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## BREADMAKING MADE EASY

Two bread baking courses will be offered by Kathy Lawless this coming January and February. A maximum of four persons may enroll in each 4-week course. Classes will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Wellknown as the proprietor of *Wodjie's Bakehouse*, Kathy reports that participants will take home at least two loaves of fresh, "own made" bread each week.

The course will cover the ups-and-downs of yeast, rolls, round breads, traditional loaves and specialty items. A tuition of \$20.00 for the four week course, plus \$5.00 for ingredients, will be charged.

The first course begins January 4th, the second February 1st at the Lawless kitchen on the Cummer Road, Vienna, and will continue on successive Wednesdays. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, call Kathy at 293-2635 early in the morning or after 6:00 p.m.

## ABLAZE WITH NEWS

by Phil Pillsbury, Assistant Chief  
Vienna Fire Department

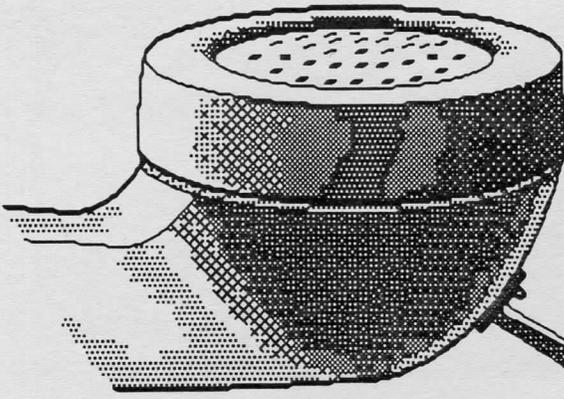
Cold weather is now upon us and the Fire Department has been busy cleaning chimneys. If you burn wood, please make sure your stove and chimney are safe from fire danger. A clean chimney is most important, and keeping objects a safe distance from a hot stove is always a wise precaution.

Winners of our November *Hunters' Raffle*: Mr. McGordy of Mansfield, MA., First Prize; Jim Hook of Mt. Vernon, Second Prize; and Pete Bernard of Jay, Third Prize.

Special thanks to everyone who donated food and helped with our *Hunters' Supper*. Support like this truly makes our fund raising a big success.

The big news is that the Department has installed the Town's first dry hydrant on the Kimball Pond Road just past the recently repaired dam. The town now has an easily accessible water source for year-round use; a great benefit for us all.





# 293-ERS AWAIT P.U.C. RULE

The Maine Public Utilities Commission has received a request from the Public Advocate on behalf of the 293-exchange customers of the Community Service Telephone Company (CSTC). The PUC is asked to grant the CSTC a waiver that would permit expansion of the "local calling" area to nearby towns, such as Augusta, Readfield, Farmington and Waterville.

If granted, this would provide an option for this service to each customer at a fixed additional monthly cost; it would not be automatic or required.

The PUC is also being asked to investigate the possibility that the CSTC is "over-earning" on its services. The Public Advocate believes the company's current profits are excessive.

Both of these requests were submitted to the PUC on November 29th, simultaneously with the Advocate's request that he be allowed to represent the 293-exchange customers before the Commission.

More than 400 petition signatures had been collected by the *293 Citizens Telephone Committee* and were submitted to the Commission on November 22nd. The Commission requested a response from the CSTC by December 8th. The PUC will not finally rule on these issues without consultation with the *293 Citizens Telephone Committee*.

For more information, contact Sandy Roig at 293-2746, or John Maheu at 293-9329.

## Make Sure There's No Hole in Your Bucket

Residents are reminded that they are each allowed up to 2 five gallon buckets of the town's salt/sand mix for sanding steps. If more sand is needed, written authorization from the Selectpersons is required. A fee will be charged due to a dramatic increase in salt prices this year.

The town's Road Commissioner estimates the amount of the salt/sand mix that will be required for road coverage. A shortage in mid-winter due to pilfering, or unwarranted stockpiling by contractors and others, is expensive to the town and could be dangerous.

Abiding by this policy will help ensure an adequate supply of this important material.

### IMPORTANT SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

A subscription to *Vienna Voices* currently costs \$2.50 per year and guarantees the subscriber at least four issues (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter). *Vienna Voices* is produced by Harville-Hinckley Enterprises, UnInc., at P.O.Box 35, Vienna, ME 04360. **PLEASE SEE IMPORTANT READER POLL ON THE INSIDE BACK COVER.**

# Selected Shorts

## News from the Board of Selectpersons

### Town Spring Water A-OK

Thank you, Herbert Kelley, for cleaning out the well house! After the cleaning, the town spring water was tested for potability and passed with flying colors. As ever, the water is safe to drink!

