES

Glass	9.00 pounds	2.96%
Newspaper	38.25 "	12.59%
Mixed paper	77.75 "	25.59%
Metal	9.00 "	2.96%
Corrugated cardboard	24.00 "	7.90%
Plastic	9.25 "	3.04%
TOTAL RECYCLABLES	167.25 pounds	55.04%

COMPOST	98.85 pounds	32.53%
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TRASH	37.75 pounds	12.42%
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TOTAL DISPOSABLES	303.85 pounds	100.00%
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It is important to remember that this experiment represents the findings of only one household that is very serious about recycling. The actual mix of material will vary from family to family. For instance, we get a lot of junk mail and catalogs that make up the major part of the mixed paper. Other people may have more metal because they have pets and use a lot of canned pet food.

However, I feel that what's important about this experiment is that it shows what can be done by being committed, getting organized and forming the recycling habit. It proves that the State of Maine's goal of recycling 50% of its waste is achievable. For our town, it means a substantial savings in disposal fees as well as helping the environment. And now recycling is even easier for me because I am no longer weighing everything!

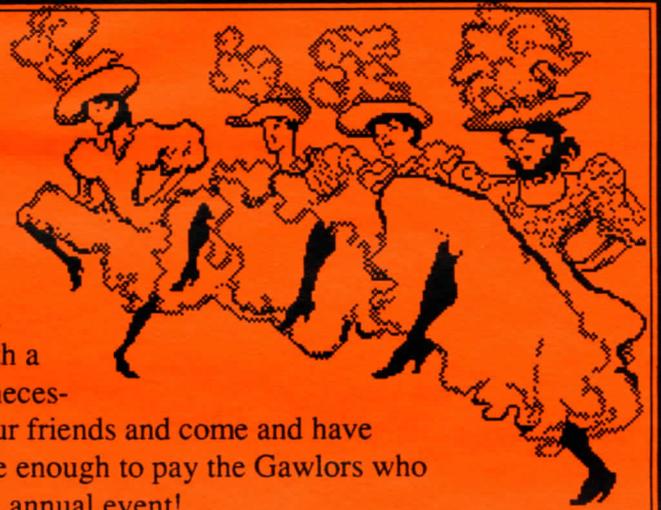
CONTRA DANCE

OCTOBER 23RD

7:30 —11:00 P.M.

Vienna Union Hall

Adults \$5.00 Students \$2.50 Under 12 Free



The Mill Stream Grange is sponsoring a Contra Dance. EVERYONE is invited and you don't need to come with a partner. All dances will be taught, so no experience is necessary. Beverages and snacks will be available. Bring your friends and come and have a **GREAT** time! A successful dance (meaning we make enough to pay the Gawlers who will be playing and calling) may mean this becomes an annual event!

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