

Patchwork: West Potsdam Area News

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We have had our January thaw and this winter we lucked out. Last year the ground was too frozen to absorb the melting snow and many areas had flood problems. I've heard we are lucky to have the ground water due to shortages in the last years. Anyway, things are now back to regular winter again. And according to those I saw or called it is all just routine now.

another reason. She has to work that day. She is with the food service at Potsdam College and they are offering Super Bowl Specials in their cafeteria. There will even be a big TV for students to watch the game as they enjoy their specials. As for me, well, I have found the Super Bowl games of recent years rather a letdown I don't follow the teams as I did ten and 15 years ago. But I got interested this year when the "Refrigerator" entered the game. Grown professional people were calling this year when the "Refrigerator!" I decided I had to get involved and see just what it was about. I discovered the Chicago team has a quarterback who is as free spirited as I recalled Joe Namath. They called him Broadway Joe and he had his knees drained of fluids before every game. He was dashing and daring and took his team, the Jets, to the Super Bowl in Florida. Joe, in an outspoken way told the press the

Jets would win the Super Bowl. Never mind the team was the underdog. Joe had spoken and took to the field the next day and backed up his statement with a game never forgotten. And yes, he did win! Now we have Chicago with a free spirit quarterback playing against a team nobody paid any attention to during the year.

The New England Patriots have created more excitement in their home area than ever before. They are showing New England determination. And so this year the Super Bowl can be very interesting. I don't have a favorite team yet, but by Sunday I will have chosen one. Meanwhile I am simply amazed at the coverage given this game.

celebrating their 17th anniversary next month. They have come a long way in those 17 years. Oh yes, Mildred, who lives in the Mayfield Apartments, has just made another move. She is now in a downstairs apartment which she likes much more. She claims moving at this time of year is a good way to do your spring cleaning early.

I mentioned Judy Sheehan had a special surprise for her Christmas this year. Her boyfriend returned from duty in Korea and surprised her. It was an event just like in the movies. During his leave, Albert Anderson of Heuvelton and Judy were married at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam on Jan. 9. Their reception was at the firemen's hall. Albert has now returned to duty and is now stationed in San Antonio, Texas, where Judy will soon be joining him. Congratulations, Judy and Albert and many best wishes.

Potsdam the January thaw was in progress and he had missed the big snows we'd had. When he left for Raleigh Tuesday he left in a wonderland, Monday evening the rains turned to ice and snow and if everyone in the state had worked all night there is no way they could have painted every tree, branch, twigs, bush, stalk of grass, fence poles and wire, and everything else outside as perfectly as Mother Nature did overnight alone.

Officials Pleased With M-W Re-Registration

BY PAUL MITCHELL
MADRID — Following review of a re-registration report, both school officials and the board of

education were pleased with the academic performance at Madrid-Waddington Central School. According to School Superintendent James Boyle, re-registration is a procedure required by the New York State Education Department every several years.

high school biology teacher, effective in June of 1986. They approved the hiring of a full-time bus driver, Francis (Frank) Keleher, at Step 1 pay scale. The board also decided to release bids on two 48-seat buses, not to exceed \$70,000. The district is planning a replacement of several school buses.

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Mayfield News

Betty McClain has returned home after spending the last three months at her son's, Paul McClain in Raleigh, N.C. She was there to welcome a new grandson.

Sign Language Taught
CANTON — A five week basic/advanced course in sign language of the deaf will be held at Canton A.T.C. beginning at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 12, sponsored by the Easter Seal Society of St. Lawrence County.

Teams of five people, four pushing or pulling and one sitting will race a decorated sled in a qualifying heats. Plaques will be awarded to the highest fund raising team, best decorated sled and first and second place fastest sleds.

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Chloe Price wishes to thank all her friends and neighbors for the cards and well wishes she received while being hospitalized in the Mary Fletcher University Hospital in Burlington, Vt.

He added that the re-registration report also takes into consideration such items as library support, strong attendance figures, relationship with the community, and presenting a good newsletter.

The course will be directed to those who have had no background in manual communication as well as individuals with some experience in sign. Students will be actively involved in each of the five, two-hour sessions. A registration fee of \$10 will be payable at the first session.

Speaking of colds and sore throats, Lyn Pearson mentioned daughter Melinda has been absent from school with the cold-throat thing and now son Michael is down with ear problems.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Genevieve Brown, who died recently in the nursing home in Massena. Gen was a former Mayfield resident.

In other action, the board reviewed Boyle's continuing report, "Teamwork To Excellence," an ongoing study aimed at improving the quality of teaching, the development of curriculum and school programs at a local level and citing the implications surrounding a rural school.

The entry fee is a \$50 tax deductible contribution. A commitment fee of \$25 is due Feb. 7 at the Student Senate office, Lewis House, Clarkson University.

Alan Blanchard, who now lives and works in Raleigh, N.C. had planned to come back here for Christmas. Then his work demanded he change his plans. He came last week instead. And he wanted to see snow as he missed it. Said that Christmas just wasn't the same without snow. When he arrived in

Margaret Avadikian, a patient in the Potsdam Nursing Home, thanks everyone who sent her cards and for visits in the hospital and nursing home.

"After checking these indices, we were strong in most areas," noted Boyle.

Spectators are encouraged to cheer on their favorite dog sled team the day of the race.

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Welcome to new residents — Pearl Staby in 5C, Ivan and Ann Queor in 3B and Mollie Bullard in 3B.

"I've been involved with this study for about two years now," said Boyle of the state project. "To date, we have made progress and the next step is to continue explore certain areas and come up with new findings."

The race is open to Potsdam College and the Potsdam community and businesses. Proceeds from the event will help MDA serve local patients with free orthopedic appliances, clinic visits, transportation costs to and from clinic as well as research.

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Thanks to Martha Williams for transportation, Doris Blodgett was able to join us at last Wednesday's coffee hour.

In other policy-related matters, Boyle reported to the board the status of the his redoing of the district's policy manual; a manual that touches upon every aspect of operation within the district.

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Our January supper will be held Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

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