### Computer Program On Line

The town's new assessing computer program, developed by Glen Cole of Mt. Vernon, was full functional for the last tax billing. A Financial Records program will be installed by January 1st.

Unfortunately, the town's computer is so obsolete that the new programs take hours—instead of minutes—to produce reports. The Selectpersons will be addressing this problem soon.

### Delta Ambulance May Be Sold

Franklin County Memorial Hospital has proposed purchasing Delta Ambulance Service. The hospital has requested letters of support from participating towns to help them obtain grant moneys for the purchase.

Vienna has complied with this request. Towns will be asked to continue their contributions towards running the service, but the suggested amounts are expected to decrease if the takeover effort is successful.

### Merry Dumpsters Save Vienna from Fine

The Merry Dumpsters, Vienna's Recycling Committee, submitted to the State a proposal outlining Vienna's plans for compliance with State recycling requirements.

The acceptance of this plan saved the town a fine of \$1.50 per ton of garbage. Currently, Vienna is recycling 30.8% of its waste.

Much appreciation and gratitude go to the Merry Dumpsters for their successful efforts.

### I.R.S. Problems Resolved

Thanks to Deby Ryan, Treasurer, the problems with the 1991 I.R.S. town tax return have now been resolved. Deby spent many hours working on this with the I.R.S.

She has instituted a quarterly review for 1944 with each town financial department. This results in more accurate bookkeeping for all.

### 1994 Auditor Selected

Richard Walker of Farmington, has again been contracted by the Selectpersons to complete Vienna's annual audit.

## VIENNA NEEDS YOU!

Several appointive positions in Vienna government are vacant and need to be filled. Town government functions only because residents are willing to donate some of their time and energy to it. Please do your part and get involved with your community by volunteering for one of the following positions.

**Board of Appeals:** This board meets only when a resident's construction proposal has been turned down by the Planning Board, and a hearing is requested before the Board of Appeals.

**Planning Board Alternate:** The Board meets the 4th Tuesday of each month.

**Civil Emergency Preparedness Officer:** The person in this position plans for any threatening disaster in town, i.e. floods, hurricanes, etc. Not filling this position could jeopardize the town's chances of receiving federal disaster funds such as those that recently were used to help repair the dam and some town roads.

Interested persons should contact the Selectpersons for more information and to volunteer. Please help your town!

## HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

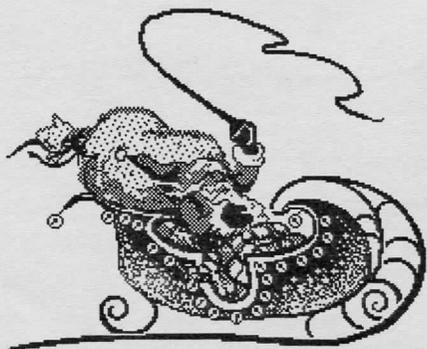
1995 Hunting and Fishing Licenses have arrived with price increases. A bow license now requires a Hunter's Safety Course unless you can show proof that you've held your license since 1980.

## WHY NOT RUN FOR OFFICE?

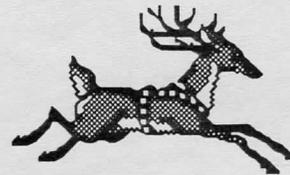
Pick up nomination papers after December 26th from Jo-Ann Pillsbury, Town Clerk. They must be returned to her by February 4, 1995, with no fewer than 10 and no more than 25 signatures of registered Vienna voters.

## VEHICLE RE-REGISTRATION

For the past nine months, excise taxes have been paid to the Town Clerk. Jo-Ann has been certified by the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles to re-register only—automobiles, boats, ATVs and snowmobiles. She tries to alert people of expiring or overdue registrations, but asks that you check your plate tags or yellow registration form to verify the expiration date.



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## TOWN MEETING TIME

Vienna's 1995 Town Meeting will be held at the Cape Cod Hill School on Saturday, March 11, at 2:00 P.M. The meeting will open at 8:00 A.M. at the Vienna Town Hall to elect a moderator and Town officers. Polls will be open from 8:00 until noon.

## DOG LICENSES

1995 Dog Licenses are due by January 1, 1995, though a grace period of 30 days is allowed. A \$3.00 late fine will be charged after January 31st. Dog License fees remain at \$7.50 and \$4.00 and require a current rabies vaccination certificate. If you have lost a dog due to death or other circumstances, please let Jo-Ann know so it can be removed from the census.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Time rolls by fast when you're as busy as Jo-Ann has been this year. From now on, Town Meeting will remind her not only of ballots and elections, but also of babies and nor'easters. Her newest house-guest, Chelsea Storme, will be one year old just day's before this year's assembly!

