

# Town of Albany

Town Column

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Stop by the Selectmen's Office and pick up a schedule and guide for the Blue Loon Public Transit Bus Service. You can also access the information at [www.tccap.org](http://www.tccap.org) or call for information: 866-752-6890. And don't forget, there's a FREE one week's pass on the bus for anyone who needs a ride.

Some people who went to vote in the Primary earlier this month seem to have faced a problem. Believing they were registered Undeclared, they asked for a particular ballot only to be told they couldn't have it because they were registered in one of the other two political parties. In order to make sure this problem does not occur again (in the September primary) you must reregister with the Supervisors of the Checklist before that date. Call the office to find out when the Supervisors will next meet. I will put it in the column when I learn the date as well.

Tin Mountain: Today from 12:30 to 4:30 pm join artist Nancy Cassidy for a pastel painting workshop. Bring an apron or old shirt. Check to see if there is still availability at 447-6991. Material cost is \$15. On Tuesday from 6-9 pm, Mount Washington Observatory's meteorological staff will provide an in-depth look at how weather on the high peaks shapes the alpine zone as well as how data collection using Mesonet system is aiding further studies of alpine ecology. There is a \$15 charge for members and \$20 for non-members. Next Saturday there will be field guide program to recognize the characteristics that define tree species. Join naturalist Michael Wojtech and become better connected with the landscape and improve your winter tree identification skills. The fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Gibson Center: AARP Income Tax Assistance will be available for low to middle income people over 60 at the Center. Call 356-3231 to set up your FREE half-hour assistance visit. For those who missed the showing of Fiddler on the Roof, you can still see it but this time at Silver Lake Landing. Catch part one on Tuesday, January 31 and part two on February 7. Both shows begin at 1 pm. Don't forget Tuesday is also the Snow Sculpture Ride to Jackson. Call 356-3231 to reserve your seat on the bus.

UNH Extension: Register your child (grades 4-6) interested in science and technology in the 4-H After-school Club. They will meet every Wednesday for the next nine weeks at the Madison Elementary School from 3 to 5:30 pm. Volunteer leaders will teach club members how to use LEGO NXT Mindstorm and other materials to build and program robots and other contraptions. Call 447-3834 to take part in this program.

Fryeburg is planning a fun winter event, Dog Days of Winter Carnival, for Feb. 12. It will take place at Bradley Park and the carnival will be at the 302 West Smokehouse and Tavern. After the games the winners will be announced there. Among the events will be a dog sled competition, a snowball biathlon and a scavenger hunt. The sled competition will be pulled by a team of people with one on the sled.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is having a Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest for young artists from kindergarten through grade 12. There are some great prizes and it is open to public, private and home-schooled students. Entries must be postmarked by March 15. Guidelines can be obtained from [www.wildnh.com/Education/Junior\\_Duck\\_Contest](http://www.wildnh.com/Education/Junior_Duck_Contest) or by writing to N.H. Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Coordinator Ellen MacNeil at N.H. Fish and Game Department, 111 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 or call 603-271-2461.

Congratulations to Matthew Ashnault who made the Dean's list at Keene State College. To achieve this a student must be in a degree program and have completed six credit hours in the semester with no failing or incomplete grades and have a 3.5 average or higher.

Arthur Leavitt cut his hand badly on a piece of glass trying to remove a broken window in the garage door. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery and that the hand he hurt is not his dominant hand. After all, that would make eating and writing quite a problem.

Last week my grandchildren were here to enjoy the winter sports. They went skiing on Saturday and tubing on Sunday. I must admit the weather was too cold for me to watch, but they had a good time.

Another stormy pre-weekend is upon us. Keep warm and safe and have a great week.