

Patchwork: West Potsdam Area News

BY MARY ANN MILLER
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Friday morning just as I was ready to turn Patchwork into the office, my phone rang. It was Anna Pierce and guess what she has? A vase full of fresh pussy willows! Husband Royal brought them in to her yesterday as something he found while doing chores around the farm. And so we have pussy willows in January and a wonderful way to keep marching through the winter months.

I also asked Anna how that big antique Christmas cactus is doing. The plant has had over 200 blooms and is still in bloom this season. Anna keeps the plant in a cooler room near a window.

Got a letter from my sister in Clinton and it starts, "The sun is shining!!" The overcast weather of late makes one smile if the sun shines and not just here. Today, Thursday the fog during the day was dangerous and came and went in waves. At times I couldn't see the fire station such as about 12:12 this afternoon when the fire siren rang. It was a tractor fire at Bruce Durante's and the fog was so heavy I couldn't see the station or the flashing lights of the trucks leaving the station. An hour later I could see it all. And shortly later it was back to solid fog. I was talking with Barbara Emerson who said she couldn't see the house next door when she got home. She said she didn't think of being logged in in January — a blizzard I'd expect, however.

Barbara Emerson is also tuned in to wedding plans. Her daughter Helen will be married July 18 to Tim Arquitt of Brasher. With our son Peter marrying Sharon Cundiff in April and Linda Perry marrying Mike Trivillino in August it looks like we will be in for another summer of weddings. I know a person who last summer had eight weddings to attend and all were family members!

Sue Butterfield called when I wasn't here today. I returned her call in the evening and she wasn't home, however I know she had news of her 4-H club, Hooves A-Fly'n. We'll have it together next week.

The ladies auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the fire station. They welcomed three new members: Kathy Mulkin, Helen Akley and Dawn Holmes.

The firemen are back to regular workbooks on the new addition. Much as been done that can't be seen, such as plumbing. The bathrooms are nearly finished. The broomball team drew a bye last week. The bowling tournament is still in the workings. It will be Jan. 17 and 18 at Waddington and is open to teams from fire departments, auxiliaries and rescue squads. Call Dewey Pierce at 265-9092 for details.

Sharon and I went over to Helen Grant's Wednesday evening to check into making silk flowers. Helen is a very busy lady and also involved in many crafts. Yet she always has an empty chair and a clean table. I can't ever do that in this house. We learned much about flowers and it was very interesting. I told Helen she should give classes on making silk flowers and I hope she does. Her granddaughters are now 1 and just as cute and full of charm and spirit as they come. Helen told a story of him knocking her ceramic frog off the steps and of course it broke. Helen was upset until Travis looked up at her and said, "But frogs jump, Gram." It's tough being Gram.

Called Bailey's Greenhouse to see if they'd have silk flowers for Valentine's Day. They will. And Mildred said that at the moment things were peaceful at the four corners in Slab City. That kind of

statement I heard from several folks as I checked about for area happenings.

Barbara Burdick and husband Claude have returned from their week-that-went-too-fast vacation. They flew to Mobile, Ala., to visit with son Scott and wife Angela. They got to play with the grandchildren and do some touring of the area. Even saw the USS Alabama. The Gulf Shores were lovely and the weather was nice. They left for home with the temperature at 60 and rising.

Barbara said Ret Burdick is recovering slowly but surely after the fall she took when a dog jumped on her. That experience reminds me of Mae McEwen's broken ankle and bruises she suffered when a dog knocked her down. Ret was bruised plus ruptured a disc when this big dog knocked her to the ground. Ret is in Deland, Fla., where she makes her winter home.

I wonder how many folks watched the rerun of "Gone With The Wind?" I was listening to WBZ in Boston and the calls from folks who watched it were still coming in when I fell asleep. There were calls from folks who count the number of times they have seen the film on two hands and folks who taped the film and folks who had read the book and compared it to the script.