# Fire Department Auxiliary Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 1995 at 7:00 P.M.

Men and Women are invited to support the Vienna Fire Department through the formation of an Auxiliary.

Please come with ideas, energy and/or a desire to help out.

For further information, contact Deby Ryan at 293-2136

# VIENNA EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

The Vienna Village Extension plans the following programs for the new year. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. the second Monday of each month at the Millstream Grange Hall, unless otherwise noted.

- January 9th — Entertainment Themes: Napkin folding and table settings
- February 13th — International: Appalachian Trail
- March 13th — Knitting night
- April 10th — Fall Finishing
- May 8th — Pattern Swap - bring a sample product
- June 12th — Plant Swap, Silent Auction, Pot-luck Supper  
Election of Officers (Begins at 6:30 P.M.)

Officers of the Extension this year are Pam Bean, Chairperson; Helen Wilkey, Co-Chairperson; Jo-Ann Pillsbury, Treasurer; Lee Ann Neal, Secretary.

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## VOLUNTEERISM LIVES

by Edward Hinckley

Last summer, as repairs to the dam were being planned, the suggestion that volunteer labor be utilized was rejected by the Board of Selectpersons due to concerns related to Workmen's Compensation insurance and possible liability issues. At the same time, Maine Public Radio was reporting on a project in the Town of Edgecomb in which townspeople volunteered time and energy to build an addition onto the town's elementary school.

Our reporter wrote to Ms. Molly Pitkin in Edgecomb, who had been identified as the project's spokesperson, to find out how that town had responded to similar concerns, as well as how Edgecomb had handled decision-making in the project. The following is from her response:

"I spoke with Joanne Krawic, the principal of the Edgecomb Eddy School. She said that Workman's Comp is for paid people, and so did not apply to this situation. She checked with the school's insurance company, which said that as long as the school didn't cause an injury through negligence the school was not responsible if a volunteer was injured. They told her it was no different from having friends come over to help you with some project at your house. If they were injured (and you weren't negligent in some way) their insurance would cover them (the volunteer's insurance, that is). They did not get waivers of liability from the volunteers. My impression, too, is that she assumed some good will on the part of the volunteers—i.e., they volunteered because they like the school and believe in it. Therefore they are not likely to sue it."

"As to the decision-making process, the school committee and the principal made the initial decisions. The town had to vote the money, so I imagine they had some input. It sounds as if the school committee and the principal decided on the liability issue, and the plans and commitment to the project. They created a building committee that decided a lot of the details of the building—each person making decisions in their area of expertise."

"I hope this is some help to you. I'm glad to answer your questions because one of the reasons I got excited about this project is that I see it as a model that could be used to help lots of communities solve lots of problems. Not that we all have to get out there and build our own schools, but for energetic creative people here is an idea that worked for us and might have an application to your community. I'm tired of feeling that things can't get better and that small communities have to take 'No' for an answer. Small communities have assets of their own and this one turned a problem into one of those assets."

# ...inspired to poetry

A fall visitor to Vienna—from Australia— sent the following poem to Libby Harville. It was composed on the bus as she left Maine. An Australian government policy—stemming from its distance from England with the only means of early travel home being by ship— provides a 3-months paid holiday to every government worker after 10 years of service. By taking half-pay for another three months, Ms. Leonard was able to extend her travels to a total of six months.

## Can You Imagine?

by Francie Leonard

The serenity, the calm, the peace, the joy,  
All for one to share and enjoy.  
The beautiful trees, so many, so free.  
For I have experienced what life might be.

The apples arrived, no word exchanged  
For I could only but imagine  
The giving, the receiving was amazingly found  
The babbling brook water, the tranquil sound.

To bike to the lake, the water so clear—  
"Would you ride my canoe? You're welcome, my dear,  
To sit on the step and chat for awhile  
Or ride your bike through the country mile."

Yes, pick fresh vegies, the carrots and potatoes,  
Or have a free bag of ripe, red tomatoes.  
I've run out of eggs. Will I get some more?  
Let's go see Dorothy, I'll knock on her door.

For my life's now richer than it was before  
As I spent my time in Vienna, I saw.  
So I thank the folk that I met and talked,  
As I go on my journey from where I've walked.



## A Winter's Party

T'was the day before New Year's and all through the  
wood

Not a creature was stirring. They all had been good  
And gotten their gifts from faithful Saint Nick—  
All of them edible. They'd eaten them quick!

The deer were all snuggled in their woodland yard,  
Hoping the winter wouldn't be very hard.  
The black bears were lolling outside of their lair,  
Brushing their teeth and combing their hair;  
Looking their best so they could stay neat  
During the depths of their long winter sleep.

