

Town of Albany

Town Column

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Well, it's March and that means Town Meeting time. Voting begins at 10 am on Tuesday and goes until 6 pm. Town Meeting starts after the school meeting which will commence at 7 pm. See you there!

If you haven't picked up your Town Report, it's available at Town Hall during office hours. You can also find it on the website, www.albanynh.org. The book is dedicated to the late and much beloved David Emerson. David worked in the Henney History Room of the Conway Library for many years. He was a member of the Albany Historical Society, served as a Cemetery Trustee, was on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and on the now defunct Conservation Committee. David was a historian and a humorist. The picture on the cover is of Crawford Notch and was dedicated in David's memory by Frank and Muriel Wolfe and hangs in the Scenic Vista Building in North Conway.

The Selectmen's Office is closed on Tuesday, but the Clerk's Office will be open for business as usual.

Terry Miller of the U.S. Forest Service was in to speak with the selectmen regarding upcoming projects in the forest. He invites public comments which can be made on line a link at albanynh.org. He also reiterated his support for the purchase of the land that Albany is considering at Town Meeting. The selectmen appointed Lee Grant to the Zoning Board of Appeals at their last meeting and will appoint another member next week.

Albany roads will be posted starting Monday. Vehicles ten tons or more will need special permission from the Road Agent to use the roads. Call Curtis at 447-5936.

Library News: Don't forget Open Mic night on Monday at 6:30pm featuring Andy Davis! Celebrate St. Paddy's Day early. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Gibson Center News: UNH Extension Service presents "Is it Whole Grain?" on Thursday at 12:30 pm. Sign up for the AARP Driver Safety Program that begins on March 23. Call 356-3231 for reservations.

The 2010 Census is looking for help. If you want an interesting temporary part time-job offering good pay with flexible hours, contact them at 1-866-861-2010 for an application. You will have to pass a short test and take some training, but it is well worth it. Not only will you earn money, but you will be doing something worthwhile for your community. I did the census in 2000 and found it very rewarding.

Jack Rose and I were at the Carroll County Transit meeting on Tuesday where they were putting together the final ideas to present at various Town Meetings this week. A warrant article will be on the agenda to support this project which will start this summer.

The Mountain View Nursing Home is asking for donations of books for a benefit book sale. All proceeds will go to the nursing home. If you have anything to contribute, the books can be left at Town Hall and I will bring them to the home. Thank you for anything you might be able to do in this regard.

The New England Sled Dog Club Races on Lake Chocorua is still on for March 13 and 14, but the Dog Sled Derby in Laconia has been canceled for this year due to lack of snow.

Dan Sdankus's sister, Barbara Bergeron, is in grave condition at the hospital in Winchester, Massachusetts. Prayers and good thought for her recovery.

Congratulations to Brenda and Arthur O'Neill on the engagement of their daughter, Kerri, to Timothy George. They are planning a wedding in the spring of 2011.

Corinne and Thomas Troon have just returned from their Florida vacation where they spent the month visiting friends and relaxing. Tom's sister from Wisconsin was also in Florida, so they had the chance to visit with her as well. Since they had driven down to Florida, they delayed their return home due to the various storms that beset the south, but fortunately had no problems except high winds.

Spring is on the way. Hang in there. Daylight savings time is just two weeks away. In the meanwhile, have a great week and don't forget to vote on Tuesday!