The members of the West Potsdam Fire Department Association met their regular meeting Thursday evening with the Canton Fire Department as hosts. The meeting started with a hot ham dinner at the Canton Club. The meeting followed. A new central dispatch system is still being discussed and details for those interested should be at the county board room on Feb. 9.

Attending the meeting from West Potsdam were Ric Miller, Spencer Blachard, Dick Grant, Fred Henderson, Gary Grant and Mike Trivillino.



NEW OFFICERS — Officers of the St. Lawrence County Council of Senior Citizens were installed at the Jan. 8 meeting in Middtown Apartments, Potsdam. Seated left to right are Dorothy Ayers, Colton, first vice president and out-going president; Rose Valyo, Norwood, president; Michael Valyo, Norwood, second vice president; Clara Baxter, Norwood, treasurer. Standing left to right, Joseph Sears, director of the Office for the Aging, installing officer; Velma Hoyt, Parishville, assistant treasurer; Janet Curtis, Brasher Falls, secretary; Elizabeth Rezier, Brasher Falls, assistant secretary; Eva Dean, Norwood, parliamentarian. (Mildred Jenkins photo)

A Trout In Winter: Welcome Gift From An Adirondacker

There was a faint knock at the kitchen door. It was a light tapping like that of a stranger not sure he had the right address. Who could that be?

When I opened the door, however, there was nothing faint about the believing voice that greeted me and the formidable figure that filled the doorway like a winter coated Smokey bear.

"Thought you and Vic would like this for supper," said Bob Brown in a cheery voice that rolled from his whiskered and frosty face pleasantly divided by a wide smile as two broad arms reached forward with the olive-gold body of an icy brown trout cradled in his hands. "That should be just right for the two of you."

Without a moment's hesitation Bob placed the slippery fish securely in my hands, for it was a gift the giver knew would not be refused. Then he was on his way down the deck with, "Hope you both enjoy eating that fish. We just caught it an hour ago in Lake Colby."

"We sure will," I replied still somewhat in a state of shock with this slimy skinned crystallized trout in my hands. How did this happen so quickly?

"What's going on out there?" shouted the old forester from inside. "Who was that?" "That was Bob Brown and look what he left us."

"That son of a gun," said Vic with an old man's mischievous smile of knowing. "The other day I asked if he got any extra fish to drop off at the house, but I didn't expect anything to come of it so quick."

Since the fish was cold and stiff I placed it on the kitchen counter with a brown paper bag under it to let it thaw out before attempting to gut it. The trout seemed heavy with slime which I believe is increased during the winter when the water is much colder.

The trout was rather slim so when I got around to cleaning it about half an hour later I opened the stomach to examine its contents. Since the white, elongated tube was not swollen I did not expect to find much and didn't. In fact, the inner stomach looked as if it had just been rinsed clean. There was no food in it except for one piece of white and, mashed fish flesh. There was not single particle of debris in its stomach. No wonder it did not have a fat, sagging belly. I guess it was — a hungry trout.

While cleaning the fish for tomorrow night's supper I began to think about the significance of this gift. Certainly it was a true gesture of sportsmanship for Bob to give up a fish he had spent so much time and effort in catching. Surely he fished for sport as well as for fish, and I might add, for friends, as a lot of fishermen do.