The rabbits were carefully watching the foxes  
And playing with the ribbon from their Christmas  
boxes.

The moose were all waiting with their dewlaps  
drooping,  
And paying no attention to the 'coons, who were  
snooping  
Around for anything that they could take and wash on  
the shores of nearby Kidder Lake.

These creatures were gathered in the hills of Vienna  
To talk with a guest from the State of New Hampsha.  
The famed Spotted Pony, who was known near and  
far,  
Had traveled all night from Cho-cor-u-a.  
He'd told all the news of his state and his travel  
And now they were watching the Old Year unravel.

There was one more there, a most special guest.  
His name was Blitzen, from the North Pole Express,  
A genuine reindeer from Old Santa's sleigh.  
He'd finished his chores and taken the day  
Off to visit his friends down in Maine.  
I just happened to hear some one mention his name.  
I don't know his size and I don't know his age  
But I did snap the photo at the top of this page!

*Anonymous*



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# Dumpsters Up-Date



## MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS: TOGETHER AT LAST

by Diane Friese

Magazines, newspapers and their inserts, glossy catalogs and telephone books now can be recycled in the same container. They will be baled together and sold to the Bowater Recycling Plant in Millinocket.

Due to the voracious appetite of the Bowater Plant, there is no longer a surplus of newspaper in New England, consequently the market price for newspapers and magazines has gone up.

The rest of your mixed paper—junk mail, packaging, paper bags, labels, etc,—should be recycled in a separate container. Mixed paper is baled and sold to other companies that make a variety of paper products.

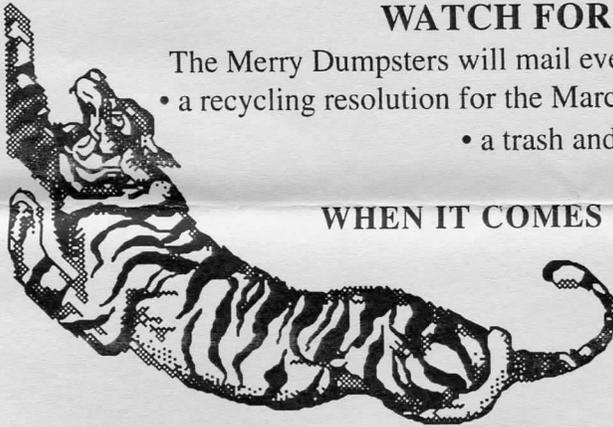
**Note:** You no longer have to remove telephone book covers when recycling the books; they no longer contain a plastic coating.

### WATCH FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The Merry Dumpsters will mail every resident a newsletter in February. Included will be:

- a recycling resolution for the March Town Meeting
- 1993-94 waste reduction rates for Vienna
- a trash and recyclables pickup calendar

### WHEN IT COMES TO RECYCLING — BE A TIGER



### IMPORTANT READERS' POLL

In the two years since its beginnings in the winter of '92, *Vienna Voices* has published 13 issues at a subscription rate of \$2.50 per year. The expenses of the publication have been limited to postage and the cost of copying; approximately 115 individuals or families currently subscribe. Advertising provides some additional income.

During this two year period, *Vienna Voices* has built up a surplus in its "treasury" of approximately \$400.00. The publications staff of Harville and Hinckley propose to use this money for some project that could benefit the entire town; a "Post Office Party"—that is, an outdoor dance in the Post Office's parking lot some night next summer—or a donation to the upcoming bicentennial celebration in 2002, have been suggested.

The questions we would like to ask our readers are:

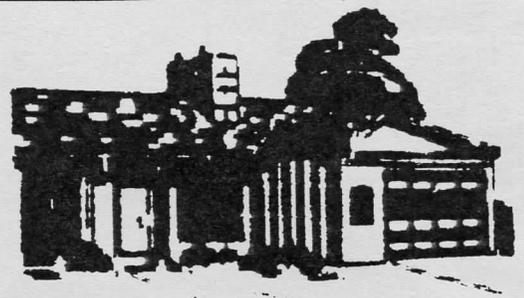
1. Should we reduce subscription rates to \$2.00 per year, in an effort to avoid the future build up surplus funds?  Yes  No

OR

2. Should we keep rates as they are, to permit occasional future benefits to the town, such as a donation to the upcoming bicentennial celebration in 2002?  Yes  No

3. If you vote "No" to # 1 and/or "Yes" to # 2, what suggestions do you have for future "town benefit" activities? \_\_\_\_\_

(Use reverse side if desired: Return this form to *Vienna Voices*, P.O. Box 35, Vienna, ME 04360. Results will be announced in the spring issue. Thank you for your assistance. *H and H, UnInc.*)



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