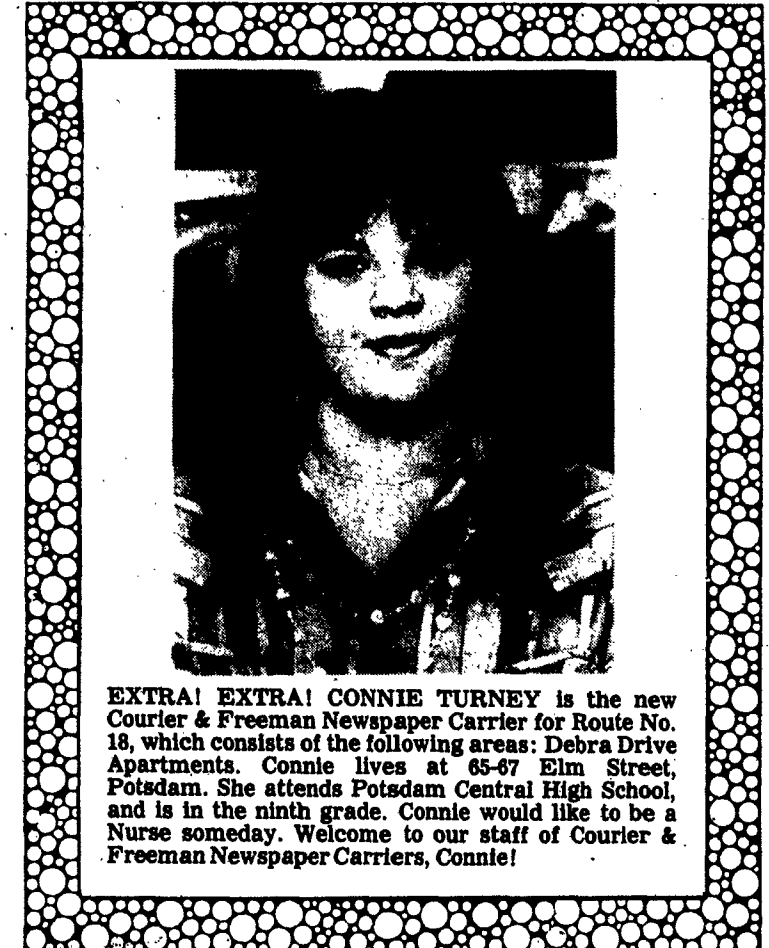
"Don't bother filleting it, Ed," said Vic. "We can pick the nest from the bones. We don't want to waste any of it." Now, there was another statement of proof that this gift from the lake and a sportsman was received with a degree of supreme appreciation.

This worthy trout, which now rests in a tray in the refrigerator, was caught through a hole in the ice on a line baited with a small minnow. That tiny piece of mashed fish

then it wanted more and paid the ultimate price: it got caught with a barbed hook.

So the giving is not just the giving of the fish, but the giving of the time spent in its procurement. Anyone who has gone ice fishing knows what I mean. Hours sometimes lapse with nothing but waiting, looking and talking, waiting and baiting, waiting and fiddling around with this and that, waiting and rebaiting and rebaiting and getting a little frustrated and then those short moments of quiet or noisy jubilation when tip-up flags pop up or jig-lines yank and finally a fish is securely caught and worked toward and up through the small hole without cutting the line on the edge ice or breaking it off with entanglement in underwater debris.

It's the giving nature that makes the natural sportsman and the authentic Adirondacker. Thanks, Bob, you're it.



EXTRA! EXTRA! CONNIE TURNERY is the new Courier & Freeman Newspaper Carrier for Route No. 18, which consists of the following areas: Debra Drive Apartments. Connie lives at 65-67 Elm Street, Potsdam. She attends Potsdam Central High School, and is in the ninth grade. Connie would like to be a Nurse someday. Welcome to our staff of Courier & Freeman Newspaper Carriers, Connie!

Sandstone Senior Citizens

BY MILLIE GILMORE

Sandstone Senior Citizens covered dish dinner will be at noon Jan. 24 in the Middtown Apartments community room. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Beverages will be furnished.

Bingo will be played from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 24, also in the Middtown community room.

New officers were elected to the Office for the Aging advisory board on Jan. 14: chairman, Jessie O'Hara; vice chairman, Millie Gilmore; secretary, Dorothy Ayers.

There was much discussion on the CASH program by Bruce Thomas and advisory board members. Dawn LaVigne of Brasher enriched housing answered many questions from members.

Open house at the new housing project was poorly attended as bad weather came. Folks are invited to come and visit the new facilities.

Many folks are kept home with the flu and colds. Keep warm and drink lots of fluids seems to be what the doctor orders.

Snow seems to be the order of the day. The worst storms seem to go around us. Snow is really pretty to look at. Remember the sleighs and toboggans.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Louis Hallenbeck of Norwood who passed away suddenly at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont in Burlington after week at the hospital.

Debra Drive Seniors

Mrs. Dora Andrew is in Saranac Lake General Hospital. A shower of sunshine cards would be greatly appreciated. Her address is Old Lake Colby Road, Saranac Lake, N.Y. 12983.

The Debra Drive Senior Citizens' Club is sponsoring a drawing for a "golden sunset clock" to be drawn on April 14. A donation of \$1 per ticket may be made through any of the Club's advisory board members.

Breakfast brunch Jan. 24 at noon. A donation of \$1 is suggested. The menu will include pancakes with syrup and sausage/bacon, orange juice and coffee/milk — or french toast with syrup and bacon/sausage, orange juice and coffee/milk. All Debra Drive Seniors' Club members are urged to come.

Mrs. Effie Collett's daughter and granddaughter, Donna Collett and Kimberly were in an auto accident in front of their home.

Mrs. Mary Disch has been quite ill for about two weeks.

Dorothy A. White had company over the weekend from Kingston, Canada.

NEWSBRIEF

The Committee to Spruce Up the Outdoor Christmas Decorations for the Township of Norfolk has announced that through the support of the townspeople, the committee was able to have two memory trees.

One of the trees was located outside Riverview Apartments in Norfolk, the other in front of the Raymondville Community Hall.

Tickets To Astros Games Prize In Red Cross Drawing

MASSENA — The American Red Cross, East St. Lawrence County Chapter, is offering "An Astronomical Weekend Experience For Two" April 24-26, all expenses paid, tickets to two Houston Astro-Cincinnati Reds Baseball games, compliments of Jim (Ace) and Lori Deshaies.

Two round-trip tickets to Houston have been donated by World Wide Travel Services, and two nights at the Marriott Hotel near Astro World have been donated by SeaComm Federal Credit Union.

Tickets will be sold at \$10 as a donation to the local Red Cross Chapter. There will be weekly drawings on Monday mornings at SeaComm Federal Credit Union main office lobby, with Ace drawing the winning tickets for Astro mugs, pictures, etc.

Drawing for the weekend trip

will be held Feb. 13. Winner need not be present.

Tickets will be sold by Red Cross volunteers and at all SeaComm Federal Credit Union offices in both Massena and Potsdam; World Wide Travel office in Massena; the Red Cross office at 22 Main St., Massena. Potsdam College students will help sell tickets on campus.

"The East St. Lawrence County Chapter of the American Red Cross is very proud to have the support of Jim and Lori Deshaies, SeaComm Federal Credit Union and World Wide Travel Services in this our first special fund raising event. Since we no longer receive any financial support from the local United Way we have had to find new ways to raise funds for this Chapter. Jim and Lori will be helping us to promote this fund raising event," Red Cross officials said.

Personal Touch: Hannawa Falls Area News

BY BETTY B. NEWTON
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Parish Chapter 98 of the Order of the Eastern Star will hold a public chicken and biscuit dinner at the Parishville Masonic Temple starting at 5 p.m. on Jan. 23. Tickets for adults are \$4.50 and \$2 for children under 12 years old.

The Wolf Pack Snowmobile Club will hold a snowmobile-ATV Poker Run on Jan. 31. Sign-up time is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the club house, located behind Hounds Haven in Hannawa Falls. Registration fee is \$1.50. First, second and third prizes will be given.

At their Jan. 12 meeting the same officers were elected: Carl Wood, president; Veronica Ward, vice president; Amelia Weems, secretary; Jack Planty, treasurer. The five directors also remained

the same.

The Hannawa Falls Fire Department was called to the home of Hugh Newton to extinguish a chimney fire at around 11 a.m. Jan. 14.

Henry Burt has produced a cassette tape of religious music under the title "God Bless America" by Henry Burt and Damascus. It can be purchased from Risen, P.O. Box 6130, Watertown, 13601, for \$7.95. Being a dotting aunt, I'm proud of this accomplishment and the fact that one of his long-time dreams has reached fruition.

Cluster meeting will be held at the Raymondville Methodist Church on the evening of Jan. 22.

Midtown Notes

Hazel Sweeney was admitted to Canton-Potsdam Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Mayfield bus picked up a few of our residents, including Dick Nichols, Ruth Thomas, Mildred DeShaw, Helen Richardson and Annette Becker, and we attended the United States Military Academy Glee Club at Hosmer Hall last week. Their singing was delightful, especially their rendition of "America the Beautiful."

Mayfield News

The collection from our memorial was \$293, which was presented to the Potsdam Rescue Squad.

Profits from our Christmas party were donated to the fire department.

Lottie Wickwire, a former resident of Mayfield, died in Massena Jan. 14.

Nina Frederick attended a St. Lawrence County American Legion Auxiliary meeting in Lisbon on Jan. 15.

Our covered dish supper will be Jan. 28.

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Public Record

Thomas M. Blocher, 20, Crompond, N.Y., charged Monday with failure to yield right of way.

John T. Whittington, 35, N. Martinsville, W. Va., charged Monday with driving while intoxicated.

Brian L. Walte, 17, Norwood, charged Saturday with failure to keep right.

John C. Williams 5th, 20, Northport, charged Saturday with open container.

Charles E. Cain, 20, Ithaca, charged Saturday with open container, failure to comply, speed not reasonable and red light violation.

Scott W. Culver, 21, Glens Falls, charged Friday with excessive speed.

Jess T. Wheeler, 22, Rochester, charged Friday with excessive speed.

Paul S. Hallman, 19, Taberg, charged Friday with altered NYS driver's license.

Saad Sahrault, 32, Potsdam, charged Friday with no inspection, no insurance, unregistered motor vehicle, switched plates.

Rebecca A. Lapp, 22, Seneca Falls, charged Friday with open container.

Carolyn S. Lashway, 19, Norfolk, charged Wednesday with passing red signal.

Brian K. Gauthier, 24, Canton, arrested last Tuesday on a bench warrant from Justice Kathleen Martin Rogers, on a Sept. 14, 1984 charge of misappropriation of property and harassment.

Robert A. Aldous, 42, Canton, charged last Tuesday with unsafe backing.

Gerald Reed Davis, 22, Ogdensburg, charged last Tuesday with assault, third degree.

James Thomas Kelly, 18, Brasher falls, charged last Tuesday with leaving the scene of a property damage automobile accident.

Pine Street Schedule

Jan. 20	Potsdam Junior Hockey 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Adults and Tots 10-11 a.m. Open Hockey 12:45-1:45 p.m. Public Skate 2:30 p.m. Figure Skate 3-4 p.m. Part Timers 6:15-7:15 p.m. Potsdam Junior Hockey 7:30-9:45 p.m.
Jan. 22	Open Hockey 12:45-1:45 p.m. Public Skate 2:30 p.m. P.C.S. Hockey 3:15-4:45 p.m. Potsdam Junior Hockey 5-7 p.m. Public Skate 7:15-8:15 p.m. Potbally 8:30-9:30 p.m.
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Jan. 24	Potsdam Junior Hockey 6 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Figure Skate 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Potsdam Junior Hockey 6 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Public Skate 1:30 p.m. Potsdam Junior Hockey 2:45-5:45 p.m. Part Timers 6:15-7:15 p.m. Potsdam Figure Skate 7:45-8:45 p.m.
Jan. 26	Adults and Tots 10-11 a.m. Open Hockey 12:45-1:45 p.m. Public Skate 2:30 p.m. P.C.S. Varsity 3:15-4:45 p.m. Potsdam Figure Skate 5:30 p.m.

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